

Hiroshima Shudo University
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Hiroshima Shudo
University



**YANO Izumi,
University President**

Hiroshima Shudo University (HSU) is guided by the long tradition of Shudo Gakuen, an educational foundation with a history dating back to 1725. Rooted in Hiroshima, Shudo Gakuen carries forward three centuries of scholarship, resilience, and cultural engagement.

HSU was established during an era when this city of Hiroshima was in the midst of a slow and purposeful reconstruction after being devastated by the atomic bomb on August 6th 1945. Through the concerted efforts of the people of Hiroshima, together with the support and encouragement from across Japan and around the world, the city was rebuilt step by step. HSU was expected to cultivate specialized professionals who would lead this recovery, and indeed, the University has produced many such graduates. The term "pioneer spirit", a favorite phrase of HSU's first president, Hakuji Harada, continues to accurately describe its educational philosophy.

Today, Hiroshima is globally renowned for its spirit of peace and renewal. It is also a place where daily life is both comfortable and inspiring. The city offers a safe and welcoming environment, with excellent public transportation, modern facilities, and a vibrant cultural scene. Students can enjoy local traditions such as *okonomiyaki*, explore lively shopping districts, and participate in seasonal festivals. Surrounded by mountains and the Seto Inland Sea, the area offers rich opportunities for outdoor activities such as cycling, fishing, and island hopping. Moreover, Hiroshima is passionate about sports, boasting professional teams in baseball, soccer, basketball and more. These teams embody the city's energy and community spirit, and their games offer students exciting opportunities to experience local culture and connect with the people of Hiroshima.

Within this environment, HSU has steadily expanded its academic fields. Throughout its long history, the institution has continuously worked to foster individuals who can contribute not only to the local community but also further afield within Japan and abroad.

Today, HSU is more determined than ever to keep moving forward and producing "pioneers" who can open new paths in this rapidly changing and diversifying global society. The HSU campus is surrounded by beautiful countryside and is just 30 minutes from the center of Hiroshima City by public transport. Students are able to concentrate on their studies while immersed in natural surroundings, and to take advantage of active learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, such as in farming villages and local businesses. We welcome students from all backgrounds, and we believe that international exchange enriches not only our classrooms but also the wider Hiroshima community. We very much look forward to welcoming students from around the globe who wish to experience studying and living in this privileged environment and to acquire the pioneering spirit of Hiroshima Shudo University.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome)

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.

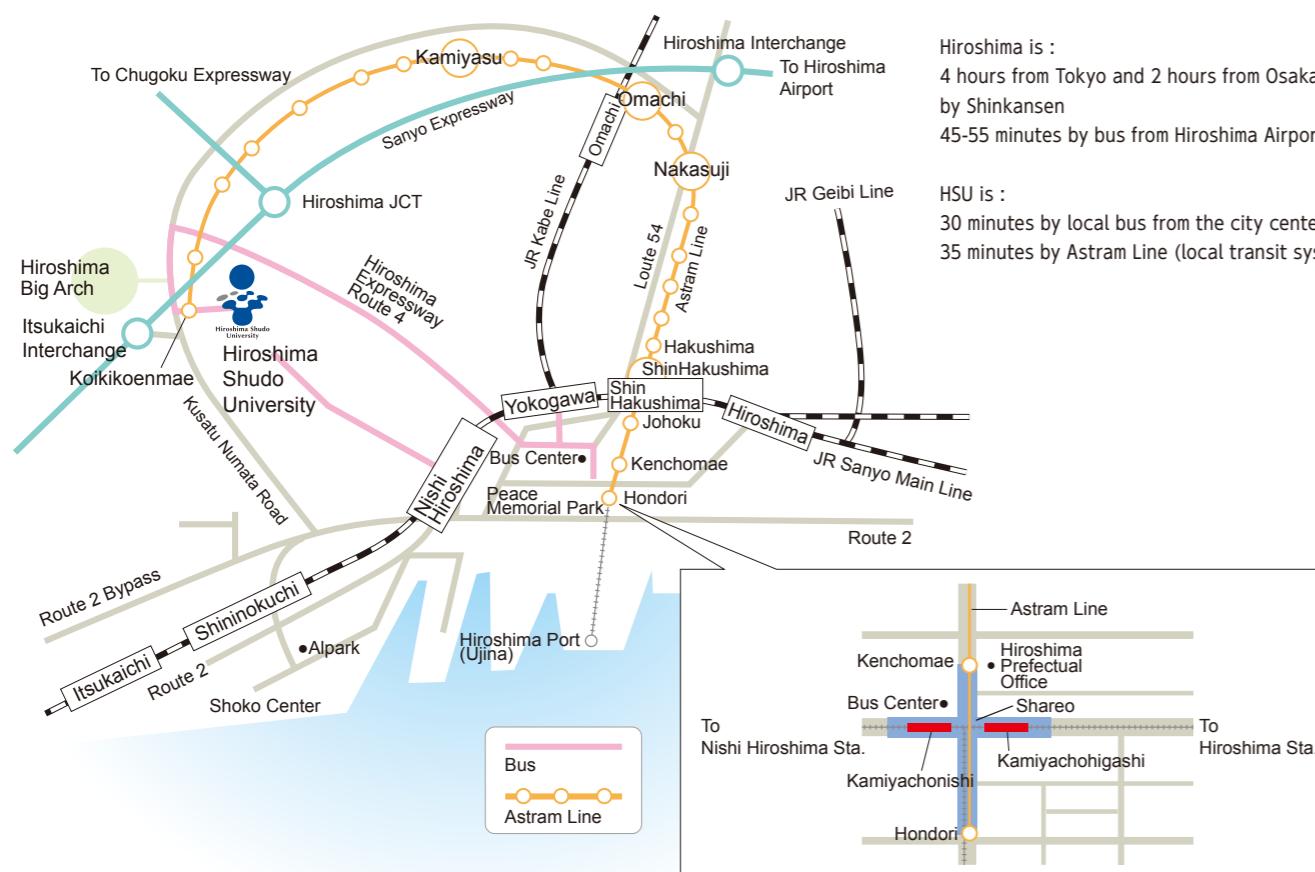


Itsukushima Shinto Shrine (Miyajima)

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

University Mascot
"Shumaru"



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 Agriculture

- *The Department of Food and Agricultural Sciences
- *The Department of Biological Sciences
- *The Department of Environmental Social Sciences

※ Scheduled to open in 2027. All names are tentative.

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



Visit our website for more details of the Academics
<https://www.shudo-u.ac.jp/english/academics.html>



Study Guide for Exchange Students

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. Please email the Embassy or Consulate describing your COE (Certificate of Eligibility) which will be sent to you by the International Affairs Center of 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.

Global Education Courses

► Japanese and Japan Topics

Courses for international students who wish to enhance their academic and communicative Japanese language proficiencies. Classes are leveled (1. Beginner, 2. Intermediate1, 3. Intermediate2, 4. Advanced) according to the results of two online Japanese tests and an interview.

Japan Topics, 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 politics, economics, environment and gender. Courses are taught in English or easy Japanese.

► Multicultural Project

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.



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.

Visit our website for more details for the exchange program.
<https://x.gd/g6ZQK>



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Japanese Language & Culture Seminar



Held annually for 1 month from July to early August

Learn Japanese, Understand the Culture and Make Friends in Hiroshima!



This Seminar is designed for JFL (Japanese as a Foreign Language) students, from HSU's partner universities, who wish to enhance their Japanese language skills and to learn about Japanese culture through classroom instruction, excursions, field trips as well as meeting and talking with HSU students and local residents.

Visit our website for more details of this Seminar.
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HSU iHouse (Hiroshima Shudo University International House)

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



Resident Assistant (RA)

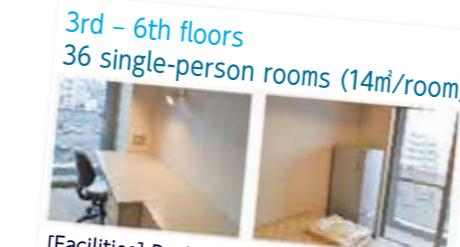
Selected Japanese students of HSU live with international students at iHouse, offering a wide variety of support and guidance regarding on and off campus life. They will help make your Japan life comfortable and meaningful. They are also involved in the planning and operation of events regularly held at iHouse, they play a role in connecting international students with local residents.



RA Students



Buddy Program Students



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

[Facilities] Desk and chair, private bathroom, refrigerator, bookshelves, closet, bed, air conditioner and curtains

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



2nd floor Meeting room, dining room, and kitchen



1st floor Administrative office



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

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

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



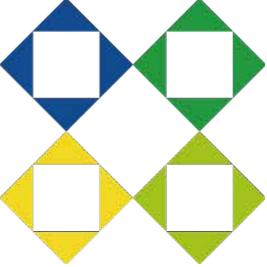
And, of course, Internet access is available!

	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

Visit our website for more details about iHouse.
<https://x.gd/j09BH>



One Year at Shudo



First Semester

April 4

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



University Entrance Ceremony

May 5



Welcome Party

June 6



Japanese Language & Culture Seminar

July 7

- First Semester Examination
- Japanese Language & Culture Seminar



Kagura Performance

August 8

Second Semester

Winter Vacation

September 9

October 10

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



Language Class by Exchange Students

November 11

December 12



Ekiden Race

January 1

- Second Semester Examination



Field Trip to Izumo Grand Shrine

February 2

March 3

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



Graduation Ceremony



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