

ICU

国際基督教大学
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

60th Year



reasons

why you should study at ICU

201 International Students

2848 Students
• = 50

2,682 undergraduate and 166 graduate students, including 201 international students from 41 countries.

31 Majors

31 majors in the arts, humanities, natural, and social sciences. Most courses are open to exchange students.

82% **18%**

No prior knowledge of Japanese language is required for enrollment. Roughly 18% of courses and many Japan Studies related courses are taught in English.

English **日本語**

Emphasis on bilingual proficiency

ICU has been a premier Japanese and English language program provider since its founding in 1953.

18 **1**

18:1 student-faculty ratio

Japan Studies Certificate Program

A one-year program designed to provide an overall introduction to Japan, with language instruction and other courses on Japan.

Tokyo Prefecture

Kichijoji
Mitaka Shinjuku

ICU's 153-acre wooded campus is rich in history and nature. It is located near Kichijoji, a popular neighborhood just outside of central Tokyo.

Non-Japanese faculty

36.2% **63.8%**

Japanese

36.2% of full-time faculty is non-Japanese; approximately 90% of Japanese faculty received their degrees from universities outside of Japan.

20% of students live on campus.

20% of the student body and about 40 faculty members and their families live on campus, creating a living and learning community.

*The JLP teachers are really great
and learning in small groups was fun.*
————— *Jessica from Germany*

Academics

I was able to take classes out of my major,
like Japanese History taught in English
and French taught in English and French.
————— *Stephanie from England*

My International Relations class was taught in Japanese,
and it allowed me to look at the world
from an entirely new perspective.
————— *Natalia from Russia*

I took an Archaeology class where we found potteries
on campus from ancient Japan!
Isn't that awesome?
————— *Alyanna from the Philippines*

Lots of homework and projects,
but it definitely improves one's Japanese.
————— *Sandra from Germany*

"Introduction to Japanese Society" was
both engaging and eye-opening.
————— *Jessica from Sweden*

On-campus Dorms

*The dorms are full of people with different
characters, but they come together in a friendly
and open atmosphere throughout the day.*
————— *Sandra from Germany*

Dormitory life in ICU is one of my greatest
experiences here in Japan!
————— *Natalia from Russia*

Global House became my second family.
————— *Brynjolfur from Iceland*

I loved hanging out in the social room.
————— *Tyrell from the Philippines*



WHAT MAKES ICU SO SPECIAL?

COMMENTS FROM
EXCHANGE STUDENTS, 2014-2015

Beautiful Campus

*I loved experiencing the different seasons
while going to class every day.*
————— *Sandra from Germany*

Cherry blossoms on campus in April were absolutely gorgeous.
————— *Sarutaya from Thailand*

I loved chatting and stargazing
with friends on the campus lawn at night.
————— *Jessica from Sweden*

There are adorable cats everywhere
and the cafeteria staff are lovely.
————— *Stephanie from England*

Student Clubs

Training for badminton club was intense!
————— *Jonathan from USA*

Join Samba!
————— *Stephanie from England*

Wadaiko (Japanese drums) club is so much fun.
I will miss it so much.
————— *Brynjolfur from Iceland*

People

I loved my stay here in ICU.
I will never forget the friends I made and bonded with.
————— *Tyrell from the Philippines*

Lots of interesting and friendly people.
————— *Kimmas from Lithuania*

Open-mindedness is the one word
I think that describes ICU the best.
————— *Sandra from Germany*

I knew that I wanted to spend my undergrad junior year studying in Tokyo, and although I was considering other universities, ICU was the perfect match for me mainly because I was quite serious about improving my Japanese language skills and ICU's intensive courses provided the kind of curriculum and rigor that I was looking for.

I was also attracted to ICU because of its location in Mitaka, a quiet part of town just 25 minutes by train from Shinjuku. It's hard to beat ICU's beautiful Sakura-lined avenues and spacious lawns which make the campus itself a welcome retreat from the frenetic hustle and bustle of downtown Tokyo.

Also, because of ICU's diverse student body, I was able to build a network of both Japanese and foreign colleagues who have gone on to accomplish some pretty neat things in academia, fine arts, and business. I didn't know it at the time, but the friendships I made as a student at ICU eventually became a big factor in my decision to come back several years later to live and work in Tokyo.



Exchange Student from University of California, USA, 1998 - 1999

Robert Duncan

What former
exchange students
say about ICU

MacLean Ave. at ICU

Zachary Mansuetti

Exchange Student from University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA, 2013 - 2014

Upon first arriving at ICU, I had found where I truly belonged. I realize that my fellow students at ICU are not necessarily a true representation of the Japanese population, in fact, ICU has some of the best and brightest students I've ever had the privilege of meeting. Regardless of language barriers, they helped me to reach my next level of Japanese proficiency while fostering life-lasting friendships. I have been a team of group of true "nakama". Furthermore, the faculty and staff at ICU take a personal interest in their students, which allowed me to excel beyond my own expectations. From the extension to my own grades, they pushed me beyond my perceived limitations, the Japanese language program in particular forced me to excel! Outside of ICU, the treasures to find within Japan are abundant. Japan is filled with multiculturalism within its own borders. From Rhode Island to Philadelphia, Massachusetts to North Carolina, I have never felt more at home than in Tokyo or at ICU.



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