

Welcome to the School of Political Science and Economics

The school of Political Science and Economics was called, when it opened in 1904, the School of Politics. Later it became the Department of Political Science and Economics, and then in 1925 the School of Political Science and Economics.

Almost a university within a university

The School of Political Science and Economics focuses on the forms that a civil society can take, and aims to give students an understanding of the fundamental elements of the issues that are creating massive upheavals in modern society. There are three departments: Political Science, Economics and the Department of Local Governance, which look at political, economic, and social problems in the context of local communities. We have over 100 full-time and around 140 part-time professors and lectures giving 1,900 classes a year to some 5,000 students. Our large size, and the surprising variety of subjects that we are able to offer students, make us quite an unusual university department. No other department in Japan can boast such a diverse lineup of courses, and this is a major distinguishing feature of our School. It means that students can study their major subjects from multiple perspectives, enriched by courses in history, theory and computer analysis, by social science subjects such as folklore, social psychology and mass media theory, as well as by humanities subjects ranging from foreign literatures to Japanese syntax. We are proud to have received official government recognition and funding as a leading institution in the development of individuals able to contribute to the economic growth and internationalization of society.

Department of Political Science

Use your own power to create a bright future

Political Science addresses, in an integrative way, the problems of human societies and systems. It is an umbrella term for the fields of economics, politics and sociology and the ways in which they can be applied, for example, to educational, environmental, financial administration or population issues. It even embraces the worlds of literature, music and film. While it represents a scientific approach, Political Science offers no absolute answers. It is up to each individual to focus on his or her own areas of interest and to apply the disciplined thinking learned in this field to the development of original solutions to problems.



Department of Economics

How can we create a society of wealth and happiness for all?

The field of economics is devoted to the study of how the world's limited mineral, energy, food and human resources, as well as our natural environment, can be used to create abundant goods and services that are equally available to all. Everything is interrelated, and if we think of our diverse resources in isolation from each other we will fail in our goal to create abundance, and will end up destroying our natural environment. The study of economics challenges us to think about how it is possible for everyone in society to achieve wealth and happiness.



Department of Local Governance

The study of theory and practice related to “Local” leadership

A “local” region refers to an area in which people live. However particular areas may be defined, our department aims above all to develop the ability to understand the perspective that people have within their local regions. This means looking at the broad socio-economic issues of globalization, the ageing population, the shift towards service industries and environmental issues, from local perspectives. Working within the categories of administration, community and industry, our department develops in students the ability to apply theory and practice to research and analysis that addresses these issues. We thus offer a program of study that paves the way for students to become effective local governance professionals.



■Curriculum chart




















		Related to Department of Political Science	Related to Department of Economics	Related to Department of Local Governance
Basic subjects	For 1st / 2nd year	Constitutional Law, Introduction to Political Science, Introduction to Political Theory, Interdisciplinary Colloquium for Political Science and Sociology, Principles of Political Science	Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Economic History, Interdisciplinary Colloquium for Economic Studies	Constitutional Law, Introduction to Political Science, Introduction to Political Theory, Macroeconomics, Introduction to Public Administration, Introduction to Public Administration Theory, Interdisciplinary Colloquium for Regional Studies
		Introduction to Public Administration, Introduction to Public Administration Theory, Sociology, Analysis of Journalism, Theories of Media and Communication, Social Science Methodologies,	Political Economy, Statistics, Quantitative Economic Analysis, Japanese Economic History, History of Economic Thought, History of Social Thought, Social Science Methodologies,	Civil Code (General), Civil Code (Property), Local Self-Government Law, Regional Studies, Regional Analysis, Accounting, Social Science Methodologies,
	For 3rd / 4th year	History of Political Theory, Analysis of Political Theory, Japanese Political History, European Political History, Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Political Theory, History of Japanese Political Thought, Japanese Political Culture, Theories of Media Literacy, Analysis of International Communication, Analysis of Mass Media, Analysis of Media and Public Opinion	History of Economics, History of Modern Economics, International Economic History, Contemporary Economic History, History of Japanese Economic Thought, Modern Economics, Economic Statistics, Economic Growth and Fluctuations, Econometrics, Linear Economics, Principles of Economic Policy	
Applied subjects		Local Government Management, Theories of States, Analysis of Contemporary States, International Politics, Urban Space Policy, Urban Administrative Policy, Theories of Political Process, Theories of Political Structures, Theories of Fluctuations in Political Structures, Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics (East Asia), Quantitative Political Science, Analysis of Political Behavior, History of International Relations, Asian Politics, United States Politics, Latin American Politics, African Politics, Russian Politics, Eastern European Politics, Contemporary Sociology, Contemporary Social Psychology, Industrial Psychology, Consumer Psychology, Social Research, Field Work Studies, Comparative Sociology, Folklore, Japanese Folk Society, Ethnology, Social Anthropology, Regional Development, Regional Promotion, Regional Informatics, Applied quantitative Analysis, International Law, Administrative Law,	International Economics, Modern Japanese Economics, Economics of Socialism, Industrial Organization, Economic Systems, Finance, Monetary Policy, International Finance, Economic Geography, Regional Development, Regional Promotion, Local Finance, Theory of Small & Medium-Sized Industries, Regional Industries, Population Studies, Labor Economics, Social Security, Cooperative Study, Modern Economic Policy, Food Economics, Economic Development, International Economic Policy, Financial Policy, Environmental Economics, Public Finance, Applied Quantitative Analysis,	Local Government Administration, Urban Space Policy, Urban Administrative Policy, Local Public Management, Local Government Finance, Social Security, Administrative Informatics, Public Policy, Public Accounting, Administrative Law, Community Welfare Policy and Programs, Community Welfare, Regional Industries, Small & Medium-Sized Enterprises, Cooperative Associations, Food Economics, Labor Economics, Introduction to Intercultural Management, Applied Intercultural Management, Regional Policy and Programs I-X, Environmental Economics, Local Informatics, Demography, Economic Geography, Regional Development, Regional Promotion, Applied Quantitative Analysis, Civil Code (Contract), Civil Code (Family), Economic Law, Regional Policy Making, Regional Studies Job Internship,

*The subjects shown here are only those specifically for the three departments of the School of Political Science and Economics. For humanities and other liberal arts subjects please refer to our web site.

Study Programs for International Collaboration (2015)

By strengthening and deepening collaboration with partner universities, the School of Political Science and Economics is expecting to expand student exchange programs. We hope to produce more and more internationally-minded graduates.

■Inbound

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Long-term exchange (1 semester or 1 year)	 Srinakharinwirot University(Thai)											
	 Chulalongkorn University(Thai)											
	 Thammasat University(Thai)											
	 King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (Thai)											
	 Chiang Mai University (Thai)											
	 Prince of Songkla University (Thai)											
	 Nanyang Technological University(Singapore)											
	 Petra Christian University(Indonesia)											
	 USSH-VNU-HCMC(Vietnam)*											
	 Yonsei University(Korea)											
	 Peking University(China)											
ICI-ECP program (1 semester)	 Southwest Jiaotong University(China)											
	 National Taiwan University (Taiwan)											
	 Rotterdam University of Applied Science (Netherlands)											
	 University of Eastern Finland (Finland)											
Short-term exchange (2 weeks to 1 month)			Northeastern University(USA)									
			 University of Southern California(USA)									
			 Srinakharinwirot University(Thai)									
			 University of Western Sydney (Australia)									

Note : A short-term program with Yonsei University may start in 2015.

Meiji SPSE Supporter Students

In collaboration with partner universities we have a number of short-term exchange programs. Approximately 20 students from each of these universities visit for a period of two weeks to one month in the period from May to July, attending special lectures in English arranged for them by the School of Political Science and Economics. During their stay students are joined in a wide range of social and academic activities by a group of “supporter students” from the School. These activities include both planned and impromptu visits to places of interest in and around Tokyo, as well as carefully prepared discussions of cultural and social issues during weekend workshop sessions at a Meiji University seminar house outside Tokyo.

■Partnership universities

[Northeastern Univesity](#) [The University of Southern California](#) [Srinakharinwirot University](#) [The University of Western Sydney](#)

■Outbound

Category	Term	Country/Region	Name of Univeristies
Double degree	4 semesters	USA	Northeastern University
Dual degree	4 semesters	USA	Temple University
Long-term exchange	1 semester or 1 year	Thai	Srinakharinwirot University, Chulalongkorn University,Thammasat University, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Chiang Mai University, Prince of Songkla University
		Singapore	Nanyang Technological University
		Indonesia	Petra Christian University
		Vietnam	The University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City
		Korea	Yonsei University
		China	Peking University, Southwest Jiaotong University
		Taiwan	National Taiwan University
		Sweden	Lund University
		Netherlands	Rotterdam University of Applied Science
		Finland	University of Eastern Finland
SAS program		USA	UC Berkeley / Irvine / Los Angeles / Davis, Boston University, Syracuse University
ICI-ECP program	1 semester	UK	London School of Economics and Political Science, The University of Sussex
Mid-term exchange	6 - 13 weeks	France	Science Po Lyon
		USA	Northeastern University
Short-term exchange	2 weeks to 1 month	Thai	Srinakharinwirot University
		Korea	Yonsei University
		Australia	University of Western Sydney
		Vietnam	USSH-VNU-HCMC*

*The University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City

International Student Support

International lounges

The International Lounge is open for international students, exchange students and also students wishing to study abroad or make friends from other countries. Teaching assistants at the international lounges provide assistance with Japanese-language studies for international students. The days and times when the teaching assistants are available are posted on bulletin boards of the International Student Exchange Offices and website.

Accommodation

Izumi and Komae International House are dormitories for exchange students and scholars*. Exchange students can apply for the dormitory when they apply for the exchange program.



*Only international exchange students and invited scholars are eligible.

Health clinics

As part of the health care program for students and staff members, a health clinic operates at each of the three campuses, providing the following services:

- 1 General medical care, medication and tests
- 2 Periodic health checks, follow-up examinations and issuance of reference letters to a specialist when necessary
- 3 Issuance of health examination certificates based on the results of the periodic health check
- 4 First aid
- 5 Health consultation and advice
- 6 Health examinations and issuance of medical certificates for carious purposes

Living expenses

1 Living expenses in Tokyo

Tokyo is known around the world as one of the most expensive places to live. The average monthly expenses of an exchange student are listed below. Do your own research, and be sure you have the funds necessary to cover your expenses.

Rent (Ex: Izumi International House)	¥48,000 or more
Transportation	¥10,000-¥20,000
Meals	About ¥30,000 or more
Utilities (electricity, gas, water)	About ¥10,000
Phone	About ¥6,000
Total	About ¥115,000 or more

Notes: -According to the Japan Student Services Organization, monthly living expenses in Tokyo are generally estimate to be about ¥150,000.
-If you are going to be moving into a new place, keep in mind that you will also have to buy new furnishings and other supplies. You will also have to pay rent and a deposit, and in most cases, other fees such as key money (remuneration paid to a landlord) and agency fees are also required.

2 Costs upon arrival

You should be prepared to pay the following costs upon arrival in Japan:

Student health insurance	¥2,500 (one-time payment upon arrival)
National health insurance	About ¥12,000/year
Daily necessities	About ¥20,000
Books (textbooks)	About ¥5,000

"Campus Mates"

"Campus Mates" is an international exchange group supported by the International Student Center. Members are Japanese students who have an interest in making friends with international students. "Campus Mates" provides a great opportunity for cross-cultural experiences, promotes mutual understanding, and serves as a springboard for lifelong friendships.

Student activities

A variety of student activities and clubs are available to all international students, including exchange students, at Meiji University.



Health insurance

All students are required upon enrolment to purchase the Meiji University Health Insurance Plan. This plan aims to maintain and promote the food health of students, and is also designed to reduce financial burden incurred by sickness or accident.

Student visa

International students who do not have a valid visa for their stay in Japan must apply for a student visa at a Japanese consulate or embassy. Students with a visa other than that of a student will need to change their visa status.