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EDUCATION

Ochanomizu University

Know and practice knowledge, aims for the target, general knowledge and specialization, academic curriculum, focuses on small seminar groups and experiments through thorough guidance to realize those. Especially in specialized education, small group education that places great importance on individuality, is a highly sophisticated education course by thoroughly realizing curiosity.

In the education of o-cha-wata大学, the education of one student per teacher is realized, that is, the person who diligently helps with a sense of curiosity. There is a lot of research and development at the university level, and it is a promote the education of the next generation. The fusion of education and research, a university where students are able to learn in a variety of fields and specialties is visible. It is important to be able to lead in the world, and build the foundation of capabilities to support the self of the future. This includes social problem solving, communication, conflict management, etc., and is an educational program that prepares for the career development of women who can become leaders. This is also an education to support life as a human, and is an education that need to be able to realize the potential of the campus.

The library is a space where students can relax and enjoy learning. The 1st and 2nd floors are connected by a void, and approximately 710,000 books and 11,000 journals are available. The new library is scheduled to open in 2018, where you can expect to visit the new library.

The o-cha-wata University Guide 2018-2019 is published.
Mission

“Ochanomizu University will support all women, regardless of age or nationality, in protecting their individual dignity and rights, freely developing their unique qualities and capabilities, and pursuing personal learning so as to satisfy their intellectual appetites.”

As a pioneer of women’s education in Japan, Ochanomizu University offers programs that will develop women who are influential leaders in politics, economics, academia, culture, and other fields on the international stage. These programs—that of the “21st century Ochanomizu University model”—focus on three areas:

1. Development of higher education for women into the future
2. Centralization of research and 21st century liberal arts education
3. Social contribution and international exchange

Cutting-edge research and development based on new ways of thinking is a unique feature of research at Ochanomizu University.

A Message from the President

Ochanomizu University—established in 1875 as Japan’s first institution of higher education exclusively for women—celebrated the 140th anniversary of its foundation in 2015. Over the decades we have excelled as a true pioneer in women’s education, perennially blazing new paths for women with the desire to learn and be of service to society. Large numbers of our graduates have gone on to make outstanding contributions in academic research, education, industrial endeavor, government service, the media and various other fields, steadily building the cornerstone for further success by women in Japan.

Currently our university is answering the demands of society by cultivating women with broad perspectives and rich sensitivities who will play a key role in the future of Japan and the rest of the world. In 2004, when Japan’s national universities were assigned corporate status, Ochanomizu University announced a new school motto: “A place where all women who are motivated to learn can realize their earnest dreams.”

To realize this goal of providing support for women around the world so they can realize their dreams, we shifted toward global women’s education with the determination to be an educational institute that fosters a deep mutual understanding with people of different cultures, values and thoughts, and where everyone can learn from each other and grow as a person. We initiated activities that advance the growth and development of the qualifications and ability of women of all nationalities and ages—including those in developing nations who are unable to pursue education even if they desire it.

Next, we established unique educational programs in the fields of liberal arts, global education and leadership to provide a place where young women can polish their skills and learn what they must do for the world and people.

Through these educational programs, we would like our students to aim for the following:

(1) Be aware of the complex and varied problems that society faces, and use their specialized knowledge to develop methods to investigate and solve those problems;

(2) Develop deep mutual understanding with people of different values and thought processes, and learn from people from different backgrounds as a means to grow as a person;

(3) Develop integrated and practical wisdom to cooperate with people of the world—always keeping consideration for others in mind—to lead society into a new era.

Ochanomizu University will fulfill our role as an institute of higher education so everyone can realize their dreams and create a fruitful future for years to come.

Our wish is that our students will succeed in inspiring courage and hope for the future from the people around them and in society as a whole.

Kimiko Murofushi, Ph.D.
President, Ochanomizu University

2018
University Overview

Educational Characteristics

Tokyo Women’s Normal School—the precursor of Ochanomizu University—was founded on November 29, 1875 as Japan’s first institution of higher education for women. On that occasion, special funding for the school’s launch was presented as an Imperial gift from Empress Shoken, the wife of Emperor Meiji and a figure renowned for her profound interest in and advocacy of women’s education.

The university—which has undergone many changes in its history, from the Tokyo Women’s Normal School to Tokyo Women’s Higher Normal School and finally Ochanomizu University—continues to be the premier institute for higher education for talented women with high aspirations, regardless of the situation of the era.

The most distinguishing feature of the educational programs Ochanomizu University offers is the adoption of highly advanced curriculums taught in small class units. In the specialized education curriculum in particular, the intellectual capacity that each student aims for is cultivated through small seminars, labs and practical training. In addition, students may combine different programs that fit their objectives with the main program of their department.

Another pivotal focus of the university’s educational platform is “leader education” firmly grounded in the current trend toward globalization. In the quest to foster international caliber knowledge and abilities, we make keen efforts to instill superior language skills and cultural literacy applicable on the global front, in tandem with the development and practical application of educational research keyed to the lifestyles of modern women.

True to our mission statement to excel as “a place where all women who are motivated to learn can realize their earnest dreams,” Ochanomizu University will continue to fulfill our role as an institution of higher education.

Educational Environment

Ochanomizu University is located in the heart of Japan’s capital, Tokyo. The campus consists of the undergraduate academic departments, graduate schools, research centers, and all other core university functions along with the affiliated nursery, elementary, junior, and senior high schools. The campus, richly landscaped in the flowers and greenery of all seasons, furnishes a truly outstanding environment known for its tranquility. The surrounding areas are also home to various national and private universities, educational and research facilities and cultural centers, making the neighborhood particularly well suited to educational pursuits and research.

The university also devotes major energy in providing a superior lifestyle environment. This includes three dormitories with over five hundred students enjoying their college life.

History

1875: Tokyo Women’s Normal School, Japan’s first institute of higher education for women and the predecessor of Ochanomizu University, opens in Ochanomizu, Tokyo
1879: The school produces its first graduating class of 15 students
1923: The school moves into new buildings at the present location (Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)
1932: School buildings are destroyed by fire during the Great Kanto Earthquake
1949: Ochanomizu University is established as a women’s university with a Faculty of Letters, a Faculty of Science and Home Economics
1963: Graduate School of Humanities and Science (doctoral program) is established
1976: Graduate School of Humanities and Science (master’s program) is established

Academic Calendar 2018

April
- Graduation Ceremony
- Admission Ceremony
- Orientation for International Students
- Scholarship Registration for Private Regular Students: Spring Semester
- International Day

May
- Homecoming Day
- Summer Vacation (May - Jun)
- Summer Program

June
- International Festival Night
- Open Campus
- Summer Program

July
- Graduation Ceremony
- Orientation for International Students
- International Day

August
- Summer Vacation (Aug - Sep)

September
- Graduation Ceremony
- Orientation for International Students
- International Day

October
- Graduation Ceremony
- Graduation Ceremony
- Final Examination (Nov 27)
- Japanese Cultural Workshop (Nov - Dec)

November
- Winter Vacation (Dec - Jan)
- Graduation Ceremony

December
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January
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- Graduation Ceremony

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Languages and Culture

There are four courses in the Languages and Culture Department for learning the Japanese, Chinese, English, and French languages as well as the cultures of the societies speaking those respective languages. Students (1) steadily enhance their command of the relevant languages while (2) training their ability to comprehend written materials, (3) acquire basic knowledge, and furthermore become exposed to the latest research on language culture by way of the language of their studies, and (4) accumulate specialist knowledge. Classes are small in size, and students learn in depth about the language and culture while developing their capacity to think, communicate, and express themselves.

- **Japanese Language and Literature**
  The Japanese language is the basis of the Japanese people’s thoughts and expression; classical and modern Japanese literature are the essence of Japanese culture. The course revisits the origins of this language and literature in classics and works up to modern works to offer a comprehensive view of the country’s cultural issues. The course is a compass that takes students on a journey of unraveling mysteries, and enables them to form a clear picture of the intrinsic nature and current state of Japanese culture.

- **Chinese Language and Culture**
  Chinese is one of the most important languages in today’s international community. There are many faces of China. There is the China that is rapidly growing as a global presence both politically and economically, albeit with many internal contradictions. There is also the China that has 3,000 years of literary history as well as the China whose network of people is expanding worldwide. The course delves into the riches of Chinese culture from a variety of angles through the Chinese language.

- **English Language and Culture**
  As a language that is widely understood around the world, English has become entrusted with the very future of growing internationalization. The course offers insight into the linguistic characteristics of English and the nature of its use and study. At the same time, it provides an opportunity to learn the multitude of literary and cultural representation of the language as an expression of the thoughts, emotions, and imagination of native speakers.

- **French Language and Culture**
  The course aims to equip students with the following kinds of abilities and knowledge—to acquire specialized knowledge and proficiency in the French language; gain a deep understanding of the linguistic cultures that are based on the French language and the social circumstances of French-speaking societies; and extend their view to German- and other European language-speaking cultures, or French speaking cultures around the world, and develop an interest in interaction with other cultures.
Liberal Arts and Humanities

Philosophy, Ethics, and Art History
Each of these fields extends beyond the confines of a single discipline, by combining the fruits and methods of all areas of science. This program adopts an integrated approach that takes both a theoretical and a practical approach to the process of human development—the ultimate mystery of mankind. It utilizes a variety of research methods to tackle the process of human emergence and provide insight into the mystery of human development.

Comparative History
The program focuses on three major areas—Japanese history, Asian history, and Western history—with an aim to foster specialized knowledge about each area while making various comparisons across regions and time periods to explore the world of history vertically, horizontally, and even diagonally. The course also focuses on collaboration with related fields such as geography, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and literature to encourage students to pursue a new view of world history.

Geography
Knowing where we are in the world inspires curiosity about that place. Then our interest grows into a desire to discover the character of the natural and social environments of which we are a part, how those environments have been formed, and what principles shape them. The program approaches all this from the standpoints of both physical and human geography to foster the intellectual ability to live in the real world.

Human and Social Sciences

Educational Sciences
What qualities make us human? Human development can only be understood outside the confines of a single discipline, by combining the fruits and methods of all areas of science. This program adopts an integrated approach that takes both a theoretical and a practical approach to the process of human development—the ultimate mystery of mankind. It utilizes a variety of research methods to tackle the process of human emergence and provide insight into the mystery of human development.

Child Studies
Whether it is a society dealing with declining birth rate, poverty, bullying, parental anxiety or otherwise, the issues of children in the modern age reflect the problems of society as a whole. The child studies involves the study of people's diverse livelihoods and the formation and structure of society and culture within the context of children. By collaborating with the childcare facilities located on campus—including Ochanomizu University Kindergarten, the Center for Early Childhood Education and Care and Irimi nursery—we provide students with a curriculum that includes an environment in which they can regularly interact with children. Our goal is to advance the field of child studies in a way that focuses on the realities of children and maintains a balance between theory, practice and dialogue.

Sociology
The program provides excellent opportunities for developing research initiatives on the social aspects of human consciousness, and social structure and its transformation. We offer programs across many fields including social theory, gender, media, culture, aging society, social policy, social welfare, sexualities, criminology and research methods. These programs reflect the intellectual backgrounds of our staff members and can prepare our students for successful careers across many professions. The sociology course is committed to the pursuit of academic excellence and to fostering imaginative approaches to sociology.

Performing Arts

Dance and Dance Education
The program takes a multifaceted and comprehensive approach in pursuing the meaning and nature of human physical activity and expression, incorporating actual practice from sports to daily actions with a focus on dance. Of Japan’s four-year national universities, Ochanomizu is the only one with a specialized major program titled “Dance.” Because this is a field with such a short history, students of the program have the chance of pioneering new performances and areas of scholarship.

Music Expression
The study of music is not merely about acquiring performance techniques and theoretical knowledge. To gain a deep understanding of music, it is crucial to apprehend the richness of human behavior that produces it. The program provides a rare opportunity in Japan to engage in the specialized study of music at a university. It emphasizes academic research and actual musical performance in the context of its relationship to a variety of other research fields such as the humanities and the social and natural sciences to offer insight into the music of today from a cutting-edge perspective.

Global Studies for Intercultural Cooperation

A flood of cross-border items and information exist in our daily lives, and we frequently see people from overseas countries walking in the streets. What types of knowledge, sensibilities, and attitudes are we required to cultivate in this era of globalization? Global Studies for Intercultural Cooperation is an interdisciplinary program that undergraduate students in any of the three departments (Languages and Culture; Liberal Arts and Humanities; and Human and Social Sciences) can take from their second year. The program, composed of area studies, multi-cultural communication, and international cooperation, focuses on the three Cs (Comprehension, Communication, and Collaboration) as keywords with which to think about and act. Based on fieldwork and participatory discussions, the program provides a new space of knowledge and practice, where students and faculty join hands to discover answers.
The Physics Department conducts consistent education and research in a wide range of fields, from fundamental physics to applied physics, with an aim to foster in students the ability to engage in study of physical phenomena from both theoretical and experimental standpoints, and together with the faculty, cultivate new areas of physics. This involves not only developing the ability to perform physics research but also building the ability to take a reductive and multidimensional approach to resolve problems encountered in a variety of contexts.

Chemistry

Chemistry is a field of study that investigates the characteristics of atoms and molecules that make up materials, and systematizes the knowledge acquired from those investigations. Chemistry is closely related not only to fundamental sciences such as physics and biology but also to applied fields such as industrial chemistry, agricultural chemistry, pharmacology, and medical science. Its outcomes lead to the development of cutting-edge technologies. The Chemistry Department incorporates a balance of both fundamental and applied aspects in its education and research.

Biology

Biological sciences have progressed dramatically in the last couple of decades along with advances in molecular and genome biology. We now understand life—formerly considered mysterious—in a systematic manner based on molecules. The scope of study is now expanding to the information flow in biological systems and interactions between life and environments. The Biology Department conducts this diverse research in collaboration with other disciplines such as computer science, physics and chemistry.

Information Sciences

Information technology developed during the 20th century on the basis of computers. Today, it affects our daily life in significant ways and can be found, for example, as part of mobile phones and home electronics. Information sciences are also receiving attention for their ability to analyze and forecast the mechanisms of nature, life, languages, and the economy. The faculty members of the Department of Information Sciences, who are leaders in their varied fields of specialty, provide students with wide-ranging education—from theories to practice. Information sciences distinctive of a women’s university are unfolded here from unique standpoints that are closely connected to daily life.

Mathematics

The Mathematics Department aims to develop human resources that will proactively contribute to society, such as teachers who can build their own curriculum, creative professionals with specialized skills, and researchers who engage in basic research. It strives to provide fundamental education in contemporary mathematics and lay the groundwork for independent studies, as advanced professionals or researchers, for women who aspire to study and research mathematics, or produce and send into society capable individuals with an understanding of mathematical theory and philosophy acquired through the study and research of various subjects and mathematics in particular.
The Department of Human-Environmental Sciences approaches such familiar issues as clothing, drinking water, architecture, and medical welfare from the standpoint of science and engineering with an aim to discover ways to resolve problems. Amid expectations to return to society the research outcomes as scientific technology, the department fulfills a pioneering role by focusing on themes related to lifestyle and environment. Students in the department will study practical applications of scientific technology, timely initiatives toward issues in lifestyle-related fields, and applications in and evaluations from society regarding the outcomes of research.

Human-Environmental Sciences

Food is a vital element of daily life that has a variety of aspects such as flavor, nutrition, health, cookery, processing, storage, and safety. All areas of research regarding food will continue increasing in importance. The Department of Nutrition and Food Science offers a comprehensive view of the diverse fields related to food, and equips students with specialized knowledge and practical skills required to promote the healthy and enjoyable dietary life of the people.

Nutrition and Food Science

The Department of Human Life Studies consists of the three following divisions. Students will select one of three major programs offered by each division prior to entering the second year. First-year students will take divisional, fundamental and introductory programs along with liberal arts programs in order to gain experience addressing issues from a broad and multidimensional perspective.

Human Life Studies

Multiple problems surround us, such as increases in irregular employment, poor labor conditions, medical and care-giving systems in societies with a low birthrate and an aging population, discrimination, inequality, poverty, domestic violence, child abuse, and the challenge of balancing home and work life. The Division approaches these social issues from the standpoint of ordinary people and the quality of everyday life, and analyzes them using legal, political, economic, and sociological methods as well as through the framework of gender research to develop ways to resolve these issues.

Social Sciences and Family Studies

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Cultural Historical Studies

The Division takes an interdisciplinary approach to inquire into the various cultural phenomena surrounding daily life. It focuses on looking at the culture of “objects” in daily life from a historical and contemporary perspective. That is, it takes the elements that shape our lives such as dress, dwellings, crafts, and design, examines them from multiple angles using the methods of comparative culture, folklore, history, and art, and aims to create new cultural theories.

In this department, we encourage students to understand and cultivate scientific perspective on basic process and function regarding human mind and behavior to find and resolve problems in various life environments. The program consists of basic empirical psychology and clinical practical psychology, both of which are mutually connected and we have four specialized fields, “cognitive/biological”, “social/welfare”, “medical/health” and “developmental/educational”, respectively.

Psychology
Human Developmental Sciences offers diverse courses in its master’s and doctoral programs that take an academic, interdisciplinary, and applicative approach to the study of humans and their development as social and individual beings. The programs aim to foster leading women researchers and professionals.

1. Educational Science
   Students will conduct research on education through various approaches, learning about a wide range of phenomena in education from early childhood to adulthood, in Japan and abroad, both past and present.

2. Developmental and Clinical Psychology
   Students will receive training from both clinical and research standpoints from faculty members with clinical experience in hospitals, schools, and legal and industrial institutions.

3. Psychology
   Our program has five major areas of specialization in psychology: cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, educational psychology, social psychology, and health psychology. Students learn cutting-edge theories and methodologies of psychology, and also learn related areas (e.g., neurophysiology, cross-national research, media psychology, health related behavior, and developmental psychopathology). Closely working with faculty members, students are expected to conduct empirical studies.

4. Applied Sociology/Sociology and Social Policies
   Students will use the methodologies of the social sciences, centering on sociology, to analyze various issues of contemporary society (e.g., communication, media, gender, power, discrimination, community, family, welfare, medical care, conflict, and crime), and will explore their solutions.

5. Child Studies
   With guidance from faculty members who research child studies in such borderlines as developmental psychology, sociology of education, early childhood care and education, and praxeology, students will pursue research-oriented studies that emphasize a thematic focus and the review process of research methodology.

Gender and Social Sciences / Interdisciplinary Gender Studies

The program will expose students to the gender analysis of various issues across traditional disciplines. One of the aims of the program is to build the ability to analyze various phenomena concerning humans, nature, society and culture from a gender perspective that is interdisciplinary, multifaceted, and global. Another aim of the program is to train students to play active roles in building gender-equal societies, and contribute to both international activities in the globalizing world and grass-roots activities in local communities. Crossing over the academic fields of social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences and pioneering new structures of knowledge, the program provides a place of learning as well as a hub for the establishment and development of gender research.

1. Master’s program
   Social and Family Policies
   Students will analyze social issues such as low birthrates, aging populations, women and work, the diversification of family life, using methodologies of the social sciences including legal studies, political sciences, sociology, and economics.

   Geography and Environmental Studies
   Students are expected to research various issues relating to space, place, region and environment in a globalizing world utilizing both qualitative and quantitative methods such as fieldwork, GIS or statistical analysis.

2. Doctoral program
   Interdisciplinary Gender Studies
   Students are expected to develop original research studies that emphasize a interdisciplinary and applicative approach to the study of humans and gender equality in various countries.

   Gender and Development Studies
   Students study a broad range of research topics across disciplines such as feminization of migration, gender issues in SDGs (UN Sustainable Development Goals), gender and security, history and theories of feminism and sexuality, and policies and institutions concerning gender equality in various countries.
Life Sciences

Under the main theme of “life and lifestyle,” students in the Division of Life Sciences research various fields related to the many meanings of the word “life.” Students pursue knowledge of the environments and lifestyles that humanity encounters within both fundamental and advanced fields—such as life science, environment, nutrition, genetics and diseases—by organically combining the academic disciplines of science, engineering and human life sciences. In the master’s program, students obtain the fundamental knowledge and skills required to excel in corporations, educational and research institutions, and health and medical institutions. Students in the doctoral program obtain the necessary skills needed to become leaders in life science fields.

1 Biological Sciences

The Biological Sciences program conducts research on organisms from the standpoint of both universality and diversity and offers students an understanding of the various structures and functions of organisms living in a dynamic environment. The research covers a wide range of targets including genes, genomes, biomolecules, cells and individual organisms.

2 Human-Environmental Sciences

The Human-Environmental Sciences program focuses on human lifestyles in approaching various issues related to the environment from the standpoint of science. Areas of research include the proposal and planning of urban and housing design; engineering analysis of human neurological and physiological functions; design of ergonomic devices; development of deodorant and super-absorbent materials; disinfectant and other technologies to remove harmful substances for a safe and pleasant water environment; and analysis of human neurological and physiological functions; design
deself various fields related to food and health. Its research subjects include molecules, genes, cell, animals, and humans. Through basic and applied research, we provide scientific evidence to solve these problems. The department aims to develop food specialists and nutrition experts, who will work in academic institutes, food companies, and clinical and community settings as leaders among registered dietitians.

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4 Genetic Counseling

Genetic counseling is a practical medical service that supports clients to gain a deeper understanding of their disease or condition in which genes and the mechanisms of heredity play a part, so that they can make decisions or accept their circumstances. Genetic counselors provide up-to-date, accurate information and psychosocial support applying counseling techniques. The program specializes in developing board-certified genetic counselors who will pursue careers in healthcare, corporate, and policy-making organizations. It has also begun research toward gathering evidence related to genetic counseling studies.

Advanced Sciences

The Division of Advanced Sciences gives students a deeper understanding of the specialized disciplines of mathematics, physics, chemistry, biochemistry and computer science, and equips them with well-grounded scientific analysis and rational processing skills based on the basic sciences. Students in the doctoral program will work on a certification for researchers who will excel internationally.

1 Mathematics

This program offers advanced education and research relating to the development of mathematical theory in each field of pure mathematics—algebra, analysis and geometry. The program enables the development of interdisciplinary research skills grounded in a mathematical perspective, and is focused on cultivating professionals, teachers, researchers and others possessing advanced mathematical knowledge and operational skills.

2 Chemistry and Biochemistry

This program focuses on the many types of molecules including functional materials, supramolecules, medicines, and biomolecules, etc. Education and research are conducted from a wide range of perspectives, including materials science, synthetic chemistry, complex systems, computational chemistry, and life sciences.

3 Computer Science

By integrating research in various fields of computer sciences—from the basics to applied computer science—this program illustrates the theories and applications of computer sciences needed in today’s advanced information society. Research is conducted on techniques of mathematical science needed in computer science of the next generation, computer science techniques that form the basis of modern information science and its application, and the use and analysis methods of various information derived from natural and life phenomena and human life sciences.

Cooperative Major in Human-Centered Engineering*

This major offers educational and research opportunities in the interdisciplinary field of life engineering, focusing on engineering and product manufacturing for human beings and their lifestyles. This is not about integrating lifestyles into science and technology, but does require the creation of sciences and technologies adapted to people’s lifestyles. Designed to create the safe and prosperous lifestyles and social environments of the future, this major cultivates individuals who can solve various lifestyle challenges through the adoption of everyday perspectives and the use of engineering techniques.

* A “cooperative major” is a major operated under a joint system of education program. The Cooperative Major in Human-Centered Engineering is done in partnership with Nara Women’s University, allowing both institutions to take advantage of their mutual education and research resources.

1 Master’s program

Students learn fundamental skills in science and engineering in the basic courses—which form the basis of human centered engineering—and gain the ethics and knowledge required to become society’s most valued engineers. In the specialized courses, students engage in project-based learning activities through courses such as “Sustainable Design” and “Life-saving Design.” In addition, students participate in workshops on practical topics offered through the Life Innovation by Design & Engineering Education (LIDEE) workshop to learn the creative process behind “human-centered” life innovations, which focus on human activity and lifestyles. Within the framework of the workshop, renowned researchers in fields related to human centered engineering—such as architecture and environmental engineering—are invited for short-term projects to conduct joint education and research with instructors and students. Through this program, students will perceive how vital collaboration is in solving lifestyle problems from an engineering perspective.

2 Doctoral program

In the basic courses, students gain the core skills they need to write their dissertations. They will conduct their studies in a seminar format, interacting with their primary and secondary academic advisors as they conduct advanced research in the field of human centered engineering. In the specialized courses, students take on topics of importance to their individual research programs by pursuing courses directly connected with their instructors’ fields of specialization.

Ochanomizu University
International Exchange

Ochanomizu University Summer Program

With the goals to educate people who wish to pursue an active career on the international stage, and to promote student interchange, Ochanomizu University offers an intensive study program taught in English during the summer, and actively invites students of overseas partner universities from multicultural classes with Ochanomizu students.

Course 1: Japanese Language Course

Period: 2 weeks

This program provides intensive courses of Japanese language for overseas partner universities students. Three courses are provided: Class for complete beginners who have no prior experience studying Japanese, Introductory Class, and Intermediate Class.

Class for complete beginners

The content of this class includes survival expressions, and Japanese scripts such as Hiragana, Katakana, and introductory lectures of Kanji. Students will also learn essential grammar and a basic vocabulary of verbs and adjectives. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to communicate in simple and practical everyday situations.

Introductory Class

This class is intended for students with JLPT N4 level or equivalent. The content of the class includes reviewing previously studied grammar and brushing up speaking skills. Students will also learn complex grammar structures. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to have acquired mastery of basic contemporary Japanese grammar and vocabulary.

Intermediate Class

This class is intended for students with JLPT N3 level or equivalent. The content of this class includes topic-based reading and speaking activities. It aims at achieving a smooth transition from Basic to Intermediate Japanese. Upon completion of this course, student will have expanded their vocabulary and will be able to express opinions on a range of topics, using advanced grammatical structures and phrases.

Course 2: Culture and Society (taught in English)

Period: 2 weeks

Sub-course 1: Gender in Japan and the Globalizing World

The aim of this course is to understand several aspects of today’s gender problems in a dynamic way. Students can notice how the co-existence of different societies is a global phenomenon, not only in Japan but also in the world, and understand the historical and structural location of gender. Some small assignments will be given to students, such as a short report and home research.

Sub-course 2: Food Culture and Management in Asia

Lectures scheduled to be held are as follows: “Japanese Tea Tradition”, “Japanese Rice Dishes and Rice Snacks”, “Rice and Japanese culture—The history and ethnography”, “Japanese Tea and Fermented Food” and “Japanese Food Now & Food Market”.

In addition to lectures, students visit Kikkoman Soy Sauce Factory as a field study. This course will encourage students to develop ideas about food culture and management in Asia, and discuss the significance of them.

Sub-course 3: Evolution in Natural Science - From Being to Becoming

Nature is filled with structurally diverse substances and living creatures, which are altered in a time-dependent manner. The physical nature of form (structure or assembly) and its change are explained by the sciences, especially mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and information science. The lectures examine and explain the evolution in natural science, and are given in English by teaching staff in the Faculty of Science. Each lecturer will present the latest areas of interest in their own field of expertise in simple and practical terms. This will ensure an overall comprehensive approach.

Voices from Students

The contents of this program are rewarding. The lessons are well-structured and are tightly linked with the projects we are doing. After-class activities are great and allowed us to gain substantial understanding of Japanese society.

During my time in Ochanomizu University, I have learned various Japanese native expressions which are very useful for my future studies, such as the expressions for explaining situations when you are confused or in a disagreement with others.

Check

2018 Summer Program at
http://www.cf.ocha.ac.jp/summerprogram/index.html

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Support and Events

• Tutor System
• Resident Mentors
• Social gatherings
• International Festival Night
• Consultation room, etc.
• International Day
• Summer Program
• Japanes Cultural Workshop
• Health Care Center

Scholarships

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• Mayako Ikeda Memorial Fund
• Tadashi Iseki Memorial Fund
• Japanese government scholarships (university recommendation)
• JASSO Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students
• Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan)
• Private organization scholarships, etc.

Residence Halls

• International Student House: International students as well as Japanese students live in the residence hall; Natural interaction with students of different nationalities in the course of everyday life enables students to acquire an international perspective.

Career/Employment Support

We offer students assistance in selecting occupations from a long-term perspective, such as employment in private companies, government offices, and the education sector. We also invite Ochanomizu University graduates who are currently active in their professions to conduct industry/corporate research, and simultaneously provide an opportunity for the exchange of information. Students can meet with career advisor for consultation regarding any questions or concerns related to their job searches. The Career Support Center is always ready to assist all students.

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Incoming Students Program

Number of Incoming International Students by Country / Region of Origin

As of May 2018, Ochanomizu University has currently 218 international students with outstanding academic results from 35 countries from around the world, including undergraduate students, exchange students from partner institutions, and many postgraduate students. Along with a full-fledged support structure that includes tutor programs, the university aims to provide an international campus, holding many exchange events for both Japanese and international students to participate in.

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Partner Universities

Europe (31 partner universities)

- Austria
  - Vienna University of Technology
- Czech Republic
  - Charles University
- Finland
  - Centria University of Applied Sciences
  - University of Tampere
- France
  - Blaise Pascal University
  - Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles
  - Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
  - Paris Diderot University (Paris 7)
- Germany
  - Bergische University of Wuppertal
  - Hochschule Bremen, University of Applied Sciences
  - University of Cologne
- Italy
  - Sapienza University of Rome
  - University of Naples — L’Orientale
- Netherlands
  - Collegio Nuovo
- Norway
  - Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Poland
  - The University of Warsaw
- Romania
  - University of Bucharest
- Slovakia
  - Slovak University of Technology
- Spain
  - University of Burgos
- Sweden
  - Linköping University
- UK
  - King’s College London
  - Linares College, University of Oxford
  - The Queen’s College, University of Oxford
- France
  - Blaise Pascal University (Clermont-Ferrand II)
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  - Paris Diderot University (Paris 7)
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Middle East (1 partner university)

- Turkey
  - Ankara University

Africa (2 partner universities)

- Egypt
  - Cairo University
  - Mansoura University

Asia (27 partner universities)

- China
  - Beijing Foreign Studies University
  - Dalian University of Foreign Languages
  - Fudan University
  - Peking University, Department of History
  - Sichuan University, Department of History
- Indonesia
  - Indonesia Institute of the Art Denpasar
  - Konkuk University
  - Near Eastern University
  - Yonsei University
- Korea
  - Busan University of Foreign Studies
  - Dongguk Women’s University
  - Ewha Womans University
  - Kyungpook National University
  - Korea National University of Arts
- Taiwan
  - National Chengchi University
  - National Taiwan University
  - National Taiwan University
  - Taipei Medical University
  - Taipei National University of the Arts
- Vietnam
  - Hanoi National University of Education
  - Hanoi University
  - Institute of Genome Research, VAST

North America (10 partner universities)

- USA
  - California State University, Fullerton
  - Chatham University
  - Purdue University
  - University of California, Davis
  - University of California, Riverside
  - University of California, San Diego
  - Vassar College
  - Southern Oregon University
  - Albright College
- Canada
  - McGill University

South America (1 partner university)

- Brazil
  - University of São Paulo

Oceania (3 partner universities)

- Australia
  - Monash University
  - The University of New South Wales
  - National University of Arts
- New Zealand
  - University of Otago

Partner Universities: 75 Universities and Colleges in 27 Countries and Regions
Voices of Outgoing Ochanomizu Students

Chanika Chittararak
Program: Master’s Program
Affiliation: Department of Romance Studies and Cultures, Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences
Country: Thailand

I am glad to attend the master’s course at Ochanomizu University, which is also called “Ochadai.” In Ochadai, there are many facilities, such as the newly renovated library with its common lounge and computer room. Moreover, Ochadai also has the International Affairs Division to take care of and support international students and Ryugakusei-soudanshitsu (留学生相談室), is very helpful for checking Japanese in reports. About academic activities, I have had good chances to attend special lectures by many famous professors from domestic and international universities. You can also enjoy the four seasons of Japan here. I guarantee that we have splendid sakura spots and autumn views on campus to make your campus life more memorable.

Ruiqi Guo
Program: Undergraduate Program
Affiliation: Department of Human and Social Sciences, Faculty of Letters and Education
Country: China

In China, where I come from, women’s schools are relatively rare. So, it was hard for me to imagine what my university life would be like before or visited many other countries, but living in Tokyo has the perfect English environment, students and non-Japanese teachers set the foundation of their careers as sci-tech leaders through professionalization and global networking.

Voices of Incoming International Students

Irene Clara Unda Berra
Program: Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student
Affiliation: Department of Language and Culture, Faculty of Letters and Education
Country: Spain

My experience at Ochanomizu University When I was reading my options for my year abroad in Japan I was surprised by the small size of this university and decided that this would be my best chance to use a lot of my Japanese on a daily life basis. And I was right. Ochanomizu, “Ochadai”, with its small and quiet campus, is the perfect university for those who like calm and inspiring workplaces. If you show a bit of interest in getting involved with the university’s activities (especially if you are up for trading your native tongue in exchange for Japanese), you will definitely gain a good command of the language while meeting a lot of people along the way.

Corinne Melissa Faxon
Program: Exchange Student
Affiliation: Department of Liberal Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Letters and Education
Country: United Kingdom

“Coming to Ochanomizu University has helped to improve my confidence in Japanese. The language classes are the perfect size to get help and have your questions answered, and being assigned a tutor and a supervisor means that you have lots of support throughout the entire year. The university also has many facilities for exchange students, including a computer room, essay and language checks, and the International Affairs Division. I had never lived away from England before or visited many other countries, but living in Tokyo has the perfect movie-like atmosphere that I had always dreamt about. Not to mention that seeing the beautiful cats, turtles, and koi fish on the university campus always brightens my day.”

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Science and Technology for Global Leaders special course

In anticipation of a borderless future, the graduate science minor course title “Science and Technology for Global Leaders” is funded by MEXT and offered at Ochanomizu University to complement majors in Advanced and Life Sciences. It is an exquisite 5 years program unifying Master’s and PhD, which integrates essential multidisciplinary theoretical foundation with practice-based work. In a highly competitive and fun English environment, students and non-Japanese teachers set common scientific goals and work together towards achieving them. The program’s strong collaboration with local and international academia and industry opens extraordinary opportunities for students to undertake internships in Japan and overseas, and build the foundation of their careers as sci-tech leaders through professionalization and global networking.

Library

The Ochanomizu University Library serves as a hub for students’ learning. It has a collection of approximately 700,000 books and 11,000 e-journals comprising, in addition to material on general studies and specialized fields, a wide range of material unique to the university, such as gender studies or child education.

The library was revamped in 2017, and in April 2018 it has a new start with active learning spaces.

The first floor is the Commons Floor. It consists of the Global Learning Commons, which encourages students to learn by communicating with each other, the Mini Commons, the Presentation Room, which is suitable for seminars, and the PC Square.

The second floor is the Learning Floor. It provides the Academic Learning Space and the Quiet Learning Space, both of which are appropriate for student’s individual learning, and it also offers the Relaxation Space, where students can have a rest in a relaxed atmosphere.
Residence Halls

A International Student House (Oyama Dormitory):
2-1 Naka-cho, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo
10-minute walk from Oyama Station, Tobu Tojo local service

B Student Community Commons (SCC):
1-6-6 Otsuka, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo
1) 7-minute walk from Myogadani Station, Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Subway Line or
2) 10-minute walk from Gokokuji Station, Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Subway Line

Campus Map