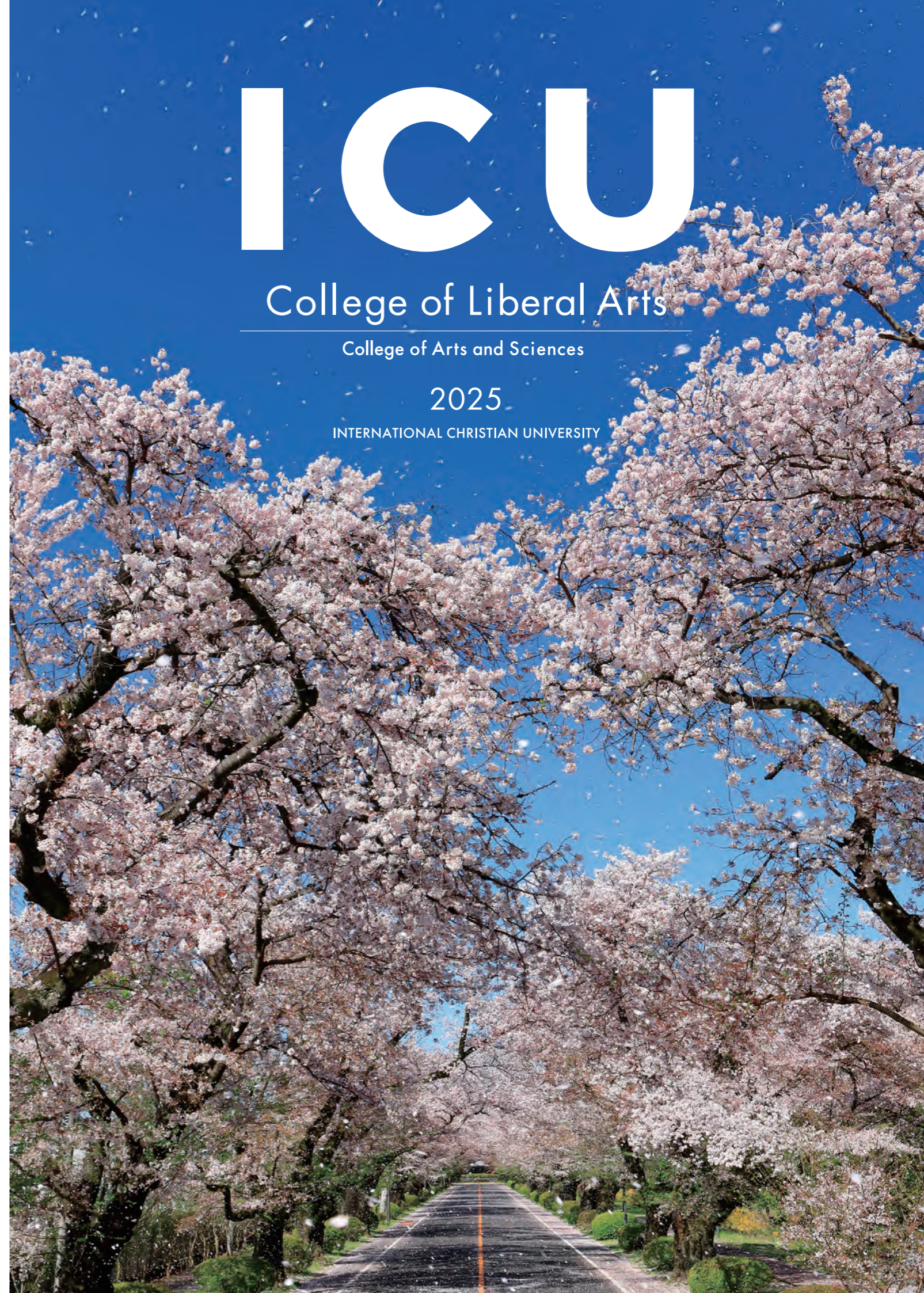
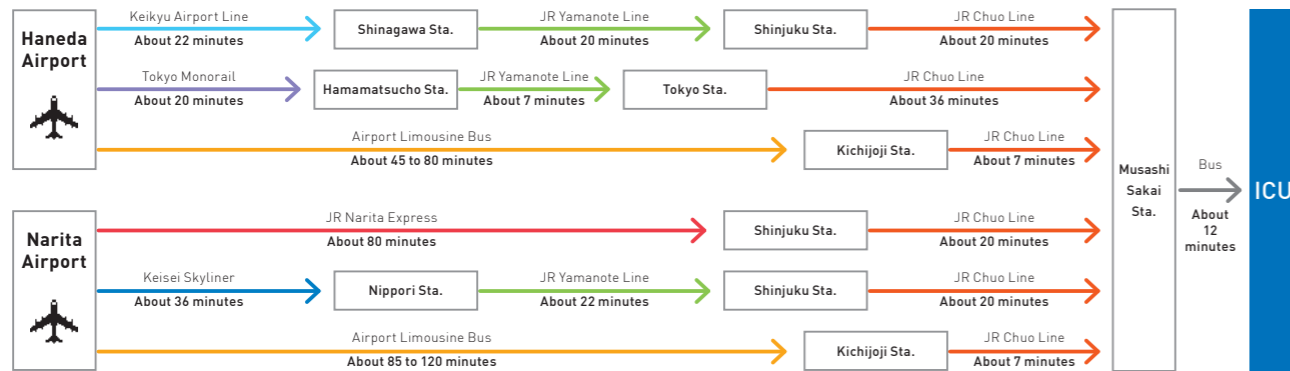
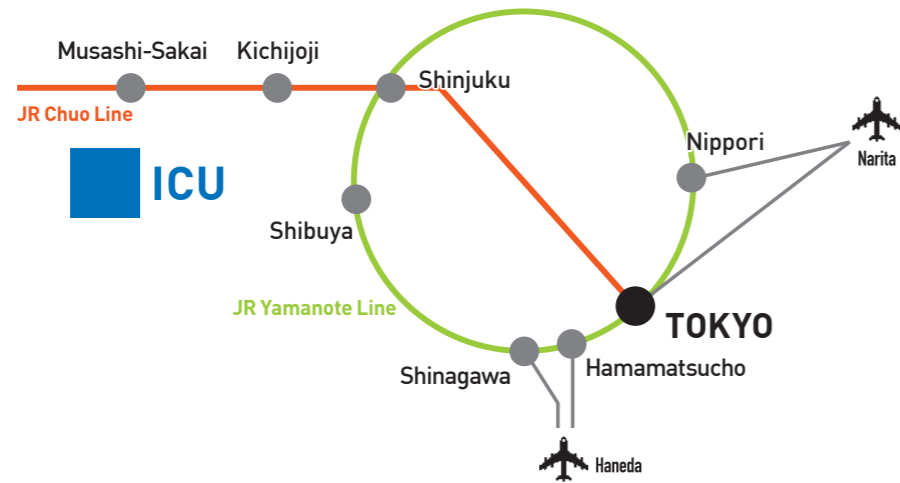


Directions to ICU



ICU

College of Liberal Arts

College of Arts and Sciences

2025

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



ICU Official Website

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/>



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ICU was ranked highest among private universities in Japan

Why Japan?

Japan is a place where tradition and technology intersect.

High Quality Education

Japanese universities uphold excellent academic standards and provide students with state-of-the-art technology and facilities. Studying at ICU and learning to speak, listen, read and write Japanese gives students a competitive advantage when seeking a job in Japan and abroad.

A Safe and Peaceful Environment

Japan is one of the safest countries in the world. With a reliable public transportation system, students can easily navigate busy cities like Tokyo, and travel to the countryside to enjoy the peaceful, picturesque landscape.

Amazing Cultural Experiences

In Japan, old and new, East and West, and natural and artificial seamlessly blend together. Students are exposed to a rich culture and history and to cutting-edge fashion and technology.





Why ICU?

At ICU, you will learn how to be a global citizen who is prepared to serve the world.

Message from the Dean

Bringing People Together, Serving the World

Thank you for considering ICU for your college education. There are several clear advantages to choosing ICU. First, we offer an excellent liberal arts education with an international perspective. ICU was ranked as Japan's best private university in 2023 in the Times Higher Education's Japan University rankings. Second, at ICU with its bilingual education, you will learn to communicate effectively in Japanese and in English. This skill will allow you to serve as a competent bilingual person in both the professional and academic world. Third, you will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of academic disciplines. ICU offers 31 majors in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and interdisciplinary studies, and you are encouraged to develop interdisciplinary thinking. Fourth, ICU aims to instill leadership characteristics in our students by providing a creative, rational, and ethical education.

As the recent pandemic demonstrated, we live in a globally interconnected society with many problems which can only be solved collaboratively. More than ever, we need vigorous leaders who can develop and implement creative, rational, and ethical solutions to address global challenges. Thus, by taking advantage of these opportunities at ICU, you will be able to acquire necessary skills to meet the challenges of this global era.

As an international university, ICU seeks excellent students from all over the world. Your unique educational and cultural background will contribute to our diverse campus community, and you will benefit from interacting with students and faculty members who are also unique and diverse.

An ICU education opens doors to a variety of international careers and advanced educational opportunities. Furthermore, your time at ICU will spark a desire and curiosity to be a lifelong learner. Thus ICU will help you prepare not simply for a career but also for a meaningful life of learning. I hope that you will consider applying to ICU.

Natsumi Ikoma, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

■ Japan's Premier Liberal Arts College and Graduate School

ICU has been a pioneer in liberal arts education in Japan since its founding in 1953.

■ Bilingual Education

Japanese and English are the official languages of ICU. This bilingual commitment reflects ICU's internationalism and the promotion of mutual understanding and exchange. Japanese and English courses are offered.

■ Japanese Language Education

ICU's Japanese Language Program is one of the world's best, and helps students, from beginners to advanced learners, acquire the skills needed to succeed academically and professionally in Japan.

■ Engaging Learning Environment

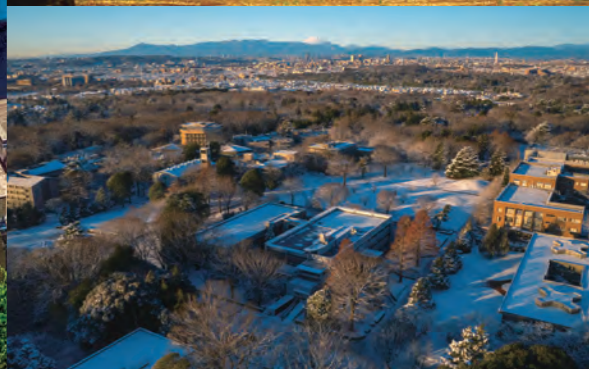
The ICU campus includes modern facilities and a 150-acre wooded campus unrivaled in the greater Tokyo area.

■ A Diversity-Rich Campus

Japanese and non-Japanese students and faculty with a wide range of linguistic and cultural backgrounds study, work and live together and learn to serve the needs of an emerging and interconnected world.

■ Top Private University in Japan

ICU was ranked as the leading private university in Japan in the Times Higher Education's Japan University Rankings in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023.



What Is ICU Like?

The 620,000 m² (150 acre) campus is located in Mitaka, in West Tokyo.



University Hall

University Hall houses large and small classrooms, and offices. Ever since its founding, ICU maintains a focus on student engagement and small discussion-based classes. The university believes that instructing students in small groups is essential to a good liberal arts education.



Troyer Memorial Arts and Sciences Hall

Avenue for learning among a good mix of students with disparate interests and backgrounds opened in 2023. The new building is open to all students as a venue where the sciences and the arts converge, to enhance collaborative learning across diverse disciplines.



Library

The collection of the ICU Library, comprising over 800,000 volumes, spans every discipline offered at the university. Approximately half of the books in this library are foreign titles, and it is also notable for interspersing these foreign books with Japanese-language books on its shelves by subjects. This library has over 60 contracted electronic databases with high access rates. A group learning area in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) floor of the connected Mildred Topp Othmer Library supports students' active learning.



University Cafeteria

Located on the first floor of Dialogue House, the cafeteria is open to students, faculty and visitors. Lunch is available on a daily basis, and vegetarian meals are offered.



Physical Education Facilities

A state-of-the-art gymnasium, pool and covered tennis pavilion designed by famed architect Kengo Kuma opened in 2018. Outdoor facilities include soccer, baseball and rugby fields, and an archery range.



► You can visit the ICU campus using your computer, smartphone or VR headset virtually!
<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/event/icu-vr.html>





Gateway to Knowledge

Expand your potential through liberal arts.

Facts & Figures (as of 2024)



31

Majors



813

Courses Offered



2,978

Undergraduate enrollment



50+

Countries & Regions
Represented by Students



18 : 1

Student-to-Faculty Ratio



38.6%

Non-Japanese Faculty

90% of all ICU professors have earned academic credentials from universities outside of Japan



#1 Ranked

Private University in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023

*Times Higher Education Japan University Rankings



B.A. & M.A.

5 years

Complete B.A. and M.A. in "5-year Program"

Majors Students declare a major, a double major or a major and a minor at the end of their second year.

- Art and Cultural Heritage
- Sociology
- Media, Communication and Culture
- Music
- Anthropology
- Japan Studies
- Literature
- Biology
- American Studies
- Philosophy and Religion
- Physics
- Asian Studies
- Economics
- Chemistry
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Business
- Mathematics
- Development Studies
- History
- Information Science
- Global Studies
- Law
- Language Education
- Peace Studies
- Public Policy
- Linguistics
- Environmental Studies
- Politics
- Education
- International Relations
- Psychology

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/undergraduate/major/>



Four years at ICU

Reflecting the policy of "later specialization," students learn about various areas of study by taking General Education and Foundation Courses during the 1st and 2nd year to identify their individual interest and capabilities. Students are also required to take the assigned courses of the Japanese Language Program during the first two years.

ICU encourages its students to nurture a broad view of the world, to cultivate flexible thinking by experiencing different areas of knowledge, and to form a comprehensive, versatile academic foundation before beginning the process of selecting a major at the end of their 2nd year.

Even after their major declaration, students can take courses from any major to enhance interdisciplinary study. As a culmination of their studies, all fourth-year students write a senior thesis on a topic of their choosing either in Japanese or English.

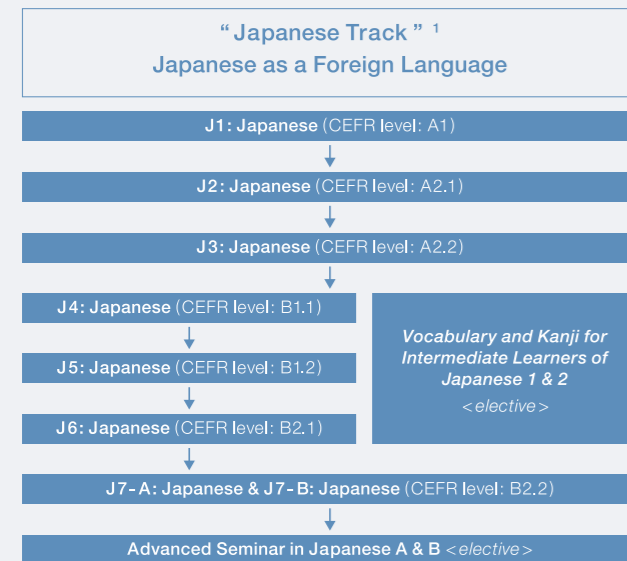
1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	Graduate School
[College-Wide Courses]			5-year Program https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/5_year_program/	Graduation [Bachelor of Arts]
Japanese Language Program [JLP]				
General Education				Complete B.A. and M.A. in 5 years.
Health and Physical Education				
[Specialized Courses]				
Foundation Courses		Area Major Courses Elective Courses	Senior Thesis	

Japanese Language Education

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

ICU is committed to being a bilingual university with Japanese and English as its official languages. Students entering ICU through English Language Based Admissions (April / September Entry) will study Japanese in our Japanese Language Program (JLP) to gain proficiency in Japanese and to enable them to pursue academic studies in Japanese and English.

The Structure of the Japanese Language Program



¹If students complete the courses shown in this chart, they are deemed to have reached the equivalent level for CEFR².

²The curriculum of AY2025 is subject to change.

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/undergraduate/jlp/>



- ¹ 4-Year Regular and Transfer Students placed in the “Japanese Track” are required to complete up to “J7-A: Japanese & J7-B: Japanese”.
- ² The CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) organizes language proficiency in six levels, A1 to C2. For more information, please refer to the following. <<https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages>>
- ³ 4-Year Regular and Transfer students placed in the “Special Japanese Track” are required to complete up to Special Japanese 3 and Kanji 3.

International Summer Program in Japan (ISPJ)

Every July, ICU hosts a summer program on its campus. The International Summer Program in Japan (ISPJ) brings together Japanese language learners from around the world and ICU students interested in Japan studies to study various aspects of Japan. The program is composed of the following two components.

- Japanese Language Module** : task-based (previous Japanese language study required)
- Japan Studies Module** : thematic omnibus component focusing on various aspects of Japan, such as psychology, business, culture, history, literature, art, and environmental issues.
* ICU students take the Japan Studies Module only.

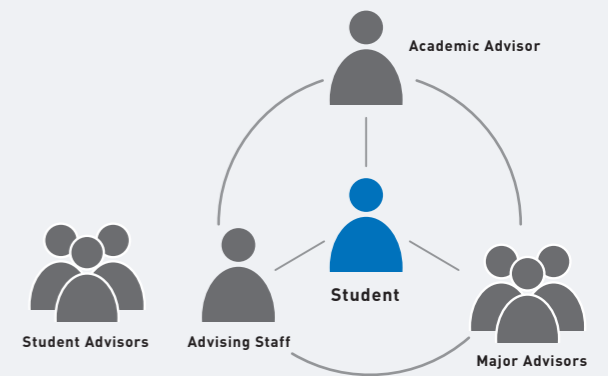
In addition to classroom lectures and discussions, students actively learn through off-campus field trips, Japanese cultural programs, and student life experiences in Japan. During the program, students will stay in the on-campus dormitory with participants from different countries and will be able to experience cross-cultural exchange while living in Japan.

<https://sites.google.com/info.icu.ac.jp/icu-ispj/home>



Academic Advising and Planning

Each student is assigned an Academic Advisor upon matriculation at ICU. In addition, each major has a Major Advisor who assists students with questions about selecting and pursuing their major. Staff at the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and specially-trained student advisors also support students in designing their program of study. The goal is to help students cultivate their independence and active involvement in their studies at ICU.





Gateway to the World

Learn to embrace difference.

International Campus

The student population at ICU includes people from over 50 countries and one out of every 10 students does not hold Japanese nationality. International students not only speak different languages but also come from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Given this diversity, ICU is an environment where students can accept differences, respect each other, and live without boundaries.

This sense of communality extends beyond the classroom walls, too: the relationships that students have with friends in their dormitories and extracurricular activities stretch across national and ethnic borders, making it possible for everyone in the diverse ICU community to share the fruits of learning and growth together.

International Faculty

38.6% of the ICU faculty are non-Japanese nationals from nearly 20 different countries and 90% of the faculty have pursued education or research outside of Japan.

Diversity on Campus

ICU has had a strong commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights since its founding. As such, ICU is a community that upholds the dignity and rights of each student and faculty.

50⁺
Countries & Regions
Represented by Students

1:2
Non-Japanese-to-Japanese
faculty ratio

90%
of the faculty
have education/research
experience outside of Japan

International Programs 100 Universities in 41 Countries and Regions, +41 Programs

Since its founding, ICU has offered opportunities for both outgoing and incoming international exchange. Currently, more than 450 ICU students study abroad every year through a variety of overseas study programs.

List of Partner Universities

Europe

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| <p>Belgium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Université Libre de Bruxelles | <p>Iceland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Iceland | <p>Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Moscow State Institute of International Relations | <p>United Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birkbeck, University of London • Cardiff University • University of Cambridge • CMRS Oxford Humanities Program • University of Durham • The University of East Anglia • The University of Edinburgh • University of Essex • Goldsmiths, University of London • University of Leeds • The London School of Economics and Political Science • University College London • The University of Manchester • Newcastle University • The University of Sheffield • University of Sussex • School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London • York St John University |
| <p>Denmark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aarhus University | <p>Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University College Dublin | <p>Slovak Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts | |
| <p>Estonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Tartu | <p>Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sapienza Università di Roma • Middlebury Schools Abroad in Italy | <p>Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universidad de Málaga | |
| <p>Finland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tampere University | <p>Lithuania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vytautas Magnus University | <p>Sweden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Gothenburg • Linnaeus University | |
| <p>France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Université Paris Cité • Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès | <p>Netherlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maastricht University • Tilburg University | | |
| <p>Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freie Universität Berlin • University of Münster | <p>Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Warsaw | | |

Asia & Oceania

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| <p>China / Hong Kong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chinese University of Hong Kong • The University of Hong Kong • Hong Kong Baptist University • Lingnan University • Nanjing University • Nanjing Normal University | <p>Indonesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atma Jaya Yogyakarta University • Parahyangan Catholic University • Petra Christian University • Soegijapranata Catholic University | <p>Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ateneo de Manila University • De La Salle University • University of the Philippines • Silliman University | <p>Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Queensland • Queensland University of Technology • (Local high schools) |
| <p>India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lady Doak College • Middlebury Schools Abroad in India | <p>Korea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ewha Womans University • Handong Global University • Hannam University • Keimyung University • Korea University • Soongsil University • Yonsei University | <p>Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National University of Singapore | <p>New Zealand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Auckland • The University of Waikato |
| | | <p>Taiwan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fu Jen Catholic University • National Chengchi University • Tunghai University | |
| | | <p>Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia-Pacific International University • Mahidal University • Thammasat University | |

North & South America

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| <p>Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Alberta • The University of British Columbia • British Columbia Institute of Technology • McGill University • University of Victoria • University of Windsor | <p>United States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University at Buffalo, The State University of New York • University of California <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Berkeley - Davis - Irvine - Los Angeles - Merced - Riverside - San Diego - Santa Barbara - Santa Cruz • Drexel University • Duke University • Georgetown University • Grand Valley State University • Guilford College • Haverford College • University of Massachusetts Amherst • Middlebury College | <p>Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile | <p>Colombia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá and Cali |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill • The Ohio State University • University of Pennsylvania • Pomona College • Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey • The University of Tennessee, Knoxville • Washington and Lee University • Washington State University • Washington State University • Wilkes University • University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee • The College of Wooster | | |

International Programs

This list contains partner universities of all study abroad programs. Partner universities vary depending on each program. Details can be found at:

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/global/>





Gateway to Community

Broaden your view through interactions with people from different backgrounds.



On-Campus Dormitories

Dormitories at ICU are where students foster respect for human rights and diversity, and learn to share responsibilities and duties inherent in communal living. All 10 on-campus dormitories are set in natural surroundings, and students can enjoy the changing seasons. They are conveniently located near facilities such as the University Hall, the dining hall and the library.

Approximately 900 students (30% of the student body) live in the dormitories. Japanese and non-Japanese students live together and are able to share their diverse social, linguistic, cultural and religious backgrounds and ways of thinking.

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dormitories/>



10
Dormitories
on campus

Dormitory Fees (AY2024)

Entrance Fee	¥ 62,000
Dormitory Fee	¥ 257,500 ~ ¥ 529,500/year

30%
of ICU students
live on campus

Extracurricular Activities

ICU students are engaged in a variety of extracurricular activities in the arts, sports, music and cultural fields. Events including the ICU Festival, Christian and International Weeks and the Dormitory Festival are planned and carried out by students. Currently, there are over 50 officially recognized clubs and various independent groups active at ICU.

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/club/>



Gateway to the Future

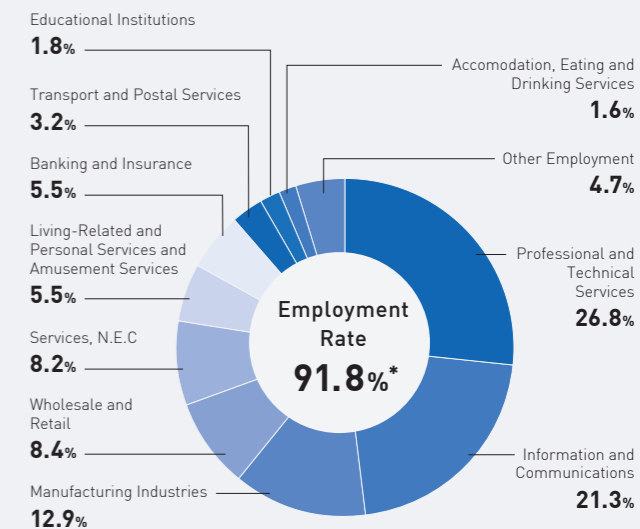
Reach out to the world through ICU.

Graduate Careers

ICU believes that self-guided learning and experiences gleaned through four-years of study shape the careers of ICU graduates. ICU faculty, staff and alumni support ICU graduates as they embark on their careers.

Most of the students who seek employment find jobs in a wide range of industries, and many pursue careers in global business which allows them to use skills they acquired in ICU. The success of ICU students can be attributed to their broad knowledge, multilingual capabilities, sound judgment, creative thinking and international orientation.

Employment Rate and Data by Industry



*Employment data 2023 for graduates of the College of Liberal Arts

Companies Employing ICU Graduates

Accenture Japan Ltd / Bloomberg L.P. / Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting LLC / Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC / EY Advisory & Consulting Co., Ltd. / Japan Airlines Co., Ltd. / Leverages Co.,Ltd. / NHK / PwC Consulting LLC / Tata Consultancy Services Japan, etc.

Graduate Schools Accepting ICU Graduates

Approximately 20% of graduates opt to go to graduate schools in Japan or overseas.

Japan:

ICU / Univ. of Tokyo / Hitotsubashi Univ. / Univ. of Tsukuba / Kyoto Univ. ,etc.

Overseas:

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey / University of Leeds / London School of Economics and Political Science / University of California, Davis / The University of Melbourne ,etc.

The educational experience at ICU encourages students to carry with them a pioneering spirit of openness to constructive change and alternative points of view. This is why a large number of graduates can be found in all corners of the globe.

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/career/>



Gateway to ICU

ICU welcomes students with diverse cultural backgrounds, regardless of race, color, gender, sexuality or national origin.

Admissions

In line with its goal to cultivate responsible global citizens, ICU seeks to admit students, irrespective of nationality, who can strive academically and personally at ICU. Type A applicants for English Language Based Admissions (April/September Entry) undergo documentary screening process in English, which requires submission of SAT, ACT Plus Writing, IB, or GCE A Level scores. If they do not fall into Type A criteria, applicants have an online interview besides documentary screening (this track is called Type B). Admission decisions are made holistically, and all the components are equally important, from academic transcripts, application essays, and letters of recommendation to the standardized test scores (for Type A applicants) or the online interview (for Type B applicants). The admissions process aims to identify students who can perform at a superior level in a liberal arts environment. Moreover, coming from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds, students are expected to enrich the ICU student body with different and innovative ways to meet the challenges of the new global age.

► Further details can be found at the following website: <https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/engdoc>



► If you are interested in applying to ICU in Japanese, please visit our Japanese website: <https://www.icu.ac.jp/admissions/undergraduate/exam/>



Special website to find out more about learning at ICU

► GLOBAL ICU

Every Day is "Global" at ICU. Explore ICU's Global Learning Environment.



<https://www.icu.ac.jp/globalicu/en/>



► Stories; Students, Faculty, Alumni

Message for Prospective Students



<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/about/interviews/>



► Please check our website

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/>



► X (formerly Twitter)

https://twitter.com/icu_jp?lang=en



► Instagram

[@icuofficialtokyo](https://www.instagram.com/icuofficialtokyo)



► Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ICUOfficialJPN/>



Tuition and Fees (AY2025)

	Annually
Undergraduate	¥1,491,000

Matriculation Fee: Regular/Transfer students: ¥300,000 (AY2025)
One-Year-Regular/Kenkyusei: ¥150,000 (AY2025)

Financial Aid

The majority of ICU financial aid is awarded after enrollment, but the following three scholarships can be applied for together with the application for admissions to ICU.

ICU Peace Bell Scholarship: Covers matriculation fee, entrance fee, annual tuition and facilities fee, and annual on-campus dormitory fees (excluding July and August) for the four years (if a scholar is qualified on a continuous basis).

ICU Torch Relay High Endeavor Scholarship: Covers matriculation fee, first term tuition and facilities fees for the four years (if a scholar is qualified on a continuous basis).

ICU Torch Relay High Endeavor Scholarship-Global Citizenship Quota: Covers matriculation fee, first and second term tuition and facilities fees for the four years (if a scholar is qualified on a continuous basis).

University of Tomorrow Scholarship-LDCs quota: Covers matriculation fee, entrance fee, annual tuition and facilities fee, annual on-campus dormitory fees (including July and August), and living expenses the four years (if a recipient is qualified on a continuous basis). This scholarship targets undergraduate students from the Least Developed Countries (UNcategory).

University of Tomorrow Scholarship-ASEAN quota: Covers matriculation fee, entrance fee, annual tuition and facilities fee, annual on-campus dormitory fees (including July and August), and living expenses for the four years (if a recipient is qualified on a continuous basis). This scholarship is offered by an individual donor and targets undergraduate students from the ASEAN member states.

► For information on other scholarships, please visit the following website: <https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/admissions/finance/>



Partnership with JICUF



The Japan ICU Foundation (JICUF) was founded in New York in 1949 to raise funds for ICU in the United States. For over 70 years, JICUF has had a unique partnership with ICU, providing considerable support. Today, JICUF's mission is to work with ICU to nurture global citizens who contribute to the well-being of humanity.

JICUF currently offers scholarships, grants for both students and faculty, programs to encourage student community engagement and support senior research, and the Othmer Professorship of Science, among others. Please visit the JICUF website for more information

<https://www.jicuf.org/>



A Supportive Campus

ICU also provides support for students with different needs.

- Health Care Office
- Counseling Center
- Vegetarian dishes at University Cafeteria
- Muslim Prayer Room
- Nursing Room
- Learning Accessibility Services (LAS), etc.

ICU at a Glance

Establishment 1953
Accreditation The Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) Chartered by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

Degrees Offered BA, MA, Ph.D.

Enrollment Approx. 2,900 Undergraduate, 210 Graduate

Language of Instruction Japanese and English

Academic Calendar Autumn Term: September-November

Winter Term: December-March

Spring Term: April-June