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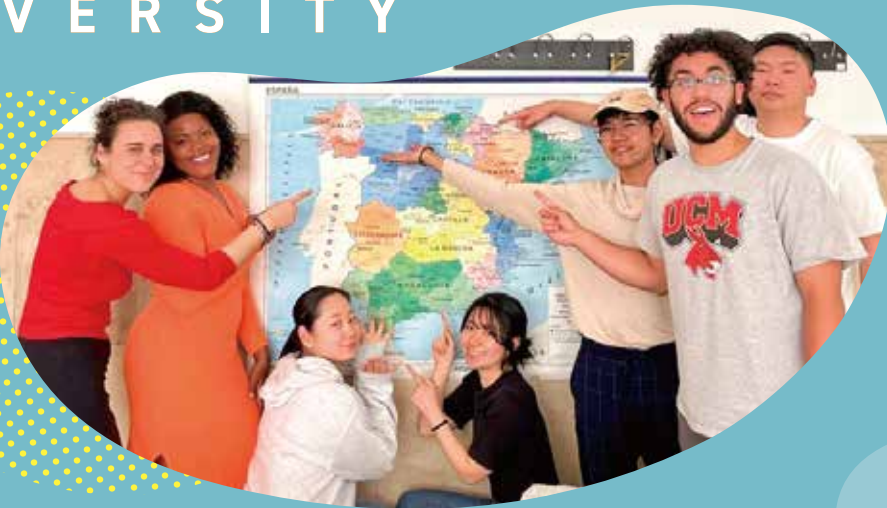


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Message from the President

Let's keep our intellectual curiosity alive while facing various challenges!

Okinawa International University has produced about 60,000 graduates since its founding in 1972. Our graduates are active in various fields in Okinawa, Japan, and the world, and their reputations have been growing year by year.

Our university's mission is to respect and support every student's dream and goal. We will help you pursue independent learning in the various academic fields of our colleges and departments, so you acquire the high-level specialized knowledge and other skills required by society. Universities are a source of knowledge and provide a wealth of learning opportunities across all disciplines. However, our goal is not just the acquisition of knowledge. A university is also a place of self-discovery and growth. By meeting new friends and learning from different perspectives, you'll discover various ideas and expand your possibilities.

Okinawa International University does its best to help students realize their dreams. We have various study abroad programs in Japan and overseas, a unique scholarship system that doesn't require repayment, and a career support grant system that helps students acquire certifications. In addition, we have enriched our career guidance to help students find employment. We also have various support programs for international students, including scholarships, so we hope you'll consider studying here with us.

We hope you'll challenge yourself and grow during your intellectual adventure here. We pledge to support you as much as possible, so you have a fantastic university experience. Let's build a future together by learning and growing together. Enjoy your adventure into the unknown!

Hajime Asato

President of Okinawa International University

University Policies

Diploma Policy (Degree Conferment)

Students granted a bachelor's degree after completing their specified curriculum should possess the following qualities:

- (1) Diverse perspectives and specialized knowledge required for a deeper understanding of society.
- (2) The capability to discover problems on their own and solve those problems through determination and cooperation.
- (3) Independence and awareness of their social responsibilities.

Curriculum Policy (Curriculum Organization)

OKIU, based on its motto, philosophy, and mission statement, will achieve its educational objectives and train individuals who are motivated to learn by offering a curriculum with the following subjects:

- (1) General subjects that provide students with the wisdom and fundamental knowledge needed to become independent members of society.
- (2) Specialized subjects that systematically provide students with specialized knowledge and foster in them a scholarly interest in their major study area.
- (3) Subjects for qualifications that are based on specialized knowledge and practical experiences so that students can obtain skills that enable them to contribute to society as experts.
- (4) Required subjects, extracurricular subjects, and activities that provide opportunities for work experience, international exchange, and community involvement, so that students can improve their social skills and develop a more global outlook.

Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

OKIU seeks individuals who agree with the university's motto and philosophy, who aim to become the type of person described in the university's mission statement, and who possess the motivation and interest, basic academic abilities, and communication skills necessary to develop the capabilities outlined in the university's educational objectives.

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I GEDE OKTA ARTHA TARUNA
(Indonesia)
4th Year, Department of
British and American Language and Culture

A Place to Pursue Your Dream

Since childhood, I've loved watching *Naruto*, a famous Japanese manga series. The series explores the meaning of friendship through slice-of-life stories and provides insight into Japanese culture. Watching this series, I began dreaming of studying in Japan, so I decided to go as soon as possible after graduating high school. I chose Okinawa because my father's friend told me that Okinawa's weather, lifestyle, and the warm-heartedness of its people were like Bali's. I arrived in Okinawa in April 2019.

In 2020, I took Okinawa International University's entrance exam for the Japanese language program for international students. During the program, I met many teachers dedicated to helping international students. Since I've always dreamed of working for UNICEF and helping people in need, I also decided to take the university's entrance exam for its undergraduate school. Throughout my journey at the university, I've learned how important it is to have people who support me in pursuing my dreams.

Okinawa International University has helped me pursue my ambitions. In 2023, I applied for OKIU's study abroad program in Spain. With the university's support, I received a scholarship for this opportunity. The university also offers a variety of programs to help students interact and get to know each other, such as the Language Peers Program, which allows students to connect through learning and teaching.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to study at this university, and I'm looking forward to applying to the university's graduate school soon.



KO YI HAO (Taiwan)
4th year, Department of
Business Administration

A Perfect Environment for Studying Abroad

I've been studying in Okinawa since high school. Before that, I studied Japanese for six months at a Japanese language school. After graduating from high school, I wanted to stay in Okinawa, so I took the Comprehensive Selection Entrance Examination for Okinawa International University and was admitted to the Department of Business Administration.

When my university life began, I was worried about keeping up with the lectures in an environment with few international students. However, there was a lot of group work in my first-year lectures, so I quickly made friends. Additionally, Okinawan students are very kind, so they helped me with classwork and everyday problems. If I had questions or difficulties, teachers and staff at the Global Education Support Center were always available to help. I'm very grateful for the knowledgeable and kind people who helped me.

I also like that international students have many opportunities to interact with other undergraduates. For example, some Japanese students get involved in Japanese language lectures designed for international students. There are also various events, such as a cherry blossom viewing excursion and a Christmas party, where international students can interact and share their learning experiences. Through these events, international students and Japanese students can become friends.

Lastly, I love Okinawa's tropical atmosphere, beautiful natural scenery, and the kindness of its people. Studying in Okinawa, which has a unique history and culture different from mainland Japan, is the perfect environment to start your study abroad experience.

A Place to Study and Create Memories

I was born and raised in Argentina, but my grandparents were Japanese. While growing up, I always felt different from people around me. However, when I was in junior high school, I had the opportunity to visit Okinawa for the first time. Even though I didn't know any Japanese, everyone warmly welcomed me. I was captivated by Okinawa's pristine white sand, beautiful blue sea, and traditional dances. Visiting Okinawa made me want to learn more about my roots, so after that trip, I started studying Japanese and eventually enrolled at Okinawa International University. I considered many other universities, but I couldn't forget the kindness of the Okinawan people.

After enrolling, I discovered there's so much to learn here. While studying various subjects, I'm improving my English and Japanese simultaneously. I particularly enjoyed my Translation Workshop class, where we read different types of texts and translated them into English and Japanese. The professors were kind and always ready to help us with difficulties. Although the class was challenging, I improved my English and Japanese skills significantly. I've also taken classes on Okinawa, cross-cultural understanding, and other fascinating subjects.

OKIU is also an excellent place to have fun. The Global Education Support Center organizes many activities for Japanese and international students. I had a blast making Okinawan soba noodles from scratch. The noodles were delicious, and after lunch, we went flower viewing to admire the beautiful cherry blossoms. On our way home, we sang karaoke on the bus. We ate and laughed a lot that day! I've made other wonderful memories, too. For example, I enjoyed helping the Japanese Calligraphy Club during the University Festival. People from all over Okinawa came, and I enjoyed chatting with them and the club members. On another occasion, my class had a party at my professor's house. We had a great time, and since our professor is vegetarian, she cooked some delicious vegetarian dishes for us. One of my classmates brought all sorts of manga and gave one to each of us.

I have many unforgettable memories from my time at OKIU. I hope other international students will come and create beautiful memories here, too.



FLORENCIA MIKA OSHIRO
(Argentina)
3rd Year, Department of
British and American Language and Culture

A Place that Fosters Intellectual Curiosity and Lifelong Learning

I was born and raised in Beijing, China. I came to Japan in 2017 and studied economics at a university in Tokyo for four years. During my sophomore year of college, I visited Okinawa during my summer break. I was so fascinated by the crystal-clear ocean that I later decided to enter the Graduate School of Regional Industry at Okinawa International University. My professors and fellow new students warmly welcomed me, so even though I was a foreigner, I could adjust to graduate school life quickly.

Okinawa International University's Graduate School of Regional Business and Economics offers lectures in various fields related to economics, statistics, environment, and finance, allowing students to deepen their understanding of various fields. I have especially enjoyed learning about Ryukyuan culture and history to broaden my perspective.

Professor Maedomari's seminar class has guest lecturers from various industries and offers numerous opportunities to visit public institutions in Okinawa, so graduate students can learn not only about the Okinawan economy but also about newspaper studies, political science, international relations, environmental issues, base issues, and other topics allowing them to broaden their horizons. The most memorable experience was listening to and communicating with former Prime Minister Hatoyama, a guest lecturer during my first year of graduate school. During lectures, students don't just passively listen but engage in lively discussions with their teachers and fellow students, which helps develop their creativity and thinking skills.

Okinawa International University is truly an environment suited to the global age. Students are stimulated and inspired by people from a wide variety of academic fields and with different ways of thinking. It's a place that fosters intellectual curiosity and the ability to continue learning for a lifetime.



DU RUI (China)
2nd year, Graduate School of
Regional Business and Economics

Training legal minds who can contribute to society in the public or private sectors

The Department of Law aims to train professionals who thoroughly understand individual laws and the justice system. Through the four-year program, students develop a legal mind and become law professionals who can grapple with legal problems in the real world.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Law aims to train individuals with legal minds who can logically and reasonably examine societal problems and develop flexible and appropriate solutions. The department, therefore, seeks highly motivated applicants with high aspirations, a sense of justice, fortitude, and the following characteristics:

1. A broad interest in and knowledge of the workings of society.
2. An ability to examine issues flexibly and logically and to express an opinion.
3. An ability to listen to diverse opinions and strive to find appropriate solutions.

Department Characteristics

As part of the only College of Law in Okinawa, the Department of Law provides a specialized curriculum to train professionals with a solid grounding in law and a broad understanding of regional, political, and economic issues.

1. Acquire a broad and deep understanding of law relating to everyday life, business, international relations, and other fields.
2. Develop an international outlook that connects Okinawa to the world through an understanding of international law, foreign law, and diplomacy.
3. Gain a broad understanding of regional, political, and economic issues and the ability to think critically in a way that will be useful when you enter society.

Curriculum Summary

In the Department of Law, students acquire a basic understanding of law in their first two years by taking Introduction to Law and required subjects that focus on the constitutional, civil, and criminal law code sections of the Six Codes (Japanese Constitution I, Civil Law General Provisions, and Introduction to Criminal Law.) After this, students study the three remaining sections of the Six Codes (the commercial, civil procedure, and criminal procedure codes), and other fields of law, such as administrative law, social law, international law, and legal theory. In addition, students can choose from various subjects dealing with regional, political, and economic issues, depending on their interests and critical concerns. Students are also required to take small group seminars, in which they research and present their topics of interest. In their freshman and sophomore seminars, students study broadly about problems in law and political science, and from their junior year, they study more deeply about individual laws. The department aims to train professionals with legal minds and other skills through this curriculum.

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Training professionals dedicated to clarifying and solving regional problems



The Department of Regional Administration ideally aims to broaden interest in law, politics, economics, and local government while training professionals active in various areas of benefit to society. The department emphasizes practical and hands-on learning in Okinawa and trains leaders with broad outlooks and deep understanding.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Regional Administration seeks applicants who want to study in the fields of law, politics, and public administration to expand their views and outlooks and become future leaders who can contribute to the development of the local community. The department especially seeks applicants with the following attributes:

1. A strong interest in local, national, and international affairs, a strong desire to contribute to the community through local government and private business, with a plan for one's future, and the ability to take the initiative.
2. An ability to discover regional problems and develop solutions through logical thinking based on acquired knowledge.
3. An ability to come up with ideas when looking for solutions, to expand discussion by exchanging opinions with others, and to produce specific results.
4. Experience in appealing to people with various values and the ability to cooperate with others to achieve a goal.
5. Reading, writing, and other basic high school skills in Japanese and social studies subjects that are prerequisites for improving one's ability to discern and find solutions for contemporary social issues.

Department Characteristics

The department helps students deepen their understanding of the needs of local citizens while staying focused on Okinawa's public concerns. It also encourages students to clarify their future visions of the local community and public administration.

1. As part of the College of Law, students learn to think logically and make sound judgments independently so they can help create a just community.
2. Students gain a deeper understanding of the local situation, Japan, and the world by directly confronting Okinawan issues, such as the US military bases, the regional economy, employment, welfare, and international marriage and divorce.
3. Through direct involvement and practical experience, students rediscover the value of interacting with others and of getting involved in the local community and will thereby develop their ideas about administrative policy.

Curriculum Summary

In their freshman seminar, students develop a productive learning style in a small-group atmosphere by finding, reading, and understanding academic papers and materials and then making presentations. The seminar also helps student deepen their ties with the classmates they'll be studying with over the next four years. In Administrative Affairs I and II, students acquire knowledge through book learning and hear from former and current government employees and other experts with experience in politics and administrative affairs. From their sophomore year, students deepen their understanding of local government, public administration, policy process, and public works. Through the department's unique curriculum, students study law, administration, and politics to acquire the ability to discern and analyze hidden social problems so they can develop ideas and policies to improve the local community.

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Put your knowledge of economic theory and current conditions to use in the future!

In the Department of Economics, students learn about basic economic theory and current conditions and research ways to enhance and improve our economic lives. Through its diverse curriculum and information-focused education on the economy and society, the department aims to train professionals who can use their comprehensive knowledge in various fields.

Globalization, progress in information technology, and an aging population have brought a wave of changes to Japan's economy and society, and these changes have had a significant impact on our personal lives and local communities. This is also a time of tremendous technological developments and corresponding innovation. Can we afford to stand bewildered in the face of such changes? Understanding the risks and opportunities associated with significant changes from an economic perspective is highly beneficial for navigating one's way through these turbulent times. The Department of Economics offers a curriculum that helps students respond to the diverse needs of society and that matches their interests and goals.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Economics seeks individuals with the educational and research goals of contributing to local autonomy or the development of the global community and who possess the basic knowledge, analytic skills, and ability in expression required of adults to solve various problems. The department, therefore, desires individuals with the following qualities:

1. A strong interest in the various societal issues facing the local and global communities, including the economy.
2. A desire to acquire the extensive knowledge needed to come up with solutions to those problems.
3. An ability to consider those problems logically and independently and with a desire to act.
4. A desire to apply economics and the knowledge of related fields in playing an active role in society.
5. Basic high school academic abilities needed to study economics and related social science fields.

Department Characteristics

The department offers a broad and flexible curriculum with practical information-related education.

1. Explore career options through free and flexible subject selection.
2. Study the theory and practice of economics through a systematic curriculum.
3. Develop a broad and deep perspective on regional economies.
4. Learn about the latest economic trends in Okinawa, Japan, and the world.
5. Take practical subjects that respond to the information age.
6. The department's education and research have been enriched through collaboration with the Graduate School of Regional Business and Economics.

Curriculum Summary

In their freshman year, students take Introduction to Economics and Introduction to the Okinawa Economy to understand the big picture required for the complex and systematic field of economics. Students learn about Okinawa's economy, various economic fields' characteristics, and economic knowledge's usefulness. In an orderly way, students learn how to appreciate and learn about economics. As students progress through their course of study, they gradually deepen their interest in their field of specialization. Students can consult with their academic advisor anytime when choosing subjects to pursue that goal. In addition, the department offers career support in cooperation with Okinawa Prefecture's Career Center, helping students gain employment with companies or pass employment exams for civil service or teaching.

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Let's examine the local community and environment from an economic perspective! If you love Okinawa, come join us!



The Department of Regional Economics and Environmental Policy combines the study of regional economics, which explores local economic issues, with environmental policy, which strives to craft policies that create environmental standards desirable for human society. The department aims to train professionals who can contribute to society through their deep understanding of environmental conservation and resource use based on economics.

People tend to see environmental problems as concerns for natural science, but the real cause of these problems is the strain placed on the environment by modern lifestyles, characterized by mass production, mass consumption, and massive amounts of waste. For this reason, most environmental problems are caused by economic activity. Consequently, approaching such problems through a fusion of regional economics and environmental policy can be extremely beneficial.

The department's stated goal is "to train insightful specialists who can contribute to the creation of a recycling-oriented community that can achieve sustainable growth as a diverse modern society in the twenty-first century." With this goal in mind, the department offers a rich educational program that meets the local community's needs. Students will deepen their understanding of regional economics and environmental policy by learning about the local economy, culture, history, and natural environment and examining the immediate surroundings.

Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Regional Economics and Environmental Policy aims to train professionals who can contribute to developing regional economies while considering the environment and helping to create a sustainable society through an economic consideration of local communities and the environment. The department, therefore, seeks applicants who can explain in their own words how they possess the following characteristics:

1. A broad interest in economic and environmental problems and solutions related to Okinawa and the world.
2. An interest in Okinawa's past, present, and future and a passion to contribute to the local community.
3. An interest in what takes place in society and an ability to enjoy being active in the field.
4. Basic academic ability needed to take university classes and a desire to study hard.

Department Characteristics

The department provides a diverse curriculum based on economics and many subjects relating to the environment.

1. Explore career options through free and flexible subject selection.
2. Learn about environmental issues and the latest economic trends in Okinawa, Japan, and the world.
3. Study basic economic theory, application, and practice through a systematically organized curriculum.
4. Develop broad and deep perspectives on regional and environmental economics.
5. Take practical subjects dealing with globalization and changes in information technology.
6. Take subjects to acquire various licenses and certificates.
7. Learn theories and practices that improve the environment through economic activities.
8. The department's education and research have been enriched through collaboration with the Graduate School of Regional Business and Economics.

Curriculum Summary

Students take the required subjects of Regional Economics I and II and Environmental Economics I and II to learn about economic solutions to local economic and environmental problems. By taking specialized elective subjects, students deepen their knowledge of Okinawa's economic and environmental concerns and acquire the ability to contribute to the local community. In their junior year, students choose seminars that match their interests. In their senior year, they write graduation theses summarizing the results of their investigations and research. Through this curriculum, students acquire a wide range of knowledge and culture.

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We're turning business into a science!

In the Department of Business Administration, students acquire the practical knowledge and skills necessary for business through systematic and specialized study, focusing on current events in the business world. Students can utilize what they learn at university in the workplace. In addition, students can acquire many different licenses and certifications because course content is linked to such qualifications.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Business Administration aims to train professionals who can handle various business activities in an increasingly information-based globalized world through a specialized and systematic study of marketing, management, and accounting. The department, therefore, seeks applicants with the following characteristics:

1. The basic academic ability needed to improve skills and abilities through a specialized and systematic study of business.
2. An ability to understand and explain in concrete terms one's study goals in the department.
3. An ability to demonstrate the judgment and analytical ability to discern and solve business problems and clearly express one's opinions.
4. Curiosity about business, a vision of life after graduation, and a desire to contribute to local and international society.
5. An ability to wrestle with issues independently, collaborate with others, and relate those experiences to what one wants to learn at university.

Department Characteristics

The department trains businesspeople capable of meeting the diverse needs of modern society.

1. A practical education focused on corporate activities and business.
2. A curriculum appropriate for a highly advanced information society in an era of globalization.
3. A course system for specialized and systematic study of marketing, management, and accounting.
4. Course content linked to acquiring numerous licenses and certificates.

Curriculum Summary

Students are offered many options to pursue a broad, comprehensive study of marketing, management, and accounting or choose a specific field for more specialized study. In addition, the curriculum offers subjects such as Marketing Information Science, Management Information Science, and Computerized Accounting that deal with the information society and subjects such as Introduction to Global Marketing, Marketing English, International Relations, and Bookkeeping and Accounting in English that deal with the global marketplace.



Economics × IT × Language Learning = Infinite Possibilities!



The Department of Industry and Information Science trains information technology specialists who have acquired economic knowledge with a global perspective. Accredited by the Computer Graphic Arts Society, the department offers various inspiring lectures and seminars taught by distinguished instructors with specialist knowledge and skills. The department also puts a lot of energy into language education by providing subjects taught in English by professors with global outlooks, extensive overseas experience, and extensive English qualifications. Some subjects use teaching materials with varieties of English spoken in non-English-speaking countries to foster international understanding.

Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Industry and Information Science aims to train international specialists who will become pioneers in our highly advanced information society by acquiring practical knowledge in the basics and specialized areas of industrial economics and information science. Students pursue a specialized and systematic study of the three fields of information, economics, and language study to become professionals who can play an active role in local or global businesses. With this goal in mind, the department seeks applicants with the following characteristics:

1. A broad interest in information, economics, language study, and other practical sciences, a strong desire to thoroughly study these fields, and the basic knowledge and academic ability needed to study in these fields.
2. A desire to pursue a scientific, logical study of industrial information science, a determination to acquire an ability to solve problems in the local and global communities, and a basic knowledge of and communicative competence in Japanese and foreign languages, or the desire to learn more in these areas.
3. A determination to learn independently during their college lives, and an ability to communicate well and collaborate with others while accepting the diverse values of classmates and teachers.

For Comprehensive Selection, in addition to the three characteristics mentioned above, the department seeks applicants who possess special qualities that might be more difficult to measure, in addition to academic ability.

1. Admirable achievements in information technology, sports, cultural activities, language study, or volunteer activities.
2. An ability to make a convincing appeal for studying in the Department of Industry and Information Science.
3. An ability to describe a specific vision of one's life after graduation and to study on one's own.

Department Characteristics

The department helps students acquire a balance of knowledge in economics, information technology, and foreign languages.

1. A practical educational approach that examines information technology's roles in creation and development within various industries.
2. Course content linked to obtaining numerous licenses and certificates through programs that help students prepare for civil service, teacher, and certification exams.
3. Learn about developing game apps and computer systems in seminar-style classes.
4. An early graduation system.

Curriculum Summary

Students are offered a unique curriculum that allows them to combine industrial economics and information design. Through this curriculum, the department aims to train various professionals who can bring together industry and information and meet the needs of our global society. The department welcomes students who want to combine these two fields in their future careers. To train professionals ready to work in the real world, the department has implemented practical educational programs linked to outside organizations, such as the Computer Graphic Arts Society (an educational accreditation organization), Oracle Academy (Oracle Japan), Academic Partners (Epic Games, Inc.), and organizations aiming to initiate start-ups.





Rediscover Ryukyuan, Okinawan, and Japanese culture and share your discoveries with the world!

In the Department of Japanese Language and Culture, students deepen their knowledge of Japanese, Ryukyuan, and Okinawan cultures, including language, literature, and the performing arts, as well as practical skills for today's globalized world. Students also hone various skills and sensibilities needed to share Okinawan and Japanese culture with today's increasingly globalized world: information and communications technology (ICT) skills, the ability to understand local communities, and foreign-language communication skills. In addition, students aim to become language professionals through repeated training in reading, writing, and speaking, so they acquire culture, critical thinking and expression skills, and a capacity for self-realization. As a result, they become self-reliant and productive adults, professionals, and world citizens.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Japanese Language and Culture pursues the educational goal of furthering scholarship into Japanese, Okinawan, and Ryukyuan culture. Specifically, the department carries out theoretical and practical education focusing on language and literature to train intelligent professionals who are deeply aware of their roles in the local, online, and global communities, who can enthusiastically perform in society, and who possess analytical ability, computer skills, the power of expression, communicative competence, and the ability to coexist with others. In accord with the above-stated goal and the university's admission policy, the department seeks applicants with the following qualities:

1. A desire to independently learn about language and literature, focusing on Japanese, Ryukyuan, and Okinawan cultures, and various types of communication required in the global era.
2. The basic academic ability needed to further pursue one's study in those areas mentioned in the previous point.
3. The basic skills of thinking, judgment, and expression necessary to solve various problems that arise in local, international, multicultural, and online societies.



Department Characteristics

The department provides students with a broad and deep study of the cultures of Okinawa (Ryukyu) and Japan and helps them acquire the knowledge, skills, and sensibility needed to describe and share that knowledge with the global community.

1. Explore Okinawa and Japan's language, literature, and performing arts.
2. Learn to research, read, evaluate, and express ideas through active learning and individualized instruction in small-group seminars.
3. At the Writing Center, students can receive one-to-one personalized instruction on their writing.
4. Acquire the basic work, ICT, and linguistic skills needed to competently deal with any situation that may arise in a business setting.
5. Receive training to become accomplished and respected junior high and high school teachers.
6. Receive training to become effective Japanese-language teachers in this era of globalization and multiculturalism.
7. The department offers the only library and information science seminar in the prefecture for training students to become library specialists.

Curriculum Summary

The Department of Japanese Language and Culture offers a curriculum that helps students acquire specialized knowledge Japanese, Okinawan, and Ryukyuan culture, and cross-cultural communication while also helping them to become educated, well-rounded individuals. The department offers over 100 subjects. In addition to its specialized subjects, the department offers classes for acquiring teacher, librarian, school librarian, or Japanese-language teacher licenses or certifications.

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Thoroughly master practical English!



The Department of British and American Language and Culture provides a thorough study of English so that students acquire practical English skills that can be used internationally. The department also helps students develop computer skills to handle society's ever-advancing globalization. In addition, the department offers in-depth training to become English teachers in various teaching environments.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of British and American Language and Culture, in accord with the university's admission policy and the department's educational goals, seeks applicants with the following qualities:

1. A strong interest in the language and culture of the English-speaking world.
2. Motivation to work independently to acquire a strong command of the English language.
3. A global spirit that seeks to connect Japan to the world through English.
4. An awareness of the meaning and value of collaborative learning and an ability to cooperate with others to create a better learning environment.
5. The basic academic ability required for multilingual and multicultural understanding. (For Comprehensive Selection, applicants should have English ability equivalent to EIKEN Grade 2 or CEFR B1.)
6. An ability to forge positive human relationships through communication with others.
7. The basic abilities of thinking, judging, and expressing required to solve various problems of multicultural societies.



Department Characteristics

The department trains professionals with a global outlook and strong command of English.

1. Acquire information processing skills.
2. Gain practical English skills.
3. Training to become influential professionals in an era of internationalization and computerization.
4. Training to become English teachers with specialized knowledge.
5. Training to become internationally successful Japanese-language teachers.

Curriculum Summary

The curriculum provides a thorough study of English. Students take oral communication, debate, and other classes to acquire practical English skills, and they take classes on English linguistics, phonetics, and other classes to acquire high-level specialist skills. The curriculum also offers classes such as Applied Writing Skills and a wide selection that will please all students. In seminars for each of the four years, students have opportunities to debate with classmates and receive individualized instruction from their teachers. The department has reduced the number of required subjects and has increased the number of electives so students can pursue their future goals.

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Learn about Okinawa and the human condition so you can lead Okinawa and Japan into Asia's global future!

In the Department of Society and Regional Culture, students study the history and current situation of the Ryukyu Islands while paying attention to connections to the surrounding world, especially East Asia. The department trains professionals who will lead Okinawa in its dealings with Japan, Asia, and the world, while being sensitive to the needs of Okinawa and human beings.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Society and Regional Culture, in accord with the university's admission policy, seeks applicants who are interested in learning about human beings and Okinawa, who strive to improve as individuals and human beings, and who possess the following qualities:

1. The intellectual curiosity and sense of adventure needed to understand Okinawa.
2. A deep interest in the workings of global societies and cultures that concern Okinawa.
3. The basic academic abilities needed to face Okinawa's global problems.
4. An ability to act independently in discovering problems, to go out into the field, and to gather and interpret information.
5. The independence and cooperative spirit needed to engage in activities related to the local community, international exchange, volunteering, culture, and sports, both inside and outside of school.



Department Characteristics

The department trains professionals who will use their global perspectives and thorough knowledge of Okinawa's history, culture, and society to discover new possibilities for the future.

1. Training to become a specialist in Okinawa history, culture, and society.
2. Fieldwork is emphasized.
3. Acquire a wide range of knowledge concerning the structure of human society and civilization.
4. Develop an international outlook from Okinawa to Asia and the world.
5. Acquire practical English skills.
6. Small-group seminars for all four years of study.
7. Training to become a professional who can discover and solve problems.

Curriculum Summary

The most important aspect of the curriculum is its holistic approach to teaching about the Ryukyu Islands (Amami, Okinawa, Miyako, and Yaeyama). This includes a comprehensive study of how people here have lived through history, what kind of society and culture they've formed, and the current social realities of living on the islands today. To this end, the department has established four divisions: archeology and prehistory, history, folk culture and anthropology, and sociology and peace studies. A second important characteristic of the curriculum is the emphasis on education through specialized seminars, which students take for their four years at university. In their freshman year, students learn the basics of university study and research to prepare themselves for specialized education. Students progressively deepen their understanding of their specialized fields from their sophomore year by taking seminar classes in their division. Especially during their junior seminars, students carry out fieldwork to acquire an understanding of Okinawa based on actual experience, so they can become leaders of an Okinawa and Japan rooted in Asia and the world.

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Check the Department of Society and Regional Culture webpage for the most up-to-date information.



Confront social welfare issues with flexibility and insight!



The Social Welfare Major provides practical education focusing on the workplace to nurture talented and compassionate individuals who can work in welfare, medicine, health, and education.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Social Welfare Major seeks applicants with the following characteristics:

1. A solid desire to work as a social welfare specialist in various fields.
2. Specific skills and abilities useful in the field of social welfare and a promising outlook for university and future careers.
3. An earnest desire to participate in international assistance activities, especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

Characteristics of the Major

Students acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and sensitivity needed to handle society's current issues.

1. Training to work as a professional in social welfare.
2. A rich educational program for becoming a Certified Social Worker or Psychiatric Social Worker.
3. Comprehensive support in acquiring certificates related to social welfare.
4. Practical experience during social welfare training and volunteer activities.
5. Encouragement to acquire international outlooks through overseas training in social welfare.
6. Work on graduation theses while considering actual practices.

Curriculum Summary

Social welfare workplaces require interaction and cooperation with people in medicine, health, politics, community care, and business. The Social Welfare Major offers a wide range of specialized subjects related to social welfare, medical welfare, community-based welfare, international welfare, mental health, and welfare skills to train professionals who can collaborate with other specialists and respond to increasingly diverse and complex local issues. In addition, the major offers numerous specialized seminars for students to gain practice and training during each of their four years. The seminars utilize teachers' expertise in medical welfare, child and family welfare, international welfare, disability studies, town planning, children's mental health, contemporary sociology, social philosophy, and care theory. The major also offers specialized training with practice in the field for students who wish to become certified social workers, school social workers, or psychiatric social workers. At the same time, students can systemically acquire the skills, knowledge, and theories required in the field of social welfare through practical activities and international contributions.

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Check the Department of Human Welfare (Social Welfare Major) webpage for the most up-to-date information.





Let's learn about the workings of the mind and gain a deeper understanding of human beings!

The Counseling Major offers a comprehensive study of the workings of the human mind, examined from various perspectives. Through the four-year program, students learn to develop a psychological perspective. In other words, they learn to connect with people's thoughts and feelings and consider issues together while also understanding the invisible workings of the mind from a scientific perspective. During each year of the program, students work under the intimate guidance of their professors to acquire a basic understanding of the fundamentals and applications in various fields of psychology. After gaining this knowledge, students are divided into three courses matching their career design goals to pursue a more specialized and practical psychology study appropriate for their future careers.



Admission Policy (Acceptance of New Students)

The Department of Human Welfare Counseling Major, in accord with the university's admission policy, seeks applicants who are interested in the human mind, who will work hard to improve as individuals and human beings, and who possess the following qualities:

1. An interest in learning about the human mind, behavior, and relationships from a scientific perspective.
2. A sincere desire to apply expertise and skills learned through activities to university studies and a positive attitude about wanting to apply psychological knowledge and skills in their future careers or everyday lives.

Characteristics of the Major

Students acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and sensitivity to handle society's current issues.

1. Receive training for psychology-related professions.
2. Support for designing careers that utilize psychology.
3. Comprehensive support in acquiring related certifications.
4. Practical training rooted in the local community.
5. Meaningful educational content emphasizing practical training activities, such as psychological evaluations, psychological testing, and clinical interviews.



Curriculum Summary

During their first two years, students complete a general curriculum to acquire a basic understanding of psychology and the skills for studying at university. When students enter their junior year, they choose one of the following three courses based on their career design (a plan for self-actualization, based on one's ideas about how one wants to live and work).

Career-Focused Practical Psychology Course

In this course, students learn the basics of psychology and then apply that knowledge to acquire skills that will help them in business or when they are self-employed. These skills include communicative competence, logical thinking, problem-solving, collaborative ability, and stress management. The practical curriculum helps students apply their psychological knowledge to daily life, work, and social life. This course is recommended for students who want to work in the service industry, sales, or other jobs that involve interaction with people.

Psychology Specialist Course

In this course, students acquire a comprehensive knowledge of psychology, from the basics through application. This hybrid course helps students gain expertise in psychology while searching for a job in business. Students master how to conduct psychological research and analyze data, aiming to become certified psychologists or psychological researchers. This course is recommended for students who want to utilize their specialized psychological knowledge and seek a job working for the government or in a company's marketing, planning, or personnel division.

Certified Public Psychologist Course

In this course, students receive specialist training for acquiring eligibility to sit for the exam to become a Certified Public Psychologist, a person nationally certified to provide psychological support. To go to graduate school, students work to improve their basic psychological research abilities, including in a foreign language.

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Graduate School of Regional Culture



Department of Ryukyuan Culture

- Language and Culture
- Folk Culture
- Prehistory, History, and Culture
- Society and Culture

Department of British and American Studies

- British and American Literature
- Language Education

Department of Human Welfare

- Social Welfare
- Clinical Psychology

Philosophy and Objectives

The Graduate School of Regional Culture aims to “cultivate internationally minded professionals by providing them with broad perspectives and in-depth knowledge, and by developing their advanced research skills and abilities in their chosen field of study,” a goal based on the university's graduate school objective to “cultivate human resources who can contribute to local and international communities by honing their qualities as highly specialized professionals.” To realize this goal, the graduate school's three departments pursue the underlying truths of regional and international communities and the cultures they have created. In addition, the graduate school aims to train professionals who can respond flexibly to modern society's increasingly diverse values and possess the qualities and abilities to contribute to solving the various complex problems that modern society faces.



Graduate School of Regional Business and Economics



Department of Regional Business and Economics

- Regional Socio-Economic Systems
- Industrial Organization
- Okinawan Economics
- Environmental Economics
- Applied Econometrics
- Community Development
- Regional Distribution Systems
- Comparative Management
- Financial Affairs

Philosophy and Objectives

The Graduate School of Regional Business and Economics was established in 1998 with the philosophical aim of refining the spirit of entrepreneurship, which can create new possibilities in economics and commercial science. Specifically, the graduate school was established to train businesspersons, researchers, and educators who can play an active role in the local community by forming a base that combines the functions of human resource development and research with the following goals: (1) to train highly specialized professionals who can bring their expertise and comprehensive knowledge to fruition in the real world and become the driving force behind local industrial development, and (2) to further promote research activities based on organic cooperation in the fields of economics, business administration, marketing, accounting, and information science. Consequently, the graduate school offers an interdisciplinary curriculum with the primary goal of training professionals who can perform as specialists in business and government.



Graduate School of Law



Department of Law

- Public and Basic Law
- Civil and Criminal Law

Philosophy and Objectives

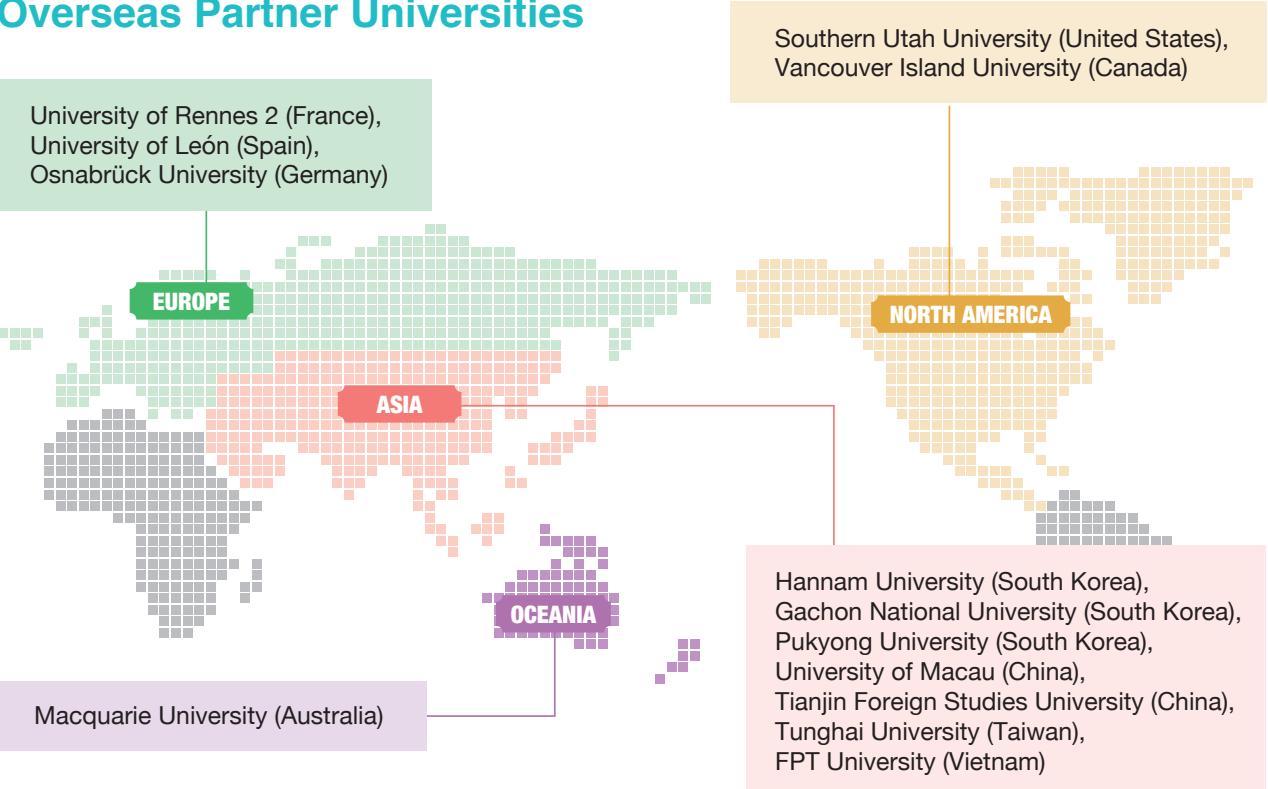
Globalization has been advancing in politics, economics, and many other fields. As a result, orderly development in the twenty-first century can no longer be accomplished merely through the efforts of individual nations. On the other hand, Japan now faces stagnation in confronting problems related to its national finance, industry, labor, declining birth rate, and pension fund. Given this situation, graduate schools' role as intellectually creative institutions has become increasingly important. The Graduate School of Law aims to fulfill this responsibility in law by training professionals who can demonstrate outstanding leadership and respond shrewdly and flexibly during this period of chaos.

International Exchange Programs

Okinawa International University has exchange agreements with 13 overseas institutions and conducts international exchange of students and teachers through various programs. The Global Education Support Center provides comprehensive support for students involved in exchange programs and for international students studying at the university.



Overseas Partner Universities



Messages from International Exchange Students



Why I Chose Okinawa International University

I chose Okinawa International University because it has an excellent program for exchange students who want to learn Japanese. I especially like that the lessons are in Japanese, not in English, like at other universities in Japan. It's now been two months since I came to Okinawa, and I'm thrilled to be here. I can see I've already made progress in Japanese. The teachers are knowledgeable and inspiring, and it's easy to ask them questions or get help to improve. In addition to our classes, we can participate in the Language Peers Program, ask for help with homework, and join club activities. Even if we don't speak well, Japanese students always try to talk to us and make us feel welcome.

OKIU is the perfect university for students afraid of coming to Japan. Students and teachers always try to make you feel included. If you have questions or problems, the Global Education Support Center staff, teachers, and friends are here to help you. Life in Okinawa is also fun, and its people are kind and helpful. Sometimes, it gets hot, but the ocean and sunsets are beautiful. We can also see many festivals and traditional events to learn about Okinawa's culture.

Elen Jeffray

Exchange students from University of Rennes 2, France September 2024 to August 2025

How My Dream to Study in Japan Came True

Like many people, I first learned about Japan as a child, thanks to manga and anime. Since I was ten, I've wanted to learn the language and experience Japanese culture. I started learning Japanese at the University of Rennes 2 and soon chose to minor in Japanese culture. Thanks to those classes, I fell even more in love with Japan. I've always loved traveling and wanted to spend a year studying abroad. Going to Japan was one of my biggest dreams, but I never imagined I'd be able to spend a year here.

Okinawa International University offers courses exclusively in Japanese, which helps you progress quickly. This convinced me to go there because I want to be able to speak fluent Japanese! I will stay in Okinawa for one year, from September 2024 to August 2025. I have Japanese lessons every day, which helps me progress rapidly. I chose to take a few extra courses: Japanology, Psychology, and Aerobic Dance. The teachers and students are open and friendly, so you won't be afraid to approach them. It's easy to make friends with students, especially if you participate in club activities. Thanks to my friends and the university, I've already visited many places and have experienced Okinawan culture in many ways.

Lucie Brique

My Experience at OKIU

At my home university in France, I'm pursuing a bachelor's degree in education. My goal is to teach French abroad, so to make this possible, I applied to study at OKIU to improve my languages skills. I considered other universities, but OKIU interested me the most. My teachers in France told me that students who came here improved in Japanese more quickly because all classes were given in Japanese, which is different from other universities. They warned me it would be challenging because everything would be new, but that's what motivated me the most.

Now that I'm here, I know that I'll be able to succeed. The teachers and the Global Education Support Center team take good care of us and are nice, so that helps us to feel comfortable and safe. I thoroughly enjoy my Japanese lessons.

To all those considering participating in an exchange program at OKIU, let me assure you the experience will be rewarding and emotional. Things will be challenging at first, but day by day, you'll feel happier and more at ease with your environment. As an international student, you'll easily make Japanese and international friends. Everyone is friendly, and you can meet people at many events and club activities. Every day is both exhausting and fun. I hope you have a great experience in Okinawa!

Célia Sngan

The Turning Point of My Life

My first impression of Okinawa was that it has a beautiful ocean and a sad history. I arrived here with trepidation and hope, but Okinawa truly is beautiful. You can see blue skies, flowers, and the ocean everywhere. The humidity and high temperatures are a bit uncomfortable, but after seeing all the beautiful scenery, I feel happy—like a pure, innocent child.

I first became interested in Japanese because I wanted to teach Korean to foreigners. I thought that Japanese was the most similar language to Korean. I also wanted to experience Japan's atmosphere directly through a study abroad experience. If possible, I wanted to go to a place with a nice ocean view because I live in an area surrounded by mountains in South Korea. When I searched for information about Japan, I noticed that the sea in Okinawa is beautiful. I wanted to go there as soon as I saw the pictures. Luckily, my university and Okinawa International University are sister universities.

In Okinawa, people are kind wherever you go. Older ladies and children greet each other as they walk down the street. At such moments, my heart feels warm, and all my troubles seem to vanish. At first, when my Japanese was poor, I struggled to communicate, and I missed my hometown. But now that my day of departure is approaching, I feel sad. Still, I know I will return to Okinawa as a Korean teacher someday. I hope other students can experience the joy and peace of study abroad at Okinawa International University. Studying here was a turning point in my life. Welcome to Okinawa!

Subin Oh

Exchange Student from Hannam University, South Korea
April 2024 to February 2025



Global Education Support Center

Providing comprehensive support for international students

OKIU's Global Education Support Center helps run official exchanges between OKIU and its partner universities and provides various services to international students enrolled at the university. The Center has a warm and friendly atmosphere, and its doors are always open to students and teachers who need assistance or want to get involved in international exchange.

The Global Education Support Center provides the following support for OKIU's international students:

- Scholarship information
- Student visa assistance
- Confirmation of enrollment and attendance
- Assistance with preparing attendance certificates and other documents
- International exchange events and programs
- Advice on school and personal matters



International students at OKIU can get advice on any problem they encounter while living in Japan, either in their studies or private lives.



The Center holds various events throughout the year, providing international students many opportunities to interact with and become friends with their Japanese classmates.



The International Exchange Lounge is a pleasant and friendly place for OKIU's foreign and Japanese students to interact and become friends.



Language Study Programs for International Students

Language Peers Program

The Language Peers Program matches students with partners who meet their language goals and needs, regardless of nationality, school year, or department. The program, initiated in 2018, has numerous international student participants, many of whom teach their native language in exchange for being taught Japanese. International students who want a partner to support them in their Japanese studies or who want to have some positive interaction with their Japanese classmates should participate in the Language Peers Program.



Speech Contests

Each year, the Global Education Support Center sponsors on-campus speech contests in seven different languages: English, Korean, Chinese, Spanish, French, Japanese (as a foreign language), and Ryukyuan. Most international students participate in the annual Japanese Speech Contest to demonstrate the results of their Japanese study.

Japanese Language and Culture Program

Program Overview:

The Japanese Language and Culture Program is a fun and exciting three-week program in July offered to students attending many of OKIU's partner universities. The program consists of two components: (1) a language component, which helps participants acquire general Japanese skills to use in daily life, and (2) a culture component, which provides participants with various fun and meaningful experiences to give them an inside look into Japanese and Okinawan culture and society.

Program Content:

Japanese language classes, cultural experiences, a short homestay, field trips, and fun activities.

Program Date and Duration:

Three weeks in July

Accommodation:

A 3-star hotel
(includes breakfast and a short homestay with a local family)

How to apply:

Students attending an OKIU partner university should apply at their home university.

For more information:

Program details are sent to OKIU's partner universities each year.

Japanese Classes:

Participants are placed in the class that best matches their Japanese ability.

Class 1 (Beginner)

Participants learn basic Japanese sentence patterns and how to communicate in real-life situations. They also study Japanese culture and work to improve their reading and listening skills.

Class 2 (Intermediate and Advanced)

Participants broaden their grammatical competence, improve their functional ability in Japanese, and sharpen their communicative skills while increasing their vocabulary.



Japanese Language Classes

for International Students

Okinawa International University offers Japanese language and culture classes for foreigners who enter Japan to study at a Japanese university.



Japanese Classes Offered by Level (a partial list)

Level	Subject Title	Credits	Hours / Week	Content
Beginner	Beginning Japanese I A	2	4	Students learn basic sentence patterns and how to communicate in everyday situations using the famous <i>Minna no Nihongo</i> textbook. They also aim to expand their vocabularies and improve their expression, conversation, and communication abilities.
	Pre-Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese I A	2	4	Students learn to express themselves in Japanese by discussing their experiences, feelings, and ideas on various topics. They also deepen their understanding of themselves and others by comparing Okinawa's history and culture to those of their own countries. In addition, they learn to experience the joy of reading Japanese.
Intermediate	Intermediate Japanese Listening Comprehension and Conversation I	2	4	Students work on their listening and communication skills, while aiming to master honorifics and polite language. They also learn to convey information in Japanese, especially in their daily lives as international students.
	Japanese Grammar I	2	4	Students learn intermediate grammar and expressions. Students familiarize themselves with the grammar in conversation and speech by practicing sentence patterns in various situations.
	Advanced Japanese Culture and Society I	2	4	Students learn about Japanese and Okinawan history, politics, education, culture, performing arts, and sports. They then express their opinions, ask questions, and exchange ideas with classmates about similarities and differences between their own countries.
	Advanced Japanese Culture and Society I	2	4	Students learn how to write logical compositions and essays. They also learn to organize their essays into paragraphs, express supporting or opposing opinions, and summarize arguments and opinions.
Advanced	Japanese Grammar III	1	2	Students focus on grammar on Levels N1 and N2 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test to acquire the ability to solve problems that appear on those tests.
	Japanese Expression I	1	2	Students learn how to develop their ideas into logical, well-organized essays. In addition to improving their academic skills, students aim to improve their Japanese language ability.
	Advanced Japanese Seminar I	2	4	Students improve their overall Japanese skills by reading newspaper articles on various topics, creating outlines, and giving presentations to explain the content and express their opinions.

Credited Auditing System for International Students

Foreign credited auditors are international students who take Japanese subjects to improve their Japanese ability to the level needed to enter a Japanese university.

Application Requirements

Applicants must meet the first two conditions (1 and 2) and one of the remaining conditions (3 through 5).

- (1) The applicant possesses a Status of Residence of “Student,” as defined in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, for the purpose of entering a university or studying in Japan.
- (2) The applicant must meet one of the following two conditions:
 - Receive a score of 200 or above on the Reading Comprehension, Listening, and Listening-Reading Comprehension section of the Japanese as a Foreign Language subject of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU).
 - Pass Level N2 or above on the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).
- (3) The applicant completed a 12-year course of study in a foreign country or its equivalent, as designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (4) The applicant completed a course at an overseas educational institution equivalent to a high school course, as designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (5) The applicant's qualifications are equivalent to those listed in 3 and 4 above, as recognized by OKIU.

※ Applications cannot be submitted from outside of Japan. ※ Support for acquiring a visa is not provided.

Expenses

¥11,500 per credit

(First-semester course fees must be paid before the enrollment submission deadline.)

	First Semester	Second Semester
Course fee	¥92,000	¥92,000
Student insurance fee	¥1,340	—
Total Payment	¥93,340	¥92,000

※ Costs are subject to change.

Check the QR code to the right for more information on the application period and materials.



Admissions Guide (Entrance Examination Guide)

for International Students

International students applying to enter Okinawa International University should follow these guidelines:

Before You Apply

- You must possess or be able to acquire a Status of Residence of “Student.”
- You must show proof of Japanese language proficiency (by submitting JLPT, EJU, or J-Test scores).
- You must have completed 12 years of overseas schooling or the equivalent.
- You should understand that classes (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) will be conducted in Japanese.

Application Requirements

- Have a foreign (non-Japanese) nationality.
- Thoroughly read and adequately understand Okinawa International University's admission policies.
- Complete 12 years of overseas schooling or the equivalent.
- Possess or be able to acquire a Status of Residence of “Student” to enter a university or study in Japan, as prescribed under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.
- Satisfy at least one of the following three Japanese language requirements:
 - 1) Score 220 or above on the Japanese as a Foreign Language subject test and 100 or above on the Japan and the World subject test of the Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU).
 - 2) Pass Level N2 or above for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).
 - 3) Score 600 or above on the A-C Level of the J-Test Practical Japanese Proficiency Test.

Note: Concerning the EJU, JLPT, and J-Test, applicants should be sure to take the test on one of the dates listed in the Guide for the Special Selective Entrance Examination for International Students.

Selection Process

- For those who submit EJU score results, the decision on acceptance will be based on the applicant's EJU score, a screening of the application documents, and an interview conducted by the relevant department.
- For those who submit a score of N2 or above on the JLPT or a score of 600 points or above on the J-Test, the decision on acceptance will be based on the results of OKIU's own written exam (applicants can answer in Japanese or English), a screening of the application documents, and an interview conducted by the relevant department.

For more information about international student admission, please contact the Entrance Exam Center:

Okinawa International University

Address: 2-6-1 Ginowan, Ginowan City, Okinawa

Phone: 098-893-8945 (Direct line)

E-mail: entchr@okiu.ac.jp

Admission and entrance exam information is subject to change, so applicants should be sure to refer to the latest Entrance Exam Guide before applying.

For more detailed information in Japanese, check the QR code to the right or the Admission Information webpages on OKIU's website.



Tuition and Scholarships

Tuition and Educational Expenses ※1

Item	First Year	Second Year and After	Four-Year Total
Enrollment Fee	¥120,000	—	¥120,000
Tuition	¥610,000 [First Semester ¥305,000 Second Semester ¥305,000]	¥610,000 [First Semester ¥305,000 Second Semester ¥305,000]	¥2,440,000
Facility and Equipment Fee	¥200,000 [First Semester ¥100,000 Second Semester ¥100,000]	¥200,000 [First Semester ¥100,000 Second Semester ¥100,000]	¥800,000
Support Association and Education Fee Culture Fee and Alumni Association Fee Student Insurance Fee ※2	¥41,160	¥16,500	¥90,660
One-year Total	¥971,160 [First Semester ¥566,160 ※3 Second Semester ¥405,000]	¥826,500 [First Semester ¥421,500 Second Semester ¥405,000]	¥3,450,660

※1 Costs are subject to change.
 ※2 The amount will be slightly different for transfer students.
 ※3 This amount needs to be paid before enrollment.

Scholarships

Various scholarships have been established to support students struggling to pay their tuition for financial reasons. Take advantage of these scholarships so you can enjoy a fulfilling campus life! OKIU supports students who want to learn!

Name	Type	Amount	Eligibility
International Student Scholarship	Grant	Half Tuition	Candidates must be privately financed international students of superior character and academic achievement who are enrolled in a regular course of study, possess a visa with the Status of Residence of "Student," and contribute to promoting education, research, culture, and international exchange in Japan and overseas.
OKIU Alumni Association Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	Grant	¥50,000	Candidates must be students of superior character and academic achievement who are experiencing difficulties with their studies for financial reasons.

Contact the Global Education Support Center for more information.
Hours: 9 am to 5 pm (Monday through Friday)
Phone: 098-893-7668
E-mail: ircchr@okiu.ac.jp

*Check our website or contact the Global Education Support Center for the latest information on tuition and scholarships.

Career Support

OKIU’s Career Support Center provides comprehensive support for student job hunting, including guidance sessions, certification test preparation courses, individual support, and more. The Center regularly posts information about events on the OKIU website, campus portal, and Instagram so students can proactively utilize these resources to achieve their career goals.

1 Seminars and Courses

The Center holds numerous seminars and courses, including courses on applications and resumes, self-analysis, company research, interview preparation, and group discussion.



2 Company Briefings and Employment Exam Information Sessions

The Center hosts companies for individual and joint briefing sessions about their hiring goals and practices. The Center also holds on-campus information sessions about civil service and teacher employment exams.



3 Individual Counseling on Employment and Career Paths

The Center’s specialized staff offers employment and career counseling, mock interviews, and help correcting and improving resumes and job applications. (Appointments should be made in advance.)



4 Employment-Related Materials and Information

The Center’s Employment Resource Corner has extensive information on job openings, companies, and civil service exams. In addition, computers are set up for searching data bases to assist students in gathering employment information.



For practical career information, follow the Career Support Center on YouTube and Instagram by scanning the provided QR codes:



Job Hunting Report from an International Student

My journey from the baseball field to the business world began in my senior year at university. Having played baseball since first grade, I had always envisioned a career as a professional player. However, circumstances made it impossible for me to play baseball anymore, so I began to explore other career paths. Because of my command of Chinese and Japanese, I assumed I’d be able to get into a major company, but instead, I couldn’t even get past the application phase. However, the Career Support Center helped me get back on track. Amid this process, I had to face myself again, analyze what I wanted to do, and start looking for a job I could enjoy, even if it wasn’t a major company. As a result, I narrowed down my search to overseas sales. After rewriting my resume many times and studying for exams in Japanese, which isn’t my native language, I finally found a specialized trading company that met my requirements. I appreciate the support that the Center provided me.

Tsui Che Wei (Taiwan)
 4th Year, Department of British and American Language and Culture





A Treasure Trove of 500,000 Books

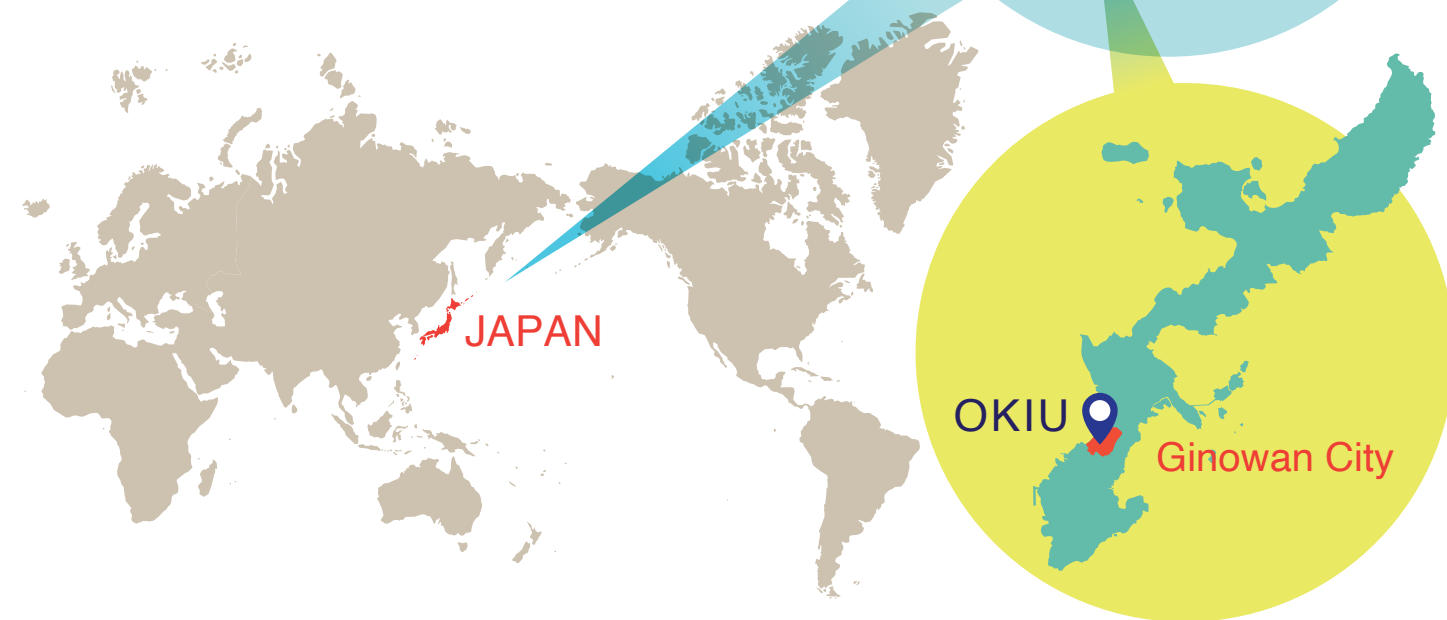
As befits the symbol of the university's intellectual vitality, the OKIU Library is a beautiful and dignified building. It houses approximately 500,000 books and other materials and supports the excellent learning and research results of undergraduate and graduate students. Along with the wealth of materials, the Library provides excellent support services and a pleasant learning environment, including a learning commons and various databases that provide immediate access to diverse media and online information. In addition, the Library regularly holds guidance sessions for undergraduate and graduate students, such as sessions on searching for sources and writing academic papers that inform them of efficient methods of collecting and organizing materials.



Access Map

Ginowan City, the perfect location to enjoy Okinawa!

Part of the fun of university life is spending time off campus. Okinawa International University is in Ginowan City, situated in the middle of Okinawa's main island, so students have convenient access to various areas throughout the prefecture. Imagine spending your university life in the perfect environment to enjoy Okinawa!



Foreign Book Collection

To support research and study in foreign languages, the OKIU Library houses approximately 50,000 foreign books and has back issues for about 6,000 periodicals. The Library also accepts requests for books that patrons want added to the collection.



Electronic Books

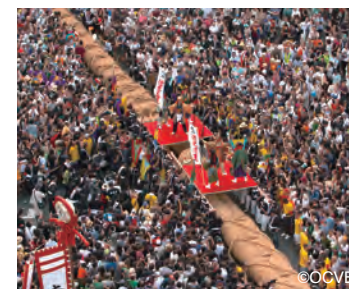
The number of e-books in the Library collection has been rapidly increasing. These include numerous books and materials for research or learning English or Japanese as a foreign language. E-books are accessible online from outside the university.



Tourist Attractions in Okinawa



Shuri Castle



Naha Great Tug-of-War Festival



Eisa, a traditional Okinawan dance



Okinawan Pottery



Nirai-Kanai Bridge



Prefectural Government Offices and Naha City Hall



Cape Manzamo



Group Study Rooms

2nd Floor

Students can use rooms where they can study and work with friends or classmates.



PC Corner

3rd Floor

The PC Corner is equipped with personal computers and standard software, making it convenient for students to work on reports or academic papers.

Book Stacks

Basement
2nd and 3rd

The Library has an extensive collection of foreign newspapers, academic journals and bulletins, periodicals, AV materials, and more.

Okinawan and Ryukyuan Studies Collection

2nd Floor

This special collection on the 2nd floor has a rich array of books and materials related to Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands, ranging from commercially sold books to historical documents from local cities and villages.