



B.A. Liberal Arts Program

Kyoto, Japan



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(a consortium of 13 American colleges)

The Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies
(a consortium of 14 renowned universities in
the United States, including Harvard, Princeton, and Yale)

Welcome

We are delighted that you are considering studying for your B.A. degree in Liberal Arts here at The Institute for the Liberal Arts (ILA) at Doshisha University.

The ILA is located within Doshisha University in Kyoto, one of Japan's oldest and most prestigious private universities, and nurtures an international and welcoming learning community. This program offers a unique opportunity to earn a Liberal Arts bachelor's degree entirely in English while living in Japan, combining a global education with local experience. Studying in a small, close-knit institute within a large, established university offers the advantages of both settings. Students benefit from seminar-style classes, but still have access to the diversity of academic disciplines across the University as a whole.

The ILA fosters a heterogeneous form of education, breaking down traditional barriers between disciplines to meet the demands of a dynamic, globalized society. Our curriculum is highly flexible, allowing students to study broadly and deeply in fields such as politics, philosophy, cultural studies, economics, and environmental issues. One of the ILA's great strengths is the freedom to carve your own path of inquiry, developing knowledge that is both personal and far-reaching.

Students at the ILA come from over 42 countries and study alongside Japanese students and international exchange students from around the world, creating a dynamic and diverse learning environment. Through small classes and personalized academic advising, the distance between faculty and students is close, ensuring each individual's learning and growth is carefully supported. No Japanese language skills are required for admission, but courses are offered at all levels for those who wish to study Japanese, allowing you to deepen your cultural understanding and expand your world through language.

Our faculty members—more than 50 in number—bring experience from academia, business, media, government, and international cooperation. Many have studied abroad or in Japan themselves and understand both the excitement and challenges of international education. At the ILA, they accompany students throughout their academic journey, helping them build the global knowledge, experience, and language skills necessary to thrive in today's competitive world.

We look forward to accompanying you on your learning adventure at the ILA.

Core Faculty



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EXPLORE AND LEARN

IN THE HEART OF JAPAN



Traditional Kyoto

Kyoto has been the cultural heart of Japan for more than a millennium. With 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and countless breathtaking temples, shrines, and gardens, the city offers an unparalleled glimpse into Japan's heritage. Traditions like the tea ceremony, Ikebana—the Japanese art of flower arrangement—and calligraphy continue to permeate daily life. In summer, the Gion Festival—a celebration with over a thousand years of history—captures the world's attention as one of Kyoto's most cherished cultural legacies. As you stroll through Kyoto's streets, painted with the changing colors of the seasons, you will feel the seamless blend of nature and history. It is a city where timeless beauty and tradition are part of everyday life.

Modern Kyoto

Kyoto today is a city where tradition and innovation beautifully merge. Its shopping districts are lined with modern stores showcasing the latest in fashion and design, contributing to the dynamic energy that fills the streets. The city also flourishes as a cultural hub, offering world-class contemporary art, music, film, photography, anime, and pop culture. Additionally, with easy access to nearby multicultural cities like Osaka and Kobe, visitors can enjoy vibrant nightlife that rivals some of the most exciting destinations around the globe. Finally, surrounded by nature, Kyoto is just a short distance from peaceful, beautiful landscapes formed by mountains and rivers—an essential part of the city's distinctive charm.

Academic Kyoto

With more universities and students per capita than anywhere else in Japan, Kyoto offers an exciting and unique academic environment. Through the Consortium of Universities in Kyoto—which includes 50 universities and higher education institutions—students have access to a wide range of learning opportunities beyond the ILA and Doshisha University, such as taking courses at other universities and participating in internships. International conferences and symposia are held regularly in the city, offering opportunities for interdisciplinary academic exchange, collaborative research, and involvement in community-based projects. In Kyoto, a true 'crossroads of knowledge,' you can nurture your curiosity and spirit of inquiry while gaining the skills to thrive in a global society.

Curriculum Outline

Students in this four-year degree program choose one of three concentrations: Humanities and the Human Sciences, Business and Economics, or Politics and Policy Studies. All students begin by studying Foundation Courses, where they master the methodologies and research skills required for comparative analysis. They then design their own individualized curriculum by selecting courses across the disciplines based on their interests.

Students can take advanced courses in their concentration where they gain in-depth knowledge pertaining to specific fields: Humanities and the Human Sciences (Japanese Society and Global Culture), Business and Economics (Japanese Business and the Global Economy), Politics and Policy Studies (Japanese Politics and Global Studies). Students can choose to specialize within their chosen concentration or combine courses across fields, from the classes offered in English at the ILA, as well as in Japanese and English throughout the University.

Students may also have the opportunity to spend a year abroad at one of Doshisha’s many partner universities worldwide. While taking academic courses, students can study the Japanese language at any level.

Foundation Courses

Academic and Research Skills	Understanding Kyoto and Japan
Library Research Skills	Basic Japanese
Introduction to Information Systems	Communities of Practice in Japan
Academic Presentations and Debate	Japanese Issues and Topics
Academic Writing	Introduction to Kyoto
Mathematical Methods for the Social Sciences	Doshisha and Christianity
Probability for the Social Sciences	Geography of Japan
Introduction to Asian Philosophy and Thought	Nature and the Environment in Japan
Introduction to Social, Political, and Economic Thought	Religion in Japan
Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics	Understanding and Experiencing Work in Japan
Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods	
Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods	
Advanced Mathematical Methods for the Social Sciences	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	Seminars and Honors Thesis (16 credits or above)			
		Introductory Seminars (8 credits)	Intermediate Seminars (4 credits)	Advanced Seminars and Honors Thesis (4 credits)
	Foundation Courses (16 credits or above)			
	Academic and Research Skills (at least 12 credits)			
	Understanding Japan and Kyoto (at least 4 credits)			
	Concentration Courses (30 credits or above)			
Japanese Society and Global Culture*	Introductory	Intermediate		Advanced
Japanese Business and the Global Economy*	Introductory	Intermediate		Advanced
Japanese Politics and Global Studies*	Introductory	Intermediate		Advanced

*Students are required to take 4 credits for each level plus 18 credits from any level.

Other Elective Courses Outside the ILA (e.g. Japanese Courses)

*The Institute operates on a 15 week semester system with two intakes: April and September. Students are required to earn at least 124 credits to obtain a B.A. in Liberal Arts.

Japanese Society and Global Culture

Humanities and the Human Sciences

What invisible forces are driving societies and the world? How do we build and belong to communities, cultures, nations and the world? How does the present relate to the past? What makes humans human?

Students taking classes in this concentration will study a wide range of topics and issues that set out to answer these four core questions. Topics include: migration; the formation of individual and group identities; the creation and maintenance of communities and social networks; new forms of communication and civil action; the development of cultural systems and concepts of nation; the emergence of global youth cultures and global identities; the influence of new media and regional collectives; the breakdown of class systems and new divisions in global society; the influence of technology on individuals and their collectives; the psychological power of visible and invisible borders; the roots of ethnic and religious conflict; the power of symbols in society and everyday life; the construction of the Japanese past and present.

Introductory level	
What Makes Humans Human?	Japan in the World: Cultural Flows and Diasporas
Introduction to Japanese History	Social Foundations of Language
Manga and Anime Studies	Asian Civilizations
Japanese Society and Culture	Modern Japanese History
Introduction to the Arts	
Introduction to Media and Communications	Advanced level
Introduction to Globalization	Social Foundations of Education
World Civilizations	Nations and Nationalism
	Advanced Themes in Anthropology
	Disaster Studies
	Social Inequalities in Japan
	Colonialism and Imperialism
	Advanced Media Studies
	Migration and Transnationalism

Japanese Business and the Global Economy

Business and Economics

How do economies function? What is the role of business in society? How can we evaluate economic systems? What creates wealth and poverty? How are companies built and managed? How do financial markets work?

Highlighting local and regional Japanese business practices against the backdrop of an increasingly integrated world economy, courses in this concentration provide students with a strong grounding in the core elements of contemporary business practices, while fostering development of the breadth and depth in understanding that is characteristic of a liberal arts degree. Introductory and intermediate courses introduce students to accounting, economics, finance, marketing, and management theories using illustrations from Japan.

In advanced courses, students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in an international context. Students who have concentrated their studies in business and economics are comfortable with both qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis, allowing them to use practical reasoning to resolve the challenges that they are faced with in their jobs and daily lives.

Introductory level	
Introduction to Contemporary Economics and Business	The Financial System in Japan
Introduction to the Japanese Economy	Financial Accounting in Japan
Macroeconomics	Introduction to Marketing
Microeconomics	Japanese Corporations
Introduction to Finance	
Introduction to Business Administration	Advanced level
Introduction to Accounting	Economic Growth
Society and Economy in Kyoto	International Economics
	Corporate Strategy and Organization
	Management Accounting in Japan
	International Marketing
	International Business Communication
	Industry and Corporation in Kyoto
	Contemporary Issues in Business and Economics

Intermediate level
Consumers and the Market in Japan
Ecology and Economy in Japan
Industry and Labor in Japan
The Creative Industries in Contemporary Japan



Japanese Politics and Global Studies

Politics and Policy Studies

What is power? Who has power? How did they get it? What do citizens want, and what do citizens get? How do media, opinion, and psychology shape elections and policies? What role do citizens play in democracy?

The answers to these questions dominate every aspect of our lives. In our complex and interdependent world, responsible politics requires discourse, broad-based citizen participation and responsive leadership. To that end, the Politics and Policy Studies Concentration promotes the critical analysis of politics and public policy, with both a Japan and a comparative focus.

This concentration equips students with the tools to frame important questions; conduct theory-driven research; provide evidence-based answers; write clearly and persuasively; and participate in lively discussions. When theory and systematic empirical analysis drive purposeful analysis, significant insights for our communities and for the world emerge.

Introductory level	
The Politics of Growth in Developing Countries	Political Behavior, Campaigns and Elections
Winners and Losers: Introduction to Political Theory	Civic Engagement
Introduction to Japanese Law	Public Opinion and Political Psychology
Power and Politics in Japan	
Introduction to Comparative Policymaking	Advanced level
Introduction to International Relations	Topics in Public Policy
Comparative Politics	Mass Media in the Policymaking Process
Peace and Conflict	International Law and Organizations
	International Political Economy
	Development and Law
	Topics in Japan’s Contemporary International Relations
	Social Movements and Contentious Politics
	Politics through Film



STUDENT VOICES 1

Salina Porteous

Humanities and the Human Sciences
Fourth-Year Student

The ILA gives you space to explore and discover what truly interests you

The ILA is a close-knit community with small cohorts that allow you to get to know everyone quickly, especially during orientation week. Inspired by the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the ILA Student Council, I decided to become a member. Many ILA classes emphasize group work, creating opportunities for collaboration and the exchange of ideas among students with diverse perspectives. One of my most memorable courses was Foundations of Language, where in addition to learning how language works, we even created our own languages. I was initially drawn to the flexibility of the ILA and its diverse range of courses. While my main focus has been on anthropology and politics, my interests have gradually expanded into the arts, business, and marketing, leading me to discover a deep interest in the creative fields and startups. After graduation, I plan to further develop my knowledge of business through Doshisha's MBA program. The ILA offers a supportive community where students can try new classes, get involved across Doshisha, and build lasting friendships. I encourage students to take the time to explore where their interests may lead.

STUDENT VOICES 3

Yuka Osawa

Politics and Policy Studies
Fourth-Year Student

An institution that celebrates learning for the sake of learning

I chose the ILA because its interdisciplinary system allows me to pursue both my interest in politics and my love for exploring cultural phenomena through an academic lens. I am currently a fourth-year student writing my thesis on the correlation between gendered career choices and benevolent sexism (subtle gender bias framed as goodwill). This research was inspired by politics classes that examined the representation of women by female politicians, and by culture classes that explored gender structures in Japanese society. The ILA curriculum fostered a sense of curiosity to apply what I learned in the classroom to my own questioning and understanding of the world around me. This curiosity translated into action, allowing me to host a debate tournament on campus—an experience made possible by the welcoming and supportive environment at the ILA that encourages students to pursue their passions. I am grateful to be part of an academic community where professors always engage with my questions and support my learning.

STUDENT VOICES 2

Eren Jasbi

Business and Economics
First-Year Student

A place to encounter different perspectives in a diverse environment

One of the key reasons I chose the ILA was the freedom to explore a wide range of academic fields while maintaining a clear focus on my intended major. I have always been interested in developing my understanding of business, which I see as an essential field for anyone living in today's economic world. The ILA's diverse academic program allows me to go beyond one specialization and study many areas of business, including courses such as Portfolio Theory and Management. Working on group projects as part of a team has exposed me to diverse perspectives, both academically and across social and cultural contexts. Through these experiences, I have gained more confidence in my knowledge and a clearer sense of my future goals. Although Kyoto is known as a tourist city, the ILA is located in a calm, uncrowded area in the heart of the city. Walking around places such as the Imperial Palace has given me the space to think and has become a meaningful source of ideas and inspiration.

Beyond Graduation | ALUMNI MESSAGES

Anna Malpas

University of Oxford
DPhil candidate, Anthropology



Intellectual development through curiosity and interdisciplinary inquiry

The ILA offered a valuable balance between rigorous academic training and more creative, exploratory classes. Its flexible curriculum allowed me to shape my academic direction as my interests developed, and small, diverse classes enabled meaningful learning both inside and outside the classroom. I explored a wide range of subjects, but mainly focused on anthropology and politics, where the interdisciplinary and discursive educational approach encouraged me to question assumptions and approach ethnographic research from an "insider" perspective. Studying the anthropology of Japan while living in Japan, I gained intellectual tools and experiences that continue to influence my research today. Now studying anthropology at the doctoral level, I examine memorial benches as material and social sites of memory in the contemporary British landscape, revealing how ordinary objects become deeply meaningful through everyday practices. The ILA gives you the freedom to define your own academic experience—the more curiosity, effort, and openness you bring, the more rewarding your time will be.

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AJC International, Inc.
Cargo Claims Manager, EMEA



Competitive advantage through cultural awareness and critical thinking

The diverse curriculum at the ILA allowed me to explore multiple business subjects. The highlight was the seminars, where rigorous, open dialogue challenged me to think critically—viewing problems through multiple lenses and recognizing that the best solutions emerge from diverse perspectives. That foundation of cultural awareness and holistic problem-solving has become a lasting competitive advantage in my career. While pursuing an MBA at the Georgia Institute of Technology, I serve as a Cargo Claims Manager for a global commodity brokerage, managing cargo risk and complex claims. I love the fast-paced, horizontal culture—no two days are the same—as I navigate legal, insurance, commercial, and operational challenges across the EMEA region. The most rewarding part of my work is the agency I have to take ownership, lead initiatives, and make a tangible impact. The strategic approach I developed at the ILA remains the framework I rely on to succeed in a complex, global industry. Stay curious and remain open to the world. Embracing different cultures and perspectives is the most effective way to build an impactful, fulfilling career.

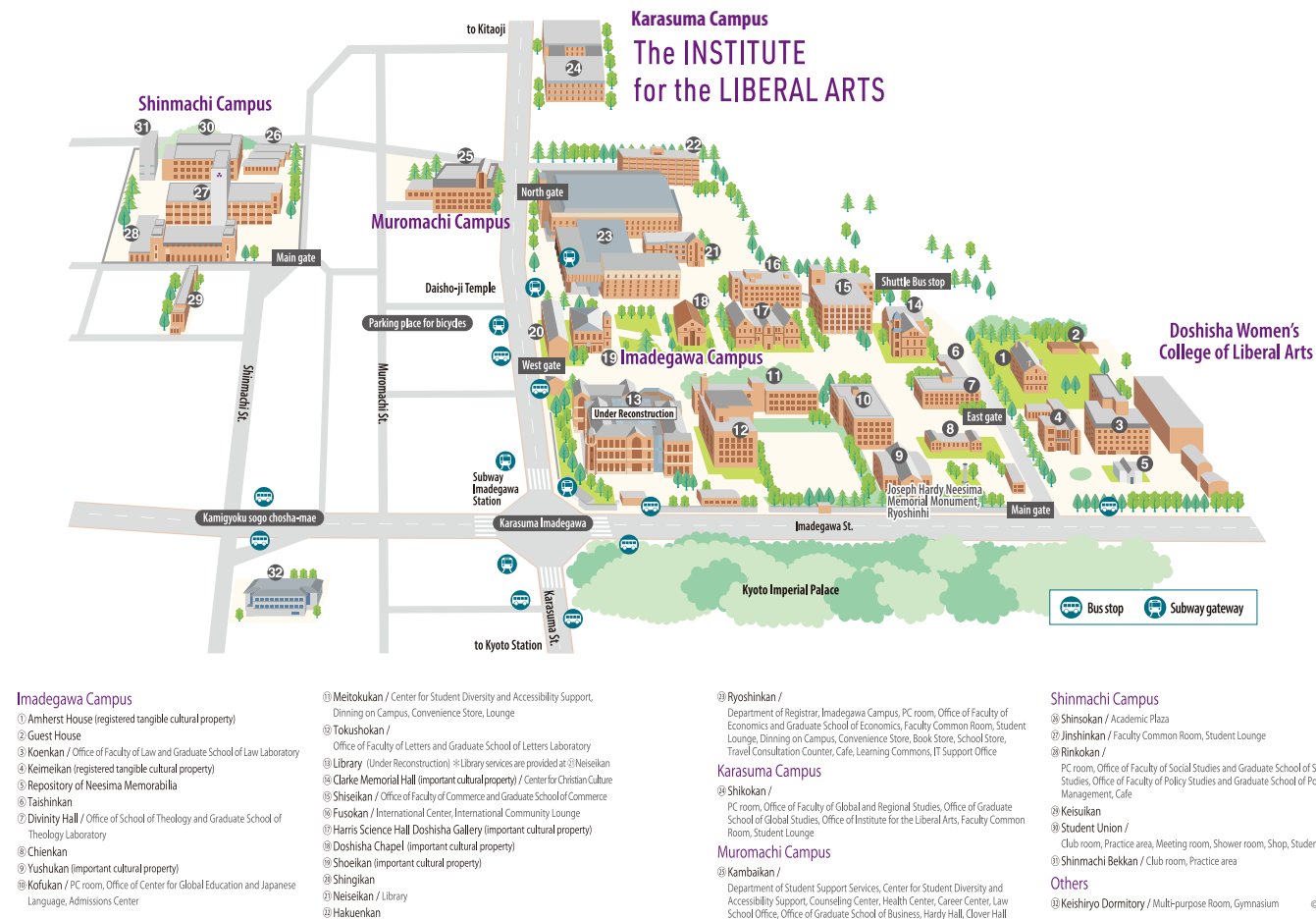
The Campus

Doshisha University's Imadegawa Campus is a harmonious blend of preserved historic buildings and contemporary architecture. Red-brick buildings from the Meiji period exude a timeless beauty, while tree-lined paths, serene courtyards, and spacious plazas echo the tranquil elegance of the neighboring Shokokuji Temple. At the same time, the campus pulses with culture, scholarship, and extracurricular life, creating a space where tradition and vibrancy coexist. During lunch breaks, students can enjoy the seasonal scenery from a bench, listen to Buddhist monks chanting sutras, or spend a quiet moment in the Chapel or meditation room.

Located within the Imadegawa Campus, the Ryoshinkan houses one of Japan's largest and most innovative learning facilities, the approximately 2,550-square-meter Learning Commons. Designed for student-led, participatory learning, this flexible and open space encourages collaboration, discussion, and creativity. Equipped with PCs, projectors, electronic blackboards, and comfortable seating, students can engage fully in interactive and imaginative work. The Ryoshinkan also offers student lounges, a café/bakery, a bookstore, a convenience store, and a cafeteria serving a variety of Japanese university staples.

Just a few minutes' walk from the heart of the Imadegawa Campus stands the Shikokan, the home of the Institute for the Liberal Arts (ILA). This building blends the tradition of Doshisha's Meiji-era red-brick architecture with elegant modern design and features a central sunken garden that fills each classroom with soft natural light. Its bright, open atmosphere, complemented by lounges and study areas, provides a comfortable environment for students to focus, connect, and grow. The main entrance, with its arched gate and seven windows, has become one of the ILA's most iconic landmarks.

Campus Map (Imadegawa Campus)



Student Life and Support

Peer Support System

Lifestyle Support Advisers are available to guide and answer questions about both academic and daily life. They provide personal support to help students settle comfortably into life in Japan, assisting with housing, administrative procedures, and everyday matters. Advisers also offer guidance to help students understand Japanese society and make the most of their time on and off campus. With this comprehensive support system, international students at Doshisha University can feel reassured, study with confidence, and enjoy a fulfilling, independent student life.



Clubs and Societies

Doshisha University has over 300 clubs, circles, and research groups, offering students a wide variety of activities to explore their interests and passions. Students can join sports teams, music groups, and clubs focused on traditional Japanese culture such as tea ceremony, martial arts, manga, and anime. Participating in these clubs provides opportunities to make friends, develop new skills, share experiences with others, and fully immerse oneself in campus life. With so many options available, students can easily find communities that match their interests and enjoy a vibrant, fun, and fulfilling university experience.

International Community Lounge

The International Community Lounge is a welcoming space where students from around the world and Japanese students can meet, exchange ideas, and collaborate. It is open for casual conversation, study sessions, and cultural exchange events throughout the year. Students can find language partners, organize small group discussions, or simply relax between classes. The Lounge fosters a sense of belonging and global connection within the university, helping international students build friendships and integrate naturally into the Doshisha community.

Health and Counseling

Students can consult with doctors at the Health Center and receive mental health support at the Counseling Center. The university also assists international students with applications for the Medical Reimbursement Program, ensuring they have access to necessary healthcare and support.

Career Center

The Career Center offers a wide range of resources, including counseling, career seminars, and workshops designed for international students. Staff members help students explore potential career paths, prepare resumes in both Japanese and English, and understand the job-seeking process in Japan. Each year, several hundred companies contact Doshisha looking for talented graduates with strong language and cross-cultural skills. The Center also provides information on internships and part-time jobs, helping students gain valuable work experience and build confidence for their future careers in Japan or abroad.

Student Support Services Center

The Student Support Services Center provides guidance on campus life and academic matters, along with counseling and self-development programs. The center also organizes and sponsors extracurricular activities, such as camping trips, lectures, concerts, and film screenings, helping students enjoy a balanced and engaging university experience.

Japanese Language and Culture Courses

Students can select from a variety of Japanese language and culture courses to strengthen their language skills and deepen their understanding of Japanese society, customs, and traditions.

University Festivals

Students participate in festivals and events in and around Kyoto and at the University. Doshisha Eve is a huge, round-the-clock, three-day street festival where students and local residents come to enjoy music, food, sport, dance, and street theater.



Accommodation and Living Costs

Housing in Kyoto

The university guarantees housing to international students for the first year and arranges accommodations in either university dormitories or off-campus rental housing. There are a variety of affordable options throughout Kyoto, from one-room apartments to shared houses with private rooms and common kitchens or bathrooms. Rent generally ranges from 40,000 to 80,000 yen per month. The university also provides information and recommendations for reliable real estate agencies, making it easier for students to find housing even if new to Kyoto. With convenient transportation and student-friendly neighborhoods, Kyoto offers an ideal balance between comfort, city life, and accessibility.

Students can enjoy safe, well-maintained, and comfortable accommodations, whether in a dormitory or apartment. Many residences are near shops, cafés, parks, and community spaces, making daily life convenient and pleasant. Living in these neighborhoods gives students easy access to public transport, campus facilities, and cultural activities. This allows them to experience Kyoto's vibrancy while feeling secure. Students can also enjoy nearby markets, eateries, and events, making everyday life in the city convenient and enjoyable.



Daily Life

Kyoto is home to affordable supermarkets, shopping streets, and popular 100-yen shops, giving students easy access to groceries, household items, and essential kitchenware. Even with a limited budget, students can live comfortably by planning and shopping wisely, exploring seasonal markets, food festivals, and handmade craft fairs throughout the city. Students can enjoy a wide range of foods and unique local products, purchasing fresh ingredients from Kyoto's famous Nishiki Market and seasonal Kyoto vegetables. In addition to traditional Japanese cuisine and Kyoto vegetables, the city is also famous for having the highest bread consumption in Japan, with many excellent bakeries throughout. Exploring Kyoto with friends—shopping for ingredients, strolling through historic streets, or enjoying handmade markets and local specialties—adds richness and color to daily life, letting students experience the city in a personal, enjoyable, and memorable way.



(Keishiryo Dormitory) 60,000 yen /Month

Sample Room Layout (Dormy Kyoto Nishijin)

Labels: Shoe Cabinet, Toilet, Bath, Bed, A/C, Balcony, Closet, Chair, Desk, Vanity, Washing Machine, Microwave, Refrigerator, Bookshelf, Desk Lamp

Sample Monthly Rent

70,300 yen~ /Month (meals not included)

89,660 yen~ /Month (meals included)

*Prices as of July 2025

Estimated Living Cost

The average monthly living cost in Kyoto, including rent, is approximately ¥150,000, with a minimum budget of around ¥130,000. This estimate covers food, transportation, daily necessities, and study-related expenses. By planning carefully and utilizing the information and support provided by the university, students can manage their finances effectively and enjoy a comfortable, fulfilling student life. With proper planning, students can feel confident and secure while making the most of their time in Kyoto.

Estimated living cost for one month in Kyoto (Unit:Yen)	
Housing (including utilities)	60,000
Food	25,000
Transportation	4,000
School Supplies	3,000
Miscellaneous	58,000
Total	150,000

Part-Time Work

Students on a student visa are allowed to work up to 28 hours per week with permission. Part-time work helps supplement living expenses and provides opportunities to experience Japanese culture, such as working in cafés, shops, or participating in local events. Students can develop practical language skills, gain work experience, and interact with the community. By choosing jobs that fit their interests while balancing academics, part-time work becomes a rewarding part of student life.



University Fees and Funding

Our tuition fees are highly competitive

Tuition and fees (2027) (Unit:Yen)				
	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
Admission Fee	200,000	—	—	—
Tuition	824,000	1,024,000	1,024,000	1,024,000
Facilities Fee	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Total	1,194,000	1,194,000	1,194,000	1,194,000

- The admission fee is charged for the first year only.
- The tuition and facilities fee are paid annually in two installments, one each semester.

Admissions

How to apply

Applying to the ILA is straightforward and fully online. Once you have prepared the required documents, you can complete and submit your application entirely through our online system.

All communication regarding your application, including interviews, will also be conducted online, ensuring a smooth and efficient experience for every applicant.

- **Step1**
Submit your application through a straightforward online admissions system.
- **Step2**
Your application is screened to ensure it is complete and all documents are in order.
- **Step3**
You are asked to submit a series of short, recorded video interviews.

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The official ILA website
<https://ila.doshisha.ac.jp/ila/en/>



Scholarships available

International students on a student visa may receive one of three different tuition reduction scholarships.

Category S Full tuition	Category A ¥460,000	Category B ¥190,000
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- Category S is equivalent to full amount of tuition for each year of enrollment, depending on the year of entry.

The University offers a variety of competitive scholarships for both international and domestic students.

Further information
<https://ois.doshisha.ac.jp/en/scholarships/merit.html>



Evaluation Criteria

Your application is evaluated on the following elements.

- Personal statement
- High school transcripts
- English proficiency
 - Native speaker of English
 - Twelve or more years of education in English
 - TOEFL iBT ® 85 or TOEFL iBT ® 4.5
 - IELTS (Academic Module) 6.5
 - Duolingo English Test 120
 - Etc.

- A letter of recommendation
- Video interviews

Please check our website for information on admissions. Download the Admissions Guide.

Further information
<https://ila.doshisha.ac.jp/ila/en/admissions>



The ILA Official Social Media

Stay connected with the ILA to discover our vibrant community, daily campus life, and the latest updates and events.



Campus life,
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The ILA in motion:
student stories
and interviews

Key Points

A WORLD-CLASS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Study for a B.A. degree in the liberal arts at one of Japan’s oldest universities with a diverse international faculty and student body

STUDY IN JAPAN, IN ENGLISH

No Japanese language requirement
The Institute has a private liberal arts college atmosphere and educational approach with small classes conducted exclusively in English

THREE CONCENTRATIONS

Humanities and the Human Sciences
(Japanese Society and Global Culture)

Business and Economics
(Japanese Business and the Global Economy)

Politics and Policy Studies
(Japanese Politics and Global Studies)

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition fees in Japan are inexpensive compared to many other countries. The majority of international students will be considered for a reduction in tuition fees

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Acquire Japanese in an international environment that includes work experience and studying Japanese at our acclaimed Center for Global Education and Japanese Language and Culture with exchange students from our network of top universities around the world

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Students can apply to spend a semester or year studying at one of over 150 world-wide partner universities while paying Doshisha University fees
<https://international.doshisha.ac.jp/agreement/europe.html>

OPEN THE DOORS TO SUCCESS

Several hundred companies approach Doshisha each year seeking talented graduates with strong language and cross-cultural skills