

Hiroshima Shudo University

PROSPECTUS

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Hiroshima Shudo University: Nurturing “pioneer spirit” for over 60 years

Hiroshima prefecture, in a region of Western Japan, is famous for its natural beauty and scenic landscapes. In the south of the prefecture, the Seto Inland Sea area attracts visitors all year round to famous landmarks such as Miyajima Island, home to the World Heritage Site of Itsukushima Shrine and the famous floating Torii gate. The temperate climate of this coastal region produces not only an abundance of fish and seafood, but also an assortment of citrus fruits grown on the islands scattered around the sea. Indeed, Hiroshima has long been the largest producer of lemons in Japan. In the north of the prefecture, the Chugoku Mountain Range is home to river gorges, ski slopes and apple orchards, all reflecting the diverse and prosperous natural environment of the area. Immersed in these beautiful surroundings, the people in Hiroshima are well known for spending their leisure time fishing, fruit picking, and enjoying winter sports. Within such a rich natural environment, first as a college in 1952 and then as a university from 1960, Hiroshima Shudo University (HSU) has for over sixty years fostered individuals who can contribute to the local, national, and international communities.

Sixty years ago, Hiroshima was then a very different place. The city was in the midst of a slow and purposeful reconstruction, having been devastated by the dropping of the atomic bomb on August 6th, 1945. Through the concerted efforts of the people of Hiroshima and the support and encouragement from the rest of the country, and from around the world, the city was rebuilt step by step. Now in the heart of the city, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park stands as a place of remembrance, reflection, and contemplation and as a symbol of reconstruction.

Arising out of this post-war reconstruction, HSU was established with the mission of nurturing Hiroshima’s business leaders and contributing to the local industry, when the city’s economy moved from post-war reconstruction to high economic growth. The term “pioneer spirit”, which was a favourite phrase of HSU’s first president, Hakuji Harada, continues to accurately describe the educational philosophy of the University. Starting with the Faculty of Commercial Sciences, the University has expanded its academic fields to include the faculties of Humanities and Human Sciences, Law, Economic Sciences, Human Environmental Studies, Health Sciences, and Global Community Studies. Over its long history, HSU has been continually working to foster the growth of citizens who can contribute not only to the local community, but also further afield within Japan and abroad.

And now, HSU is as determined as ever to keep moving forward and producing “pioneers” who can open a new era in this rapidly changing and diversifying modern society. Surrounded by beautiful countryside, the HSU campus is just 30 minutes away from the centre of Hiroshima city by public transportation. It offers an environment where students can concentrate on their studies while immersed in natural surroundings; where they can take advantage of active learning opportunities both inside the classroom and outside of the campus, in farming villages and in local businesses. We look forward to welcoming students from all over the world who want to experience studying in this privileged natural environment and acquiring the pioneering spirit of Hiroshima Shudo University.



YANO Izumi,
University President



Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome)

photo credit : Hiroshima Prefecture

The Hiroshima Peace Memorial was originally the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall and became a symbol of Hiroshima and world peace after it survived the dropping of the atomic bomb on August 6th, 1945.

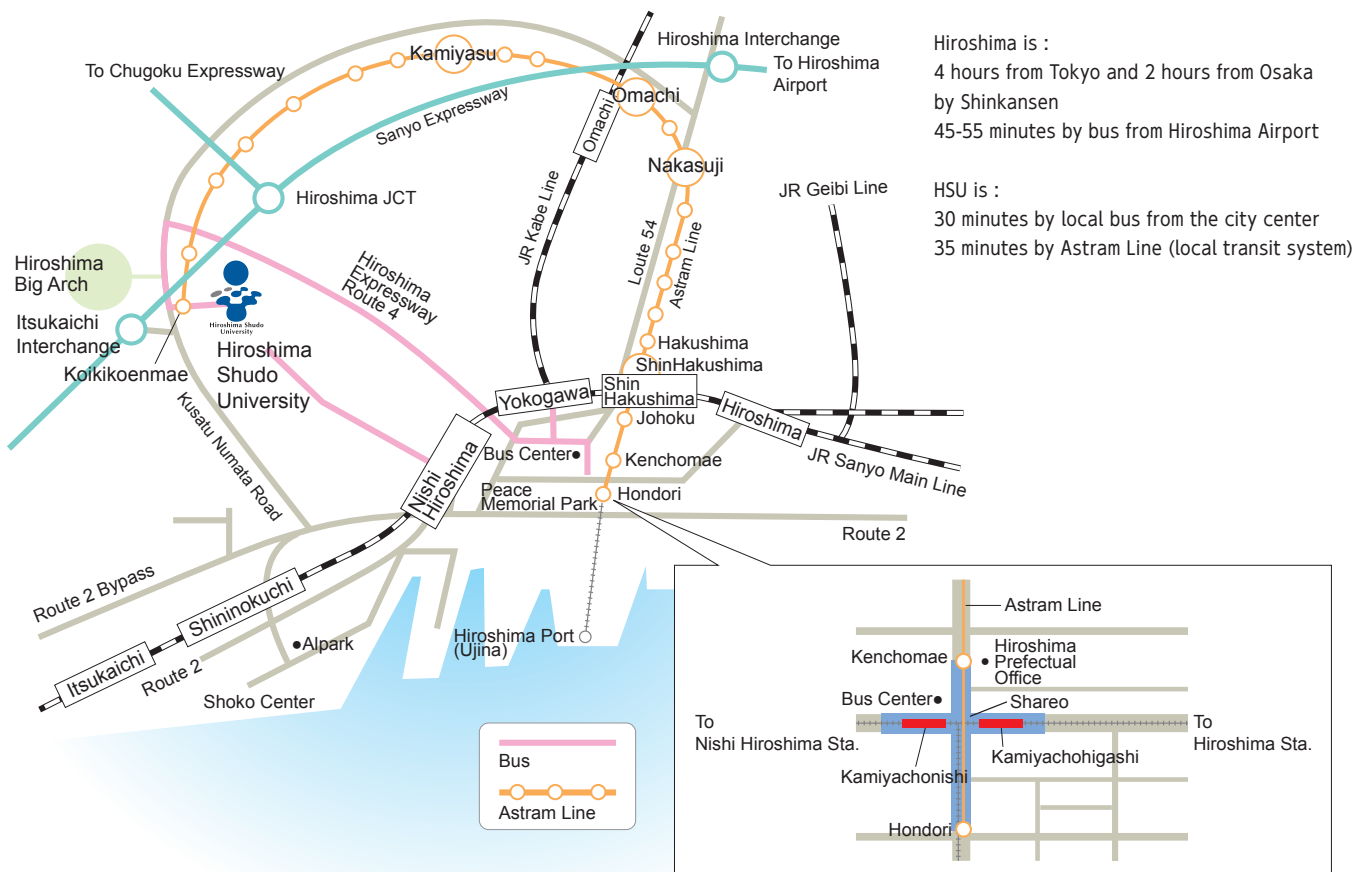


Itsukushima Shinto Shrine (Miyajima)

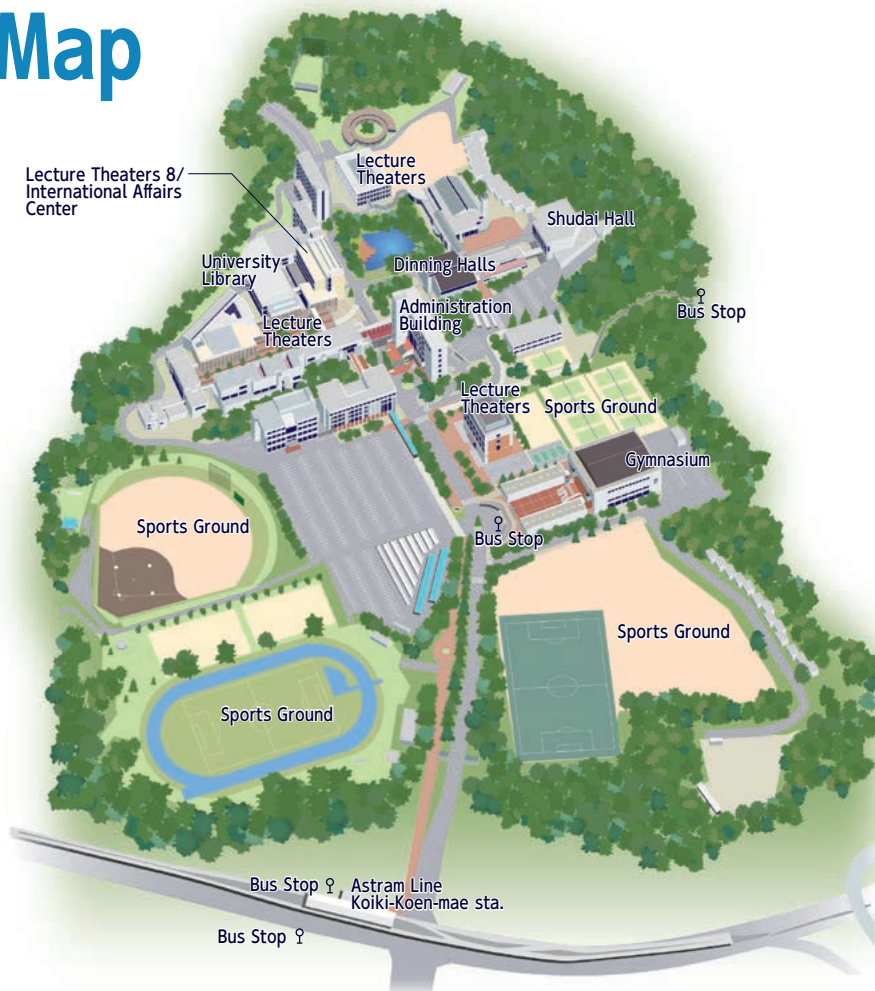
Itsukushima Shrine is among the most popular sites for tourists to Japan. There are 19 individual buildings in the Shrine including the main Honsha shrine and the Sessha Marodo shrine. The combination of the torii or gate, the slopes of Mount Misen and the sea view make it one of the 3 most beautiful scenic spots in Japan.



Access Map



Campus Map



Academics

The Faculty of Commercial Sciences

- *The Department of Business Studies
- *The Department of Business Administration

The Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences

- *The Department of Sociology
- *The Department of Education
- *The Department of English

The Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Economic Sciences

- *The Department of Contemporary Economics
- *The Department of Economic Informatics

The Faculty of Human Environmental Studies

The Faculty of Health Sciences

- *The Department of Psychology
- *The Department of Health and Nutrition

The Faculty of Global and Community Studies

- *The Department of Global Politics
- *The Department of Regional Administration

The Faculty of Commercial Sciences Graduate School

- *Commercial Science Course Doctoral Program
- *Business Administration Course Doctoral Program

The Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences Graduate School

- *Psychology Course Doctoral Program
- *Sociology Course Master's Program
- *Education Course Master's Program
- *English Literature Course Doctoral Program

The Faculty of Law Graduate School

- *Law Course Master's Program
- *International Politics Course Master's Program

The Faculty of Economic Sciences Graduate School

- *Contemporary Economic System Course Doctoral Program
- *Economic Information Course Master's Program

[For more details](#)

<https://www.shudo-u.ac.jp/english/academics.html>



Courses for International Students

1. Japanese (I~VIII)

Courses for international students who wish to enhance their academic and communicative Japanese language proficiencies. Classes are leveled (1. Elementary 2. Intermediate 3. Advanced) according to the results of two online Japanese tests and an interview. Japanese courses are offered in small classes, allowing students to have a closer relationship with faculty members and fellow students, and to deepen their understanding of the respective course content.

2. Multicultural Project, Japan Topics

Multicultural Project is designed for Japanese and international students to engage in collaborative learning on various Japan-related themes toward the completion of a joint final project or presentation. Five to six courses are offered each semester of which roughly half are taught in English.

Japan Topics, also open to both international and Japanese students, is a set of courses designed to further develop student knowledge of current Japan through examining topics such as in politics, economics, environment and gender. Courses are taught in English or easier Japanese.

3. Departmental Undergraduate Courses

International exchange students with at least a JLPT N1-level proficiency may be able to take some regular undergraduate courses upon meeting the course requirements and gaining instructor approval.

Study Guide for Exchange Students

Before Leaving Home APPLICATION

If you plan to attend one or two semesters at our university, please contact your university's international office. After we receive the nomination from your home university, we will accept the application materials through them.

Application Deadlines

For 1 st Semester (Spring Semester)	Late October (Start of Lectures: Early April)
For 2 nd Semester (Fall Semester)	Mid March (Start of Lectures: Mid September)

*For more details, please check the fact sheet you will complete at your home university.

VISA

To enter Japan, international students require both a valid passport and a 'Student' Visa authorized by a Japanese Embassy or Consulate in their home country. In order to obtain the Visa, you must apply at your local Japanese Embassy or Consulate. You will be asked to submit an Email describing COE (Certificate of Eligibility) of which will be sent to you by the International Affairs Center at HSU. The CoE is your proof that you are indeed eligible to enter Japan. With these documents, inspection relating to visa issuance can be performed quickly.

After Arrival CLASSES

Grading System

Grade	Mark (%)	Detail
AA	90-100	Pass
A	80-89	
B	70-79	
C	60-69	
D	59 and below	Fail (no credit given)

Lecture Time Table

	Undergraduate	Graduate
1st	9:00 ~10:30	9:00 ~10:30
2nd	10:45 ~12:15	10:45 ~12:15
3rd	13:05 ~14:35	13:05 ~14:35
4th	14:50 ~16:20	14:50 ~16:20
5th	16:30 ~18:00	16:30 ~18:00



Support for Exchange Students

COURSE REGISTRATION

Exchange students must register and complete more than 10 hours of courses (600 minutes) per week in order to qualify for a 'Student' Visa status and to maintain exchange student status at HSU.

To fulfil this requirement, attending at least 7 classes every week is necessary (90 minutes constitute one class).

SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

HSU offers the following allowances to exchange students:

1. A monthly allowance of ¥50,000 for the period of the exchange.
2. A sum of ¥50,000 as a settling-in allowance.

RESIDENT REGISTRATION

All non-Japanese nationals (citizens of other countries) who intend to remain in the country for more than 90 days must register at their local town or city office within 14 days after they arrive in Japan. Once you are registered, your address is written on the back of your residence card. You are required to carry this card with you at all times during your stay in Japan, and you will be asked to show it when you open a bank account or need to produce an official form of identification.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

All exchange students at HSU should apply for National Health Insurance and the associated Foreign Student Discount at the same time as when applying for the Certificate of Resident Registration at the local town or city office. National Health Insurance costs about ¥1,500 per month for international students and covers 70% of medical expenses in the event of illness, injury and dental care.

WORKING PART-TIME

All exchange students in Japan on a 'Student' Visa are allowed to work part-time up to 28 hours a week. However, you are required to apply for and obtain a Work Permit before beginning any part-time work. You should apply for a Work Permit at the airport when you arrive in Japan as well as the Hiroshima Regional Immigration Bureau.

BUDDY PROGRAM

We match each international exchange student with an HSU student 'buddy' to support them during their studies here to ensure that their time in Japan is both fulfilling and fun. Feel free to ask them to help you with questions about life in Japan or the Japanese language.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CENTER /iCAFE

We provide support for international students and student-led events planning. At the "IAC" you can consult us about classes or problems in your daily life. "iCafe" is a space where international students and local students can interact. Also held there are events such as the "Language Classes" where international students teach their first language to local students and "Global Weeks" where everyone can learn about diverse cultural practices.

HSU i-House

(Hiroshima Shudo University International House)

HSU i-House is an off-campus residence for exchange students. It takes about 20 mins. by bus to the campus from i-House. Each room is equipped with bathroom, air-conditioning, heating, refrigerator and internet connection.



Living in Hiroshima

Consumer prices in the prefecture have stayed stable with the recent low inflation rate, but goods are still quite expensive compared to other Asian countries. The average monthly living expenses for a single international student in Hiroshima are about ¥ 100,000 excluding tuition.

(e.g. housing : ¥30,000 , food : ¥30,000 , transportation : ¥25,000 , other expenses : ¥15,000)

Resident Assistant (RA)

Specially selected local students willingly support international students living in International House (i-House).

They will help make your Japan life comfortable and meaningful. Also involved in the planning and operation of events regularly held at i-House, they play a role in connecting international students with local residents.

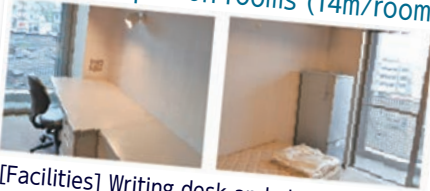


7th floor 5 family rooms (28m²/room)



[Facilities] Writing desk and chair, private bathroom, refrigerator, bookshelves, closets, beds, air conditioner, curtains, cupboards, dining table and chairs, kitchen, washing machine and dryer

3rd - 6th floors
36 single-person rooms (14m²/room)



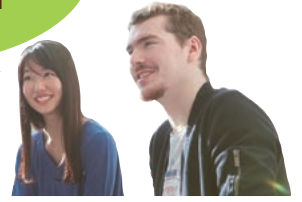
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3rd-5th floors Storage rooms and laundry room (3rd floor)

Every evening, I prepare my dinner and eat in the dining room together with the other residents.



We often use the meeting room as a place to deepen international understanding and local exchanges.



2nd floor Meeting room, dining room, and kitchen



1st floor Administrative office

And, of course, Internet access is available!

	Single	Family	Remarks
Rent	¥31,300	¥42,200	Monthly including water bill
Electricity	According to amount used		
Moving in fee	¥29,800	¥39,900	One time charge non-refundable

One Year at Shudo

First Semester 前期

April 4月

- University Entrance Ceremony
- First Semester Classes begin
- Course Registration
- Orientation Guidance for International Students
- Welcome Party



University Entrance Ceremony

May 5月



Second Semester 後期

Winter

September 9月

October 10月

November 11月

December 12月

- Second Semester Classes begin
- Course Registration
- Orientation Guidance for International Students
- Welcome Party

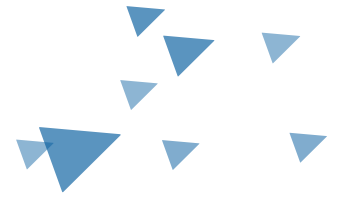
- Anniversary of the Founding of HSU
- University Festival
- International Students' Forum



Buddy Program



University Festival



Summer Vacation

June 6月

July 7月

August 8月

- First Semester Examination
- Japanese Language & Culture Seminar



Welcome Party



Japanese Language & Culture Seminar



Kagura Appreciation

Vacation

January 1月

February 2月

March 3月

- Second Semester Examination

- Orientation Guidance for Full-Time International Students
- Graduation Ceremony



Apple picking with junior high and high school students



Graduation Ceremony



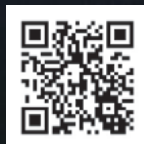
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