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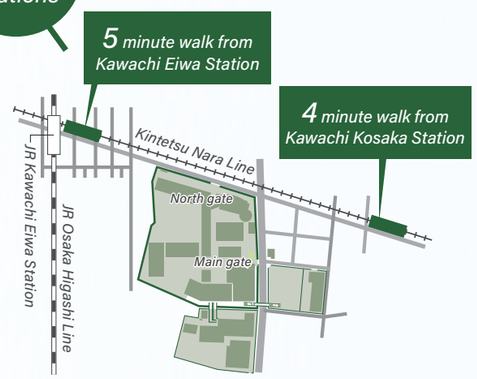
From city center

Around 30 minutes from Osaka Station

Around 12 minutes from Osaka Namba Station

Around 20 minutes from Tennoji Station

From nearest stations



Access From Major Stations

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Osaka	JR Osaka Station	JR Osaka Higashi Line				About 30 minutes	
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Nara	Kintetsu Nara Staion	Kintetsu Nara Line (semi-express train)				About 40 minutes	

Kintetsu Kawachi Kosaka Station — 4-minute walk west — Osaka Shoin Women's University — 5-minute walk east

大阪樟蔭女子大学
OSAKA SHOIN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

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TEL.06-6723-8274 Email: koho@osaka-shoin.ac.jp kokusai@osaka-shoin.ac.jp

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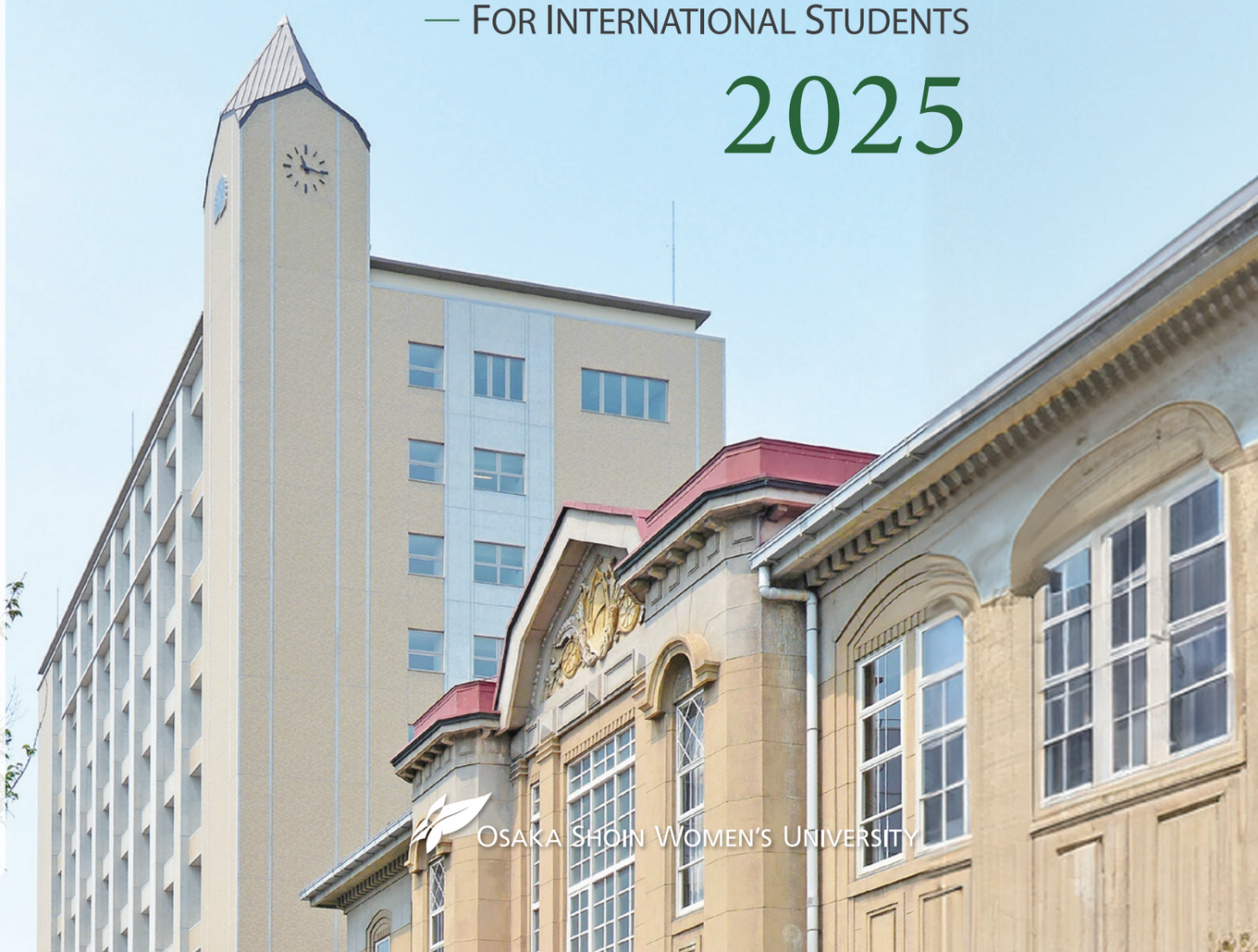
OSAKA SHOIN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

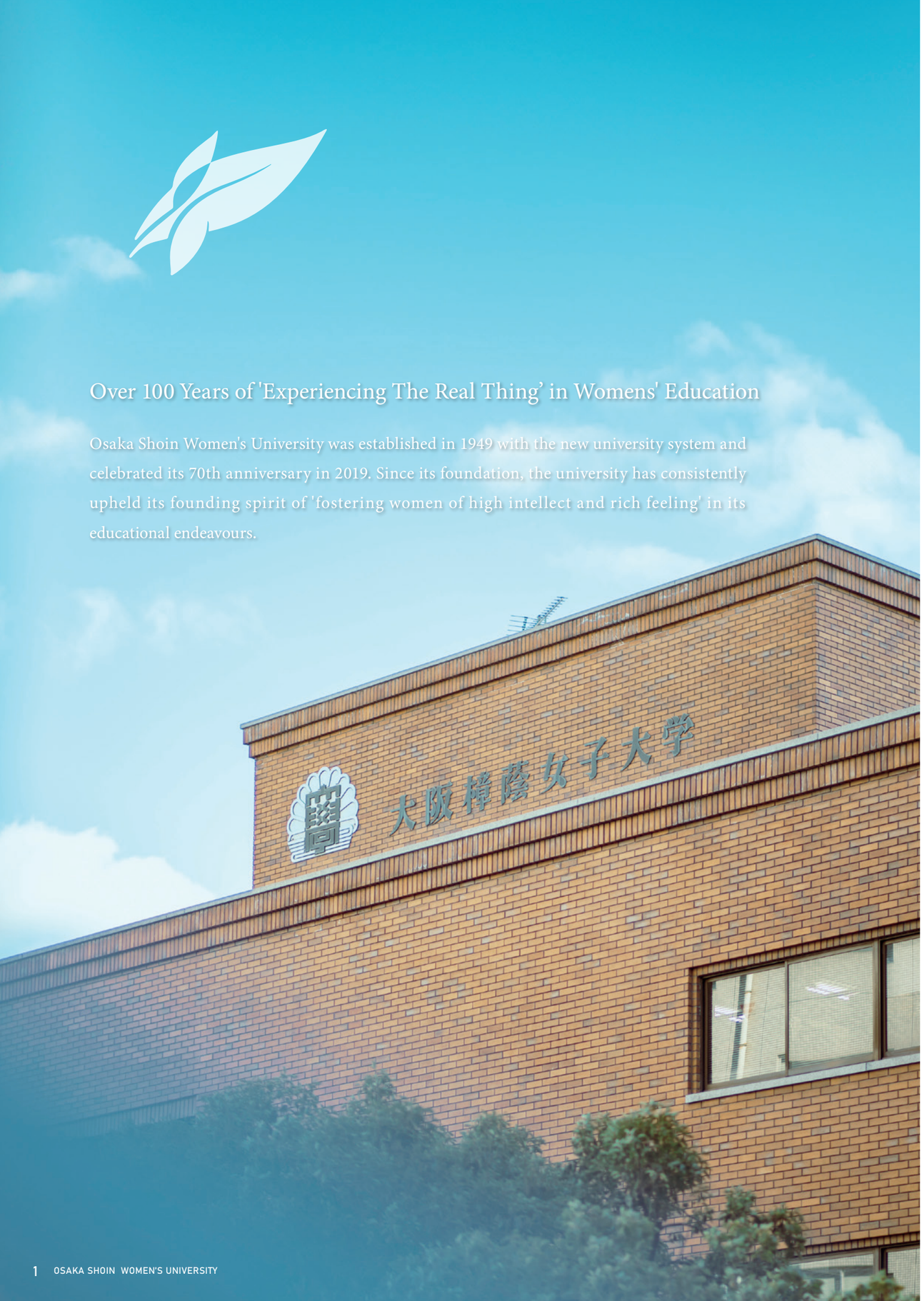
— FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

2025



Over 100 Years of 'Experiencing The Real Thing' in Womens' Education

Osaka Shoin Women's University was established in 1949 with the new university system and celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2019. Since its foundation, the university has consistently upheld its founding spirit of 'fostering women of high intellect and rich feeling' in its educational endeavours.



Support for International Students

Support From The Shoin International Langugae Center (SILC)

Support for international students to feel safe and secure in their university life

Staff at the Shoin International Learning Center (SILC) are always available to help international students with any problems or concerns they may have in their daily lives. To ensure that student life goes smoothly, they offer support by assisting with living procedures, visa status, information about scholarships, and more. The centre is also a place where international and Japanese students can meet and interact, and where various language courses and seasonal events are held.

Career Support Center

Support for international students on finding employment after graduation

We carry out guidance and employment surveys to support students in finding work after graduation, so please feel free to consult us about anything. We also actively provide information about employment events from outside Osaka Shoin Women's University aimed at international students, employment preparation courses (how to write a CV, how to get an interview, etc.), and company tours and internships.

International Exchange

Interact with foreigners and experience foreign cultures.

Every year, we have Halloween parties and Christmas parties with interantional students, as well as camps and guided tours of Japan during the summer and spring holidays. We also organise activities to learn about English for children. Many of our students are aspiring to become Japanese language teachers, so they can give you support when you have trouble with Japanese. If you are an international student, please try getting in touch!

Pre-Study Before You Begin

Free support from the moment you decide to take the exam

A wide range of support is available to you from the moment you decide to apply to the university, such as help with studying for the entrance exam, and with studying Japanese and English. Students aiming to pass the entrance exam can take a weekly preparation course, and students can also participate in Japanese and English language courses prior to enrolment, to prepare for a smooth transition to university classes.

Japanese and English Study

Study support from enrolled staff

SILC staff and university students support international students in learning Japanese and English. University students who aim to become Japanese language teachers teach Japanese on a one-to-one basis, and foreign staff teach English. International students who are worried about their Japanese or want to improve their English can use their free time in class or after school to improve their language skills at SILC.

International Student Buddies

Support from Japanese students as buddies

The University has introduced a buddy system. A Japanese student will act as your buddy and provide you with support. You can reach out to them any time you have problems in class or at the university, difficulties with life in Japan, or if you just need advice. Why not plan events around shared hobbies and make lots of memories with your buddy?

Faculties and Departments

Women's education at Shoin, with over 100 years of 'experiencing the real thing,' embraces a diverse range of people. We have a wide variety of studies developing the ability to think and act independently through a multifaceted and comprehensive assesment of the goal-reaching process.

Faculty of Liberal Arts

Department of Liberal Arts

※Opening April 2025

Gracefully, Beautifully
Living in the modern world in your own way.

Pursuable Career paths

- Information and communication industry
- Service industry
- Civil servants (police officers, city hall employees, etc.)
- NGO/NPO
- Tourism/hotel industry
- Finance/insurance industry, etc.

Expected occupations and roles

- Planning and marketing
- Research and analysis
- IT engineer
- Business
- Sales, etc.

Department of Japanese Language and Literature

Japanese Language and Literature Course /
Calligraphy Course /
Creative Writing and Expression Course

Reading, writing and speaking.
Beautiful words will guide you to your dreams.

Pursuable Career paths

- Junior high school and high school teacher (Japanese)
- Calligraphy teacher (high school)
- Librarian teacher, librarian
- Civil servant
- Japanese language teacher, etc.

Major qualifications

- Junior high school teacher I (Japanese)
- Senior high school teacher I (Japanese, calligraphy)
- Librarian, etc.

Department of English as an Interational Language

Global Communication Course /
Language Education Practice Course

Talking, communicating, understanding.
Dialogue teaches us the beauty of one another.

Pursuable Career paths

- Hotels
- Airlines
- Travel industry
- English teachers (junior high and high school)
- Japanese language teachers, etc.

Major qualifications

- Junior high school and high school teacher (English), etc.

Department of Psychology

Comprehensive Psychology Course /
Clinical Psychology Course

Listening to the voice of the heart.
Forming beautiful relationships with people and society.

Pursuable Career paths

- Child guidance
- Medical institutions
- Hospitals and others

Major qualifications

- Licensed psychologist*
- Clinical psychologist (post-graduate qualification)
- Mental Health Social Worker (PSW/ Qualification to sit the national examination)
- School Social Worker (SSW)
- Clinical psychologist (can be obtained upon graduation by fulfilling credit requirements), etc.

**After graduation, students must complete a postgraduate course to train as a licensed psychologist or obtain prescribed work experience to be eligible to sit the exam.*

Faculty of Life Planning

Department of Life Planning

Life Design Course / Food Design Course

Enjoying today. Looking ahead to tomorrow
Skills and know-how for beautiful living

Pursuable Career paths

- Financial Planner
- Product development for food manufacturers and others.

Major qualifications

- Financial Planning (FP)
- The Official Business Skill Test in Book-keeping Levels 2 and 3
- Junior high school/high school teacher (home economics), etc.

Department of Beauty and Fashion Studies

Fashion Studies Course / Cosmetology Course /
Beauty Course*

**Applications for the beauty course will close when the maximum number of places (40) is reached.*

Fascinate, feel, think.
The creation of beauty enriches the world

Pursuable Career paths

- Designer
- Patternmaker
- Stylist
- Make-up artist
- Hairdresser, etc.

Major qualifications

- Junior high school teacher (home economics)
- Senior high school teacher (home economics)
- National examinations for beauticians (qualification to sit for examinations), etc.

Faculty of Childhood Education

Department of Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education and Care Course /
School Education Course

Staying close, watching over and guiding.
For the beautiful future of children.

Pursuable Career paths

- Primary schools teacher
- Kindergarten teacher
- Childcare teacher
- Nursery school teacher
- Nursery teacher
- Junior high school teacher (English), etc.

Major qualifications

- Nursery school teacher
- Kindergarten teacher (1st class)
- Elementary school teacher (1st class)
- Junior high school teacher (English)
- Librarian
- Librarian teacher (concurrently studying for a primary school teacher's license), etc

Faculty of Health and Nutrition

Department of Health and Nutrition

Dietitian Major* / Food and Nutrition Major

**The dietitian major is not open to international students.*

Nourishing the body and mind.
Good food is the source of life and health.

Pursuable Career paths

- Planning and development in food-related companies
- Nutritionist in food service companies
- Nutritionist at nursery schools and childcare centers
- Nutritionist at social welfare facilities, nurseries and kindergartens, etc.

Major qualifications

- Nutritionist
- Junior high school and high school teacher (home economics)
- Nutrition teacher 2nd class
- Food specialist, etc.

Messages from International Students

International students recommend!

The best points of Osaka Shoin Women's University

05 POINTS

POINT 01

Excellent practical training facilities!

POINT 02

You can learn together with Japanese students!

POINT 03

Four-year courses, so you can learn at your own pace!

POINT 04

Friendly support, so you can have peace of mind!

POINT 05

The powder rooms are pretty and cute!

Message 01

Department of English as an Interational Language

Ms. XIE XIAO YUN
(From China)

I participated in the open campus recommended to me by my Japanese language school, and since the teachers were so kind and the trial lessons were so fun I decided to enroll. There aren't any women's universities in China, so at first I couldn't imagine what it would be like, but everyone was very kind and supportive, so I was very glad. Since entering the school, they have very kindly helped me out with daily life things, like my pension and how to write documents, so I'm very thankful. Currently I'm studying to become a teacher of Japanese and English, and I want to get involved in volunteer work in the future.

Message 02

Department of English as an Interational Language

Ms. BAI SIWEN
(From China)

I was attracted to the school by the atmosphere of the small classes I experienced at the open campus. I'm studying international culture, such as gender and food culture of other countries, in the Department of International English. Thanks to this, I think I've gained a better understanding of other people and a more flexible way of thinking. I also feel at home in the department because of the cheerful atmosphere and the kind people. I have wanted to work as a cabin attendant since I first flew on an airplane as a child, so now I am working hard to become a cabin attendant with an international perspective.

Message 05

Department of English as an Interational Language

Ms. MARIA CECILIA AMALO
(From Indonesia)

I have wanted to teach English in Japan since I was a first-year high school student, so I decided to enroll at Osaka Shoin Women's University, where I can get a teaching license. At first, my mother in Indonesia was against it, but by working hard to get my N3 and showing her how much I wanted to learn, she began to support me. In Japan, I'm working part-time at a fast-food restaurant and trying many different things. On campus, there are Indonesian seniors, facilities to watch DVDs, and volunteer activities you can do, so it's very fulfilling!

Message 03

Department of English as an Interational Language

Ms. ZUU NANDAR AUNG KHANT
(From Myanmar)

I first heard about the university when I attended an open campus seminar. I went to the open campus and the teachers and seniors explained to me about the school, and I found the major I wanted to study here. At first I was nervous, but I attended the next open campus and decided to apply. I truly have no regrets choosing this school. Although I was a little worried at first because I didn't have any Japanese friends, everyone is nice and friendly, and the teachers are very kind. I am going to enjoy doing my best for the next four years.

Message 04

Department of Psychology

Ms. YU YAN JIN
(From China)

I was interested in the university because of my love of the Japanese diet and anime, and after consulting with my Japanese language school teacher and Japanese friends, they told me that I would be fine here, so I decided to enroll. I was never very good at talking to people, but my Japanese friends are all very kind and friendly, so we do our assignments at the café together and hang out with friends from the mandolin club. When I have problems, I ask the SILC staff for advice, so I spend my days with help from the people around me. I am currently studying psychology and Japanese language teaching certification.

Message 06

Department of English as an Interational Language

Ms. SABRINA ANGELIQUE GOSAL
(From Indonesia)

I came to Japan to study because I liked Japanese anime and manga, and I thought that living on my own would help me grow. I chose this university because my Japanese language school teacher recommended it, and I can get a teaching qualification here. I think my Japanese friends are very fashionable and elegant. They are also kind and teach me a lot, so I have peace of mind. From now on, I would like to participate in internships and take part in practical training and events related to education. In the future, I would like to become a teacher who is reliable not only in class, but also whom children can freely ask for advice.

from Graduate

Senior whose dreams came true

Ritsumeikan University Graduate School
Graduate School of Food Management

Department of Life Planning

Ms. Mutiara Fakriyah
(From Indonesia)

I liked cooking and wanted to learn about food, so I decided to go to Osaka Shoin Women's University, whose food study course offers a cross-disciplinary approach to food culture and food business. In the university classes, I particularly enjoyed cooking practice and food styling. For my graduation thesis, I conducted research on the subject of 'how Indonesian Muslims living in Osaka practice Halal food.' From now on, at graduate school, I would like to research Halal dietary habits, focusing not only on Muslims living in Japan, but also on Muslim tourists coming to Japan. In the future, I would like to become a Halal food advisor in Japan!

This facility supports international students.

The Shoin International Learning Centre (SILC) is a facility that supports international students in their student life. Whenever you come to the university, stop by the SILC to check your personal letter case and get in touch with the staff. If you need help with anything on a day-to-day basis, you can consult with the SILC staff and feel at ease about your student life.

● POINT

01 You can make many friends interacting with Japanese students.

You can make many friends by spending free time at this facility during and after school, and by participating in fun events with Japanese students. You can freely participate in 'Japanese language classes' and 'calligraphy classes' for international students.

02 You can get to know students with different purposes.

Many students use the facilities for a range of purposes. Students interested in studying abroad, students interested in international exchange, students interested in foreign languages, students who want to study for English language qualifications, students who want to enjoy English conversation, and many others enjoy spending time at this facility. International students are encouraged to make good use of these facilities and enjoy their university life.

We also organise meetups with international students from different countries!

SILC holds regular meetups where fellow international students can get together. Here, you can discuss any worries or anxieties you may have about life in Japan with other students. We provide a variety of support so that you can live university life with peace of mind.

Messages from SILC staff

If you have any problems, you can contact SILC staff anytime!
We are here to help you with not only university, but also everyday life.

SOUMA HIROOMI
SILC Office Manager

Come to SILC whenever you need help!

SILC is a facility where international students can enjoy interacting with Japanese students. During your free time and after classes, you can spend time with many Japanese students and learn not only Japanese language but also culture and customs. Also, if you have any problems in your daily life, please do not hesitate to consult the SILC staff at any time. We will do our best to support international students!

Learn Korean with us!

KANG HYUNA
SILC Staff (Korea)

Annyeonghaseyo! Life expands when you can speak an extra language. Why not have fun learning a language you like? As we talk together, the difficult Korean language will become fun. The important thing when studying a language is the experience of actually speaking it. Let' s be confident and have fun studying Korean together!

Our friendly staff are here to help you!

KITAHARA YUKA
SILC Staff (Japan)

The friendly staff at SILC will help make your university life in Japan a meaningful one. Please come to SILC and make many friends with fellow international and Japanese students!

Support for international exchange!

Jhon Gibson
SILC Staff (New Zealand)

I came to Japan as a high school exchange student and ever since then I' ve believed in the importance of international exchange. I teach English lessons and support those learning English. If you need support or you just want to talk, come to me anytime!

We will support you to make this a comfortable HOME!

ASAOKA SAKI
SILC staff (Japan)

I know it can be very unsettling at first to leave your family and the country you are accustomed to in order to study abroad. I also have experience studying abroad, so I understand how you feel. We will support you to make the university a comfortable home for you, so please don't worry. Through international exchange, please share your country' s language and culture with us!

Entrance Examination

Details of the International Students Entrance Exam can be found here ▶

Application Requirements

Those with a foreign nationality who meet the following requirements (1) to (3) and have a status of residence that does not hinder university enrolment under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (for women).
Those who have obtained or are expected to renew their visa status by April 2025 (girls).

(1) Those who have reached 18 years of age as of 1 April 2025.
(2) Those who fulfill any of the following conditions relating to the course of study, etc.
a) Those who have completed 12 years of school education in the country concerned or other countries (excluding Japan) (including those expected to complete in March 2025), or those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to this.
b) Those who have been recognized as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than a high school graduate by the University's pre-screening for the recognition of application eligibility.
(3) Those who meet any of the following criteria regarding Japanese language proficiency.
a) Those who have passed N2 or above in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (limited to those conducted in 2023 and 2024) at the time of application.
b) Those who have scored 220 or more on the EJU (limited to those administered in 2023 and 2024) Japanese Language (Reading Comprehension, Listening Comprehension and Listening-Reading Comprehension combined).
c) Those recommended by thier Japanese Language School as being opproximately the same level as a) or b).

Screening

[Application registration period, examination dates, pass/fail dates and admission procedure deadlines]

	Selection Category	Application and registration period	Examination Day	Results Announcement Day
Entrance	1st Group	13 Sept (Fri) to 14 Oct (Mon) 2024, by 15:00	19 Oct (Sat)	1 Nov (Fri)
	2nd Group	6 January (Mon) to 3 February (Mon) 2025, by 15:00	1 Feb 2025 (Sat)	18 February (Tues)
	3rd Group	8 February (Sat) to 18 February (Tues) 2025, by 15:00	28 Feb 2025 (Fri)	8 Mar 2025 (Sat)

[Selection method]

Selection is made on the basis of an interview and the results of the applicant's home school.
The interview is conducted by two or three interviewers for each candidate. The interview lasts approximately 30 minutes. Subject to change depending on the number of applicants on the day.

	Selection Category	Screening time (Interviews)	Examination Venue
Entrance Examination	1st Group	10:00- (scheduled)	University Campus 577-8550 Osakafu Higashiosakashi Hishiyanishi 4-2-26 (4-minute walk west from Kawachi-Kosaka Station on the Kintetsu Nara Line) (5-minute walk east from JR Kawachi Eiwa Station on the JR Osakahigashi Line)
	2nd Group	10:00- (scheduled)	
	3rd Group	10:00- (scheduled)	

Application procedure

1. The University uses the online application system for all entrance examinations. For details, see the separate 'Internet Application Guide'.
2. Where to submit applications and where to make enquiries.

Osaka Shoin Women's University Admissions and PR Department
577-8550 Osakafu Higashiosakashi Hishiyanishi 4-2-26
TEL. 06-6723-8274 (direct) FAX. 06-6723-8268 Email: koho@osaka-shoin.ac.jp

3. Entrance examination fee: 30,000 yen (Non-refundable under any circumstances).

[Application documents] *We cannot return documents submitted during the application under any circumstances.*

Please enclose a set of application documents in a commercially available A4-size envelope and send it to the Admissions and PR Department by post (express or registered mail). (Must arrive no later than the last day of application registration)

❶ Web-based application form
After completing the application registration, download and attach one photograph.
❷ Certificate of (expected) graduation from high school, etc.
(Form prescribed by your home country or school in Japan)
❸ High school transcript
Form prescribed by your home country or the school you attended in Japan.
❹ Documents certifying Japanese language ability
Copy of certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
❺ Copy of residence card
After completing the application registration, download and attach one photograph.
❻ Copy of passport
The most recent one.
❼ Personal profile
Please fill in and submit the personal profile designated by the University, covering your career up to the time of application.
❽ Certificate of (expected) graduation from a Japanese language school
Prescribed form of Japanese language school.
❾ Academic transcript from Japanese language school
Form prescribed by the Japanese language school.

8. and 9. are for applicants enrolled in a Japanese language school.
For details, see the '2025 Entrance Examination for International Students'.

International student admissions Scholarship schemes

This is the University's own scholarship system for students who have passed the entrance examination for international students and have completed the enrolment procedures, with scholarships available from the first year of study. We have prepared this system so that students studying in Japan can make use of it as much as possible. Please take advantage of this opportunity after checking the selection criteria and payment method.

List of tuition fees / Entrance examination for International Students Scholarship

Department / Major		Department of Liberal Arts (Opening April 2025)	Department of Japanese Language and Literature Department of English as an International Language *1	Department of Life Planning Department of Beauty and Fashion Studies	Department of Psychology Department of Childhood Education	Department of Health and Nutrition Department of Food and Nutrition
Course Fees Summary	① Regular tuition fee	995,000yen	830,000yen	890,000yen	870,000yen	890,000yen
	② Scholarship	300,000yen	300,000yen	300,000yen	300,000yen	300,000yen
	International student tuition fee ①-②	695,000yen	530,000yen	590,000yen	570,000yen	590,000yen
	Facility fee	280,000yen	280,000yen	280,000yen	280,000yen	280,000yen
	Experiment and practical training fee	50,000yen	—	—	—	10,000yen
	Supporters' association fee	12,000yen	12,000yen	12,000yen	12,000yen	12,000yen
	Students' association fee	6,000yen	6,000yen	6,000yen	6,000yen	6,000yen
	Alumni association fee	10,000yen	10,000yen	10,000yen	10,000yen	10,000yen
	Annual fees	1,053,000yen	838,000yen	898,000yen	878,000yen	908,000yen

**1 The Department of International English requires students to take the Overseas English Seminar (16-week midterm study abroad) in the autumn term of their second year. Tuition and facility fees for the autumn term are not required with the payment of the overseas study abroad fee.*
**2 Fees for the Department of Liberal Arts are tentative and subject to change.*

Selection criteria

- Students in 1st year who have been admitted through the International Student Entrance Examination and whose status of residence is 'College Student.'
- Students in 2nd to 4th year (2nd year and onwards) with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Grant Period

The grant will be renewed every year for four years of study.

Grant Amount

The amount of the grant is 300,000 yen per year.

Grant Time and Procedure

The Scholarship for International Students will be granted in October when autumn tuition fees are paid, offset against tuition fees.

Fees Required For Admission Procedures [All Faculties And Departments]

Itemization			
		Enrollment Fee	280,000yen
	Expenses	Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research("Gakkensai")*	2,650yen
		Personal Liability Insurance*	1,360yen
		Total fees payable at the time of enrollment	284,010yen

**Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research and Personal Liability Insurance premiums are actual figures for financial year 2024.*

Admission Procedure Time Frame

Selection Category	Admission Procedure Deadline
1st Group	15 November 2024 (Fri)
2nd Group	6 March 2025 (Thurs)
3rd Group	17 Mar 2025 (Mon)

●Successful applicants must complete the enrolment procedures in accordance with the 'Admission Instructions' mailed with their letter of acceptance.
● Please pay the required fees (enrollment fee, Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research ("Gakkensai"), Personal Liability Insurance) by the deadline. ● Once paid, fees are non-refundable