

Gakushuin Women's College

College Guidebook



Faculty of International Studies

Department of Japanese Studies
Department of Intercultural Communication
Department of English Communication

Tokyo, Japan

Graduate School of International Cultural Relations

Graduate Course in International Cultural Relations



学習院女子大学
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Gakushuin Women's College

Gakushuin Women's College (GWC) consists of the Faculty of International Studies and the Graduate School of International Cultural Relations. The Faculty of International Studies comprises three departments: the Department of Japanese Studies, the Department of Intercultural Communication and the Department of English Communication, featuring well-organized global educational programs, broad and in-depth liberal arts and interdisciplinary education, and the pursuit of traditional Japanese culture. The departments of Japanese Studies and Intercultural Communication offer special entrance examinations for international students. Programs at the Graduate School are designed to develop experts in international cultural relations through academic and practical research and education.

History

Gakushuin is a time-honored, highly prestigious school. It has long been associated with the Japanese Imperial family. The present Emperor and many other Imperial family members have graduated from Gakushuin.

[Brief Chronological History]

- 1847●A study institute for children of the *kuge* (Imperial aristocracy) was established in Kyoto.
- 1877●The Peers' School (a school for members of the *kazoku* or the hereditary peerage of the Empire) named Gakushuin was established in Tokyo.
- 1885●The Peeresses' School, separate from Gakushuin, was established.
- 1906●The Peeresses' School was renamed to Gakushuin Girls' Division.
- 1918●Gakushuin Girls' Division was renamed to Gakushuin Girls' School.
- 1947●Gakushuin and Gakushuin Girls' School merged to create the Gakushuin Foundation.
- 1950●Gakushuin Women's Junior College Division was established.
- 1953●Renamed Gakushuin Women's Junior College.
- 1998●Gakushuin Women's College was established.



Department Descriptions

◆Department of Japanese Studies

The objective of the department is to help students improve their knowledge and understanding of Japanese culture, and develop abilities to communicate their knowledge globally.

The department offers curricula in the following four areas: art and thought, folklore and history, contemporary society, and comparative culture, which are designed to help students gain a rich understanding of the tradition and characteristics of Japanese culture.



◆Department of Intercultural Communication

The aim of the department is to help students develop high communication skills and global awareness.

Emphasis is placed on the three areas of international relations, communication, and comparative culture and area studies. Programs for students in their third and fourth years are designed to help them acquire abilities to identify and analyze issues on their own through learning in seminars.



◆Department of English Communication

The objective of the department is to help students improve their practical English skills for use in global settings.

All second-year students participate in a six-month study abroad program at the University of Lethbridge, our partner university in Canada. In small classes, students can develop advanced English communication skills and learn about the international community and international relations.

*No special entrance examination for international students is available.





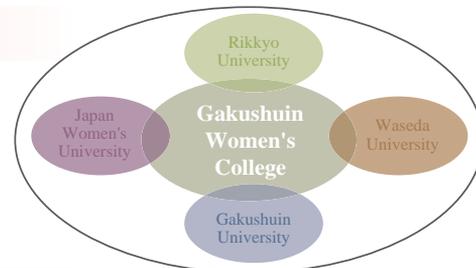
Seminars on Traditional Japanese Culture

Seminars on traditional Japanese culture, which are unique to GWC, are designed to help students gain a better understanding and knowledge of traditional Japanese culture through experiencing practical skills. Programs include not only Japanese calligraphy, flower arrangement and tea ceremony, but also other Japanese classical arts that even Japanese people rarely have opportunities to experience, such as incense appreciation and *yusoku-kojitsu* (traditional court rules of ceremony and etiquette).



f-campus Five-Campus Cross-Registration Program

This five-campus cross-registration program between Gakushuin Women's College, Gakushuin University, Japan Women's University, Rikkyo (St. Paul's) University and Waseda University is available to all students in their second or higher years. This credit transfer system applies to more than 2,000 courses.



Japanese Language

GWC offers Japanese language classes, which international students are recommended to take in their first year. (For the Japanese proficiency level required for admission to GWC, refer to the section of "Entrance Examinations.")



Employment

GWC students are highly regarded by companies, and their employment rate has been very high.

Employment rate*...Nearly 100%

*Among students looking for a job, the percentage of those who receive a job offer before graduation

2016

Actual employment rate*

By department type
(related to International Studies)

Ranked **1st** place among private universities in Japan/
2nd place among universities in Japan

*The number of students employed ÷
(the number of graduates - the number of students
advancing from undergraduate to graduate school) x 100

2016

Universities highly sought after
by airlines to fulfil their cabin
attendant (CA) positions (CAs)

Ranked **1st** place in Japan

2016

Universities highly
sought after by banks

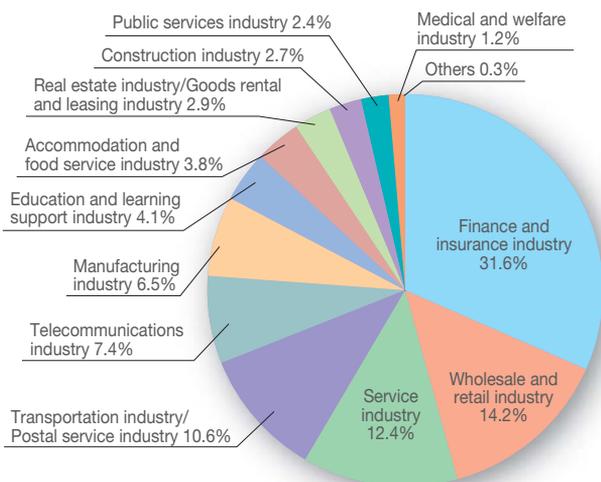
Ranked **1st** place in Japan

2016

Universities strong in
job placement

Ranked **3rd** among women's
universities in Japan

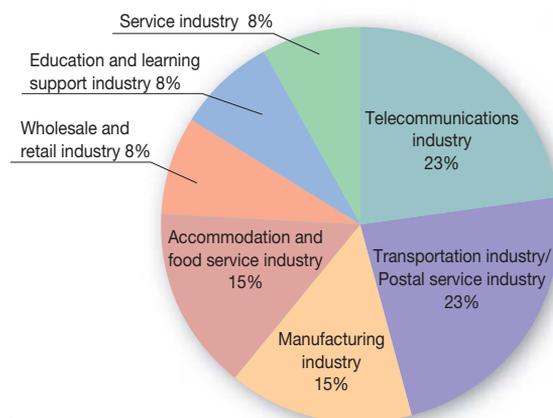
◆Places of Employment by Industry (March 2017 graduates)



◆Places of employment for privately financed international students by industry (students graduating between March 2013 and March 2017)

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Many international students graduating from GWC are working in Japan. The number of international students employed by major Japanese companies has been increasing.



(Major places of employment for privately financed international students)

All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Pantos Logistics Japan Inc., Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd., Inoue Perfumery MFG. Co., Ltd., Fujitsu Systems East Limited, DAC Group, Xincor miXell Co., Ltd., Dolphin Through Corporation, Solomon Shoji, Yanagawa Corporation (Centurion Hotels), Wako Shoji, Hogakukan

◆Job Search Support System

Taking advantage of our small size, we provide students with refined support services* tailored to their individual needs.

*Programs under the support system include job search seminars (seminars dedicated to international students are also available), individual job search counseling and company information sessions held at GWC.



Partner Universities

GWC has a partnership agreement with 22 universities* in 15 countries, which provides GWC students with opportunities to study abroad.

Students studying at a partner university will be exempt from tuition fees (excluding some partner universities). Credits earned at such partner universities are recognized as credits earned at GWC, which allows students to complete GWC programs in four years. GWC also receives students from partner universities every year and has many international exchange programs.

*As of June 2017

Europe

- University of Leeds (U.K.)
- Tallinn University (Estonia)
- University of Warsaw (Poland)
- University of Hamburg (Germany)
- Ludwig-Maximilian-University of Munich (Germany)
- Palacky University Olomouc (Czech Republic)
- University of Bucharest (Romania)
- Université Catholique de l'Ouest (France)

Canada

- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Lethbridge

U.S.A.

- University of California, Davis
- Missouri Southern State University
- University of West Alabama

China

- Tsinghua University 清华大学

Korea

- Ewha Womans University 이화여자대학교
- Sungshin University 성신여자대학교

Philippines

- University of Perpetual Help System Delta

Australia

- The University of Melbourne

Laos

- National University of Laos

Taiwan

- National University of Kaohsiung 國立高雄大學
- Providence University 靜宜大學
- Shih Chien University 實踐大學





Learn about Japan,
Understand the World,
Communicate in English

Tuition (for reference: students admitted in 2017)

International students receive a 30% reduction in tuition.

Semester		One-time admission fee	Registration fee	Tuition	Facilities fee	Dues	Total
Spring	without reduction	¥200,000	¥60,000	¥430,000	¥220,000	¥13,800	¥923,800
	with reduction	¥200,000	¥60,000	¥301,000*	¥220,000	¥13,800	¥794,800
Autumn	without reduction	—	—	¥430,000	—	—	¥430,000
	with reduction	—	—	¥301,000	—	—	¥301,000
Annual total	without reduction	¥200,000	¥60,000	¥860,000	¥220,000	¥13,800	¥1,353,800
	with reduction	¥200,000	¥60,000	¥602,000	¥220,000	¥13,800	¥1,095,800

*Students who are approved for tuition reduction will receive 30% of the paid tuition, or ¥129,000, through a bank transfer.

Eligibility for applying for a tuition reduction:

- Privately financed international students with a student visa
- The amount of money sent from their home country** (excluding the amount for admission fee, tuition, and other payments to the College) **must not exceed 130,000 yen per month.**
- If the student is a dependent of a resident in Japan, the annual income of the supporter must not exceed 8,410,000 yen.**

<From the second year (annual total)>

Without a reduction: ¥1,153,800

With a reduction: ¥895,800

<Total for four years>

Without a reduction: ¥4,385,200

With a reduction: ¥3,783,200

Scholarships

Scholarships for international students are available.

◆Gakushuin Women's College Regular Scholarship and Special Scholarship

	Amount to be paid	Number of recipients	Grant/Loan	Conditions
Regular scholarship	¥200,000	Students approved by GWC	Grant	Privately-financed international students with a student visa who are willing to learn and need financial aid to pay for GWC.
Special scholarship	¥300,000	A few		Among students approved for the regular scholarship, those who are recognized as outstanding both in terms of academic performance and personality.

◆Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students

Amount to be paid: ¥48,000 x 12 months (both for the university's faculty and graduate school)

How to apply: Not open to the public; Universities/colleges select students to be recommended for the scholarship.

Number of recipients: Undecided (a few)

◆Other scholarship programs

Information on other scholarship programs for international students is provided when they become available.

Actual amount that scholarship recipients need to pay (annually)



Entrance Examinations

◆Faculty of International Studies

A special entrance examination system for international students is available.

Applicants can either take the special entrance examination at GWC or use the EJU* system.

*Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

In addition to the special entrance examination for international students, which consists of English and Japanese language examinations and an interview, GWC screens applicants based on the results of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU). Applicants can take the EJU in their home country without the need to visit Japan.

- 1) **Number of international students to be admitted** 10 for the Department of Japanese Studies
10 for the Department of Intercultural Communication
- 2) **Examination subjects**
- English 40 minutes With a maximum score of 50
 - Japanese 60 minutes With a maximum score of 50
 - Interview (in Japanese)

3) **Eligibility for applicants** / Females who meet all the following requirements:

- (1) Hold a citizenship other than Japanese. Persons with Japanese citizenship are not eligible for enrollment application.
- (2) Are 18 years of age or over at the time of admission and have completed (or are expected to complete) educational programs outside of the Japanese education system for 12 years or more, or are recognized as having the equivalent by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or GWC. Educational institutions which are located in Japan and managed under educational systems outside of Japanese systems are not applicable.
- (3) Have resident status stipulated in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, if residing in Japan.
- (4) Have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (Level N1) provided by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services, or have equivalent proficiency.
- (5) **EJU** If applying for enrollment by using the evaluation of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU): Must have taken the subject tests for “Japan and the World” and “Japanese as a Foreign Language” of the EJU provided by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), and must have had their results evaluated by July of the academic year before the enrollment. Evaluations made within two years before the enrollment application are valid.

◆**Graduate School** No special entrance examination for international students is available.
For detailed information, please refer to the Guidelines for Graduate School Application.

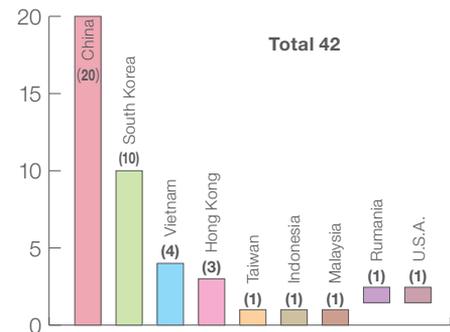
◆Number of Students

	Department	Total number of enrolled students	Number of enrolled international students
Faculty of International Studies	Department of Japanese Studies	699	16
	Department of Intercultural Communication	872	19
	Department of English Communication	214	1
	Subtotal	1,785	36
Graduate School	International Cultural Relations (Master's Course)	16	6
	Subtotal	16	6

(As of May 1, 2017)

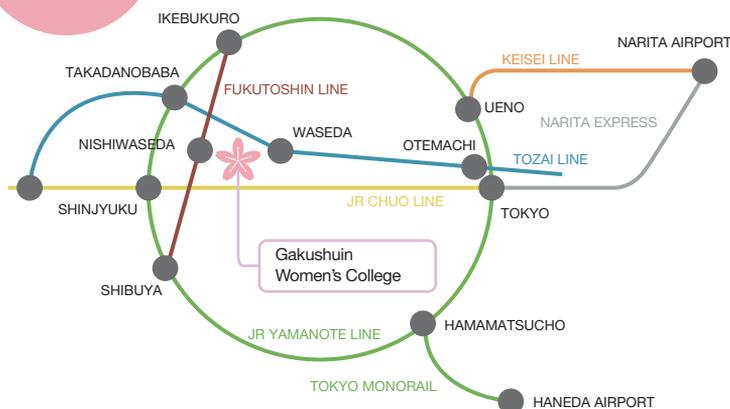
*International students refer to privately or government financed international students with the residence status of “student.”

<Number of International Students by Nationality>



Campus

The GWC's verdant, beautiful campus is located in the center of Tokyo, the capital of Japan. Shinjuku, Shibuya and Ikebukuro can be accessed by train directly without any transfers (5 minutes to Shinjuku or Ikebukuro, 10 minutes to Shibuya).



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