



Aoyama Gakuin University

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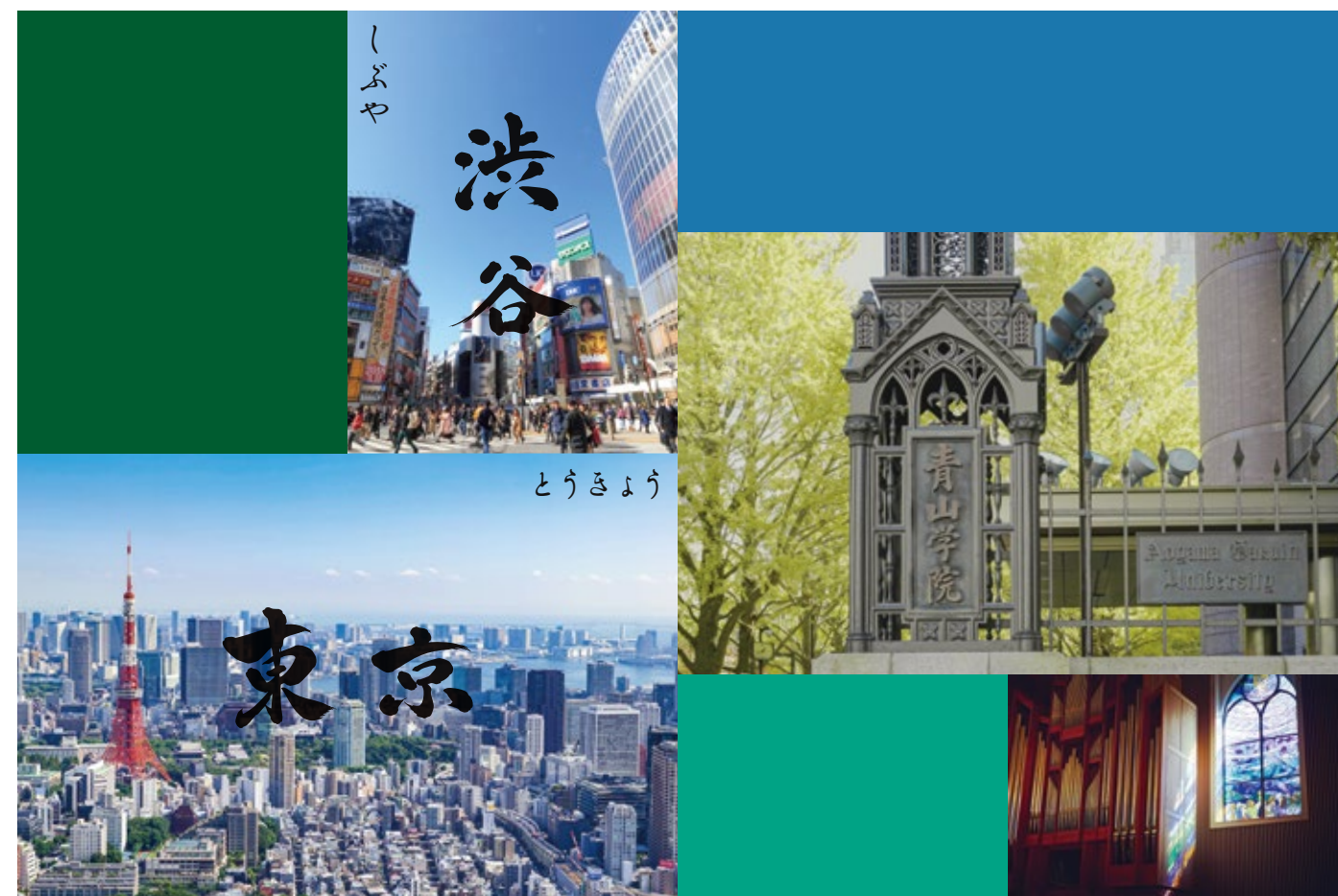
International Center

<https://www.aoyama.ac.jp/international>



Aoyama Gakuin University

Tokyo, JAPAN



Aoyama Gakuin University

is among Japan's leading private comprehensive universities. Marking its 75th anniversary in 2024 (150th as a comprehensive institution), AGU continues to advance excellence in education and research with a global perspective.



Aoyama

Set in **Tokyo's Shibuya-Aoyama district**, the campus is surrounded by creative energy and a refined urban atmosphere. While close to the city center and the iconic Shibuya Scramble Crossing, it also offers greenery and historic architecture.



Sagamihara

Located in **Sagamihara, Kanagawa**, the Sagamihara Campus is just a short train ride from central Tokyo. Its spacious grounds provide a natural setting where advanced facilities harmonize with the surrounding landscape.

150

Years

of Aoyama Gakuin,
celebrated in 2024



2

Campuses

Aoyama and
Sagamihara



600+

Faculty



350+

Administrative
Staff

720+

International
Students

Representing
40+ Countries



11

Colleges



11

Graduate Schools,
including 2 professional
schools

Quick Facts

200+

Partner
Institutions
Worldwide

2

Semesters:

Spring (April to early August)
and Fall
(mid-September to late January)



210+

Classes

Taught in English



20,000+

Undergraduate
Students



1,400+

Graduate
Students

Accreditations

MBA program accredited
by EFMD in 2022



AGU aspires to serve as the salt of the earth and the light of the world:

Mission

"The Salt of the Earth, the Light of the World" [Matthew 5:13-16]

Guided by this spirit of service, Aoyama Gakuin University cultivates creative and critical thinkers prepared to make meaningful contributions to society.

AGU and Aoyama Gakuin

Aoyama Gakuin University is part of Aoyama Gakuin, a comprehensive educational institution rooted in Christian values and dedicated to cultivating responsibility, integrity, and moral character from kindergarten through university.

History: *From the Founding Years to the Present*

1874 Dora E. Schoonmaker opens a pioneering girls' elementary school in Tokyo's Azabu district

1878 Julius Soper opens Kokyo Gakusha in Tokyo's Tsukiji district

1879 Robert S. Maclay opens the Methodist Mission Seminary (Mikai Shingakko) in Yokohama

1883 The boys' schools, Kokyo Gakusha and Mikai Shingakko, acquire land in Aoyama for relocation; the girls' school follows later

1894-1895 The boys' school is renamed and becomes Aoyama Gakuin

1949 Aoyama Gakuin University is established

1952 Aoyama Gakuin University establishes its graduate school

1965 Aoyama Gakuin University opens a new campus in Setagaya, Tokyo

1982 Aoyama Gakuin University opens a new campus in Atsugi, Kanagawa

2003 The Setagaya and Atsugi campuses close, and a new campus opens in Sagami-hara, Kanagawa

2024 Aoyama Gakuin University celebrates the 75th anniversary of the university and 150 years of Aoyama Gakuin

Academic Programs

Undergraduate Programs

A Broad and Rigorous Undergraduate Education

AGU offers a wide range of academic opportunities, from Comparative Arts to Astrophysics, with particular strengths in international politics, economics, communication, and literature.

Aoyama Campus

College of Literature

English/French Language and Literature/
Japanese Language and Literature/History/Comparative Arts

College of Education, Psychology and Human Studies

Education/Psychology

College of Economics

Economics/Public and Regional Economics

Faculty of Law

Law/Human Rights

School of Business

Business Administration/Marketing

School of International Politics, Economics and Communication

International Politics/International Economics/International Communication

School of Cultural and Creative Studies

Cultural and Creative Studies

School of Statistics and Data Science (Opening in April 2027)

Sagamihara Campus

College of Science and Engineering

Physical Sciences/Mathematical Sciences/Chemistry and Biological Science/
Electrical Engineering and Electronics/Mechanical Engineering/
Industrial and Systems Engineering/Integrated Information Technology

School of Social Informatics

Social Informatics

School of Global Studies and Collaboration

Global Studies and Collaboration

College of Community Studies

Community Studies

Graduate Programs

Advanced Study for Future Leaders and Scholars

AGU's graduate programs offer advanced, research-intensive study led by scholars active on the global stage. The university includes 11 graduate schools as well as professional programs in business and accountancy.

Aoyama Campus

Graduate School of Literature

English and American Literature/French Literature and Language/
Japanese Literature and Language/History/Comparative Arts

Graduate School of Education, Psychology and Human Studies

Education/Psychology

Graduate School of Economics

Economics/Public and Regional Economics

Graduate School of Law

Private Law/Public Law/Business Law

Graduate School of Business

Business Administration

Graduate School of International Politics, Economics and Communication

International Politics/International Economics/International Communication

Graduate School of Cultural and Creative Studies

Cultural and Creative Studies

Professional Graduate Schools

Graduate School of International Management

International Management/International Management Science

Graduate School of Professional Accountancy

Professional Accountancy

Sagamihara Campus

Graduate School of Science and Engineering

Science and Engineering

Graduate School of Social Informatics

Social informatics

Research

Recognized in major global rankings, including QS and Times Higher Education, Aoyama Gakuin University is respected for academic distinction, an international outlook, and research achievement. Ranked among Japan's leading private universities, AGU demonstrates particular strength in the social sciences, humanities, and engineering, supported by more than 10,000 academic publications and expanding international collaboration. AGU's faculty pursue research excellence that advances knowledge and contributes to society.

Faculty Ranked Among the World's Top 2% of Scientists

In the 2025 Stanford University and Elsevier ranking of the World's Top 2% of Scientists, 13 AGU faculty were recognized in the career-long category and 6 in the single-year category. Thirteen of the sixteen recognized faculty members are affiliated with the College of Science and Engineering.

Scan the QR code for detailed information on AGU researchers.



Professor Miki Hasegawa Appointed to the IUPAC Executive Board

Professor Miki Hasegawa of AGU's College of Science and Engineering was elected to the Executive Board of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) in July 2025. Founded in 1919, IUPAC is a leading international organization that promotes global standards and collaboration in chemistry.

A delegate to the IUPAC General Assembly since 2009, Professor Hasegawa will serve on the Executive Board for the 2026–2027 term.

Her appointment reflects AGU's growing international presence in research and education.

AGU
Research Highlights



Research and
Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration

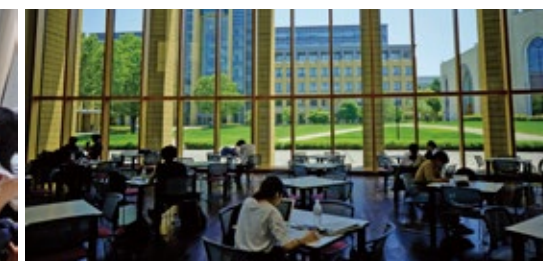


Record of External
Funding Acquisition



Research Institutes, Centers, and Other Organizations

- Academic Writing Center
- Accounting Profession Research Center
- AGU Institute of Information and Media
- Aoyama Community Laboratory
- Aoyama Gakuin Research Institute
- Aoyama Institute of Global Business
- Center for Advanced Information Technology Research
- Center for Advanced Technology
- Center for Global Studies and Collaboration
- Center for International Studies
- Center for Law and Business
- Civic Engagement Center
- Environmental Safety Management Center
- Institute for Legal Precedent
- Institute of Economic Research
- Institute of the Humanities
- Legal Education Center affiliated with the Faculty of Law
- Liaison Center
- Liaison Laboratory
- Life Science Research Center
- Project Research Institute
- Research Institute of College of Education, Psychology and Human Studies
- Research Institute of Community Studies
- Schoonmaker Memorial Center of Gender Studies
- Social Informatics Research Center
- Support Center for Students with Disabilities
- The Academic Frontier Center in the Graduate School of International Management





Majima Memorial Hall (Aoyama Campus)

Majima Memorial Hall is distinguished by its Neo-Renaissance architecture, Corinthian columns, and elegant pediment. Built in 1929 through a gift from alumnus Otohiko Majima and his wife, it remains one of the campus's most iconic landmarks.



Maclay Memorial Hall (Aoyama Campus)

Opened in 2024, Maclay Memorial Hall brings together the Main Library, the Information and Media Center, and the Academic Writing Center in a dynamic environment designed to support a wide range of learning styles.



Goucher Memorial Hall

Goucher Memorial Hall was built in 2001 to commemorate John F. Goucher, a missionary who supported Aoyama Gakuin. The University Chapel is built on the 1st and 2nd Floors.



Wesley Chapel (Sagamihara)

Named for John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism, Wesley Chapel reflects the spiritual heritage of Aoyama Gakuin. Its cross-topped spire has become a familiar symbol of the Sagamihara Campus.



Sagamihara Ground (Sagamihara)

The complex includes an athletics track, multi-purpose field, cross-country course, archery range, tennis courts, and futsal courts. The cross-country course combines natural grass and polyurethane paving to help reduce impact on runners.

A Welcoming Environment for International Students

International Center

The International Center serves as a central source of information and support for international students. Experienced English-speaking staff provide thoughtful guidance to students from around the world.



International Commons

The International Commons is a lounge area where international and local students can meet, relax, and study together. Social and cultural events are held there throughout the year.



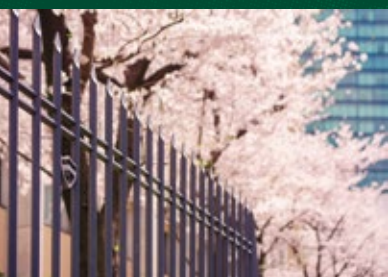
Chat Room

The Chat Room offers a friendly setting for meeting people from diverse backgrounds, building friendships, and strengthening language skills. Students may also serve as Chat Leaders, helping others build confidence in communication.



Buddy System

Through the Buddy System, international students are paired with local students who support their transition to life in a new cultural environment.



Building Meaningful Global Partnerships

AGU strengthens its global community through partnerships with more than 200 institutions and student mobility partnerships with more than 160 universities around the world.

Europe

FINLAND Laurea University of Applied Sciences
Tampere University
SWEDEN Kristianstad University
NORWAY Kristiania University of Applied Sciences
University of Agder
University of Oslo
University of Stavanger
DENMARK Aarhus University, Faculty of Arts
IRELAND University of Galway
UNITED KINGDOM South East Technological University
Oxford Brookes University
The University of Sheffield
University of Essex
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
BELGIUM KU Leuven, Faculty of Arts
NETHERLANDS Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Windesheim University of Applied Sciences
GERMANY Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences
Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
Ludwigshafen University of Business and Society
Paderborn University
Saarland University
University of Applied Sciences, Saarland
University of Cologne
University of Münster

FRANCE Groupe EDH
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble
Université Marie et Louis Pasteur
Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris III
Université de Lille
Université de Lorraine
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour
Université Jean Monnet Saint-Étienne
Université de Tours
SPAIN Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia
Universidad de Córdoba
Universidad de Salamanca
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
Universitat Politècnica de València
Ca' Foscari University of Venice,
Department of Asian and North African Studies
ITALY University of Bergamo
University of Bologna
University of Cagliari
AUSTRIA Vienna University of Technology
SWITZERLAND University of Geneva
POLAND Jagiellonian University
Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń
SWPS University
University of Gdańsk
University of Warsaw
Warsaw University of Technology
University of New York in Prague
CZECH REPUBLIC Eötvös Loránd University
HUNGARY University of Belgrade
SERBIA University of Bucharest
ROMANIA Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
BULGARIA Moscow State Institute of International Relations
RUSSIA M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University
Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
UKRAINE Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
KAZAKHSTAN University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts
SLOVENIA

CHINA Beijing Foreign Studies University
City University of Hong Kong
Dalian University of Foreign Languages
Dongbei University of Finance & Economics
East China University of Political Science and Law
Nankai University
Peking University, History Department
Shanghai Normal University
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
Tsinghua University, Department of Foreign Languages
and Literatures
BRUNEI Universiti Brunei Darussalam
TAIWAN National Chengchi University
National Dong Hwa University
National Taiwan University
Soochow University
Tamkang University

Middle East

TURKEY Ankara University

North America

CANADA Brock University
Carleton University
The University of British Columbia
University of Toronto, Victoria College
York University
UNITED STATES California Baptist University
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
Carthage College
Clafflin University
Cornell College
Cumberland University
DePauw University
Emory & Henry University
George Mason University
Georgia State University
Goucher College
Hamline University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hendrix College
Oregon State University (IE3 Global Program)
LaGrange College

Oceania

AUSTRALIA Curtin University
Southern Cross University
Swinburne University of Technology
The University of Sydney
University of Wollongong
Western Sydney University
NEW ZEALAND Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

The University of Montana
The University of Vermont
University of Florida
University of Guam
University of Northern Colorado
University of Pennsylvania, College of
Liberal and Professional Studies
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina,
Darla Moore School of Business
University of Washington
Wichita State University

Asia

INDIA Visva-Bharati University
MYANMAR University of Information Technology
THAILAND Chiang Mai University
Chulalongkorn University
Kasetsart University
Srinakharinwirot University
MALAYSIA Thammasat University
Universiti Kuala Lumpur
Universiti Malaya
INDONESIA Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman
Maranatha Christian University
Universitas Gadjah Mada
University of Lampung
PHILIPPINES Ateneo de Manila University
KOREA Ewha Womans University
Handong Global University
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Keimyung University
Kookmin University
Korea University
Kyungnam University
Seoul National University
Seoul Women's University
Sogang University
Sungkyunkwan University
Yonsei University
MONGOLIA National University of Mongolia
VIETNAM University of Social Sciences and Humanities,
Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City
University of Languages and International Studies -
Vietnam National University, Hanoi

Latin America

MEXICO Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara
ECUADOR Universidad Del Pacifico

More than
200 partner
institutions

2 Dual/Double Degree Agreements

University of Essex (U.K), Université Jean Monnet
Saint-Étienne (France)

International Consortium and Networks

- ☒ MISEN (Methodist International Student Exchange Network)
- ☒ ACUCA (Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia)
- ☒ IAMSCU (The International Association of Methodist-related Schools, Colleges and Universities)

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