



School of Global Studies and Collaboration Aoyama Gakuin University

Information on the Exchange Student Program

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NOTE: This is information for exchange students. Please confirm with your home university whether it is an AGU partner. Visiting students and non-degree students at partner universities are not eligible. To find out more about studying for a full degree at Aoyama Gakuin University, please visit the following website:
<http://www.aoyama.ac.jp/en/prospective/>

Introduction

Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU), established in 1949, is the largest division within the Aoyama Gakuin system. AGU has earned a reputation for its quality education and cosmopolitan ambience. It is widely recognized as one of Japan's leading universities. In addition to specialized instruction, AGU cultivates individuals with strong ethics and social values, who actively carry out their responsibilities in the interests of people and communities throughout the world. The School of Global Studies and Collaboration (GSC) opened its doors in April 2015, becoming AGU's 10th faculty. GSC takes an interdisciplinary curricular approach by integrating four clusters based on the broad field of the social sciences. GSC develops students' global perspectives especially in the context of collaboration and cooperation with Asian countries.

About GSC

◆ Location

Sagamihara Campus

Address: 5-10-1 Fuchinobe, Chuo-ku, Sagamihara-shi, Kanagawa 252-5258, Japan

*A 7-minute walk from Fuchinobe Station on the JR Yokohama Line

*A short train ride from the center of Tokyo

*1 hour away from the Aoyama Campus

◆ Facts

* Student intake capacity: 190 (full-time students)

* Faculty size: 23 full-time members

* Student enrollment (AGU): 18,835 (17,618 undergraduates and 1,217 graduates as of May 2015)

* No. of partner universities overseas: 113 (as of July 2015)

* Overseas offices in Thailand and Taiwan



↑ Mandai Memorial Library @ Sagamihara Campus



↑ Sagamihara Campus

Academics

◆ Language of Instruction

Japanese and/or English

◆ Academic Calendar

1st semester: April to 1st week of August

2nd semester: Mid-September to 1st week of February

◆ Courses

University-level exchange student may take any course at any of the colleges they wish. Departmental exchange students may take any course offered at GSC. Additionally, Japanese Language Course will be compulsory for all international exchange students.

◆ Academic Units and Grading

Most AGU courses count for either one or two units of credit. A two-unit course meets for one 90-minute session per week.

| Transcript Mark | Score | Evaluation |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| AA | 100-90 | Pass |
| A | 89-80 | |
| B | 79-70 | |
| C | 69-60 | |
| XX | Under 59 | Fail |

◆ Programs

Japanese Language Course (compulsory)

AGU offers a Japanese language course for beginners to advanced students. The course does not require any Japanese language proficiency at the time of admission.

Japan Studies Program

GSC's Japan Studies Program offers unique opportunities for international students to be immersed in the multi-facets of Japan. The students acquire in-depth knowledge on culture, economy, business, policy, history and geography from accomplished scholars, professionals experienced in policy, renowned artists and entrepreneurs.

*Japan Studies Course Descriptions: <http://www.gsc.aoyama.ac.jp/international/exchange-student-program-2/>

GSC Courses

GSC takes an interdisciplinary curricular approach through four clusters (Media/Spatial Information, Sociology, Collaboration and Business) based on the broad field of the social sciences. Experienced practitioners teach students so they can integrate theories into professional practice for solving today's social problems and improve the global community through project-based learning activities.

*GSC Course Descriptions offered in English: <http://www.gsc.aoyama.ac.jp/international/exchange-student-program-2/>

Applications

Exchange student candidates should submit their applications through the International Office of their home universities.

◆ Eligibility

In order to apply to the GSC Exchange Student Program, you must:

1. be a student at one of Aoyama Gakuin University's partner universities; and
2. have a 2.5 GPA or higher (4.0 scale)

◆ Required Language Ability

GSC requires exchange students to have the language ability equivalent to at least one of the below:

1. N4 on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or higher;
2. IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL iBT 78 or higher; or
3. Native English speaker

◆ Application Materials

When you apply to the GSC Exchange Student Program, you must submit all of the following materials:

- Application for Exchange Students*
- Letter of recommendation
- Evaluation of Japanese Language Proficiency (if applicable)*
- Photocopy of score report of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (if applicable)
- Photocopy of score report of TOEFL or IELTS (if applicable)
- Official transcripts of home university
- Statement of academic objectives
- Certificate of Physical Condition*
- Application for Certificate of Eligibility*
- Original official bank statement
- Photocopy of valid passport
- 5 ID photos (4 cm x 3 cm) taken in the last 6 months
- Dormitory Application*
- Information for Tutors*

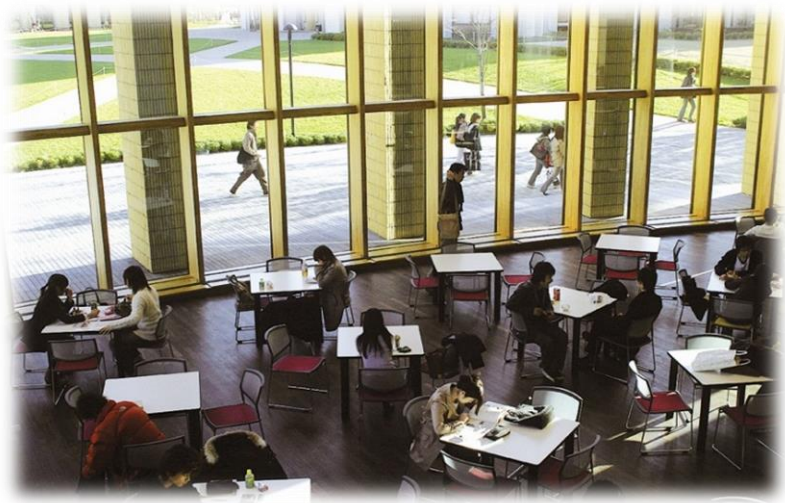
*AGU forms are available for download from the website, and further details will be announced to your home university.

◆ Visas

Exchange students are required to have an official visa (student visa) for entry into Japan. AGU will, on behalf of the exchange students, apply to the Tokyo Immigration Bureau for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE). As soon as the COE is issued, it will be sent to your home university. You will need to bring the COE to your local Japanese embassy or consulate and obtain a student visa.

◆ Schedule for Admission

| Application for Spring Semester (April) | Application for Fall Semester (Sept.) | |
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| Mid November | Late April | Deadline for exchange program application and dormitory application |
| Late December | Late May | Notification of admission to all accepted exchange students (by e-mail) |
| Late February | Early August | Welcome Package, including the Certificate of Eligibility and detailed information about orientation week, is sent to your home university. |
| Late March-Early April | Mid-September | Orientations for exchange students |
| Around April 10 | Around September 21 | Classes begin |



- ↑ Student lounge
- ← Wesley Chapel at Christmas time
- ↓ Sagamihara Campus main street



Other Information

◆ Accommodation

AGU has dormitories for GSC exchange students. For details, please refer to the Housing Information handbook that will be available on our website. (URL: <http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/english/exchange/housing.html>)

GSC has dormitory fee waiver agreements with some of the partner universities. (For more information, please consult your home university.) For students who do NOT wish to live in the dormitory designated by the school, information for other dorms, apartments, guesthouses and homestays is also included in the Housing Information handbook.

◆ Living Expenses

The following shows estimated living costs of attending AGU as an exchange student for one semester (five months). Actual expenses vary depending on the type of housing and the student's lifestyle.

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| Room & board (if not waived) | ¥ 300,000 - ¥ 500,000 |
| Food (lunch, etc.) | ¥ 100,000 - ¥ 150,000 |
| Books and materials | ¥ 30,000 - ¥ 40,000 |
| Transportation | ¥ 10,000 - ¥ 20,000 |
| Extracurricular activities | ¥ 50,000 - ¥ 100,000 |
| National Health Insurance | ¥ 10,000 - ¥ 12,000 |
| Miscellaneous | ¥ 70,000 - ¥ 100,000 |

◆ Orientation (Schedule details are announced after admission is granted.)

- End of March for spring semester
- Mid-September for fall semester

◆ Student Support

Tutor System

Exchange students will be assigned Japanese students as tutors. The tutors assist the students in dealing with both academic and personal matters, such as coping with any language or cultural problems that may arise.

Social Events

The International Exchange Center holds various events and get-togethers throughout the year.

◆ Extracurricular Programs

Corporate Internships

GSC offers internship opportunities to exchange students through a partnership with Sagamihara city.

Field Trips/Japanese Culture Experience

In addition to trips to the countryside coordinated by the International Exchange Center, GSC provides exchange students with unique field trip programs. Japanese culture such as tea ceremony and flower arrangement can be experienced.