

#### 『日蓮聖人御伝木版画 — 辻説法 —』

#### Nichiren Shonin Biographical Woodblock Print: Street Preaching

After Nichiren Shonin proclaimed the founding of his sect in his home province of Awa on the 28th day of the fourth month in 1253, he entered Kamakura. The city at the time was beset by earthquakes, windstorms, droughts and plagues, leaving the populace afflicted with anxiety and fear. This scene depicts Nichiren Shonin, having come down to the streets of Kamakura from the Matsubagayatsu hermitage, preaching on the streets (tsuji seppou) to passersby, and enthusiastically expounding on the Lotus Sutra. The location where he preached would have been crowded as it was on the boundary between the merchant quarter and the residential quarter, and close to the headquarters of the Kamakura Bakufu.

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**Shinagawa Campus** 

#### **Kumagaya Campus**

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#### Overview • • • • • •

#### **Origins of Rissho University**

Rissho University's history and tradition began about 440 years ago as a school for priests of the Nichiren Sect of Buddhism, founded in 1580. The Rissho University we know today took shape in 1872 with the introduction of modern educational reforms, and it now boasts a full slate of undergraduate and graduate programs with seven graduate schools and nine undergraduate faculties housing 16 departments managed by Rissho Daigaku Gakuen.

The university's name originates from *Rissho Ankoku Ron*, a book written in the Kamakura Period (1192-1333) by Nichiren Shonin when he was 39 years old.

#### **School Emblem**

Rissho University's emblem is a stylized kanji for the word "university" resting atop two blossoms and a branch of a mandarin orange tree.

The mandarin orange tree was a favorite of Nichiren Shonin and the fragrance of its lily-white blossoms along with the brightness of its green leaves symbolize the university's commitment to nurturing the hearts and minds of those who seek truth, value justice, and desire peace. The school color, green, was inspired by the evergreen mandarin orange tree, which expresses the eternal vitality and spirit of innovation that flows through the university.



Blossoms of Mandarin Orange Tree

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#### **School Logo**

A logo was chosen through a vote of faculty members, administrative staff, and students for the university's 150th anniversary in 2022. The concept of the logo is future-oriented development based

on tradition, dynamism, and social involvement. The two intertwining Rs of the logo express our intention to move toward the future and strengthen our ongoing efforts to contribute to society.



#### The 150th Anniversary

Rissho University celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2022. The motif of the logo was insight and wisdom capable of viewing truth in the past, present, and future. Rissho University strove toward the year 2022 and beyond with

the insight and wisdom, the spirit of inquiry and flexibility of mind to identify and pursue our social missions based on justice in all our endeavors.



# The Founding Spirit of Rissho University

Seek truth and show sincerity.

Value justice and reject evil.

Desire peace and serve humankind.

- 一、真実を求め至誠を捧げよう
- 一、正義を尊び邪悪を除こう
- 一、和平を願い人類に尽そう



The name of Rissho University is derived from *Rissho Ankoku Ron* (On Establishing the Correct Teaching for the Peace of the Land) by Nichiren Shonin, the founder of Nichiren Buddhism. According to *Kaimokusho* (Liberation from Blindness), which he wrote while in exile in Sado, he had been driven to practice a way of life that would contribute to society as a true practitioner of Buddhism by "Three Vows" he took when he was young, namely to become the pillar of Japan, the eyes of Japan, and the vessel of Japan. Inspired by these words, Tanzan Ishibashi, our 16th President, rephrased them in a modern style to create the Founding Spirit of Rissho University.

Those who study at our institution are expected to embody the Rissho Spirit, acquire knowledge and skills suited to the times, and contribute to human society.

#### **Visions of Education**

#### **Cultivating Morality and Expertise** 「モラリスト×エキスパート」を育む。

Rissho University established and pursues its vision of education, *Cultivating Morality and Expertise*, based on the spirit of its foundation.

Cultivating Morality and Expertise means nurturing individuals capable of making the world and those who live in it better in the following ways:

- 1. Cultivating personal restraint
- 2. Cultivating great sensitivity and the capacity for sharing the happiness and sorrow of others
- 3. Cultivating the essential knowledge and morality required by adults

The world we live in is encountering serious social and environmental issues, and we believe that society requires individuals with specialized knowledge and skills who are capable of cooperating with others, discussing ideas, and taking action to solve problems. Rissho University thus contributes to society through *Cultivating Morality and Expertise*.

#### History • • • • • •













Former Kumagaya Campus

2011



Ishibashi Tanzan Memorial Auditorium

Iidaka Danrin Kodo Nichiren-Shu University Former Osaki Campus

1580	Iidaka Danrin, an educational institution for priests of Nichiren Buddhism, founded in Shimousa (Sosa-shi, Chiba)		
1872	Iidaka Danrin abolished; Shokyoin established in Nihon-enoki (Minato-ku, Tokyo)		
1904	Nichiren-Shu Daigakurin established in		

4	Nichiren-Shu Daigakurin established in
	Osaki (Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo) pursuant to the
	Vocational School Ordinance
7	Nichiren-Shu Daigakurin renamed Nichiren-
	Shu University

4	The Faculty of Letters, Preliminary Course,
	and Graduate School established pursuant to
	University Ordinance

947	Department of Geography added to the Faculty
	of Letters

Renamed Rissho University and restructured pursuant to the School Education Act

1949	Old Faculty of Letters divided into Faculty of
	Letters and new Faculty of Buddhist Studies, based on this Act

1950 Faculty of Economics and Junior College established

Department of English Literature added to Faculty of Letters

Rissho University became Rissho Daigaku Gakuen when converted from incorporated foundation to incorporated school, pursuant to Private School Act

> Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology established

Faculty of Business Administration established Kumagaya Campus opened

1981 Faculty of Law established

Graduate School of Economics established

992	Renovation of Osaki Campus completed (120th
	anniversary project)

1994	Graduate School of Law established
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Faculty of Social Welfare established

Graduate School of Business Administration established

Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science established

Graduate School of Social Welfare established Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences

established 2002 130th anniversary of the university celebrated,

the Faculty of Psychology established

Graduate School of Psychology established

Renovation of Kumagaya Campus completed

Department of Interpersonal and Social Psy-
chology established within the Faculty of
Psychology

Interpersonal and Social Psychology master's program established as part of the Graduate School of Psychology

140th anniversary of the university celebrated

Osaki Campus renamed Shinagawa Campus

Educational Welfare master's program established as part of the Graduate School of Social Welfare

50th anniversary of Kumagaya Campus celebrated 2017

Faculty of Data Science established

150th Anniversary Memorial Hall completed

150th anniversary of the university celebrated

#### **Kumagaya Campus**







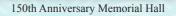
Academic Cube (Building 19)



RiLLFore (Rissho University Library Learning Forest)

#### Shinagawa Campus







Lotus Hall



Stairway Square

### **Faculties**

学部



#### Faculty of Buddhist Studies

The Faculty of Buddhist Studies embodies the spirit that Rissho University was founded upon, and its goal is to cultivate students capable of contributing to society, following the benevolence of the Bodhisattva. Designed to help students acquire wisdom and attain greater self-realization, the Faculty's unique curriculum allows students to explore the multifaceted aspects of humanity, society, history, philosophy, culture and the arts from the perspective of Buddhism.

#### Faculty of Letters

The Faculty of Letters seeks to consider the wide range of human experience, the fundamental thread that links all departments in this faculty. Students examine humanity from a broad perspective through ideas and history, language and literature, and social and cultural phenomena.

#### Faculty of Economics

The curriculum offered by the Faculty of Economics gives students the opportunity to master basic theory through a well-balanced selection of subjects that help them to better understand complex economic behaviors from various perspectives. The Faculty's goals are to cultivate in students a firm grasp of the wide-ranging issues encountered in contemporary economics and to nurture their capability in developing unique and effective economic solutions.

#### Faculty of Business Administration

With a curriculum that balances theoretical and practical programs, the Faculty of Business Administration focuses on cultivating diverse problem-solving skills as well as advanced, specialized knowledge and techniques to enable students to play an active role in a constantly changing business environment.

#### Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law focuses on cultivating advanced knowledge through a study of the overall structure and framework of the legal system to help students understand how laws should function in society. The curriculum is designed to develop the ability to effectively navigate society with specialized legal knowledge and qualifications that enable students to identify and solve a wide range of social issues.

#### **Faculty of Social Welfare**

The Faculty of Social Welfare consists of the Department of Social Welfare and Department of Child Education and Welfare. The Department of Social Welfare focuses on theory and practice in related fields while the Department of Child Education and Welfare concentrates on theory and practice related to preschool / primary education. The faculty seeks to cultivate the ability to analyze issues in modern society as it nurtures a sense of humanity and sympathy, and practical ability in the fields of social welfare and preschool / primary education.

#### Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science

The Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science focuses on cultivating the skills needed to effectively address both regional and global environmental and social issues. The Department of Environment Systems focuses on the natural sciences and the department of Geography takes an integrated approach with the humanities and the sciences. Both departments offer practical curriculums that encompass both theoretical and practical approaches through fieldwork and traditional lectures.

#### **Faculty of Psychology**

The Faculty of Psychology is home to the Department of Clinical Psychology and the Department of Interpersonal and Social Psychology. The Department of Clinical Psychology focuses on individual adjustment and techniques for psychological support. The Department of Interpersonal and Social Psychology focuses on mental states and behaviors in the context of interpersonal relationships and social involvement.

#### Faculty of Data Science

The Faculty of Data Science was established in April 2021 as the University's ninth faculty. Data science is a new discipline that seeks to make use of data to identify, and provide solutions for, a wide range of issues. Our program aims to foster an extensive variety of data scientists.



# **Graduate Schools**

大 学 院



The Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology offers six majors: Buddhist Studies, English Language and Literature, Sociology, History, Japanese Literature, and Philosophy. The research and education in each major focus on past, present, and future perspectives on what people think, how they express themselves, how they behave, and how they construct culture.

#### **Graduate School of Economics**

The Graduate School of Economics has established advanced research programs covering issues from the viewpoint of economics and the environment, and focuses on cultivating specialists and researchers capable of contributing to society with depth of knowledge and breadth of perspectives. The graduate school accepts international students from Asian countries, nations that are experiencing remarkable economic growth.

#### **Graduate School of Business Administration**

The Graduate School of Business Administration encourages students to conduct research based on theoretical and practical knowledge in each field of business administration. We focus on cultivating well-rounded and sophisticated professionals with the advanced knowledge and technical skills required by modern corporations and strive to instill a broad perspective and a highly developed sense of creativity.

#### **Graduate School of Law**

The Graduate School of Law offers legal training and continuing professional development for professionals (tax accountants, etc.) and public workers to ensure skilled individuals are capable of using their specialized legal knowledge and ability to reason for the betterment of society.



#### **Graduate School of Social Welfare**

The Graduate School of Social Welfare consists of a Master's Course and a Doctoral Course, with the Master's Course offering a Social Welfare major and an Educational Welfare major. The Social Welfare major focuses on advanced Social Welfare studies, and the Education and Welfare major aims for deepening research in areas such as education and childcare, and it is also possible to obtain a specialized teaching license. With the educational philosophy of integrating theory and practice, we aim to train advanced specialists and practitioners. We are also focusing on recurrent education for staff such as social workers working at social welfare institutions, and staff for infant and child education.

#### **Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences**

The Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences offers two majors: Environment Systems, in which students investigate global environmental issues from the perspective of natural science; and Geographical Space Systems, in which students explore the relationships between human life and the regional distribution of various phenomena that take place on the earth's surface. The school focuses on cultivating competent specialists capable of applying their advanced knowledge and skills to society and researchers capable of investigating a wide range of phenomena related to the environment.

#### **Graduate School of Psychology**

The Graduate School of Psychology offers three master's programs: Clinical Psychology, Applied Psychology, and Interpersonal and Social Psychology. This graduate school also offers a doctoral program in Psychological Studies. All programs are designed to cultivate specialists, educators, and researchers in the field of psychology.



## Research Institutes

研究所



#### Institute of Nichiren Buddhist Studies

The Institute of Nichiren Buddhist Studies conducts comprehensive research on the doctrines and history of Nichiren Shonin and religious orders based on Nichiren Shonin's teachings, with the participation of a wide range of both internal and external researchers, including faculty members in the Department of Nichiren Buddhism.

#### Institute for the Comprehensive Study of Lotus Sutra

The Institute for the Comprehensive Study of Lotus Sutra conducts the philological study of the Lotus Sutra and comprehensive research on cultural elements related to the Sutra with the participation of faculty members in the Department of Buddhist Studies to contribute to the advancement of this academic field and global culture. This institute has produced globally recognized publications containing findings obtained through many years of research.

#### **Institute of Humanistic Sciences**

The Institute of Humanistic Sciences provides teaching staff in the Faculty of Letters with opportunities to report their research results to one another through presentations and lectures. The institute promotes research through the provision of financial aid to individual and joint research projects. The Annual Bulletin of the Institute of Humanistic Sciences contains research that contributes to each academic field.

#### **Institute of Economic Studies**

The Institute of Economic Studies provides teaching staff in the Faculty of Economics with opportunities to hold conferences, present lectures and publish findings to promote individual research activities. The institute also makes arrangements for guest researchers in the fields of economy and environment from Japan and abroad.

#### Institute of Business and Management

The institute of Business and Management promotes research conducted by teaching staff in the Faculty of Business Administration and advances joint research with other universities, companies and government agencies under industry-university-government collaboration. The institute returns the results of such research to society and reflects it to research and education provided in both graduate and undergraduate programs.

#### Institute of Legal Studies

The Institute of Legal Studies promotes research and enlightenment activities for teaching staff in the Faculty of Law. Activities include the publication of the Annual Bulletin of the Institute of Legal Studies and the holding of joint symposiums with the Faculty of Law featuring both internal and external legal specialists. The institute also holds seminars to provide teaching staff opportunities to share their research.

#### Institute of Social Welfare

The Institute of Social Welfare promotes cutting-edge and interdisciplinary research and investigations in a broad range of fields related to social welfare to contribute to academic and practical advancements. Research staff includes researchers from both in and outside of the University.

#### Institute of Environmental Science

The Institute of Environmental Science focuses on research in a wide range of areas related to the global environment, regional environment and planning, environmental planning and management, and disaster prevention with the goal of contributing to the development of solutions to environmental problems. The institute also organizes extension lectures and symposiums that feature leading researchers from both in and outside of the university to promote the sharing of research findings and information exchange.

#### Institute of Psychology

The Institute of Psychology explores a wide range of research in clinical psychology as well as interpersonal and social psychology with support from the teaching staff in the Faculty of Psychology. The Institute organizes periodical research conferences and promotes the presentation and publication of research.

#### **Institute of Data Science**

The Institute supports faculty members' research, and facilitates its dissemination through research seminars and public lectures. It also coordinates the invitation of co-researchers for collaborative projects, issues a regular in-house journal, and ensures that faculty member research programs adhere to a high ethical standard.



The Center for International Exchange offers a wide range of overseas study programs to help students build self-reliance and a positive outlook while enhancing their communication abilities and broadening their vision through intercultural experience overseas. It also provides comprehensive support for students from abroad.





The semester course offers students from abroad the opportunity to study Japanese language and culture for six months or one year. Students can bolster their language skills and cultural knowledge through participation in a wide range of fun and interesting extracurricular activities such as tea ceremony and flower arrangement lessons, and events held on campus and in the community. Students can also join a club to make new friends with similar interests.



#### **Short-term Course**

The short-term course is a three-week intensive program that offers students from abroad the opportunity to study Japanese language and culture. With support from Japanese students, course participants can enjoy and benefit from this program regardless of their level of Japanese language proficiency.





#### Partner Universities • • • • • • •





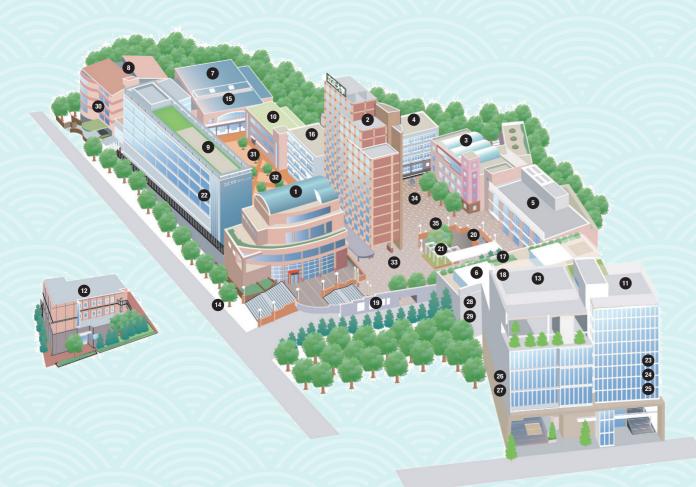


Area	Country	Name of University		
	Korea (6)	Dongguk University, Uiduk University, Hallym University, Kyung Hee University, Silla University, Kookmin University		
	China (5)	Beijing Normal University, Nanjing University, Xinjiang University, Tianjin Normal University, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics		
	Taiwan (3)	Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts, Shih Hsin University, Fu Jen Catholic University		
Asia (26)	Vietnam (3)	FPT University, Hanoi University, Thang Long University		
	Uzbekistan (3)	Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Termez State University, Archaeological Museum Termez		
	Thailand (2)	Udon Thani Rajabhat University, Siam University		
	Cambodia (1)	Chamroeun University of Poly-technology		
	The Philippines (1)	Silliman University		
	Nepal (1)	Tribhuvan University		
	Malaysia (1)	Universiti Sains Malaysia		
North America (6)	USA (4)	University of Southern Maine, Linfield College, Harvard University, University of Guam		
	Canada (2)	University of Calgary, University of Victoria		
Oceania (4)	New Zealand (2)	Southern Institute of Technology, University of Otago		
Occaina (4)	Australia (2)	Deakin University, Curtin University		
	UK (1)	Canterbury Christ Church University		
Europe (4)	Spain (1)	University of Alcalá		
Europe (4)	Ireland (1)	University College Cork		
	Italy (1)	University of Genoa		

<sup>•</sup> List of partner universities by date of issue

<sup>•</sup> As of January 31st, 2023

#### **Shinagawa Campus**



1 Building 1	Building 13 (150th Anniversary Memorial Hall)
2 Building 2	14 Main Entrance
3 Building 3	65 Cafeteria/Gymnasium/Martial arts dojo
4 Building 4	6 Center for Psychotherapy and Counseling
5 Building 5	7 Center for International Exchange
6 Building 6 (150th Anniversary Memorial Hall)	18 Statue of Nichiren Shonin
7 Building 7	19 Nurse's office
8 Building 8	20 Ishibashi Tanzan Memorial Auditorium
9 Building 9	21 Campus Store
10 Building 10	2 Career Support Center
1 Building 11	23 Admissions Center
2 Building 12	24 RiLLCom/RiLLPort

The Shinagawa Campus is located in Shinagawaku, Tokyo. It is easily accessible, being located just five minutes' walk away from both Osaki and Gotanda Stations. The vicinity is convenient not only for commuting, but also for shopping and seeking employment. The campus offers an ideal learning environment with state-of-the-art IT facilities. The 150th Anniversary Memorial Hall was completed in February 2021.



25 Library

26 Lotus Hall

28 Cafeteria

30 Library

32 Square

29 Café

27 Lotus Gallery

31 Swimming Pool

33 Ashok Pillar

34 Tahoto Pagoda

35 Statue of Ishibashi Tanzan

#### Kumagaya Campus



0	Building 1 (Gate Plaza)	14	Admissions Center
2	Building 2	15	Building 19 (Academic Cube)
3	Building 3	16	RiLLFore
4	Building 6	17	Building 20 (Sports Cube)
5	Building 8	18	Club Rooms
6	Building 9	19	Cafeteria/Café/Campus Store
7	Student Dormitory A	20	Post Office
8	Student Dormitory B	21	Information Center
9	Cafeteria	22	Bus Terminal
10	Library	23	<b>Student Dormitory</b>
0	Oriental Bell Museum	24	<b>Student Dormitory</b>
12	Building 17	25	Cafeteria

Campus Store 13 Career Support Center 26 Archery Ground The Kumagaya Campus is located in the northern area of Saitama Prefecture. The city of Kumagaya is well known for rugby, udon, and the Kumagaya Uchiwa Festival. In 2019, it was one of the host cities of the Rugby World Cup. The city is about 60 minutes from central Tokyo by train. The expansive campus covers 350,000m<sup>2</sup> and offers a

comprehensive educational environment including dormitories and sport

facilities. The Faculty of Data Science was established in April 2021 as

the University's ninth faculty.

- 27 Japanese Archery Ground 28 Tennis Court
- 29 Soccer Ground
- 30 Baseball Ground 31 Athletic Ground
- 32 Rugby Ground
- 33 Car Parking Lots
- 34 Bicycle/Motorcycle Parking Lots
- **35** Car Parking Lots
- **36** Special Elderly Nursing Home
- 37 Statue of Ishibashi Tanzan



# Shinagawa International Exchange Events



Interaction with Rissho International Exchange Association (RIEA)



Making "Juzu"(Prayer beads)



Japanese Current Affairs Class



Temple visit to Kamakura, Kanagawa



Presentation of annual Japanese events by Rissho students



One-day flower arrangement lesson



Field trip to Kawagoe, Saitama





Day trip to Tokyo Sky Tree and Asakusa Farewell ceremony



Strawberry picking





It's so exciting!

Enjoying university life while learning literature!



Welcoming!



Taiwan

We can express

A place where everyone can shine!

발약 있는군!

1. ยัติดหวัง !!

Every day is just great for me!



Come experience Japan!



We can make great memories here at Rissho!





We enjoy every day!

A place where we can have brand-new experiences and make great memories that's Rissho University!

마일매일 새로고

완전를 만들었는

릿쇼대학》

Korea



Rissho! Spring of our youth!



Rissho University is the Best!



#### Organizational Chart ••••••

#### **Faculties**

Faculty of Buddhist Studies
Department of Nichiren Buddhism

Department of Buddhist Studies

Faculty of Letters

Department of Philosophy Department of History Department of Sociology Department of Literature

**•** Faculty of Economics

Department of Economics

Faculty of Business Administration

> Department of Business Administration

Faculty of Law

Department of Law

Faculty of Social Welfare

Department of Social Welfare

Department of Child Education and Welfare

• Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science

Department of Environment Systems Department of Geography

Faculty of Psychology

Department of Clinical Psychology Department of Interpersonal and Social Psychology

**©** Faculty of Data Science

Department of Data Science

#### **Graduate Schools**

Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology

Philosophy (D/M)

Japanese Literature (D/M)

History (D/M)

Sociology (D/M)

English and American Literature (D/M) Buddhist Studies (D/M)

Graduate School of Economics
Economics (D/M)

Graduate School of Business
Administration

Business Administration (M)

Graduate School of Law

Law (M)

Graduate School of Social
Welfare

Social Welfare (D/M)
Educational Welfare (M)

Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences

Environment Systems (D/M)
Geographical Space Systems (D/M)

Graduate School of Psychology

Clinical Psychology (M)
Applied Psychology (M)
Interpersonal and Social Psychology (M)
Psychological Studies (D)

#### **Attached Facilities and Institutions**

- Institute of Nichiren Buddhist Studies
- Institute for the Comprehensive Study of Lotus Sutra
- Institute of Humanistic Sciences
- Institute of Economic Studies
- Institute of Business and Management
- Institute of Legal Studies
- Institute of Social Welfare
- Institute of Environmental Science
- Institute of Psychology

- Institute of Data Science
- Center for Research Promotion and Regional Alliance
- Center for Research on Ishibashi Tanzan
- Center for Teacher Education and Training
- Center for Educational Development
- Center for Information and Communication Technology
- Center for International Exchange
- Admissions Center

- Career Support Center
- Center for Psychotherapy and Counseling
- Library
- Oriental Bell Museum
- Archives of University History
- Disability Support Services
- Volunteer Center
- Data Science Center

• As of May 1st, 2022

#### Facts •••••

Number of full-time teachers

298



Number of administrative staff

234



Number of students

10,268



Number of international students

125



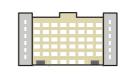
Number of books in library

1,012,582



Number of

faculties



Number of graduate schools

7



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#### Academic Calendar

#### First (spring) semester

April	Entrance Ceremony Orientation Start of classes for first (spring) semester	
May		
June	Anniversary of foundation	
July	End of classes for first (spring) semester Final examinations for first (spring) semester	
August	Summer vacation	

<sup>\*</sup> The schedule is subject to change due to university events.

#### Second (fall) semester

September	Summer vacation Start of classes for second (fall) semester
October	
November	University Festival (Kikka-sai and Seiso-sai)
December	Winter vacation English Speech Contest (Rissho Voices)
January	End of classes for second (fall) semester Final examinations for second (fall) semester
February	Spring vacation
March	Spring vacation Graduation Ceremony
	October November December January February