



**A YEAR**

at

**Gakushuin University**

Tokyo, Japan



| Campus in the cherry blossoms season | First meeting with buddies | Welcome party |



| Rich greenery in summer | Japanese class |



Campus ablaze with autumn colour | Shodo, Making Edo Furin, E-tsuke (hand-painting) experiences | Watching Kabuki |



| Snowy winter scene | Farewell party |

# Gakushuin University

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Gakushuin's origins lie in the "Old Gakushuin" established in Kyoto in 1847 as an educational institution for the Imperial Court. After the Asia-Pacific War, owing to the abolishment of the nobility, "Gakushuin University" was established as a purely private university in 1949. Now we offer students ample opportunity with 17 departments in 5 faculties, 1 professional

graduate school, and 20 graduate courses in 6 schools.

Gakushuin University is located in Mejiro, in the centre of Tokyo. The campus gives many different impressions from season to season with its rich greenery.

## Faculties, a Professional School, and Graduate Schools

### Faculty of Law

- Law
- Political Studies

### Faculty of Economics

- Economics
- Management

### Faculty of Letters

- Philosophy
- History
- Japanese Language and Literature
- German Studies

- English Language and Cultures
- French Cultural Studies
- Psychology
- Education

### Faculty of Science

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Life Science

### Faculty of International Social Sciences

- International Social Sciences

### Professional School of Law

#### Graduate School of Law

#### Graduate School of Political Studies

#### Graduate School of Economics

#### Graduate School of Management

#### Graduate School of Humanities

- Philosophy
- Art History
- History
- Japanese Language and Literature
- English Language and Literature
- German Language and Literature
- French Language and Literature

- Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Education
- Archival Science
- Cultural Studies on Corporeal and Visual Representation

#### Graduate School of Science

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Life Science

## Student Exchange Programme

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We accept approximately 25-30 exchange students per year from overseas partner universities under the Exchange Programme. Admission fees and tuition fees are waived. The exchange period is fixed at either one half year or one whole year. Exchange students come to Gakushuin University in early April or September.

They attend lectures on Japanese language and culture, as well as those in their own area of specialization. Most lectures are delivered in Japanese, so conversational or academic level Japanese language is required. A few lectures are given in English.

## Applying to the exchange programme

To study at Gakushuin University under the student exchange programme, it is necessary for your home university to have concluded an exchange agreement with Gakushuin University. (For details, please refer to the partner list below.) If you are a student of one of our partner universities and wish to study at Gakushuin University as an exchange student, you should

contact the international office of your university. Please note that we do not accept any applications that are not forwarded via the international office of a partner university.

For a list of application documents, please visit our website.

<http://www.univ.gakushuin.ac.jp/global/prospective/frompartneruniversities.html>

## Application Deadlines

### For April admission

#### Deadline for applications

The end of October of the preceding year

#### Arrival in Japan

Early April

### For September admission

#### Deadline for applications

The end of March of the same year

#### Arrival in Japan

Mid-September

## Procedures for admission

Based on your application documents, we will identify successful candidates within 3 months after the application deadline, and contact each individually.

Next, we will apply to the Immigration Bureau for the Certificate of Eligibility for a status of residence on the candidate's behalf.

Once the Certificate of Eligibility is issued, we will send you a set of important documents including Offer Letter, the Certificate of Eligibility etc.. Exchange students need to apply for a "College Student Visa" at the Japanese embassy or consulate in their own country.

## Accommodation

### Asalea House

Self-catering flat with private facilities, located in a quiet residential area, approximately 30 min. by train and on foot from the Gakushuin University campus, meals and utilities not included.

Rent: 59,320 yen / month

(We may cover up to 34,320 yen / month of the rent if there is no imbalance in the number of exchange students.)

### Wakejuku

Dormitory for male students run by a private organization, 15-min. walk to Gakushuin University, two meals (breakfast and dinner) included. Each room is equipped with bed, desk, chair and bookshelf. Students share the bath (public bath style), shower room and toilet. Rent: approximately 100,000 yen/month (including utilities / we offer accommodation grants of up to 50,000 yen)

## Financial Support

### Exchange Student Scholarship

We may offer "Exchange Student Scholarship" to those with an outstanding academic record. (Up to 250,000 Japanese yen/year in principle) However, this scholarship scheme may not be available to those partner universities in which there is an excessive imbalance in the number of exchange students.

### Accommodation Grants

We may offer accommodation grants of up to 50,000 yen/month (25,000 yen for half a month) to those who stay at Wakejuku.

## Buddy System

The main task of the buddy is to provide exchange students with practical information about Gakushuin University and daily life in Japan. You

can have one or two Japanese students assigned as your buddy.

## Partner Universities (As of March 2016)

### China

Peking University  
Fudan University  
Beijing Foreign Studies University  
Tsinghua University  
Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications  
Chinese University of Hong Kong

### South Korea

Keimyung University  
Kyungpook National University  
Dongguk University  
Korea University  
University of Seoul

### Taiwan

Soochow University  
Tamkang University  
National Sun Yat-sen University

### Thailand

Chulalongkorn University  
Assumption University of Thailand

### Australia

Australian National University  
University of New South Wales  
Murdoch University

### New Zealand

Victoria University of Wellington

### USA

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Rice University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
California State University, Fullerton  
Western Michigan University

### Canada

University of Western Ontario

### UK

The London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London  
University of York  
University of Sussex  
University of Edinburgh  
Lancaster University  
University of Reading  
University of East Anglia  
Oxford Brookes University

### Germany

University of Mannheim  
University of Bayreuth

### Austria

University of Salzburg

### France

Université Paris Ovest Nanterre La Défense  
Université Lumière Lyon 2  
Université Paris Diderot-Paris 7  
Sciences Po Lyon

### Italy

University of Naples "L'Orientale"  
Alma Mater Studiorum-University of Bologna  
Università degli Studi di Torino-University of Turin

### Spain

Cardenal Cisneros University College, Alcalá University  
University of Valencia

### Iceland

University of Iceland

(15 countries / 47 partner universities)



# Classes for Exchange Students

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## Japanese Language Classes

There are Japanese language classes provided for international students at the introductory, intermediate and advanced levels.

### Introductory classes

Concentrating on basic vocabulary, grammar and kanji, this class will equip beginner students with the minimum language skills needed for daily life in Japan.

### Intermediate classes

This class will focus on acquiring and developing

appropriate language skills for daily life, and will equip students with the ability to conduct ordinary conversations, and to read simple texts.

### Advanced classes

In this class students will learn how to use Japanese in a variety of complex situations. Students will also learn how to use Japanese in academic contexts, such as seminar presentations and report writing.

## SA Lessons

Lessons taught by a Student Assistant, called SA Lessons, are assigned to each student to help and support them in their Japanese learning experience in conjunction with Japanese Language Classes. In these lessons you can

obtain language help for your studies and practice Japanese with your SA.

SA Lessons are 60 minutes long. Each international student is eligible for two lessons a week (up to 26 lessons per semester) for free.

## Classes in general

Most lectures are conducted in Japanese at Gakushuin University. Therefore, anyone who wishes to obtain credits from lectures other than

Japanese language classes is strongly advised to have sufficient Japanese language ability to understand academic Japanese.

# Events for Exchange Students

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## Orientation

In early April and September, the Centre for International Exchange provides an orientation including details of course registration, the

Japanese language classes and daily life in Japan.

## Social Gatherings

We hold gatherings at the beginning and the end of each semester to welcome and farewell international students. Not only international

students but also Japanese students and faculty staff are invited.

## Traditional Japanese Arts

We provide international students with the study trip of kabuki, bunraku, and others.

Students also experience traditional Japanese culture, example for calligraphy.

## One-day coach tour

To help international students deepen their understanding of Japanese history, culture and society, we hold one-day coach tours to

historical places in and around Tokyo. In the past, participants have visited Mt. Fuji, Nikko, Hakone, etc.

## Homestay

We provide a short homestay program to help international students and the families of Japanese students get to know each other better. Homestay will be up to a week long.

Gakushuin is a prestigious, respectable and beautiful university blessed with kind teachers and staff, friendly students and lush greenery right in the middle of Tokyo. My 1-year exchange at Gakushuin University has given me some of the best moments of my student life thus far and I would highly recommend it to anyone wishing to enjoy Tokyo whilst pursuing a degree.

— **Damian Christopher Marcus SPINKS**

(from University of New South Wales, Australia / 2013-2014)

“My exchange year at Gakushuin has been a fantastic experience. I think my year here has been the most exciting and useful of my university degree so far. Being able to study Japanese with native speakers, and attend university with regular Japanese students has been immensely useful. I hope that I can continue to improve as well as stay in touch with the many lovely people that I have met here. The students and staff have been so very helpful.

Studying in a wonderful, modern campus, at a university of high regard has been a privilege. I very much appreciate the staff at the Centre for International Exchange for assisting me greatly when I needed help and also for planning very memorable trips for the foreign students to lovely locations. I only wish that I could continue to study here.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped me this year.”



— **Benjamin David MALPUS**

(from Oxford Brookes University, UK / 2013-2014)

“Taking a year off from university in Germany was the perfect opportunity for coming to Japan and studying at Gakushuin University.

I am enrolled as a law student and I am having a great time learning about the Japanese law system and exchanging views with the Japanese law students. Gakushuin University also offers Japanese language courses that are a great help for improving my Japanese.

All my law professors are very kind and helpful and the relaxed atmosphere of the campus makes me feel at home.

Thanks to the buddy system I made many Japanese friends. Together we go on trips in and around Tokyo (mostly Karaoke though).”

— **Saskia Katharina SEIBERT**

(from University of Bayreuth, Germany / 2014-2015)

学習院大学とその周辺の目は、とても静かできれいなところでした。学習院の国際交流センターは、いつも留学生の勉強と生活を応援しています。協定留学生一人一人が、指導教授2名、バディー2、3名います。私はバディーの子とても仲良くなりました。交流センター時々留学生のイベントを行います。浅草、鎌倉のバス旅行や、歌舞伎の鑑賞、書道教室などがありました。中でもホームステイが、私の一番大切な思い出になりました。

私はたくさんの授業を取っていました。面白い授業がたくさんあり、努力すればとても勉強になります。そのほか、渡辺先生の三年生ゼミに入りました。先生のご指導のもと、専門知識を勉強し、現地調査を行い、インゼミとゼミ論を完成しました。ゼミの友達とも仲良くしていました。

これから留学に来る学生たちも、充実した留学生活がありますように。



— **周 佩文 (Peiwen ZHOU)**

(from Beijing Foreign Studies University, China / 2015-2016)



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