Hiroshima City University

Founding Principle

Hiroshima City University holds, as its Founding Principle, to become an international university that contributes to the realization of world peace and the prosperity of local communities through taking advantage of its strength in the sciences and the arts. This corresponds with the spirit of Hiroshima City. The Founding Principle assigns the University the mission of pursuing education and research in specialized academic fields, to nurture future generations with a future-oriented sensibility and creativity, to contribute to local communities through education and research, and thus to contribute to the development of culture and society.

As a university established in Hiroshima City which aims to be an international city of peace and culture, the University has the Faculties and the Graduate Schools of International Studies, Information Sciences, and Arts, and also the Graduate School of Peace Studies. In addition, it has the Hiroshima Peace Institute which was established as a think tank for the purpose of pursuing world peace and the happiness of all mankind.

Through unique education and research, our University is focused on responding to the needs of the contemporary world, working and living together with local communities, and establishing itself as a hub of wisdom in Hiroshima and a source of pride for the people of the city.

History of Hiroshima City University

Hiroshima City University was established in April 1994, with the three Faculties of International Studies, Information Sciences, and Arts. The Graduate Schools of the three academic fields were then established and Master's programs commenced in April 1998, and doctoral programs in April 2000. The university continues to develop with the Hiroshima Peace Institute opened in April 1998, and also the Graduate School of Peace Studies opend in April 2019.

The University opend a number of facilities in order to provide students with comprehensive support in their academic and social life throughout their time at our University: the Industrial Liaison Office in 2003 which later developed into the Center for Industry and Public Relations in 2007; the International Exchange Promotion Center in 2013; the satellite campus in 2013, the Career Center in 2014; and the international dormitory "Sakura" in 2018 where international and Japanese students live and share special times together.

In 2010, the University was corporatized, as a number of other national and public universities across Japan. This substantial change in management system gave the University more autonomy in overall management.

Having celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2019, the University has been and will be focused on education and research for decades to come, making the most out of the uniqueness of a university established in the atomic-bombed city Hiroshima, in order to provide both students and society with educational and social contributions.

Mission and Vision

Hiroshima City University guides students to develop a profound sensibility and a passion for truth-finding, to appreciate and respect various different cultures and senses of value, and to pursue peace. The students are also expected to become capable of contributing to society with a wide range of knowledge, reliable expertise, and high ethical standards.

Organization

The Faculty of International Studies

Degree

Upon completion of the undergraduate education, students will obtain a Bachelor of International Studies.

Educational Concept

To accommodate students' individual interests and needs, the Faculty prioritizes the following concepts:

Interdisciplinary education
While students have the opportunity to focus on a specialized field of study, they are also encouraged to study from an interdisciplinary curriculum.

Five study programs
The Faculty offers five complementary programs which allow students to graduate possessing a broad knowledge.

Small class seminars
Students attend small class seminars which allow for meaningful exchanges of opinions and ideas between students and faculty.

Support system
The Faculty assists students with academic and non-academic issues. In addition, they are involved in student organizations and extracurricular groups.

Admission Policy

An interdisciplinary approach is required to address the complex challenges facing us today both locally and internationally. In the Faculty of International Studies, we aim to provide students with deep knowledge and broad perspectives to help them actively contribute to promoting peace and sustainability at local and international levels. Based on diploma and curriculum policies, applicants to our program should possess the following qualities:

Interest and desire
- Interest and desire to understand and pursue solutions to current problems affecting local and international communities.

Knowledge and skills
- Basic knowledge and skills necessary to study specialized fields in the Faculty.
- Basic knowledge and language ability, including foreign languages.

Power of critical thinking, judgment, and expression
- Critical thinking to form opinions based on facts about social issues.
- Ability to express ideas in Japanese and foreign languages.

Independence and cooperation
- Eagerness to pursue learning with enthusiasm, including study abroad and various activities at the university.
- Ability to collaborate with people of diverse opinions and backgrounds in order to solve challenges facing local and international communities.

The Graduate School of International Studies

Degrees

Upon completion of the Master's degree program, students will obtain one of the following degrees:

- Master of Arts in International Studies
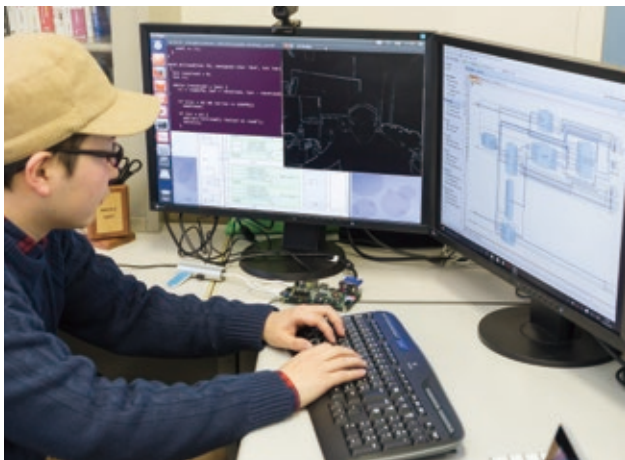- Master of Arts
- Master of Arts in Peace Studies

Upon completion of the doctoral degree program, students will obtain one of the following degrees:

- Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies
- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Philosophy in Peace Studies

Education and Research Features

1. In order to respond to the increasingly diversified needs of today's international community and to address various global issues, the Graduate School provides students with courses that are flexible and conducive to interdisciplinary education and research.

2. Emphasis is placed on international, interdisciplinary, and practical education and research.

3. In terms of program duration, the Graduate School offers a half-year semester system to accommodate working adults, overseas returnees, and international students.

4. Offering both day and evening classes, the Graduate School is accessible for working adults wishing to enroll in graduate programs while remaining employed.

The Faculty of Information Sciences

Degrees

Upon completion of the undergraduate education, students will obtain one of the following degrees:
- Bachelor of Information Sciences
- Bachelor of Computer Engineering

Educational Concept

The Faculty of Information Sciences aims to train future researchers and engineers who are committed to research and development.

A wide variety of courses to meet students' needs

Once potential students acquire foundational knowledge of Information Sciences, they have the option to choose from a wide array of electives.

Teaching the skills for success

Students will acquire fundamental skills in mathematics, programming, and English to help facilitate their further development in the field of Information Sciences.

Information Communication Technology

Students will acquire Information Communication Technology (ICT) skills for the purposes of disseminating information.

Special topics

Students will have the opportunity to refine their skills through special topics offered by the faculty.

Emphasis on practical, hands-on learning

Students gain valuable experience and understanding to succeed in today's information-based society through practical applications, problem-solving, and presentations.

Students from various academic backgrounds are welcome

We are committed to meeting the needs of students of various levels of knowledge and training by offering small classes of different levels and group learning according to their academic experiences.

Admission Policy

We welcome prospective students who possess the following characteristics:

Interest and enthusiasm
Students who are interested in Information Sciences, enthusiastic about studying in the field of Information Sciences, and highly motivated to contribute to the development of international and local societies.

Knowledge and skills
Students who have a good command of mathematics, sciences and foreign languages, which are prerequisites for the study of Information Sciences.

Abilities to think, judge and express
Students who are able to see things from various perspectives, make comprehensive and logical judgments, and express ideas in an intelligible manner.

Independence and cooperativeness
Students who are conscious of issues in international and local societies that are related to Information Sciences; are able to grasp the nature of those issues; and can take the initiative to tackle such issues.

Students who possess good communication skills and respect for the values of others, in order to collaborate cooperatively towards achieving a common objective.

The Graduate School of Information Sciences

Degrees

Upon completion of the Master's degree program, students will obtain one of the following degrees:

- Master of Information Sciences
- Master of Computer Engineering

Upon completion of the doctoral degree program, students will obtain one of the following degrees:

- Doctor of Information Sciences
- Doctor of Computer Engineering

Education and Research Features

1. Highly specialized, integrates science and engineering, and covers a wide range of subjects from mathematics, basic logic and computers, Artificial Intelligence (AI) to human interfaces.

2. A wide range of classes which provide both academic and practical knowledge from basic to applied levels, in order to meet the sophistication and diversity of Information Sciences.

3. A flexible semester system in which students have the option of completing all courses within a year.

4. A series of core courses taught by each department, in order to provide students with specialized knowledge.

5. Independent projects and studies assigned to students to help them develop the creativity and independence necessary to become skilled researchers and engineers.

6. Students can acquire cutting-edge advice and wisdom through guest lectures given by speakers at the forefront of the field.

7. All teaching and research is assisted by state-of-the-art multi-media networks.

The Faculty of Arts

Degree

Upon completion of the undergraduate education, students will obtain a Bachelor of Art.

Educational Concept

The Faculty of Arts is a lively, supportive environment which provides students with a venue to consider art as a social medium and to integrate their work in local and international communities.

Emphasis on foundation skills

Our program focuses on the mastery of core skills and techniques. Through the acquisition and mastery of these techniques, students will explore various methodologies of observations and also production of their own art forms.

A diversified, comprehensive education

Building upon a rich and extensive art tradition, students are challenged with a broad scope of techniques through which to pursue their work. Based on the notion of diversity, the program aims to support students to locate their own practice in a historical and contemporary context.

Focus on local and international communities

With a focus on community building through art, students are provided with a venue to engage the public and further understand the social and cultural ramifications of art, through cooperation with the local community and academic exchanges with overseas institutions.

Admission Policy

Within the rapid social change and diversification of values brought about by the exponential growth of globalization and information technology, the role the arts play in enriching society has become increasingly vital.

The Faculty of Arts offers the specialized knowledge and reliable skills needed to produce creative works. Our educational philosophy is to train individuals with vision, creativity, and originality to pursue creative activities and contribute to the development of culture and the arts.

Therefore, based on our diploma and curriculum policies, we seek the following prospective students for the Faculty of Arts.

Interest and enthusiasm
Individuals who have an interest in the arts, an enthusiasm for creative expression, and a desire to contribute to the growth of global and local societies through art-making.

Knowledge and skills
Individuals who possess sufficient knowledge and skills acquired through high-school education as well as the basic techniques and sensibility necessary for creative and expressive activities.

Capacity for thought, judgment, and expression
Individuals who reflect deeply on their interests and can express their thoughts through their works and words.

Independence and cooperation
Individuals who have an active and independent approach to art-making and cooperation with others, and a willingness to engage with global and local societies through creative activities.

The Graduate School of Arts

Degrees
Upon completion of the Master's and doctoral degree programs, students will obtain a Master of Art or a Doctor of Art respectively.

Education and Research Features
1. A rigorous and dynamic research and education program further developing professionals in creative practices, placing importance on classical studies, and creating interpretations of traditional art and culture through a contemporary perspective.

2. An innovative research and education program utilizing new materials and technology, as well as innovative ideas, to promote cutting-edge expressions that meet the demands of an electronic media society, and also free artistic expressions that break the mold.

3. A research and education program promoting better understanding of art theory and history, pursuing creative activities that align with modern society.

4. Fostering the integration of advanced theoretical perspectives and advanced technical training for the production and application of creative expression.

5. Promoting local culture and international cultural exchange through art and culture, as well as providing education and research to support students in taking on leadership roles in society and the arts.

The Graduate School of Peace Studies

Degree

Upon completion of the Master's degree program, students will obtain a Master of Arts in Peace Studies.

Education and Research Features

1. The Graduate School provides research courses in which students will study methodological approaches, theories of peace-building, and area studies focusing primarily on East Asia. The goal of the program is to train future experts who can develop strategies and generate initiatives for peace-building and peace-keeping in contemporary global security environments.

2. Based in Hiroshima, a city recognized internationally for the tragedy of the nuclear attack there, the Graduate School also provides interdisciplinary courses about the history of, and current problems relating to, nuclear weapons.

3. There is an admission and tuition fee exemption system aimed at people who work for national and local governments, news media, and international organizations.

The Hiroshima Peace Institute

The hub of wisdom in an international city of peace and culture, Hiroshima
As a university located in the first atomic-bombed city, Hiroshima City University has the Hiroshima Peace Institute (HPI) which was established on April 1, 1998. The Institute is focused on contributing through academic research towards nuclear abolition, the achievement of sustainable global peace, and the development of local societies.

Major research areas
1. Nuclear issues and disarmament
2. Peace and human security

Contribution to local communities and the world
The research activities of HPI are publicized through academic publications, its website, newsletter, and public events including symposiums, public lecture series, and research forums.

Studying at Hiroshima City University

For the purpose of internationalizing the education and research at Hiroshima City University, we welcome overseas students who may be accepted based on entrance examinations. The application period is usually late January and the examinations take place between late February and mid-March.

For more details, please contact the Admissions Section.

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The University also accepts research students who conduct research on a specified theme under the supervision of an assigned supervisor, which is not designed to award a formal degree or qualification. Those who wish to apply for a place should contact a prospective supervisor to obtain personal acceptance before submitting a completed application form to the University. The selection process is conducted by means of screening the applications, and an interview may be arranged when necessary.

Those who belong to our partner institutions and wish to apply for an exchange student program, please contact the international office at your home institution.

Partner Institutions

[USA]	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
[UK]	University of Bradford
[Canada]	Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Université du Québec à Montréal, Concordia University
[Korea]	Ewha Womans University, Seokyeong University, Kyungpook National University (College of Humanities)
[China]	University of International Relations, Southwest University, Shanghai University
[France]	L'Université d'Orléans, L'Université de Rennes 2
[Germany]	Alanus Hochschule, Hochschule Hannover, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Weißensee kunsthochshule berlin, Pädagogischen Hochschule Weingarten
[Malaysia]	Universiti Sains Malaysia
[Costa Rica]	The University for Peace
[Morocco]	Mohammed V University

Campus Life and Support

Finance
Various scholarships offered by public interest incorporated foundations and other organizations are available. Subject to certain specified conditions, Hiroshima City University also exempts students from part or all of the entrance examination fees, enrollment fees and tuition fees, and may extend tuition payment deadlines by a certain length of time.

Dormitory
The University has an international student dormitory "Sakura". In "Sakura", residents will live in units of six people, Japanese and international students. Each unit consists of 6 private rooms (with a bed and a desk), and shared spaces (kitchen, shower room, toilet, lounge, etc.).

"Sakura" aims to establish positive human relationship, tolerate diversity, express empathy, and have a global perspective.

Extracurricular activities
The University provides information on a wide variety of events via campus bulletin boards, digital signage and the University's portal site, so that both Japanese and international students can enjoy campus life. Such events include on-campus events to promote international exchange, as well as international speech contests in Japanese, short-term homestay programs, Japanese culture experience programs and other events held in and around Hiroshima City for international students.

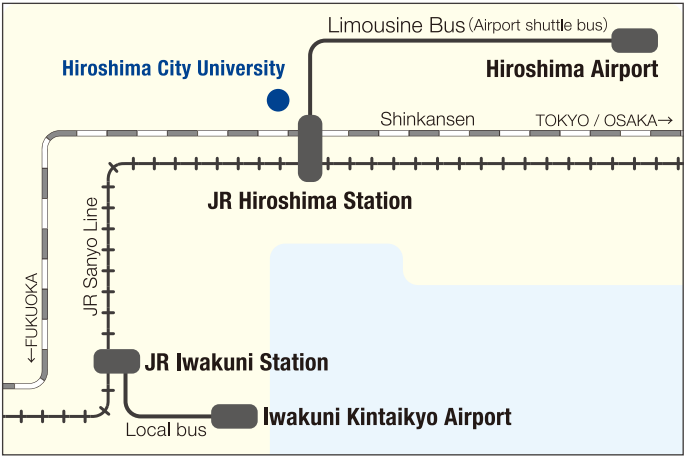**Mental and physical health, and safety**
The Health Care Center, located on the first floor of the Administration Building, provides not only first aid for illness and injuries but also health consultation and psychotherapy.
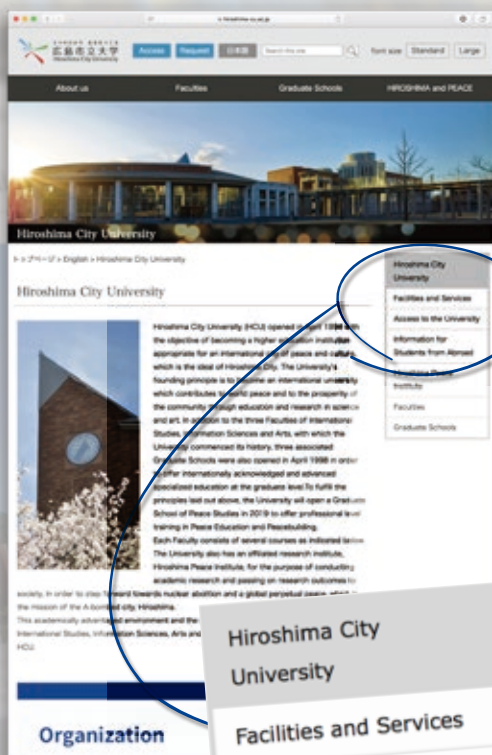
Access to Hiroshima City University

Hiroshima is a hub of the Chugoku Region and it is within easy reach of many parts of the country. Shinkansen trains (the bullet train) travel from all major Japanese cities to JR Hiroshima Station. If you travel by air, you can avail of either a Limousine Bus (Airport shuttle bus) from Hiroshima Airport, or a local bus and the JR Sanyo Line (local train) from Iwakuni Kintaikyo Airport.

Once you get to Hiroshima City, local bus services are the most convenient way to visit our University: you can travel by bus from either JR Yokogawa Station (approx. 15 min.) or Hiroshima Bus Center (approx. 20 min.), and get off at Shiritsu Daigaku Mae (Hiroshima City University) or the next nearest bus stop, Numata Ryokinjo Mae (the Numata Highway Tollgate).

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JR Hiroshima Station
JR Sanyo Line
←FUKUOKA
JR Iwakuni Station
Iwakuni Kintaikyo Airport
Local bus

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Hiroshima City University
Ozuka
Koiki-koen-mae
Hiroshima Expressway Route 4
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