

Prefectural University of Hiroshima
Prospectus

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Faculty of Human Culture and Science

Department of Intercultural Studies
Department of Health Sciences

Faculty of Management and Information Systems

Department of Management
Department of Management Information Systems

Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences

Department of Life Sciences
Department of Environmental Sciences

Faculty of Health and Welfare

Department of Nursing
Department of Physical Therapy
Department of Occupational Therapy
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Department of Human Welfare

Graduate Program in Midwifery

Graduate School of Comprehensive Scientific Research

Program in Human Culture and Science
Program in Management and Information Systems
Program in Biological System Sciences
Program in Health and Welfare

* Please refer to the Graduate School overview for details.

* A doctorate program is available in Biological System Sciences.

Students can progress on to this doctoral program from masters programs in Human Culture and Science, Management and Information Systems, or Health and Welfare, depending on the content of their research.



What Will You Pursue at Prefectural University of Hiroshima?

— Your gateway to the world and to your full potential —

Prefectural University of Hiroshima has a long history of education, and has been well known for its excellence of both education and research. The present university was established in April 2005 by the reorganization and integration of three prefectural universities in Hiroshima.* It has been officially operated by the Public University Corporation, Prefectural University of Hiroshima, from April 2007, sending its first graduating class out into the world in March 2009. Our university is a medium-sized university which consists of four faculties with eleven departments located on three campuses (Hiroshima City, Shobara City, and Mihara City). Today, we continue to strive to be “a university deeply rooted in the local community and highly trusted by local residents,” which promotes **education, research and contribution to society**. We also actively engage in international exchange. Our goal is to cultivate sophisticated individuals who “can think and act on their initiative, and play an important role in the world with practical abilities.” We provide well-balanced educational content with systematic curriculums consisting of general education subjects and major subjects, actualized through small classes and detailed instructions.

Hiroshima Prefecture is a very interesting and attractive place for spending your university life. It is the twelfth largest in population of 47 prefectures in Japan, and an industrial prefecture where many industries prosper and some world-famous large companies have their headquarters and dockyards. The value of its industrial shipments is top in western Japan (west of Kobe). Hiroshima City, the prefectural capital, has a population of over a million (the tenth largest), and is full of life and energy. Hiroshima Prefecture is not only abundant in nature but also has many historical sites. Miyajima, renowned as a World Heritage Site, is a beautiful and sacred island, just about 20 km southwest of Hiroshima City, where our main campus is based.

The Faculty of Human Culture and Science, located on the Hiroshima Campus, offers the opportunity to deepen your understanding of diverse cultures and broaden your perspective. You can also study health sciences, including life science and nutritional science, and develop abilities to improve the quality of life and deal with problems concerning health maintenance and enhancement. In addition, the Faculty of Management and Information Systems presents a balanced approach to both management and information systems. The Hiroshima Campus aims to cultivate highly educated members of society and business leaders with a global perspective.

The Shobara Campus is located on a rich green plateau in the Chugoku Mountains. The Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences based on this campus, enables students to learn about the secrets of life and biotechnology, from basic knowledge and technology to practical applications. Students can also study biological and chemical methods for environmental cleanup, water purification and effluent treatment technology, as well as environmental recovery and preservation technologies such as waste management. They can study life and environmental sciences and develop into experts in a rich natural environment that shows the beauty of each season.

Based on the Mihara Campus, the Faculty of Health and Welfare offers a systematic curriculum that lays emphasis on clinical instruction and practical training. The Faculty assists students in achieving their dreams of becoming specialists in the fields of health, medical care and social welfare.

Each of these three campuses is designed to provide an ideal environment for study so that you can realize your dream. To help you do so, we also place an extra emphasis on employment support services, including a strengthened career counseling system and improved career education classes. So what will you pursue at Prefectural University of Hiroshima? Our university can be your gateway to local and global communities, as well as for realizing your full potential.

History of the Three Prefectural Universities

Hiroshima Prefectural Women's University

It originated from the graduate program opened at Hiroshima High School for Women in 1920, which became the Higher Education College for Women in 1928. It was the fifth oldest women's college in Japan, and accepted excellent students not only from Japan but also from Korea and Taiwan. In 1965, it developed into a four-year university, Hiroshima Women's University. Then in 1995, it was reorganized to include the Faculty of Intercultural Communication and the Faculty of Human Life and Science. Since that time, we have accepted students from Xi'an Jiaotong University in China and University of Seoul in Korea through student exchange programs.

Hiroshima Prefectural University

It originated from Hiroshima Agricultural College, which started from 1954 at Saijo, Higashi Hiroshima, as a junior college. After all the students graduated, the college was closed in 1990 and developed into the four-year university, Hiroshima Prefectural University. A new campus was established in 1989 in Shobara and consisted of the School of Business, and the School of Bio-resources. It has accepted undergraduate and graduate students, and scholars from Sichuan Province in China. Foreign researchers were also accepted from Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, as well as other nations.

Hiroshima Prefectural College of Health Sciences

The Faculty was originally founded in 1995 as the Hiroshima Prefectural College of Health and Welfare. It was established in order to meet the urgent local need for highly-qualified professionals in the areas of health and welfare. At that time we had an intake of 220 students entering the college every year to major in the professions of Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Hearing-Language Therapy, and Radiological Technician. For the five years following the foundation, competition to enter the college was stiff, with an applicant-to-place ratio of over five-to-one. At the time of foundation in 1995, we were one of the biggest public junior colleges in Japan, only being surpassed in scale by Kyoto Junior Medical College.

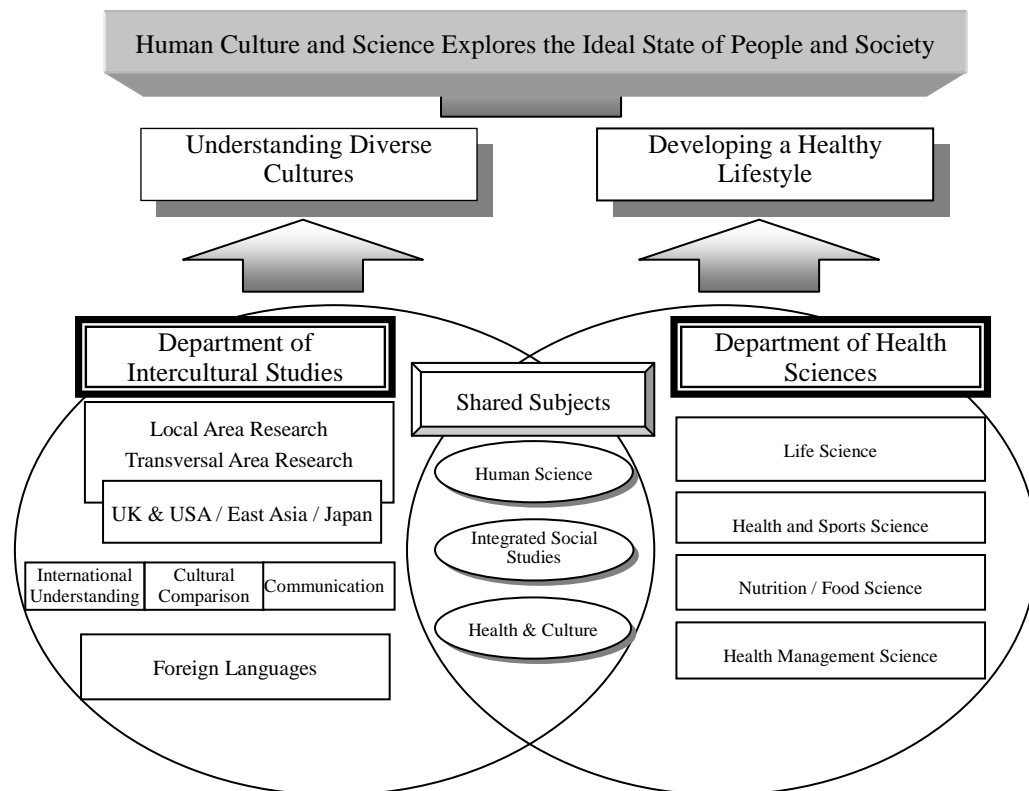
Already when the junior college was being founded, planning was underway for moving to a four-year college with the aim of offering a more advanced level of professional education emphasizing team approaches to medical care. Accordingly, the school became a four-year college in 2000, with a yearly intake of 170 students specializing in the same five majors: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Hearing-Language Therapy, and Radiological Technician. Hiroshima Prefectural College of Health Sciences was the first four-year college, private or public, to offer such a range of health-related majors in this part of Western Japan (Kyushu, Chugoku and Shikoku regions).

Faculty of Human Culture and Science

Department of Intercultural Studies Department of Health Sciences

This faculty explores the ideal state of people and society from the perspective of “global coexistence.” It aims to foster individuals with keen intelligence, creative vision and specialized knowledge which are required to understand diverse cultures and to develop a wholesome life, so that they can contribute to society.

The features of this faculty include the shared subjects in the curriculum and small classes. The shared subjects offer the latest topics to be discussed by students beyond their major. The Department of Intercultural Studies provides many seminars, and puts an emphasis on the teaching of foreign languages such as English, Chinese, and Korean. The Department of Health Sciences offers many laboratory experiments and practical training from basics to application.

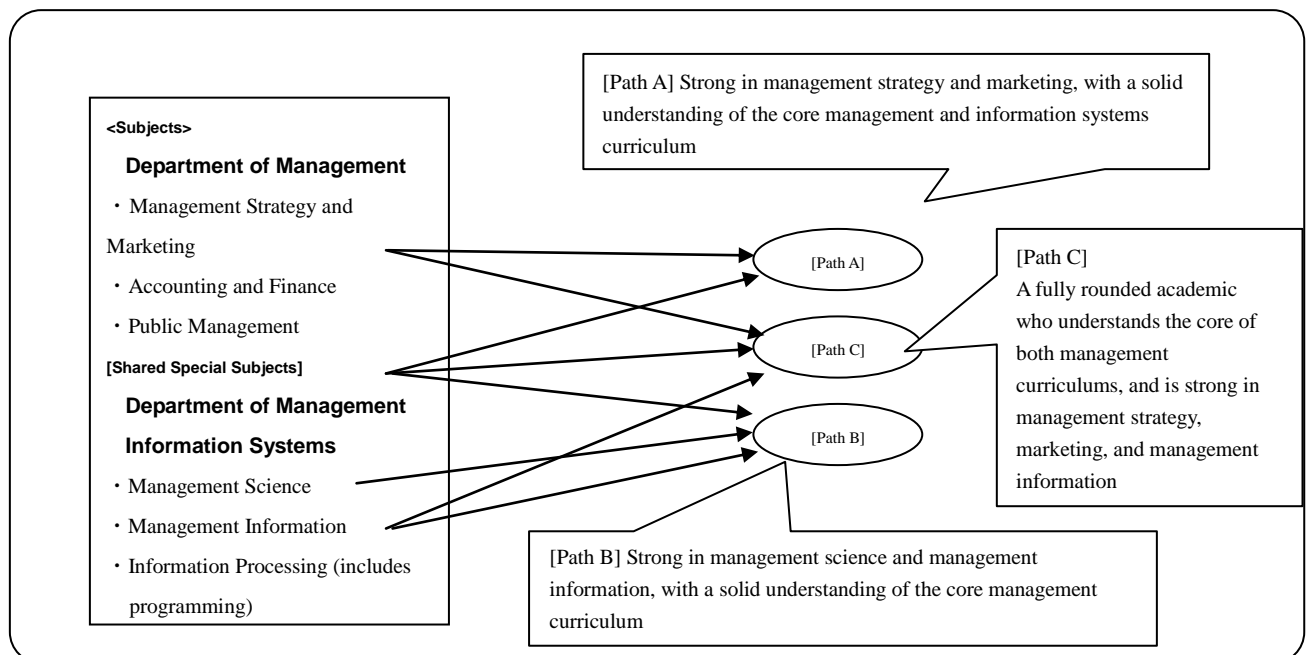


Faculty of Management and Information Systems

Department of Management Department of Management Information Systems

This faculty conducts research by using interdisciplinary approaches from business management and information science, focusing on various problems which business corporations, governments and NPOs have to deal with. It aims to cultivate individuals with the practical capabilities to solve the problems of management structures, who will then promote the creation of new industries and new projects in a highly information-oriented society.

One feature of the curriculum is its core subjects (shared special subjects) which enable the students to acquire technical skills and specialist knowledge from an early stage in their study. Students can develop their strengths as shown in the chart below.

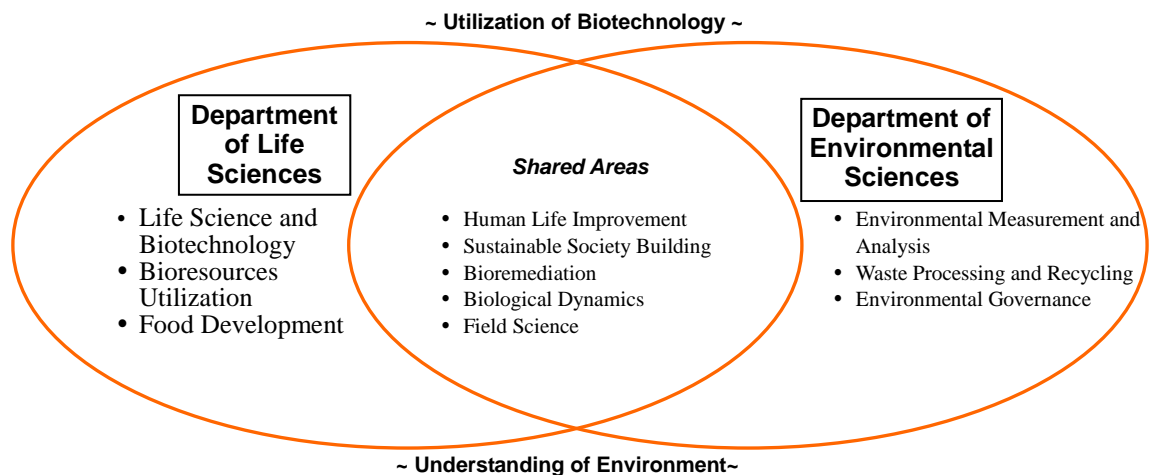


Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences

Department of Life Sciences Department of Environmental Sciences

This faculty makes regional and international contributions by solving various problems related to medical care, environment and food, through education and research in the fields of life sciences and environmental sciences. It aims to develop technicians and researchers who have a deep understanding of natural science with a wide range of knowledge and skills, and who will be able to contribute toward solving problems in society.

In this faculty, students can study both life sciences and environmental sciences in close correlation, and can participate in leading-edge research by acquiring a variety of the latest skills.

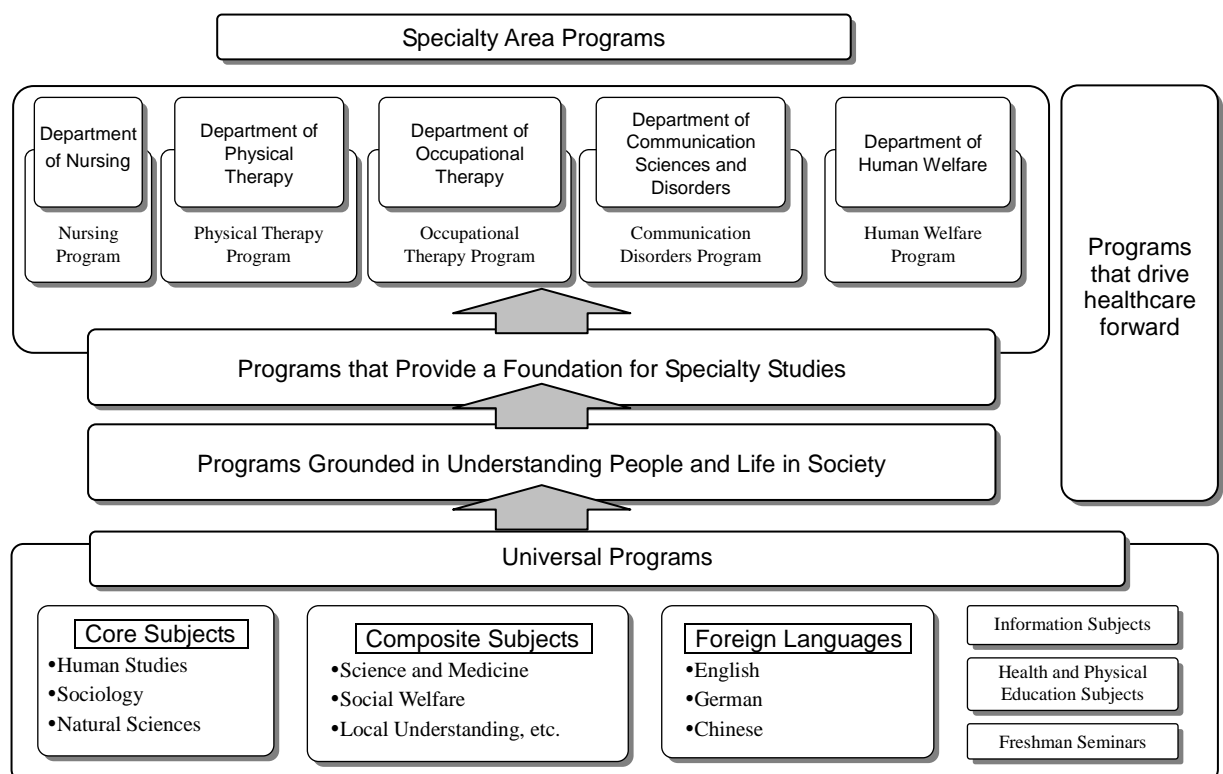


Faculty of Health and Welfare

Department of Nursing
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Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Department of Human Welfare

The Faculty of Health and Welfare aims to meet the challenges posed by aging societies in the fields of medicine, health care and welfare by utilizing our collective knowledge and skills in the five disciplines of health sciences.

This faculty emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach among the five disciplines in training health professionals, and promotes independent thinking, creativity, scientific and international perspectives.



Affiliated Facilities

■ Comprehensive Education Center

The Comprehensive Education Center operates the education system of our university as a whole, and provides a wide range of support for students including career education, counseling and support for qualification acquisition, study abroad and volunteer activities.

■ Library and Academic Information Center

The Library and Academic Information Center promotes the accumulation, dispatch and computerization of academic information in order to support the education and research of our university.

■ Community Liaison Center

The Community Liaison Center offers programs for promoting cooperation among industry, government and universities, counseling for community liaison, and support for lifelong learning.

■ Miyajima-gaku Center

The Miyajima-gaku Center was established in April 2009 to maintain and build on the results of the program, “Revitalization of the World Heritage Site, Miyajima Island through Student Involvement” (2006-2008), which was the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology’s Support Program for Contemporary Educational Needs. By successfully combining academic research on the World Heritage icon Miyajima (Miyajima-gaku), student education, and collaboration with the local community, the Miyajima-gaku Center aims to play a key role in the vitalization of the local community, enhancing the historical and cultural value which Miyajima has to offer.

■ Field Science Center

Through hands-on learning and experimentation using facilities such as rice fields, orchards and conservatories, the Field Science Center encourages local community involvement in addition to student education and research. Furthermore, it is outfitted with the latest facilities, including a food processing factory and an environmental engineering laboratory, in carrying out the program, “Establishment of Field Science to Improve Academic Standards” (2008-2010), which was the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology’s Program for Promoting High-Quality University Education.

■ University Medical Center

At the University Medical Center of the Faculty of Health and Welfare, expert instructors from all disciplines utilize cutting-edge technology to provide outpatient care for patients who have been referred to us from the community. The center offers treatment, rehabilitation, and nursing consultation services in the following areas: pediatrics, internal medicine, neurology, psychiatry, neurosurgery, orthopedics and otorhinolaryngology. The center is especially dedicated to the field of rehabilitation and offers high-quality physical, occupational and speech-language-hearing therapy for patients with limb-amputation, pediatric neurological problems, intractable diseases, developmental disorders, cerebrovascular diseases and cerebral trauma. The center also provides students with opportunities for clinical observation and practicum.



Student Life

Financial Support Programs

Several financial support programs are available for students of excellent character and academic ability who may have difficulty attending the University for financial reasons.

Part-Time Jobs

Students can also take advantage of part-time jobs introduced by the University to help cover costs associated with academic life.

Student Housing

Student housing for up to 50 male and 50 female students is available within a three-minute walk from the Shobara Campus.

*Only first year (faculty) students are permitted to reside in these facilities.

Employment Support

The University provides information such as job listings (including internet access) and consultation services for students concerned about employment options (company information sessions, support programs to assist graduates in finding employment in Hiroshima).

Tuition Reductions, Exemptions and Deferrals

Reductions, exemptions or deferrals may be considered for students who have difficulties in making tuition payments due to difficult financial situation, losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other reasonable factors.

Foreign Student Support Program

Under this program, students provide assistance to foreign students from abroad to facilitate their adjustment to Japanese customs and university life. This includes explanations of university facilities and support for daily life.

Academic Calendar

First Term: April 1 ~ September 23

Second Term: September 24 ~ March 31

* As of 2011. The academic calendar is subject to change annually.

Miscellaneous

Each campus has a wide variety of club and extracurricular activities. There are many opportunities to interact with students from other campuses and universities. Admission to the many art museums in Hiroshima is free for all students at Prefectural University of Hiroshima.

A Message from Previous Foreign Students (Z.M. from China)

There is no better place to experience Japanese culture first-hand than in Hiroshima, the peace memorial city, surrounded by beautiful scenery that includes the world heritage icon Miyajima. Since its establishment, Prefectural University of Hiroshima has strived to become “a university deeply rooted in the local community and highly trusted by neighboring residents,” and has consistently contributed to the local area.

This emphasis on the University’s connection with the local community can be felt in the at-home atmosphere of its campus, which has a special place in the hearts of the local people. Of course, it is also home to wonderful cutting-edge facilities for study and research, and boasts vast resources that include a great collection of electronic journals like EBSCO.

The educational curriculum is just as broad, and ranges from freshman seminars through post-study support in the form of internship programs and guidance for job seekers.

Prefectural University of Hiroshima offers everything we foreign students need to make the most of university life, including a unique foreign student support program made possible by our Japanese colleagues, independent class options and extraordinary extracurricular activities. So why not join us in this amazing environment and enjoy a campus life that will lead you to discover your passion?



Students and Instructors (as of May 1, 2011)

Number of Students by Faculty

	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	Total
Faculty of Human Culture and Science					
● Department of Intercultural Studies	86	92	90	104	372
● Department of Health Sciences	37	35	36	41	149
Faculty of Management and Information Systems					
● Department of Management	66	67	63	66	262
● Department of Management Information Studies	46	46	45	43	180
Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences					
● Department of Life Sciences	111	117	105	129	462
● Department of Environmental Sciences	59	58	55	66	238
Faculty of Health and Welfare					
● Department of Nursing	61	64	64	67	256
● Department of Physical Therapy	32	32	32	32	128
● Department of Occupational Therapy	30	30	33	35	128
● Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders	32	30	30	31	123
● Department of Human Welfare	41	40	41	42	164
Total	601	611	594	656	2,462

Number of Students in the Graduate Program in Midwifery

	1 st Year	Total
Graduate Program in Midwifery	10	10
Total	10	10

Number of Students by Graduate Program

	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	Total
Program in Human Culture and Science				
● Masters Program	10	13	-	23
Program in Management and Information Systems				
● Masters Program	15	27	-	42
Program in Biological System Sciences				
● Doctorate Program (First Term)	27	34	-	61
● Doctorate Program (Second Term)	6	6	8	20
Program in Health and Welfare				
● Masters Program	22	27	-	49
Total	80	107	8	195

Number of Instructors by Faculty

Faculty	Total
● Faculty of Human Culture and Sciences	47
● Faculty of Management and Information Systems	31
● Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences	50
● Faculty of Health and Welfare	106
Graduate Program in Midwifery	4
Subtotal	238
Comprehensive Education Center	5
Library and Academic Information Center	2
Community Liaison Center	5
Subtotal	12
Total	250

* Does not include a provost

Number of Instructors by Graduate Program

Major	Total
Program in Human Culture and Science	
● Masters Program	34
Program in Management and Information Systems	
● Masters Program	28
Program in Biological System Sciences	
● Doctorate Program (First Term)	36
● Doctorate Program (Second Term)	40*
Program in Health and Welfare	
● Masters Program	50
Total	188

* Figures for the Second Term Doctorate program in Biological System Science include instructors from other fields.

Achievements

In 2006, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MECSST) made a decision to reinforce the top 30 universities in Japan as the institutions for education and research at the highest level in the world, by giving priority to them in budgetary allocation. Since then, universities have been actively competing to improve the quality of their education, research and contribution to their local communities in order to meet the demands of the age of globalization. Our university has been highly evaluated for having achieved excellent results in these three aspects.

Education

Two educational programs in 2006 and three in 2007 were selected as Good Practice for Education and given a special grant by MECSST. All of our four faculties obtained this special grant.

Research

Our university has maintained its first rank status for four years among 25 prefectural and municipal universities in Western Japan (which has 17 prefectures), in obtaining the number of Grants-in-Aid from MECSST.

Grants-in-Aid are awarded to promote creative and pioneering research across a wide spectrum of scientific fields, ranging from the humanities and social sciences to the natural sciences. Therefore, this high rate of success in obtaining Grants-in-Aid is regarded as an indicator of the excellence of research of the university.

Contribution to the Local Community

According to the survey conducted every year by the *Nihon Keizai Shinbun* (Nikkei Newspaper), our university ranked 11th for contributions to the community in 2010, among more than 700 universities in Japan.

International Exchange Agreements (7 countries, 11 universities)

Xi'an Jiaotong University (China)
Sichuan University (China)
Sichuan Agricultural University (China)
University of Seoul (Korea)
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (Thailand)
Middlesex University (UK)
The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (the United States of America)
Andalas University (Indonesia)
The University of Sheffield (UK)
The University of Ulster (UK)
The Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine Westphalia (Germany)

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