

A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS



AGU

AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY
TOKYO | SAGAMIHARA
JAPAN



“It’s tight-knit. I feel more like an AGU student than a student at my home university!” Ben R., US



“I thought I was only going to be studying. But when I got here I was able to make many friends and join a club and participate in many different events. My time here was far better than I expected because of the growth I can see in my character and open mind.”

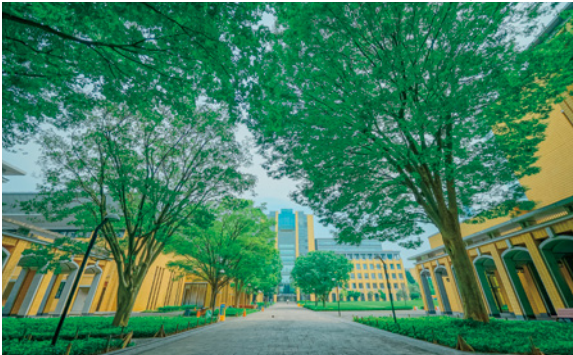
Ryhamn F., US

1 YEAR AT AGU

AGU's year begins in April and ends in March. As an exchange student you have the choice of starting from the spring (April to August) or fall (September to March) semester. Field trips and cultural activities provide many opportunities to experience everything Japan has to offer as well as mingling with local and international students.

SPRING

Orientations
International Coffee Hour
One Day Field Trip



Global Week
Student Festival
International Coffee Hour
One Day Field Trip

FALL



"I liked the Kabuki event a lot. The costumes were really beautiful."

Isabella E., Germany

"What I Like most about Aoyama is its various opportunities to meet new people and take part of its culture events with international and Japanese students as well." Arina K., Germany

SUMMER

International Coffee Hour
Japanese Culture Workshop



WINTER

International Coffee Hour
Christmas Event
Final Exams



EVERYONE IS WELCOME. EVERYONE BELONGS.

Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU) offers you an amazing environment and numerous opportunities for you to grow. You will meet students from one of the leading private universities in Japan and international students from over 40 countries. All these experiences and interactions will give you the best chances to succeed and become an engaging global citizen.

ACADEMIC **MORE IN ENGLISH: 200+ CLASSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH**

AGU's strength lies in its multidisciplinary education across humanities, social sciences and science. There are many undergraduate courses offered in English as well, from Japanese journalism to business management.

"Teachers are from all over the world, so no two classes are the same."

Charlotte J., UK

"I like the fact that we are able to take classes with other Japanese students. It makes me feel welcomed at the university and between my peers."

Ryhann F., US

JAPANESE COURSES Japanese Language Classes for Exchange Students

AGU offers level-appropriate classes for exchange students who wish to learn Japanese. Using the placement test, students with a Japanese language proficiency above a certain level will be assigned to the most appropriate class from a number of levels, and receive credit. On the other hand, students who have not reached a certain level will not receive credit, but will be provided with classes taught in English by external instructors. In addition to Japanese language classes, there are several courses designed for international students to help them develop a comprehensive understanding of Japan, including Japanese culture, politics, and history.



"If you are a high-level Japanese learner or even a beginner, there will be a class suited for you."

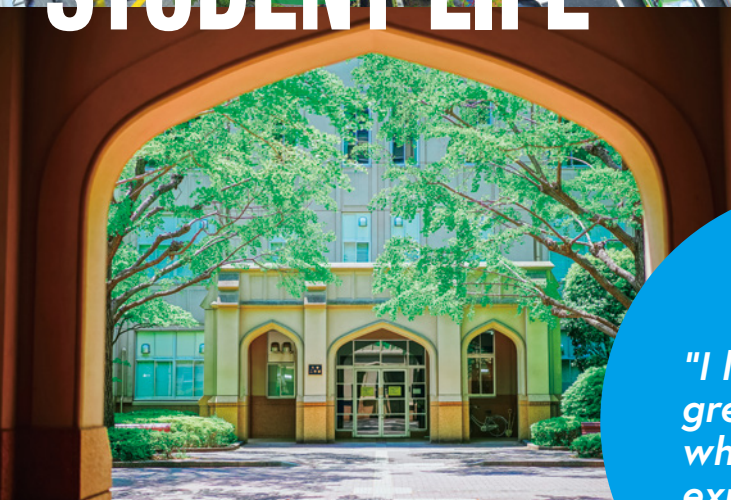
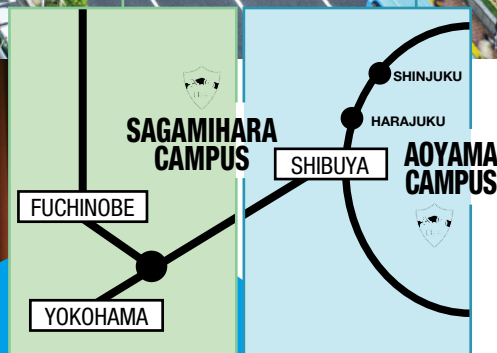
Charlotte J., UK



"AGU is taking care of everyone. If I have questions or any trouble with organizational matters, the staff from IC and my tutor are kind and willing to help."

Arina K., Germany

STUDENT LIFE



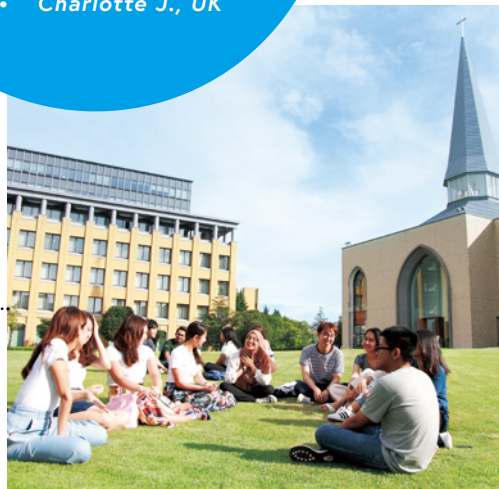
IN THE HEART OF TOKYO!

We're sure you'll love our location! With our Aoyama Campus located at one of the hubs of Tokyo in Shibuya, AGU offers the unique experience of the classical urban campus built in 19th century with quiet, green park-like space in the middle of a vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Tokyo. Just a few steps away, you can immerse yourself with internationally-renowned pop culture in Japan at Harajuku and Omotesando.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

Our SagamiHara Campus is located west of Tokyo. This suburban campus offers vast open spaces. Cutting edge research can be done with state of the art equipment. Our professionally sized fields here have helped produce some great professional players.

"I love the location, great for those who would like to experience city life." Charlotte J., UK



STUDENT DORMITORIES

AGU has several affiliated student dormitories, and exchange students are given priority for admission. They are located approximately 30 minutes to one hour from the university.



INTERNATIONAL COMMONS

International Commons is a space, open to all international students, to interact with AGU students. It has four functions: "Global Lounge," "Event Space," "Chat Room," and "Wellness Services," and is used as a new platform for international exchange at Aoyama Gakuin, with many international students and local students spending time in a relaxing atmosphere every day.



CHAT ROOM

"I am rather shy with new people. Working at the Chat Room is a fun way for me to lose the nervousness." Arina K., Germany

"The most interesting part is to get rid of stereotypes and talk about the actual life of students." Isabella E., Germany

AGU's Chat Room is where you can meet people regardless of nationality and have an exchange in foreign languages. It's a fun and stress free place to talk and make friends and you can also improve your language skills. Becoming a "Chat-Leader" is a great on-campus job where you have the opportunity to help students improve their skills in your language too.



SOME OF THE COURSES OFFERED IN ENGLISH

Cool Japan
Christian Literature
Corporate Social Responsibility
Diplomatic History
Discrete Mathematic
Financial Systems and Economic Development
in Postwar Japan
Foreign affairs for global business
Fundamentals of HRM & Leadership
Global Business
Global Environmental Politics
Global Media and Communications
Global Opinion Trend
Hospitality Management
Information Network
Infrastructure for Asian Connectivity
Intercultural Communication
Interculturalism
International Business Communication
International Cultural Relations
International Peace and Cooperation
International Security
Introduction to Asian Politics
Introduction to Cross Cultural Communication
Introduction to Global Governance
Introduction to International Communication

Introduction to International Economic Policy
Introduction to International Economics
Introduction to International Law
Introduction to International Political Economy
Introduction to Political Science
Japanese Politics
Japanology
Lifestyle and Society in Japan
Macroeconomics
Media Communication
Microeconomics
Modern Japanese Culture
Multinational Business Management
Negotiation Communication
Politics in the Asia-Pacific
Problems in Modern Society
Society and Culture of Japan
Sociology of Gender
Tourism Management
Traditional Art and Culture in Modern Japan
War Memory in Modern Japan
And many more...

For more information on courses please see:

<https://www.aoyama.ac.jp/en/admission/exchange/course.html>



AGU AT A GLANCE

● By the Numbers

- Founded in 1874 by missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church : 2024 was the 150th celebration of its establishment
- 18,000+Undergraduates
- 1,100+Graduate Students
- 600+faculty members
- 180+Overseas Partnership Universities
- 700+International Students from 40+ Countries
- 200+Clubs and societies

● 2 Campuses

- Aoyama: Our main campus is in the dynamic and cosmopolitan district in the heart of Tokyo's Shibuya ward. The 120,000-square meter campus was built in 1888, and we are proud to have two buildings registered as National Cultural Properties
- Sagami-hara: AGU opened the Sagami-hara modern campus in 2003 in a suburb of Tokyo. The site is approximately 160,000-square meter, and equipped with cutting-edge research facilities and sport fields.

● 11 Colleges and 11 Graduate Schools

Undergraduate Courses

- Literature
- Education, Psychology and Human Studies
- Business
- Law
- Economics
- International Politics, Economics and Communication
- Cultural and Creative Studies
- Science and Engineering
- Social Informatics

• Global Studies and Collaboration

• Community Studies

Graduate Courses

- Literature
- Education, Psychology & Human Studies
- Business
- Law
- Economics
- International Politics, Economics & Communication
- Cultural & Creative Studies
- Science & Engineering
- Social Informatics

Professional Graduate Schools

- International Management (MBA)
- Professional Accountancy

Facilities

- 2 Libraries
- 2 Fitness centers
- 1 Professionally Sized Baseball field,
- 1 American Football Field/Soccer/Rugby Field

● Support for International Students

- International Center (IC) : A gateway to your life in Japan. Friendly, English-speaking staff will help and support.
- "Tutor" : Local students offer peer support at school as well as at daily life.



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