Shiga University, founded in 1949, consists of three faculties: the Faculty of Education in Otsu and the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Data Science in Hikone.

The Faculty of Data Science, newly established in April 2017, aims to be a front-runner in the field of data science in Japan. Courses in statistics and computer science are provided to foster value-creating abilities in the students using real world data. Graduates from the faculty are data scientists, who can create new values for society from big data using firm knowledge of data analysis (statistics) and data engineering (computer science). The Graduate School of Data Science will welcome its first group of graduate students in April 2019.

With its origin as the Training Institute of Elementary School Teachers, the Faculty of Education aims to nurture teachers with attractive personalities as well as practical leadership skills to respond productively to the new school education. It also has a graduate school which offers Master’s course in School Education and Professional Degree Program in Education.

The Faculty of Economics has its origin in Hikone Commercial College, and it aims to develop specialists in economics with a global perspective and problem solving abilities capable of responding to the needs of a global information society. The Graduate School of Economics offers Master’s degrees and the Doctoral degrees.

As of May 2018, we have approximately 4,000 students including international students from about 10 countries. The Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Education offer special examinations which given to privately-financed international students.

We support international students by providing assistance such as tutoring, counselling, and scholarships; and the Institute for International Affairs provides additional Japanese language classes especially designed for exchange students and research students.

**Academics** Education, Economics, Data Science

**Number of Students** Undergraduate 3,727 / Graduate 236 / International Students 172

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Shiga University of Medical Science strives to cultivate excellent medical professionals, conduct outstanding medical research, and practice high-quality “holistic medicine” as “the university which is supported by its local community, contributes to the community and plays an active part in the world.” In our undergraduate education, we cultivate physicians, nurses, midwives, and public health nurses. Our graduates are active in the field of medicine and nursing from local communities to the global arena. In our graduate school, we focus to foster clinical scientists with a research mind who will be new generation of leaders in charge of high-quality research in medicine and nursing.

In the School of Medicine, students acquire a wide range of knowledge, sufficient expertise and sophisticated clinical skills in the curricula of liberal arts, basic medicine, and clinical medicine. Shiga University of Medical Science was accredited in 2018 by the Japan Accreditation Council for Medical Education (JACME). The Research Physician Training Program is provided for students who aspire to be a physician scientist, where they can undertake research early in the undergraduate education and earn PhD earlier than in standard doctoral courses.

In the School of Nursing, liberal arts and specialized subjects are integrated into a curriculum organically. We also offer joint lessons with the School of Medicine and extensive nursing practices. Students can apply for a program for becoming a public health nurse or one for becoming a midwife in the 3rd year or later. Further, students may take part in the “Visiting Nurse Training Course” for future visiting nurses.

We have a high reputation for our unique research activities such as neurodegenerative disease research, biomedical research using cynomolgus monkeys and international epidemiological research on non-communicable diseases. We aim to lead development of medical science and medical care in the new era, promoting reliable high-quality clinical research centering on our Center for Clinical Research and Advanced Medicine.

**Academics** Medicine, Nursing

**Number of Students** Undergraduate 979 / Graduate 221 / International Students 37

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A tradition of non-traditional thinking has defined Kyoto University over its more than 120 years, and President Juichi Yamagiwa’s ambition is to preserve this safe haven of academic freedom: free from outside pressures, free from prejudice, and free from existing paradigms. This philosophy permeates the university, inspiring students and researchers to follow their curiosity and discover their own paths of discovery.

One scholar who embodies this energy is the university’s 2018 Nobel laureate in medicine, Tasuku Honjo, whose groundbreaking work led to the development of cancer immunotherapy. It began when he chanced upon a seemingly innocuous protein that exists in all of our bodies, which he then doggedly pursued over years of study, leading his team to the opening of this new front in the battle against cancer. Dr Honjo joins Shinya Yamanaka as the second Nobel laureate active among the research faculty.

Patience and curiosity are embodied in the university’s Designated National University status — granted in 2017 by the education ministry MEXT — with its notable focus on globally-oriented study of the humanities and social sciences. In an era driven by achievements in high technology and the natural sciences, this emphasis recognizes the increasing urgency in understanding all aspects of humanity’s origins and role in the future of the planet. Furthermore, situated in Japan’s ancient capital, KyotoU is uniquely positioned to lend the heritage of the city’s culture and traditions to this urgent global discourse.

In March 2018, Kyoto University implemented a policy of not accepting research funding from military sources. Life on this planet is too precious and too fragile to be placed in any more jeopardy than it currently faces. The university pledges to imbue its graduates and researchers with this guiding principle, in tune with a desire for harmonious coexistence with all life and the natural environment.

KyotoU: the mind of Kyoto in the heart of Japan.


Number of Students Undergraduate 13,227 / Graduate 9,427 / International Students 2,474

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Kyoto University of Education

Kyoto University of Education is conveniently located in the southern part of the historic city of Kyoto. The spacious, 14-hectare campus provides plenty of greenery despite being in an urban area. The university also has six affiliated schools, the university library, Center for Educational Career Enhancement and other institutes.

We promote innovation, functional nurturing, and practical support for teachers who continue to learn throughout their careers and lives, following four fundamental objectives.

In conjunction with the Kyoto Prefectural and Kyoto City Boards of Education, we take a major role in cultivating teachers for compulsory education, as an integral part of this region.

Capitalizing on Kyoto’s characteristics, we accept students from other prefectures nationwide, as part of board regional teacher development program, primarily in the Kinki area.

We promote continued innovation in educational study and research curricula, while continuing to manage and develop the Kyoto-based United Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education.

Utilizing Kyoto’s outstanding position in history and traditional culture, we promote growth and enhancement seminars for teachers who nurture our global human resources, augmenting their international comprehension and communication capabilities based on their own identified goals.

Message from President

Training teachers with strong ethical standards, human rights consciousness, and self-implemented ability to continue learning in response to change.

At Kyoto University of Education, each of our faculty members takes pride in his or her work, and is confident that the teachers we help to develop, one on one, are true assets in the field of education. We see ourselves as a distinctive educational institution, striving not only to build practical skills, but also to promote the honest interpretation of nature, culture and society, while we encourage best practices and scholarly research among the educational community.

Academics Education
Number of Students Undergraduate 1,392 / Graduate 266 / International Students 28
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One hundred years has passed since Kyoto Institute of Technology (KIT) was first established as Kyoto College of Technology and Kyoto College of Textile Fibers. Located in Kyoto, Japan’s former capital which remains a bastion of traditional culture, KIT has established a unique academic environment combining wisdom, a highly developed aesthetic sense and technology.

KIT has a single undergraduate school feeding into the Graduate School of Science and Technology, which is divided into the five major academic fields of Applied Biology, Materials Science, Engineering Design, Design and Fibro- Science and Engineering. Although small in scale, its education and research are unique in pursuing “practical science,” creating products ranging widely from cutting-edge science and technology, such as biotechnology, material science, information, mechanics and environmental science, to formative arts and design.

In 2014, KIT marked a turning point. KIT was selected as one of the Top Global University Project Universities in Japan. It helps us to promote and expand international student and researcher exchange, and globalize our campus. In addition, the “Expertise Enhancement Project” is the one we have been working hard on since 2014, and we’ve also gotten special funding for this from the government. We are taking a focused approach in the following three fields; KYOTO Design Lab, Macromolecular and Fibrous Materials, and Green Innovation. Thanks to this project, world renowned researchers are on campus, which gives a great opportunity for our students to come in contact with the state-of-the-art research.

When these two schemes reach completion, KIT will have become a center of international and domestic research on engineering, a center of industry, and a gathering place for top researchers in education.

Number of Students Undergraduate 2,780 / Graduate 1,326 / International Students 255
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Osaka University was founded in 1931 as one of the seven imperial universities of Japan and has now expanded to one of Japan’s leading comprehensive universities. The university houses more than 23,000 students and more than 6,600 faculty and staff members. Osaka University was named Japan’s most innovative university and is included among the most innovative institutions in the world according to the Nature Index 2017 Innovation publication. The university’s ability to innovate stems from its broad disciplinary spectrum and strong industry-university collaboration, as well as its engagement with, and contributions to, society. The university will continue to explore new research fields, develop greater innovation from the fundamental research stages, and make even greater efforts to pioneer interdisciplinary research projects.

With the motto “Live Locally, Grow Globally,” Osaka University has adopted a vision of openness for 2021. To this end, we strive to make our education, research and community more open and inviting, and ensure that our three campuses are places where outstanding students and researchers from around the world can gather, learn, discover, and collaborate. Since the integration with the Osaka University of Foreign Studies in 2007, Osaka University has enhanced its capacity in the studies of language and culture, and we are intensifying efforts to enhance degree programs conducted in English and the Japanese language support for international students and faculty. In recent years, the university has also actively expanded its global outreach by setting up Overseas Centers in San Francisco, Groningen, Bangkok and Shanghai.
Osaka Kyoiku University (OKU), which was founded in May 1874 (the 7th year of the Meiji Era) as a teacher training school, boasts over 140 years history and tradition. The current number of undergraduate and graduate students totals approximately 4700, with another 4800 students matriculated in affiliated schools. Among Japanese universities, OKU is one of the leading producers of qualified teachers and a leading large-scale college of education.

The main campus of OKU was established in the Kongo Ikoma Kisen National Park, in Kashiwara City, Osaka. This campus is approximately 670,000 square meters in area. In addition, OKU also has a campus in Tennoji, in central Osaka, an international city with easy access that is a mainstay of information technology and industry in Japan.

In April 2017, OKU introduced a newly established department, Department of Educational Collaboration, which nurtures human resources specialized in the field of education/learning support as well as reorganizing Courses for School Teachers. The new department aims to educate creative personnel capable of leading the development of school education and its related fields.

Moreover, in April 2019, OKU will reorganize its Graduate School of Education (Masters Course) into the United Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education in cooperation with Kansai University and Kindai University in order to train highly skilled and professional teachers.

The university's programs are designed to meet the high educational standards of a comprehensive teacher training university. OKU is made up 11 affiliated schools, including primary, secondary, and special needs education that are located in three areas of metropolitan Osaka: Tennoji, Hirano, and Ikeda city.

Academics

Number of Students
- Undergraduate 4,176 / Graduate 476 / International Students 173

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Hyogo University of Teacher Education: a University for Excellence in the Initial Teacher Education and Continuous Professional Development in Japan

Hyogo University of Teacher Education is a front-runner in the field of both practice of and research into teacher education in Japan. As a university specializing in this area, we have an excellent faculty of teacher education, Master’s and professional degree programs and Ph.D. program.

A large number of in-service teachers are enrolled as graduate students in the Master’s and professional degree programs, to improve their expertise and to enhance practical abilities as an extremely talented teacher. Education and research at this university is oriented toward the “integration of theory and practice,” and we have named this approach the “science of school education.” Researchers in this field are being developed in the Joint Graduate School (Ph.D. program) in Science of School Education.

In response to the growing demands of globalization, this university is actively committed to the development of international exchange and contribution initiatives. We have so far concluded agreements with 31 universities in 14 countries and area in Asia, the United States, and Europe for the purpose of implementing exchanges between researchers and students. Through these initiatives, both professors and students from these affiliated universities and our university visit each other, and conduct joint research into effective teaching materials and instruction methods to be used in school education in countries around the world.

We have a variety of facilities, including residential houses for researchers and students from overseas. Citizens in Kato City also offer to be host families for students as powerful support for our university. These opportunities can be an extremely valuable and beneficial for them to enjoy Japan’s beautiful nature and the hospitality of the local people.

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Academics Teacher Education
Number of Students Undergraduate 688 / Graduate 802 / International Students 55
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The origins of Kobe University can be traced back to 1902 with the establishment of the Kobe Higher Commercial School. It is now one of Japan’s leading comprehensive universities with 10 faculties, 15 graduate schools, and a great number of research centers and institutions. We aim to pioneer new academic frontiers by promoting inter-institutional collaboration and advanced research that transcends the boundaries between academic fields.

Kobe University is actively involved in academic exchange with education and research institutes abroad. We have links with partner institutions in 63 countries and regions, and alumni associations in 14 countries. There are strong connections with the European Union: we coordinate the EU-IJ-Kansai consortium, and are involved in EU programs such as Erasmus+ and Horizon 2020. Kobe University also provides English-taught programs and degrees across diverse disciplines.

While focusing on internationalization in academic activities, the University also contributes to society through industry-university-government collaboration. The Kobe University Integrated Research Center on Port Island collaborates with research organizations, other universities and industry. It serves as a core base for the pursuit of advanced research, housing 12 flagship research projects including integrated biorefinery and advanced membrane engineering.

In December 2017 we founded the Center for Mathematical and Data Sciences for research on AI, data science and related technologies, and to train people who will lead our future data-driven society. In April 2018, the Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation opened a new doctoral program, welcoming students with experience in research and development. Opened in 2016, the Graduate School has already established three startups based on research seeds. With these programs and initiatives the University aims to provide solutions to the challenges facing our changing global society.

**Academics** Humanities; Global Human Sciences; Intercultural Studies; Human Development and Environment; Law; Economics; Business Administration; Science; Medicine; Health Sciences; Engineering; System Informatics; Agricultural Science; Maritime Sciences; International Cooperation Studies; Science, Technology and Innovation

**Number of Students** Undergraduate 11,501 / Graduate 4,513 / International Students 1,456

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Outline of University

Our aim at the Nara University of Education is to teach and research both the theoretical and practical aspects of education and culture and to nurture education professionals who are both knowledgeable and experienced. We also enhance the local culture of our region.

Our core objective is to use our respect for education and culture we inherited from our predecessors to nurture educated and knowledgeable human resources equipped with the expertise for forming the next generation as well-rounded human beings.

To achieve this, our bachelor courses nurture primary and junior high school teachers with the practical knowledge and experience to deal with the issues surrounds today’s education system.

Our graduate school carries on the mission of our undergraduate courses, nurturing educators who have leadership qualities as professionals, and offering life-long education for in-service educators and other adults.

In July 2007, our university became the first UNESCO Associated School of Japanese Universities. UNESCO Associated Schools aim to promote UNESCO values.

As a university in Nara Prefecture, which boasts the largest number of World Heritage Sites in Japan, our university have one of the themes of education and research is “enhancing education and research that makes the most of the World Heritage of Nara”.

We have worked hard to develop environmental and cultural education relating to preservation and protection of World Heritage, which UNESCO is promoting on a global scale.

Message for students thinking of studying abroad to Japan

The standard of education for overseas students in this institution has also gained a strong reputation due to its excellent educational content that exploits the special features of the ancient city of Nara.

Overseas students are privileged as their campus and dormitory are located close to the center of Nara City, making it convenient for them to access both the traditional and modern cultures of Japan.

For example, they are able to visit designated national treasure shrines, temples and statues on a daily basis in Nara, with those of Kyoto, another ancient city, not a great distance away too.

Alternatively, there are many modern attractions of Osaka to discover just a 30-minute train ride away.

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Academics Education

Number of Students Undergraduate 1,130 / Graduate 145 / International Students 61

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About Nara Women’s University

Nara Women’s University, located in Nara, Japan’s ancient capital, has its beginning in the former Nara Women’s Higher Normal School founded in 1908. For 110 years, as an institute providing women with education at the highest level, Nara Women’s University has fostered the development of women as leaders who contribute to society.

The campus is surrounded by many cultural sites, including world heritage properties and beautiful nature areas. Students can experience rich Japanese culture and history by walking around the community. The university comprises three undergraduate faculties, Faculty of Letters, Science, and Human Life and Environment, as well as the Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences, all of which actively offer academic research and education in various fields of study.

We are a small university, with 2,744 students. This means students can always get a personal attention and support from professors, and students study in a relaxed, at-home environment.

International Exchange

Nara Women’s University has international exchange agreements with 52 universities overseas, and 163 international students from all over the world study at Nara Women’s University. Many researchers conduct research abroad and actively attend international conferences.

University-owned accommodation is available for international students and researchers. For international students who are new to Japan, we will arrange for a Japanese student to act as a peer tutor and support them with various matters related to daily life and study.

Academics
Letters, Science, Human Life and Environment, Humanities and Sciences
Number of Students
Undergraduate 2,209 / Graduate 535 / International Students 163
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Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST) is a leading Japanese national university focused on advanced research and education in information, biological, and materials sciences, and the interdisciplinary developments at the forefronts of these fields. Concentrating solely on graduate school education, NAIST continues to gain worldwide recognition for its pioneering approaches to education and research. The faculty’s efforts have led to high levels of governmental (Top Global University Project (MEXT), Program for Promoting the Improvement of Research Universities (MEXT), etc.) and private funding, and revenue for research support. Since its foundation in 1991, NAIST achieved impressive results and has been highly recognized in research, education and community engagement, and in 2018, NAIST underwent a structural transformation merging the graduate schools to create the Graduate School of Science and Technology. This single-graduate school structure allows NAIST to actively pursue the frontiers of science and flexibly respond to the ever-changing needs of society.

NAIST is conveniently located near the commercial and cultural centers of Nara, Kyoto, and Osaka, and is a part of Kansai Science City, a hub of industrial, government, and academic research centers. With one third of its students traveling abroad for research and education and 22% of the student population from overseas (33 countries/regions), NAIST is actively developing its global education and research network. (102 partner institutions globally) International students are exposed to Japan and its culture while pursuing degrees in English, and Japanese students are able to experience a globally-focused, multi-cultural environment while achieving their educational goals.

With the strong support of NAIST’s world-leading faculty members, NAIST students develop into qualified and highly specialized researchers and engineers who will make significant contributions to humanity in the 21st century.

Academics Education Programs of: Information and Engineering, Biological Science, Materials Science and Engineering, Computational Biology, Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems, Bionanotechnology, and Data Science

Number of Students Graduate 1,100 / International Students 247

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Wakayama University is the only national university in Wakayama Prefecture which consists of 4 Faculties and 4 Graduate Schools in Education, Economics, Systems Engineering, Tourism. We provide 2 Doctoral Programs in Systems Engineering and Tourism. Wakayama University offers education and assistance with the view to developing human resources who are capable of adequately meeting the needs of society, with a strong emphasis on our connection to the community.

Regarding some of our prominent roles, since Wakayama area is known as an origin of organic chemical industry in Japan, the University has performed R&D in the chemical field and encouraged activities of the local companies. The latest development in the Faculty of Tourism is the Global Program, where the students will study in English for the whole 4 years, started April 2016. Wakayama University is the only national university providing tourism education through its bachelor’s and doctoral program. We are expected to contribute to the global development in Tourism Studies with the establishment of the Center for Tourism Research as the first tourism focused research entity in a national university, started also in April 2016.

The University is located in Wakayama City, which is about one hour from Osaka City and about half an hour from KANSAI International Airport. Wakayama City is a comfortable place to learn and live in, surrounded by beautiful hills and the sea. Moreover, our university is able to count on the support of the entire community residing in Wakayama to assist our international students. We receive support from the local volunteers who assist in learning Japanese and NPOs, so that our students may have a variety of opportunities to learn the current Japanese language and culture trends.