

# English Track



SCHOOL OF GLOBAL JAPANESE STUDIES



**MEIJI  
UNIVERSITY**

# ABOUT MEIJI UNIVERSITY

**Developing individuals to connect  
with the world and the future.**

Meiji University was established in 1881 as the Meiji Law School by a group of young lawyers. With its guiding principle, "Rights, liberty, independence and self-government," Meiji University has become one of the most prominent private, comprehensive universities in Japan. It is made up of 10 undergraduate schools, 12 graduate schools, and 4 professional graduate schools.



## WHY MEIJI?

Meiji University is known to be one of the most respected universities in Japan. About 100,000 people apply for Meiji each year. Here are the major reasons why Meiji is chosen.



### A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

We develop our students' ability to shape the future and effect change throughout the world. Our mission is to internationalize the university so that all 8,000 graduates each year can expect to enter careers with a global perspective.



### CAREER SUPPORT

Meiji University has been ranked number one for many consecutive years as the university which offers the best career support to students.



### INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

We encourage our students to study beyond their specialized fields. The diversity of programs in the university helps students foster the ability to contribute to the global community.



### ACTIVE LEARNING

Students take an active role in the courses. Small classes enable students to be closely involved in their learning.



### ADVANCED RESEARCH

Meiji University encourages students to engage in original and innovative research in the community to cultivate a global perspective.



### STUDY IN TOKYO

Meiji University is located in Tokyo. Students come from all over Japan and the world to benefit from the city's vast resources.



# GLOBAL JAPANESE STUDIES ENGLISH TRACK PROGRAM

At the School of Global Japanese Studies (SGJS), we develop students who seek to take part in the global community with an understanding of Japan from a global perspective. Students will acquire the ability to disseminate knowledge through their studies on traditional Japanese cultural practices, contemporary Japanese culture, and Japanese social systems.

SGJS students study for 4 years in Nakano, where vibrant subcultures of Japan exist, allowing students to experience elements of "Cool Japan."

## 6 FEATURES OF SGJS

In the SGJS English Track program, students can obtain a bachelor's degree by taking courses conducted in English. Students will select courses from various fields of study to build their unique, individualized curriculum with the following 6 features that are equally attractive to both Japanese and international students.

### 1 Understanding "Cool Japan"

Students learn about Japanese contemporary art, literature, manga, animation, performing arts, cinema, and fashion, as well as classic performing arts, fine arts, martial arts, and religions from an academic perspective.

### 2 Learn about Japan

We offer advanced courses focusing on some of the most cutting-edge industries in Japan, such as mass media, advertising, tourism, and manufacturing.

### 3 Learn about the world

We offer engaging courses about international relations, culture, society, economics, and the history of various regions of the world.

### 4 Small class seminar education

Students will select a theme, conduct specialized research, and engage in stimulating class debates in small courses under the supervision of an expert faculty member.

### 5 Japanese language program

With 8 levels of courses, students not only develop their language ability but also deepen their understanding of Japanese society and culture.

### 6 Multicultural environment

International students from all over the world study here. Teachers are coming from various cultural backgrounds with international experience.

## COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

The courses conducted in English are grouped into 3 areas of concentration: Culture and Art, Business and Society, and Globalization.

- Animation Culture
- Manga culture
- Japanese Fine Arts from a Global Perspectives
- Performing Arts
- Media Arts

### Culture and Art

- Japanese Social Systems
- Introduction to Journalism
- Asia-Pacific Political Economy
- Tourism Management
- Business Culture in Contemporary Japan

### Globalization

- Globalization and Financial Services
- International Relations
- Intercultural Education
- Issues in Immigration Policy

### Business and Society

### AND MORE...

SGJS offers approximately 100 lectures in English throughout the year. Find the complete course list on our website.

\*Course offerings are different each academic year.

#### Curriculum Chart

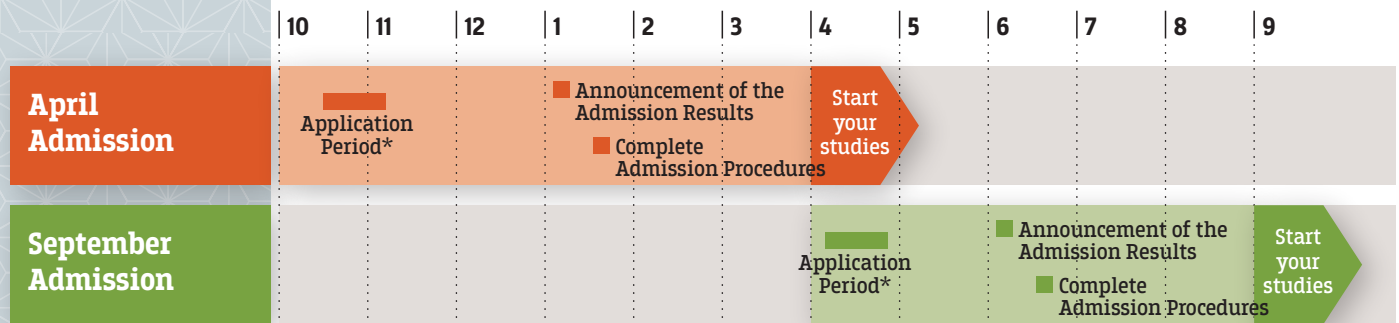
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## ADMISSION FLOW

The English Track program enrolls 10 students each in April and September. The admission schedule below is only a summary. Please refer to the Application Guidelines on our website for the updated information and admission requirements.



\*Applicants must complete an online application first, then submit the application documents via post.

For more details

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/englishtrack/admissions.html>



## CAREER SUPPORT

In Japan, university students start job hunting at the beginning of their fourth year. At the Employment and Career Development Support Room, students can receive career support from qualified consultants.

The services include:

- One-on-one career counseling
- Resume review
- Job interview tips and practice in English and Japanese
- Access to job-hunting reports written by former students
- Career seminars for international students

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Meiji University offers various financial aid for international students. Scholarships offered by Meiji are classified into 2 categories: scholarships determined before admission and scholarships determined after admission. Students can also apply for scholarships offered by the Japanese government and private foundations. In addition to the scholarships, Meiji offers a tuition assistance program that all newly admitted international students can apply for.

## AFTER GRADUATION

There are endless possibilities around the globe. For SGJS graduates, some continue studying at the Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies and some find a professional career in Japan and other countries. Here are some of the main career possibilities for SGJS graduates.

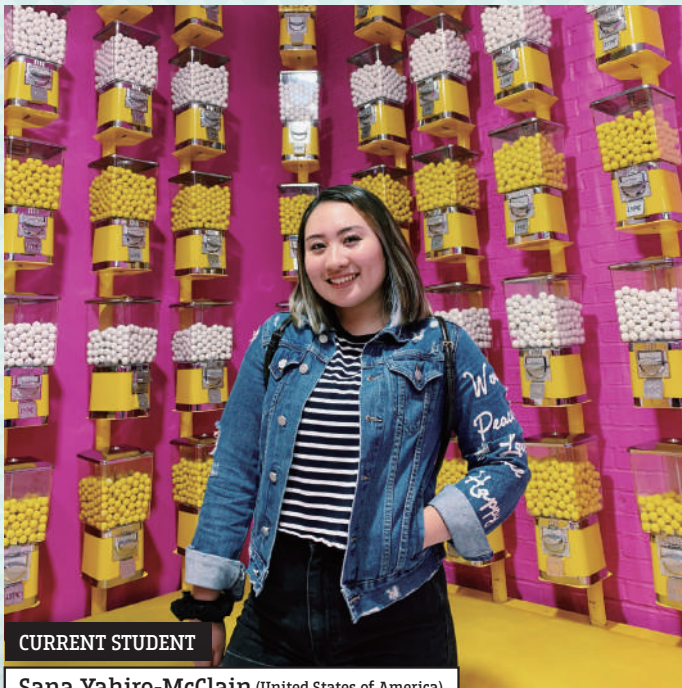
- Mass communication, publishing, media, and IT industries
- Travel, transportation, tourism, wholesale, and trading industries
- Content creating, entertainment, computer graphics, and advertising industries
- International organizations, government-affiliated organizations
- Careers in other countries

Want to learn more about student support service, residence, and academic fees?  
Please check the Meiji University Admissions page.

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/index.html>







CURRENT STUDENT

Sana Yahiro-McClain (United States of America)

Entered in 2019

Growing up in the US as a half-Japanese, I always wanted to experience living and studying in Japan, but I knew it would be difficult because of my limited Japanese language education. So I researched universities in Tokyo with English degree programs, and the SGJS English Track program matched my education goals. I also felt the program would offer me the chance to explore and study things I am interested in with more depth.

Currently, I am focused on taking courses related to politics and social systems to educate myself about international relations. In my third and fourth years, I would like to add Chinese and Korean language classes to my curriculum to pursue my career as an interpreter.

After graduation, I am looking into getting a Master's degree in Korea to continue my Korean language education. Once I finish school, I would like to become an interpreter in the arts and entertainment industry or the fashion industry.

<Message for future students>

Although this program has fewer students than other faculties of Meiji, it helps open your eyes to see how the world works outside of Japan. The program gives you so much freedom to follow your interests within the global community, and this broadens your career options both inside and outside of the country. I hope you enjoy Meiji University as much as I do!

# INTERVIEWS

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I decided to study in Japan because when I visited Japan as part of a cultural exchange program in high school, I fell in love with the country. Also, Meiji University offered me a scholarship which has financially supported my university education. I chose the SGJS English Track program since it allowed me to get an undergraduate degree in English.

At SGJS, I took a range of subjects including linguistics, economics, manga and animation studies, Japanese representational arts, hospitality and tourism management, etc. I specifically focused on linguistics and took a seminar course related to discourse analysis.

Throughout 4 years, I enjoyed my student experience at Meiji. SGJS has a student committee that organizes cultural-exchange events for both Japanese and international students, so I had many opportunities to communicate with Japanese friends. Studying at Nakano was also fun since there are a lot of shops and restaurants where I could hang out with friends.

As I am a new graduate, I plan to look for work in the United States. I hope to utilize the liberal arts knowledge and skills gained from my university education.

<Message for future students>

Do not be afraid to ask for help both during the application process and during your studies at Meiji. The office staff is there to help you be your very best. Good luck!



GRADUATE

Dang Nam Hung (Vietnam)

Class of 2020

More student interviews

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/undergraduate/nippon/interviews.html>



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