

International College of Liberal Arts

2024

STUDENT GUIDE



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iCLA AT A GLANCE

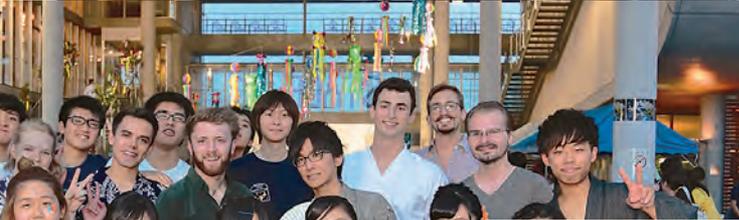


74%
FULL TIME
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

50+
NATIONALITIES



7:1 STUDENT^{TO}
FACULTY
RATIO



88% OF FULL TIME FACULTY
MEMBERS EDUCATED
OVERSEAS



70 PARTNER
UNIVERSITIES



90 MINUTES FROM
CENTRAL TOKYO

STUDYING IN JAPAN



The International College of Liberal Arts is located in Kofu City, the capital of Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan.

日本の生活

Japan is an increasingly popular study destination because of its high standard of education, safe environment, unique cultural heritage, ongoing efforts to globalize, and welcoming support for international students. Japan's capital Tokyo is the largest megacity in the world and consistently at the forefront of many cutting-edge developments in fashion, technology, and design. As Japan is one of the leading economies in Asia; with Japanese companies active across the world, gaining a degree from a Japanese university sets you up for a great career world-wide. International students in Japan have generous allowances for part-time work, allowing them to gain hands-on experience of Japanese corporate culture.

Conveniently located just a 90-minute train ride from the center of Tokyo, Yamanashi has many things to see and do. Yamanashi is most famous for being the home of Mount Fuji, and there is

no better view of Mount Fuji than from the Fuji Five Lakes area. The abundance of nature and long hours of daylight make Yamanashi ideal for outdoor activities like hiking, cycling, or running. The picturesque landscapes of Yamanashi are the perfect location to enjoy the varied beauty of Japan's four seasons. If you prefer other leisure activities, many events like craft markets, cultural parades, and fireworks festivals are held throughout the year.

Whether it is delicious food, exciting activities, or unique events that interest you, there is something for everyone in Japan. Merging the ancient and the modern, from its bustling metropolises to its serene natural spaces, the enduring allure of Japanese cuisine, art and culture continues to delight and fascinate generations of visitors to Japan's shores. Come and experience it all for yourself at iCLA.

山梨県 YAMANASHI PREFECTURE





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iCLA

Students can choose from a wide array of courses as part of an innovative curriculum which leads to a bachelor's degree in International Liberal Arts. iCLA offers students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture while acquiring a contemporary and globally relevant education at our state-of-the-art facilities. We have faculty and staff members from around the world to support students in their academic journey.

LIBERAL ARTS

Our unique liberal arts curriculum spans a variety of subjects like political science, business and economics, language arts, to name a few. The wide-ranging spectrum of subjects under liberal arts prepares students with the essential skills to become well-rounded individuals who think critically, creatively, independently and globally, and are able to adapt in the workplace and the world.

Reasons why you should study liberal arts with us:

- Our curriculum offers a broad foundation while also allowing students to go in-depth in their declared major.
- An interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach to education that helps students comprehend multiple viewpoints.
- Small class size and close student-faculty interaction offer an environment uniquely suited to nurturing academic excellence and student growth.
- An active learning environment where you are exposed to other viewpoints and encouraged to assess your own.
- Focus on academic skills, including multi-faceted communication and teamwork skills that will help students prepare for future graduate studies and career success, including a heavy emphasis on class participation, academic writing, and development of critical thinking skills.

YAMANASHI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

Established in 1946, Yamanashi Gakuin University has over 70 years of history educating exceptional students. Today, it is nationally renowned for achievements in sports and has produced numerous Olympic athletes and coaches. The university student body totals over 4,000 students across the undergraduate and graduate faculties. The language of instruction is Japanese in all faculties except iCLA. iCLA is one of the newest undergraduate faculties of Yamanashi Gakuin University, and it is one of the most diverse programs in Japan, with over 60% international faculty and a curriculum taught in English.

The university offers the following programs:

Undergraduate:

Main Language of Instruction: English

- International College of Liberal Arts (iCLA)

Main Language of Instruction: Japanese

- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Business Administration
- Faculty of Health and Nutrition
- Institute of Sports Science

Graduate:

Main Language of Instruction: Japanese

- Graduate School of Social Science



ACADEMICS

There are many elements that give the iCLA curriculum its unique character. One extremely important factor is our dedication to the philosophy of liberal arts education. A liberal arts education contains both depth and breadth, as students study a variety of disciplines while acquiring a deep understanding of their chosen major.

Positive elements of a liberal arts education include the development of critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creative problem-solving skills, all of which bring an important well-roundedness to student education that is lacking in other styles of learning. Student learning experiences are enhanced by the small student to teacher ratios which allows for close interaction between students and faculty, and attention to student progress over time.

iCLA's teaching faculty are a diverse group of highly qualified scholars from around the world. They are passionate about providing students with a high-quality education that will prepare them for success in the global workplace. The faculty are experts in their respective fields and are active contributors to globally relevant research. Our professors come from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures, creating a stimulating and enriching learning environment for students.

Want to know more?



For full profiles of iCLA's diverse teaching staff, head to our Faculty page.



STUDY FLOW CHART

1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4th Year	
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
Common Curriculum							
		Major Studies					
				Study Abroad (Optional)		Seminar & GRP*	
		Japanese Language Program					
		Electives, Workshops, Internship					

*GRP: Graduation Research Project

MAJORS



GLOBAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

The Global Business and Economics major offers a blend of application and theory, utilizing an applied approach to Business to train future leaders who deeply understand the interplay between business and society. Our program hones the knowledge and skills associated with the liberal arts and their importance for business such as communication, social, cultural and geopolitical context, ethics, teamwork and critical thinking.

With academic pathways leading to careers in Finance, International Business, and Economics, all courses are studied from a global perspective, giving students the ability to leverage their knowledge of Japanese business culture and prepare for a vocation either in Japan or internationally. All three pathways are embedded in a liberal arts approach that stresses taking a humane point of view, criticality, social responsibility and intellectual depth.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Questions concerning government policies aimed at achieving economic stability and growth, the gap between the rich and poor, the role of NGOs to affect social and political change, the relations between countries, crises in our democratic institutions, and the path to world peace are all on the research agenda of contemporary political scientists.

Offering academic pathways for students interested in International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Public Administration, iCLA's Political

Science major addresses the fundamental problems facing human society. Through varied learning and assessment methods, students develop a deep understanding of political science, its various sub-fields, major themes, and analytical techniques leading to enriching careers in local or national government, government services, social enterprise, the NGO sector or academia.



INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS

Interdisciplinary Arts is an exciting major where students gather inspiration from multiple sources including visual art (Fine Art and Graphic Design), music (Audio Engineering, and Digital & Sound Art), language arts (Creative Writing, Literary Analysis, and Linguistics), and performance (Film and Theater). Students gain a rich understanding of their chosen specialization and work through the medium of a wider creative process by exploring these disciplines from practical, theoretical, and historical perspectives.

If you wish, you can choose to pursue a Japan studies theme through Interdisciplinary Arts, with courses in Japanese theater, film, art and crafts, manga, anime, literature, and culture to help you get the most out of this extraordinary country. The interdisciplinary nature of a Liberal Arts education guarantees that students graduate with the transferable skills valued by employers and skills required to succeed in any role in addition to technical knowledge gained in their artistic field.



JAPAN STUDIES

Japan Studies endeavors to investigate and deconstruct the intricacies of Japan by providing students with a comprehensive understanding of this fascinating country, its language and its history. Students can explore Japan's society, politics, international relations and economics, developing a deep understanding of how Japan became the country it is today and its global position in the future. The major also gives students the opportunity to experience Japan's unique arts, literature and culture, from traditional music and theater through to contemporary anime and manga.

In a true expression of the interdisciplinary nature of iCLA's curriculum, Japan Studies draws on courses from across our whole curriculum to provide a complete learning experience. Tailored study plans can lead our graduates to fluency in Japanese and career opportunities in the media, Japanese corporations, the tourism sector, and academia.



PSYCHOLOGY

iCLA is proud to be launching Psychology as a major from April 2024. Our Psychology major will equip our students with a thorough understanding of how technology influences human behavior across various psychological disciplines such as cyberpsychology, social psychology, consumer psychology, and economic psychology. Our interdisciplinary approach equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a diverse range of professional settings.

To ensure our students stay up-to-date with the latest advancements in technology, we integrate hands-on learning experiences and practical applications into the curriculum. By engaging with a variety of tools such as social media platforms, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and other emerging technologies, students gain practical skills and develop a deeper understanding of how technology can be harnessed to improve psychological research and practice in areas such as consumer behavior, organizational management, and economic decision-making.



"I chose to study economics because I find it pertinent in all levels of society: individual, national, and international. Furthermore, I find it very interesting how economics formulate social observations into theories and equations to solve what are fundamentally social problems. Particularly, I enjoy studying environmental economics, and I believe that this discipline is vital and relevant to today's environment discourse."

After graduating from iCLA, I will be attending a graduate program in the Netherlands focusing on environment and resource management, which incorporates economics and policy-making. I aim to pursue a career in environmental consulting after my graduate studies."

Didian, Indonesia – *Global Business and Economics Major*



"iCLA has an incredible confluence of cultures and customs created by its diverse international student body. In our Political Science classes, the unique perspectives I acquire from my classmates' differing points of view and the comfortable environment that the teacher creates for us to express our opinions really characterizes iCLA."

My nation has faced many political and social upheavals involving Human Rights disruptions. This has enhanced my interest in encouraging ideological change and strengthening the protection of rights in my country and worldwide. iCLA's Political Science Major will make it possible for me to become a future inciter of communication and peace among countries, promoting the reduction of injustice in the world."

Andrea, Nicaragua – *Political Science Major*



"I believe that creativity is the skill of the future. Creativity not just in the sense of producing visual artworks, but also in problem-solving and critical thinking. In every artwork or design, research and process are often overlooked. Having knowledge in various disciplines allowed me to analyze problems or issues with a different perspective; and having that diverse view is essential in ideation of great ideas which any technology or artificial intelligence cannot take over soon."

With my major, I was able to involve myself in projects that sparked my creative growth, while also understanding more about different cultures and concepts and how these [things] should be reflected in any creative work."

April, Philippines – *Interdisciplinary Arts Major*



"I plan to stay in Japan long-term so Japan Studies has value to me. It helps me to understand Japan's culture and history, which I have a particular passion for, in far better detail. Learning about Japan's history, I draw many parallels between its sudden rise and China's, which I believe is of import as Japan will desire to build better relations with China in the near future."

I plan to either begin teaching or go into IT after graduating, or simply continue with graduate studies, all of which pose no significant barriers having studied this major."

Lok, Malaysia – *Japan Studies Major*



"I believe that a firm comprehension of the intricacies of the human mind offers a myriad of benefits in today's ever-diversifying society. I'll be choosing Psychology as my major for two reasons. One is because learning how we are mentally shaped as individuals leads to a refined grasp of cultural differences, as well as of our own selves. The other is the relevance of mental health. The rate of mental illnesses and their negative effects continues to rise. Exploring methods of diagnosis and treatment is something which holds significance for me."

After graduating from iCLA, I'm hoping to study psychology further and find a branch of it I would like to pursue in-depth. The courses iCLA offers will ensure that its students are well-equipped to expand their knowledge on the human psyche, understand unique perspectives, and eventually contribute to the betterment of others."

Lei, Philippines – *Psychology Major*

ELECTIVES & WORKSHOPS

Elective courses and workshops supplement academic majors throughout the four years at iCLA, providing the breadth, flexibility, and interdisciplinary nature of true liberal arts education and expanding career opportunities in a multitude of directions. Electives can be chosen from any of the majors, or from our courses in:

Japanese Language

Our international students have the opportunity to reach a high level of proficiency in Japanese by the time they graduate, even if they join iCLA with little or no Japanese language ability. Courses are divided into seven levels, from beginner to advanced. Our students are able to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture while discussing various cultural and social topics in Japanese.

Data Science

To create a more informed, advanced and equitable society, tomorrow's leaders must be trained in understanding, assimilating, interpreting and communicating information within the medium of data. With an emphasis on enhancing the knowledge students acquire in their major areas of studies, students can gain practical know-how of statistical data, programming and analytic methods. The Data Science module first facilitates students' understanding of various data forms, then teaches them to communicate meaning via the skills of data visualization, summarizing and the critical analysis of data patterns. Students who wish to pursue a career or higher degree in data science can enroll in our advanced courses in machine learning and deep learning. The field of data science is fuel for the 21st century, allowing those informed to access a lucrative career and directly participate in changing the world.

Quantitative Reasoning & Natural Sciences

In conjunction with our Data Science module, these courses nurture scientific inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning to provide the mathematical background required for programming. Our courses in Mathematics emphasize the development of mathematical and quantitative reasoning skills. Students gain an understanding of fundamental, numerical, and quantitative skills and their application to everyday life. The focus will be on applying basic mathematical concepts to solve real-world problems, and to develop skills in interpreting and working with data in order that students become able to function effectively as professionals and engaged citizens. The course on Earth Science examines planet earth, its nature in terms of its interactions and exchanges between atmosphere, land, living things and physical laws.

Sociology

An important supplement to many of our majors, these courses aim to develop students' understanding of social and cultural identity, and how we have evolved to interact as groups and organizations with societies and culture. In those courses, students examine the evidence and factors that have influenced our behavior from ancient times through to the modern to form conclusions about social phenomena. They also develop basic skills in the scientific method of social research and can identify sociological terms, concepts, ideas, and theories, in fields such as archeology, linguistics, the creation of folklore and myth, modern public policy, and social enterprise and innovation. Taking advantage of iCLA's proximity to Mt Fuji, students can attend field trips to study the archeology and folklore of one of Japan's most important cultural and spiritual sites firsthand. These courses act as a pathway to further education, training, and employment for careers in which an understanding of the behavior of individuals, groups, and institutions is a key element, such as human resources, education, health and community work, journalism, and media studies.

Health & Physical Education

The iCLA Courses in Health & Physical Education include three martial arts, Aikido, Judo, and Karate, as well as Nanba: the Japanese Art of Physical Finesse, and Shugendō: Mountain Shamanism. All of our Health and Physical Education Courses are closely connected to Japanese culture, and emphasizes integrating the mind and body. Each course is taught by an experienced master of the discipline, all with international recognition. We have a beautiful Dojo at iCLA, and access to some of the best athletic facilities in Japan on the Yamanashi Gakuin University Campus.

Workshops

Experiential learning workshops offer unique opportunities to gain hands-on experience in a range of cultural, practical, and creative areas of study. The Interdisciplinary Arts and Japan Studies majors feature workshops within their relevant disciplines. Among the huge variety of workshops offered at iCLA, students can experience music, arts, culture, and Japanese martial arts.

Want to know more?

For full details of the over 140 courses available at iCLA, head to our Curriculum Course List.



CAREER SUPPORT

Providing students with the skills and knowledge to build their future career and preparing them for long-term success is one of our highest priorities. Our faculty and staff provide close support to students looking to explore their career prospects and expand their professional networks.

Regular career consultation sessions with Career Development Advisors and one-on-one career guidance from faculty members is available to our students throughout their degree. iCLA works closely with the YGU Career Development Center to host career focused seminars and events, as well as career support lectures aimed at developing skills and knowledge for job hunting. We also hold Student and Alumni Exchange meetings, where current students can learn first hand about the job hunting experience both in Japan and abroad, while picking up valuable tips, advice and networking opportunities from our graduates.

Our courses help students better understand their own strengths, skills, and career interests; building on the critical, creative, independent and global mindset nurtured at iCLA to identify what career they want to pursue, as well as the steps to achieving that career goal.

iCLA also supports students in finding internship opportunities. By participating in an internship, students can gain practical experience relevant to their interests and future career ambitions. We have strong and varied connections with companies, organizations, and employment agencies, which allows us to introduce our students to a variety of internship opportunities.



"iCLA truly supported me in discovering my dream career in finance. iCLA's curriculum covers a wide range of subjects, from economics to performing arts. Through exploring those courses, I was able to discover my interest in my chosen career. Moreover, the professors, students (including exchange-students), and admin staff are always willing to talk and share their academic and professional experiences. These interactions helped me understand better the real aspects of working life. Studying at iCLA taught me how to find my passion, suitable jobs that fit with that and how to prepare to earn those jobs. My economics professors also helped me assess the companies I wanted to apply to and find out further information about them. Their advice has been invaluable. In addition to my first internship at FUSO

Academy, part of Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation, my second internship at Aristagora Financial Advisors really helped to shape my career path. My professors supported me in evaluating this opportunity and preparing for my interview. After starting their internship program I was quickly taught plenty of useful skills and professional knowledge. Aristagora is a boutique financial firm, so I was able to challenge myself with many different tasks. I could see myself maturing at work every day. Moreover, the firm offered me an international environment, which allowed me to apply and enhance the social skills I had learned at iCLA."

Hue, Vietnam

iCLA Graduate

"Studying at iCLA taught me how to find my passion, suitable jobs that fit with that and how to prepare to earn those jobs."

"My time at iCLA allowed me to explore various subjects in many different areas and helped to determine my post-graduation focus.

I majored in Global Business and Economics, and after my third year of studies I had the opportunity to put my acquired knowledge into practice during an internship at Bosch Japan in their software sales department. During my three months there, I applied and strengthened the diverse range of skills I'd learned from my professors, from conducting competitor analysis to product development including financial modeling.

Currently, I am employed at a renewable energy company in Tokyo, as part of a newly established data intelligence team. Before my third year of university, I had next to zero knowledge about data science, but I quickly became fascinated by the immense potential it held. I wanted to take advantage of every Data Science course offered at iCLA and ended up completing them all. I use the skills I acquired, particularly in Python Programming and Machine Learning, every day in my role as a data analyst specializing in wind and solar energy. Additionally, thanks to the excellent Japanese language courses offered at iCLA, I acquired a proficient level of Japanese, enabling me to confidently participate in meetings and deliver presentations to my Japanese colleagues."

Liina, Finland

iCLA Graduate



"The education I received at iCLA has served me well in my professional life. I had the opportunity to study under intelligent and insightful professors who challenged me academically and prepared me for internships and jobs in political consulting firms, including my previous position at Boston Consulting Group, where I worked on post-merger integration projects."

Bryan, Malaysia

iCLA Graduate



"The introduction of Data Science curriculum in my third year was a turning point in my education. Learning new skills in programming languages, such as Python and Machine Learning, gave me a competitive edge in the job market. Professor Abhishek Parida's focus on building a strong foundation in data science has been immensely helpful in my career, and I was able to quickly learn other programming languages as a result."

Dharuvi, India

iCLA Graduate



STUDY ABROAD

iCLA offers you the opportunity to truly expand your world perspective with our Study Abroad Program. You can develop leadership skills, versatility, and cultural awareness, all of which are valuable life skills and indispensable in a modern global workplace.

We have a growing network of partnerships with currently 70 universities in 30 countries and regions, so you can find an exchange destination that best fits your goals and interests.

All of our study abroad partnerships are based on mutual tuition waiver agreements, so students continue to pay iCLA tuition fees, no matter which country they choose for their study abroad experience.

For international students, iCLA's Study Abroad Program is optional. Students can choose whether to go abroad for 1 or 2 semesters, or to stay in Japan for the full duration of their studies. One full year of the Study Abroad Program is compulsory for domestic Japanese students.

We have a comprehensive orientation and pre-departure program to help students choose their study abroad destination, complete the necessary visa procedures, and prepare for student life at the exchange destination.



"There are many things I gained from studying in Australia. The most exciting thing for me was being able to study graphic design to a deeper extent. There are many different fields and tools within graphic design such as photography, Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, and I was able to gain perspectives on those that I had not been exposed to before. Also, having the opportunity to work on live projects there was awesome!"

Amane, Japan



GLOBAL PARTNERS

Note: Partnerships may only be limited to certain departments/faculties within the universities.

ASIA

INDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ O.P. Jindal Global University
PHILIPPINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ateneo de Manila University ■ University of the Philippines
MALAYSIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Taylor's University ■ Universiti Malaya
INDONESIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BINUS University ■ Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta
HONG KONG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lingnan University
TAIWAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ National Chi Nan University ■ National Taipei University
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kyung Hee University ■ Myongji University ■ The Catholic University of Korea
CHINA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Beijing Normal University - Hong Kong Baptist University United International College
THAILAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The College of Music, Mahidol University ■ King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang ■ Thammasat University, Faculty of Political Science

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Curtin University ■ Western Sydney University
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EUROPE

NORWAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Norwegian University of Science and Technology ■ University of Bergen ■ UiT The Arctic University of Norway ■ Volda University College
SWEDEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Malmö Academy of Music, Lund University
FINLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tampere University of Applied Sciences
GERMANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hamburg University of Applied Sciences ■ Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Institute of Social Sciences ■ Constructor University Bremen ■ Ludwigshafen University of Business and Society University of Applied Sciences ■ Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt ■ University of Duisburg-Essen, Faculty of Social Sciences
DENMARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Aalborg University, Faculty of Humanities ■ University of Southern Denmark, Faculty of Business and Social Sciences

NETHERLANDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, School of Economics and Management ■ University College Utrecht ■ Erasmus University College
UNITED KINGDOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ University of Aberdeen ■ University of Hertfordshire ■ University of Sussex
ICELAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Iceland Academy of the Arts, Department of Music
BELGIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ghent University, Faculty of Arts & Philosophy, Faculty of Political & Social Sciences
LITHUANIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LCC International University ■ Mykolas Romeris University ■ Vilnius University
FRANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ IÉSEG School of Management ■ Les Facultés de l'Université Catholique de Lille ■ Sciences Po Lille ■ Université Catholique de l'Ouest
ITALY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The American University of Rome
SPAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ University of Malaga
CROATIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ University of Rijeka
ROMANIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Romanian-American University ■ West University of Timisoara

AFRICA

KENYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United States International University-Africa
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NORTH AMERICA

CANADA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acadia University ■ St. Francis Xavier University ■ York University
USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Augsburg University ■ College of St. Scholastica ■ Flagler College ■ Florida International University ■ Hamline University ■ Southern Oregon University ■ State University of New York at Oswego ■ State University of New York Brockport ■ Warren Wilson College ■ Westminster College ■ University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
MEXICO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Universidad Panamericana

EURASIA

AZERBAIJAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ADA University
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STUDENT LIFE

Clubs and Societies

As you would expect from a university that counts over 65 Olympians among its alumni, there are plenty of competitive sports teams you can try out for. We also have a wide range of more casual sports and arts-related student-led university clubs and societies, and international students are highly encouraged to join. In total, we have over 90 clubs and societies to choose from!

Events

Many on-campus events are held throughout the academic year. Special highlights of the year are the winter and summer galas and the university-wide school festivals. We also support student initiative events, a great chance for you to express your creativity and grow your leadership skills, while being a fun way to engage the student community.

Part-Time Work

A part-time job in Japan can help you gain a head start on working experience and understanding Japanese workplace culture. There are opportunities off-campus if you are looking to work part-time while studying. International students on a student visa are able to apply for a special permission with the Japanese Immigration Bureau allowing them to work part-time, up to 28 hours a week.

Accommodation

Our comfortable and affordable on-campus student accommodation is available to all our Japanese and international students. Living in iCLA's residence halls means being a part of a true cross-cultural community where global friendships are born. Our accommodation is designed so you can find a balance between privacy and social life that best suits your own lifestyle. All students have individual private bedrooms, with eight rooms sharing a common area, a mini kitchen, shower rooms, and toilets.



Campus Facilities

iCLA also has its own spacious cafeteria where students enrolled in our meal plan can enjoy nutritious and delicious meals served three times a day on class days. In our Language Acquisition Center (LAC) there are computers and various digital materials to assist with individual language learning, and students also have access to an extensive library of English and Japanese language books and multimedia materials.

The iCLA building also includes a Student Lounge, a martial arts dojo, an arts studio, a music studio, a traditional tatami room, and numerous study spaces for individual or group study. As a YGU student you also have access to all the student lounges, cafes and libraries on campus as well as access to the fully equipped gym at no extra cost.



Talk to our Students!



You can chat online with our Student Ambassadors about life at iCLA.





Being an iCLA student means living and studying in a place like no other. With state-of-the-art facilities, on campus accommodation, and a vibrant campus life with many clubs, societies and events, your time here should be exceptional.



HOW TO APPLY

iCLA welcomes students from diverse educational backgrounds. We have several application periods throughout the year giving students flexibility to decide when they are ready to join iCLA.

Application Procedure

1. Register using the online application system:
apply.icla.ygu.ac.jp
2. Fill out our online application form and upload all the required documents.
3. Pay the application fee of JPY 7,000.

Screening Method

Applications are evaluated based on a comprehensive review of all documents, including the Statement of Purpose and interview. Please refer to iCLA's 2024 Application Guideline to learn more about the application and screening method.

2024 APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Intake	Admission Category	Application Period	
		Starting Date	Closing Date
Spring 2024	> Degree-seeking students > Transfer Students *applicants who need a student visa	Sat. Apr 1, 2023	Mon. Nov 20, 2023
	> Degree-seeking students > Transfer students *applicants who have a valid status of residence		Fri. Feb 16, 2024
Fall 2024	> Degree-seeking students > Transfer students *applicants who need a student visa	Fri. Sep 1, 2023	Mon. Apr 15, 2024
	> Degree-seeking students > Transfer students *applicants who have a valid status of residence		Fri. Jun 21, 2024

Closing date is the final deadline for each intake. The entire admissions process (application through the notification of result) will usually be completed within a maximum of 40 days. The deadline for payment and enrollment procedures must be completed within a maximum of 1 month of receiving your offer in order to secure a place at iCLA. Please see our online application system for a detailed schedule of notification and enrollment dates.

*Applicants who hold a valid status of residence defined as a Japanese passport, dual nationality, permanent residency, or special permanent resident certificate holder.

TUITION AND OTHER FEES (JPY)

Tuition and Other Fees	First Year	Second Year and Onwards
Enrollment Fee	200,000	-
Tuition, Facility and Equipment	1,596,000	1,596,000
Total	1,796,000	1,596,000

SCHOLARSHIPS

Type	Amount of Exemption*	Selection Criteria
I	Full (100% tuition)	> Academic Achievement > Extracurricular Achievements > Financial Need
II	3/4 (75% tuition)	
III	Half (50% tuition)	
IV	1/4 (25% tuition)	

Renewable every year based on overall performance. Maximum of 4 years.

*Scholarship does not include room, utilities & miscellaneous fees, meal plan and other living expenses.

ROOM AND MEAL PLAN FEES (JPY)

Room and Meal Plan	Fee
Room and Utilities*	600,000/year
Meal Plan	Approx. 350,000/year (3 meals/day)

All students are required to live in the iCLA residence halls in their first year in Japan. Meals are not served during weekends.

*Water, gas, electricity, maintenance (including common area).

Want to know more?



For more details, visit www.icla.ygu.ac.jp or contact the Admissions Office directly at i.admission@c2c.ac.jp

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1

Announcement of Results

Applicants will be contacted through the email address indicated on their online application form. Scholarship offers will also be sent out.

2

Offer Acceptance and Payment of Fees

Log in to the online application system and accept your offer.

Pay the enrollment, tuition, and other fees by the indicated deadline.

Fill out and send all required enrollment documents to the Admissions Office. The documents must arrive by the specified deadline.

3

Student Visa Application

iCLA applies for your Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) at the Immigration Bureau of Japan. Once your CoE is issued, your CoE will be sent to you. Visit an Embassy or Consulate of Japan with the CoE to apply for your student visa to enter Japan.

4

Accommodation Arrangement

Fill out the Pre-Departure Forms and after your application details are confirmed by our Student Affairs Team, the invoice for room and meal plan fees will be sent to you. These fees need to be paid before your arrival in Japan.

5

Departure Preparation

Receive your student visa from the Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan and begin your preparation to come to iCLA.

6

Arrival at iCLA & Check-in

This is the start of your iCLA adventure! Staff and students will help you move into student accommodation and show you around the Yamanashi Gakuin University campus.

7

Orientation

Orientation Week will be held to help new students settle into iCLA and meet the rest of the academic community.



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