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ABOUT SEINAN GAKUIN UNIVERSITY



Founded in

1916

Type of
University

Private

Educational
Principles

**Christian
Based**

Academics

**Humanities
and Social
Sciences**

Enrolled
Students

8,200

Faculty

340

International
Students

400

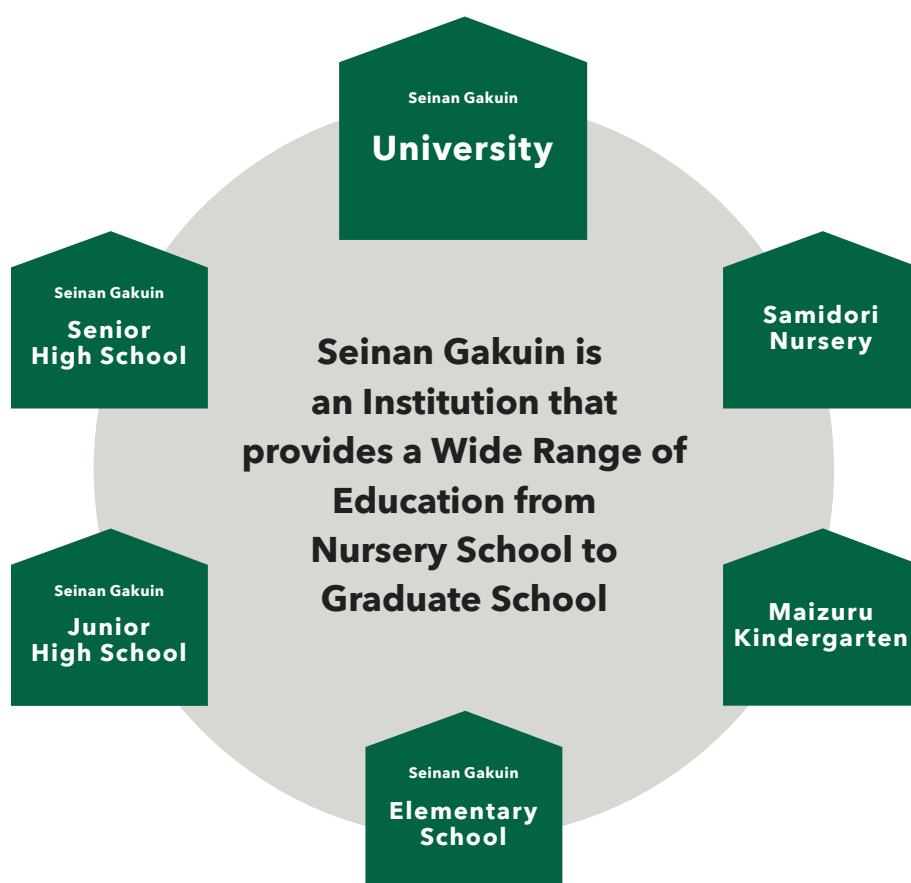
Study Abroad
Students

550

A Leading University in Western Japan

Founded in 1916 by C.K. Dozier, a member of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Seinan Gakuin celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016. Seinan Gakuin was one of the first Japanese academies to incorporate an English educational program into its curriculum and has employed many non-Japanese faculty members since its founding. Seinan Gakuin University (SGU) was accredited as a private Baptist university. SGU was also one of the first Japanese universities to establish international exchange programs with overseas universities and has since welcomed students from all around the world. As one of Western Japan's pioneering universities, SGU has a reputation for its excellent education in a rich, international environment.

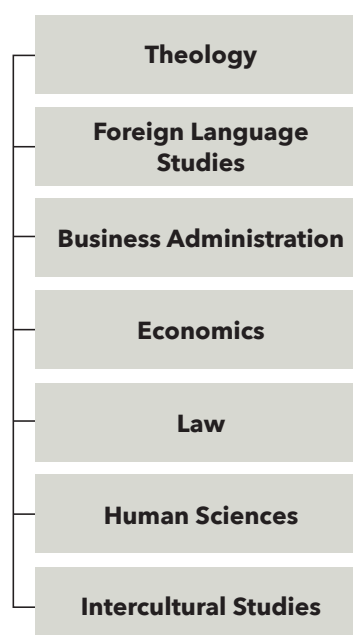
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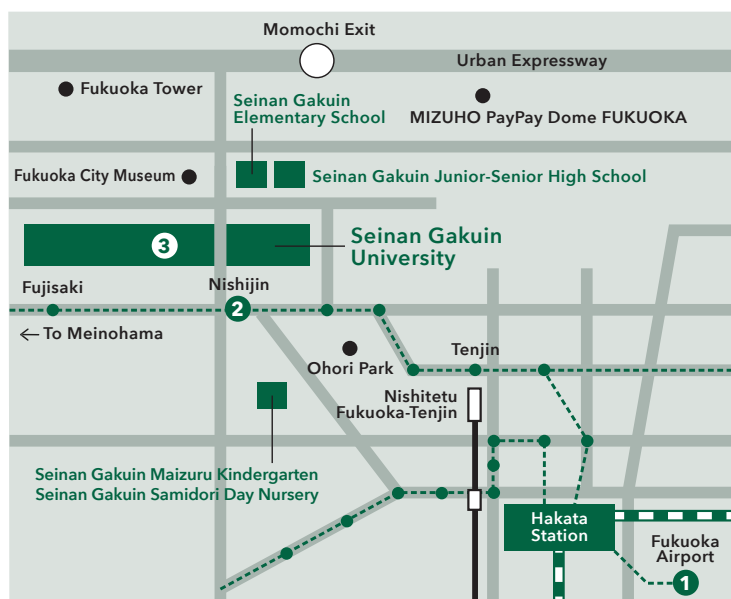
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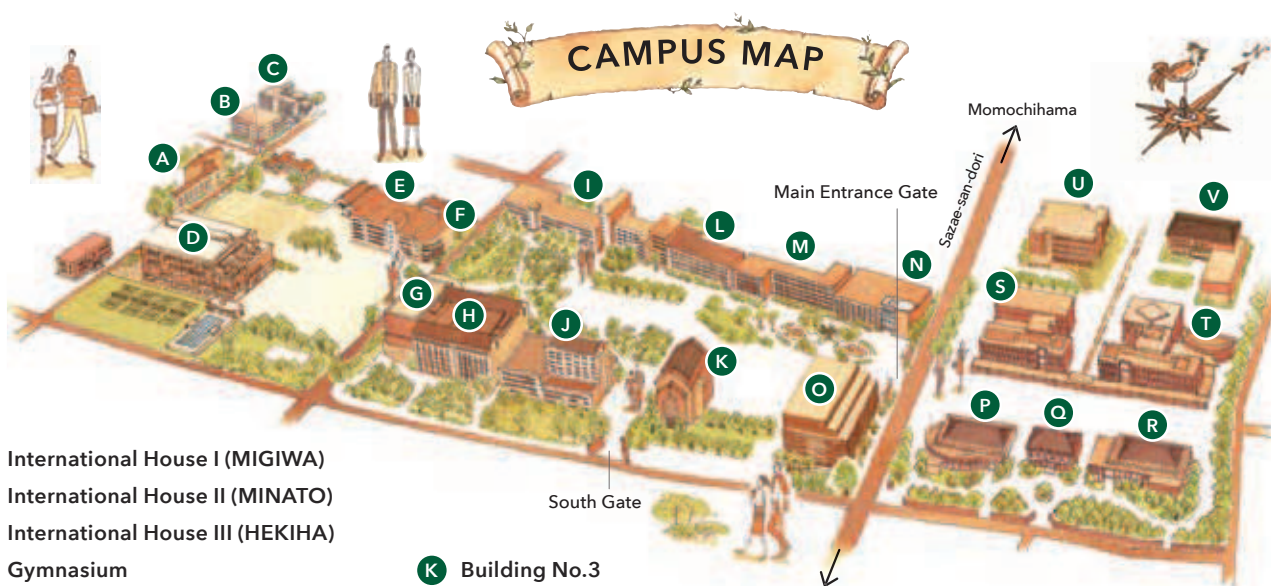
Fukuoka Airport



Nishijin Subway Station



Seinan Gakuin University



- A International House I (MIGIWA)
- B International House II (MINATO)
- C International House III (HEKIHA)
- D Gymnasium
- E Seinan Student Center / book store
- F Cafeteria
- G Seinan Gakuin University Chapel
- H Building No.1
- I Faculty's Building
- J Building No.2

- K Building No.3
- L Building No.4
- M Building No.5
- N Center for Language Education
- O Library
- P Seinan Cross Plaza (Cafeteria)
- Q Seinan Gakuin University Museum

- R Seinan Community Center
- S Graduate School
- T Law School
- U Main Administration Building
- V Seinan Gakuin Centennial Hall



Dormitory



Seinan Gakuin University Chapel



Global Student Lounge (Building No.3)



Library



Seinan Cross Plaza (Cafeteria)



Seinan Gakuin University Museum

Reference <http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/campusmap.html>

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

- University-level Agreement
- Faculty / Graduate School-level Agreement
- *1 Faculty of Commerce
- *2 Faculty of Law
- *3 Graduate School of Law
- *4 Faculty of Intercultural Studies

Africa

-  **Morocco**
 - International University of Rabat
-  **South Africa**
 - University of Johannesburg

Asia

-  **China**
 - East China Normal University
 - Jilin University
-  **Hong Kong**
 - Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
 - Hong Kong Baptist University
-  **India**
 - Chitkara University
-  **Indonesia**
 - BINUS University
-  **Korea**
 - Duksung Women's University
 - Ewha Womans University
 - Korea University
 - Kyungshin University
 - Pukyong National University
 - Sejong University
 - Soongsil University
 - Sungshin University
 - *1 Dongguk University
 - *2 Changwon National University
-  **Malaysia**
 - University of Malaya
-  **Philippines**
 - Ateneo de Manila University
-  **Singapore**
 - Singapore University of Social Sciences
-  **Taiwan**
 - Fu Jen Catholic University
 - National Dong Hwa University
 - Soochow University
 - Tunghai University
 - Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
 - *1 Chang Gung University
 - *1 National Sun Yat-Sen University
-  **Thailand**
 - Kasetsart University
 - Mahasarakham University
 - *4 Chulalongkorn University
-  **Vietnam**
 - Foreign Trade University

Europe

-  **Belgium**
 - UCLL University of Applied Sciences
 - Université Catholique de Louvain
 - Université Libre de Bruxelles
-  **Croatia**
 - Juraj Dobrila University of Pula
-  **Czech Republic**
 - Masaryk University
-  **Denmark**
 - University of Copenhagen
-  **Finland**
 - JAMK University of Applied Sciences
 - University of Eastern Finland
-  **France**
 - *3 Aix-Marseille Université
 - Institut Catholique de Paris
 - ISG Business School
 - Université Bordeaux Montaigne
 - Université Catholique de l'Ouest
 - Université Grenoble Alpes
 - Université Marie et Louis Pasteur
 - Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès
-  **Germany**
 - University of Cologne
 - University of Duisburg-Essen
 - University of Vechta
-  **Hungary**
 - Eotvos Lorand University
-  **Iceland**
 - University of Iceland
-  **Italy**
 - University for Foreigners of Siena
 - University of Bergamo
 - *2 University of Turin
-  **Netherlands**
 - *1,2 Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
 - Windesheim University of Applied Sciences
-  **Norway**
 - Nord University
-  **Poland**
 - University of Warsaw
 - Warsaw School of Economics
-  **Portugal**
 - University of Coimbra
-  **Romania**
 - Romanian-American University
-  **Russia**
 - Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
-  **Spain**
 - Catholic University of Murcia
 - University of Santiago de Compostela
-  **Switzerland**
 - University of Fribourg
-  **United Kingdom**
 - De Montfort University
 - Keele University
 - University of Lancashire
 - York St John University

Middle East

-  **Oman**
 - Sultan Qaboos University
-  **Türkiye**
 - Istanbul Aydin University

North America

-  **Canada**
 - Concordia University
 - McMaster University
 - Royal Roads University
 - Université de Montréal
 - University of Prince Edward Island
-  **United States of America**
 - Baylor University
 - Belmont University
 - Campbell University
 - Carson Newman University
 - City University of New York, College of Staten Island
 - Furman University
 - Mercer University
 - Mercy University
 - Middle Tennessee State University
 - Minnesota State University, Mankato
 - New Mexico State University
 - Oklahoma Baptist University
 - Ouachita Baptist University
 - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Camden Campus)
 - Samford University
 - Slippery Rock University
 - Southeast Missouri State University
 - Southern New Hampshire University
 - St. Cloud State University
 - State University of New York, Oneonta
 - University of Delaware
 - University of Hawai'i at Hilo
 - University of North Alabama
 - University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 - University of North Georgia
 - University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
 - University of Rhode Island
 - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
 - Utah State University

South America

-  **Chile**
 - Universidad Viña del Mar
-  **Peru**
 - Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola



*nternational
Division*

OVERVIEW

Since 1973, our International Division has offered one- and two-semester programs (Fall: September-December; Spring: January-May) that focus on Japanese studies. The courses cover the Japanese language, culture, history, business, and politics - all taught in English. All international students studying in SGU under the mutual exchange agreement will be enrolled in the International Division.

Japanese Course Options

[For students with previous Japanese study]

All students are required to enroll in:

- Comprehensive Japanese
- Japanese Writing
- Japanese Reading

(Note) Japanese class levels are offered at 5 levels in Fall and 6 levels in Spring.

[For students with no prior Japanese study]

Students can choose their Japanese curriculum from the following options based on their preferences:

- **Plan A - Japanese Language Focused:** For those wishing to focus on studying the Japanese language.
- **Plan B - Elective Focused:** For those wishing to focus on studying Japan Studies.



Fall only Compulsory Elective Courses - Global Liberal Arts

Students are required to take at least one of the GLA courses in Religion, Communication, Sociology, Business, Economy, Politics & Law, Psychology, and Culture.

Key Features:

1. Collaborative Learning Experience

GLA courses are designed as "Joint Study Courses" where Japanese and international students learn together. Students will explore the unique characteristics of Japan as well as global contexts and trends across various fields and collaboratively envision a better future for the world.

2. Interactive Learning

In addition to theoretical instruction through lectures, GLA courses emphasize interactive activities, including group work and discussions. The primary language of instruction is English.

Elective Courses

A variety of elective courses are offered in English. The number of elective courses students must take depends on their course curriculum (Plan A or Plan B). Refer to the suggested study models below:

Suggested Study Model (Minimum Credit Requirement: 14 credits/semester)

Plan A - Japanese Language Focused	Credit	Hrs/Wk	Plan B - Elective Focused	Credit	Hrs/Wk
Comprehensive Japanese	5	10	Introductory Japanese	2	4
Japanese Writing	2	2	Global Liberal Arts (Fall only)	2	2
Japanese Reading	2	2	Global Liberal Arts (Fall only)	2	2
Global Liberal Arts (Fall only)	2	2	Elective Course 1	2	2
Elective Course 1	2	2	Elective Course 2	2	2
Elective Course 2	2	2	Elective Course 3	2	2
			Elective Course 4	2	2
Total	15	20	Total	14	16

Academic Calendar

International Division	(Fall) early September - late December	(Spring) mid-January - late May
Regular Departments*	(Spring) early April - late July	(Fall) late September - late January

*JLPT N2 required

Reference http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/study_abroad/academic_calendar.html

International Division Courses Offered (AY 2026-2027)

Fall semester (Sep - Dec)				Spring semester (Jan - May)			
Courses		Credit	Hrs/Week	Courses		Credit	Hrs/Week
(Required) Japanese Language				(Required) Japanese Language			
◎Introductory Japanese	A	2	4	◎Introductory Japanese	B	2	4
◎Comprehensive Japanese		5	10	◎Comprehensive Japanese		5	10
○Japanese Reading	A (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V)	2	2	○Japanese Reading	B (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI)	2	2
○Japanese Writing		2	2	○Japanese Writing		2	2
(Compulsory Elective) Japanese Studies in Global Context				(Elective) Japanese Studies in Global Context			
Global Liberal Arts (Religion)		2	2	Comparative Religions	B	2	2
Global Liberal Arts (Communication)		2	2	Global Communication Studies	B	2	2
Global Liberal Arts (Sociology)		2	2	Conflict of Laws	B	2	2
Global Liberal Arts (Business)		2	2	Human Rights & Minorities	B	2	2
Global Liberal Arts (Economy)		2	2	(Elective) Japanese Studies			
Global Liberal Arts (Politics & Law)		2	2	Japanese Arts	B	2	2
Global Liberal Arts (Psychology)		2	2	Japanese Business	B	2	2
Global Liberal Arts (Culture)		2	2	Japanese Culture	B	2	2
(Elective) Japanese Studies in Global Context				Japanese Economy	B	2	2
Cultural Exchange between Japan & the West	A	2	2	Japanese History	B	2	2
(Elective) Japanese Studies				Japanese Literature	B	2	2
Japanese Arts	A	2	2	Japanese Politics & Law	B	2	2
Japanese Culture	A	2	2	Japanese Psychology	B	2	2
Japanese History	A	2	2	Japanese Sports	B	2	2
Japanese Literature	A	2	2	Introduction to Japanese Studies	B	2	2
Japanese Sports	A	2	2	Japanese Management	B	2	2
Japanese Business Culture	A	2	2	Japanese Marketing & Consumer Behavior	B	2	2
Japanese Business Statistics	A	2	2	Japanese Communication through Manga & Anime	B	2	2
Japanese Communication through Manga & Anime	A	2	2	Japanese Society through Manga & Anime	B	2	2
Japanese Society through Manga & Anime	A	2	2	Language & Society in Japan	B	2	2
Natural World of Japan	A	2	2	Natural World of Japan	B	2	2
Others				Others			
Independent Study		2	—	Independent Study		2	—
*Special Topic		—	—				

Courses marked with◎: Required courses. Students must take either Comprehensive Japanese or Introductory Japanese.

Courses marked with○: Required courses for those who take Comprehensive Japanese.

Courses marked with * : Courses offered by undergraduate or graduate divisions. You may be able to take the course(s) if you meet the language requirements set by the respective instructor. You must follow the academic calendar of regular departments.

APPLICATION

Step1 Nomination (by Coordinator)

In order to enroll in our program, students must be nominated by their home institution. Please contact a study abroad coordinator at your home institution.

Nomination Deadline: Fall - March 1 / Spring - September 15

Step2 Complete the Online Application (by Applicant)

Please submit the online application.

Reference https://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/study_abroad/application.html

Step3 Submit the required application documents

After submitting the online application, please also submit the following application documents to the Center for International Education at inbound@seinan-gu.ac.jp via Email.

- ☐ Official Transcript (PDF) ☐ International Student Medical Report (PDF) ☐ ID Photo (JPEG)
- ☐ Financial Statement (PDF) ☐ Copy of Passport (PDF)

Deadlines for online application and submitting the required application documents:
Fall - March 31 / Spring - September 30

Reference http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/study_abroad/exchange_students.html

Important Timeline After Acceptance

Fall semester (Sep - Dec)	Spring semester (Jan - May)
May • Notification of Admission • Online Japanese Placement Test	Oct • Notification of Admission • Online Japanese Placement Test
Jun • Pre-registration for GLA & Elective Courses	Nov • Pre-registration for Elective Courses • Housing Application
Jul~Aug • Housing Application • Student Visa Application	Dec • Student Visa Application
Sep • Arrival at SGU	Jan • Arrival at SGU

Seinan Gakuin University accepts self-financed students into the International Division.

Eligibility

- A foreign national who will complete, or has completed secondary education and is eligible for undergraduate study at the time of enrollment.
- Must have a GPA of 2.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- A non-English speaker is required to have proficiency in English to understand classes conducted in English. (TOEFL-PBT 550, TOEFL-iBT 79-80, IELTS 6.0)

*Proficiency in Japanese is not required for admission.

Reference http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/study_abroad/selffinanced_students.html

Fees

Application Fee	Tuition	
12,000 JPY (Non-refundable)	1 semester: 375,000 JPY	2 semesters: 750,000 JPY



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Summer Intensive Japanese Language Program

OVERVIEW

Taking advantage of its long-standing history of Japanese language education since the 1970s, Seinan Summer Program delivers excellent linguistic training in a richly international environment. This program offers intensive Japanese training through many interactive activities and experience-based learning (=“*TAIKEN-GATA GAKUSYU*”)



Program in 2026

Program Dates	June 15 – July 17, 2026		
Capacity	Up to 80 participants		
Class Level	Introductory, Beginner (I), Pre-intermediate (II), Intermediate (III), Advanced (IV) *Based on the results of placement tests conducted before and after arrival, SGU will determine their class levels.		
Primary Language of Instruction	Introductory	Beginner (I) Pre-intermediate (II)	Intermediate (III) Advanced (IV)
	English	Japanese & English	Japanese
Classes	28 classes (100 min × 2 classes/day × 14 days) + Exams		
Total Credit Hours	90 credit hours *It includes in-class and out-of-class activities such as reviewing and preparing for classes and extracurricular activities.		
Extracurricular Activities	• A day field trip in Fukuoka to visit local shrines, temples, and other attractions • An overnight field trip in/near Kyushu area • Optional Japanese culture classes and activities		
Eligibility	Applicants MUST: 1) have completed the equivalent of a <u>high school diploma</u> from educational institutions outside Japan AND be living outside Japan at the time of application. 2) <u>demonstrate sufficient English*</u> and/or <u>Japanese proficiencies</u> to catch up with the classes conducted in English and/or Japanese. *TOEFL-PBT 550, TOEFL-iBT 79-80, IELTS 6.0 or equivalent preferred.		
Housing	On-campus Housing (International House I, II, or III) *Applicants will be randomly assigned to one of the 3 dormitories.		
Application Fee	12,000 JPY (Non-refundable)		
Program Fee	180,000 JPY (Partners) 190,000 JPY (Non-Partners)		

*Program fee includes tuition, on-campus accommodation, course materials, and field trips.

Application

Documents to be submitted:

- Complete online application
- Digital photo of the applicants
- Copy of passport photo page
- Proof of your current enrollment at your home institution (Partner institution applicants only)

Deadline: March 15

Reference http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/summer_program/application_fee.html

Sample Schedule

		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEEK 1	AM		Orientation Sessions	Placement Test	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Group Work [ALL levels]	
	PM		Housing Orientation/ Welcome Party		Project Work	Project Work	Project Work	
WEEK 2	AM		Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)		Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	1-Day Field Trip -Dazaifu Shrine -Tocho-ji, etc.. 	Home Visit (Option) 
	PM		Activity: Martial Art (Option) 		Activity: Hakama Dress-up (Option) 	Project Work		
WEEK 3	AM	Home Visit (Option) 	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	 2-Day Field Trip in/near Kyushu area 		
	PM		Activity: Tea Ceremony (Option) 	Project Work	Project Work			
WEEK 4	AM		Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)		Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	
	PM		Culture Class: Manga/Anime (Option) 	Project Work		Culture Class: Calligraphy (Option) 	Project Work	
WEEK 5	AM			Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Japanese Class (100min x 2 class)	Final Exam 	Farewell Party 	
	PM			Project Work	Project Work	Program Survey		

Accommodations

Participants will stay in one of our on-campus dormitories called International Houses. These dormitories are fully equipped with kitchens, shower rooms, washers/dryers, lounges, and common areas where you can comfortably relax. Each room includes a bed, desk, chair, and toilet, and is fully air-conditioned. All essential living facilities are available in the International Houses. Japanese students also reside in the International Houses and are always happy to assist international students in adjusting to life in Fukuoka. We provide a welcoming environment for both study and intercultural exchange.

Meals

Each dormitory has shared kitchens, allowing participants to cook for themselves. Supermarkets are within a ten-minute walk, making it easy to buy groceries. Additionally, there are many restaurants around the campus offering a wide variety of cuisines from different countries. Students can also enjoy affordable meals at on-campus cafeterias.

Resources

Participants will have access to the library and free Wi-Fi.

Insurance

Participants are required to obtain travel insurance that covers all medical expenses and personal liability during their stay in Japan.





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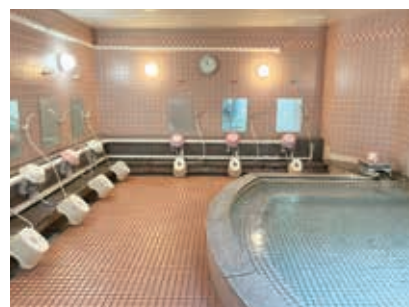
Living in the dormitories is affordable and comfortable, providing students with a culturally diverse environment where they can make lifelong friendships. SGU has three dormitories on campus, all within a 5-minute walk to classrooms. Each dormitory is fully equipped and offers not only a comfortable living environment but also a variety of social and academic activities. Some students might be living on their own for the first time and may feel anxious about dormitory life. To support all residents, each dormitory has well-trained and helpful RAs on each floor. They will assist residents while they are staying in Fukuoka



Reference http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/campus_life/housing/i_house.html

International House I (MIGIWA)

- All-female dormitory with a capacity of 80 residents
- 24 single rooms / 28 double rooms
 - *In principle, double rooms are shared by one international student and one Japanese student.
- Fully furnished room with desk, chair, light, closet, bed, basin, toilet, and Wi-Fi
- Students share a lounge, a kitchen, study room, laundry facilities (washing machines and dryers), shower room, and a large public bath
- A common area (lounge) on each floor
- Reliable security: surveillance camera, key code access
- Founded in 1997



International House II (MINATO)



- Co-ed dormitory with 55 single rooms
- Fully furnished room with desk, chair, light, closet, bed, basin, toilet, and Wi-Fi
- Students share a lounge, a kitchen, laundry facilities (washing machines and dryers), shower room, study room and multipurpose room
- Reliable security: surveillance camera and key code access
- Founded in 2004



International House III (HEKIHA)



- Co-ed dormitory with 50 single rooms
- Fully furnished room with desk, chair, light, closet, bed, basin, shower, toilet, and Wi-Fi
- Students share a lounge, a kitchen, laundry facilities (washing machines and dryers), study room
- Reliable security: surveillance camera and key code access
- A common area (lounge) on each floor
- Founded in 2008



Fees

	International House I (MIGIWA)		International House II (MINATO)	International House III (HEKIHA)
Rent	Double	Single	44,000 JPY / month	48,000 JPY / month
	38,000 JPY / month	42,000 JPY / month		
Rental Futon Fee	7,260 JPY (Fall semester) 9,075 JPY (Spring semester) / one time only 16,335JPY (two semesters)			
Cleaning Fee	12,650JPY (Single) / one time only 13,200JPY (Double)		12,650JPY / one time only	12,650JPY / one time only

*Fees are subject to change without notice.



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FUKUOKA— A historic city with a modern spirit and a diverse culture



The Gateway to Kyusyu and Asia

Kyushu is the southwesternmost of Japan's four major islands. Its largest city, Fukuoka, has developed as the cultural and commercial center of the island with a population of about 1.6 million. Its geographic location offers easy access to other Asian nations—just 540 km from Seoul and 870 km from Shanghai, compared to 1,100 km to Tokyo. Its proximity to China and Korea has given it a long history as Japan's gateway to Asia.

Fukuoka is well-connected globally—a large international airport, international ferry services, and the largest container port in the region. As such, it actively fulfills its role as the "Gateway to Kyushu, Open to Asia."

A City of Convenience and Natural Beauty

Fukuoka makes the most of its ideal location in many ways. One of its key attractions is the blend of urban convenience and natural beauty. The city has an excellent public transport network, including rail, bus, and subway services, making it easy to get around. Meanwhile, the sea and mountains are just 30 minutes from downtown, offering residents and visitors a rich natural environment.

Fukuoka is also renowned for its cuisine, with fresh local ingredients and delicious regional specialties attracting visitors from across Japan and the world. In addition, the city is known for its youthful energy, having nurtured many musicians, entrepreneurs, and entertainers, creating an atmosphere of creativity and innovation.

An International Hub for Study and Exchange

After Tokyo and Osaka, Fukuoka is one of Japan's most popular study destinations for international students. The city is actively engaged in global exchanges, not only within Asia but worldwide. It has sister-city relationships with cities such as Oakland and Atlanta (USA), Bordeaux (France), Auckland (New Zealand), Guangzhou (China), Ipoh (Malaysia), Yangon (Myanmar), and Busan (Korea). Throughout the year, Fukuoka hosts numerous cultural exchange events, international conventions, and meetings, strengthening its reputation as a truly international city.



Momochi Seaside Park



WET DESIGN© Canal City (Shopping Mall)



Hojoe (Hakozaki-gu Shrine)



Hakata Station



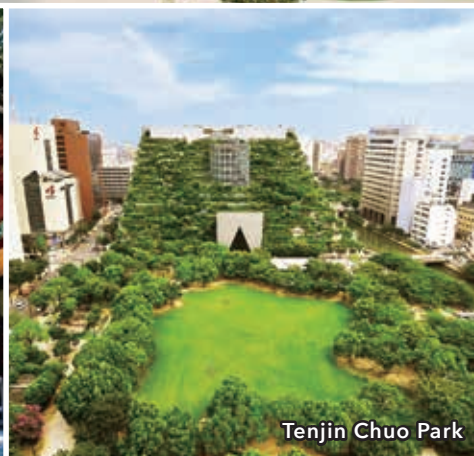
Tochoji Temple



Tenjin



Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine



Tenjin Chuo Park



Maizuru Park



Ohori Park

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