



Osaka University Global Campus 2024 (Minoh Campus)



Concept of Osaka University Global Campus

At the Osaka University Global Campus (Minoh Campus), we aim to cultivate highly skilled global talents, promote the Japanese language and culture to the world, and connect local citizens with the world through achievements in foreign languages and studies of foreign cultures, thereby realizing co-creation with the local community and aiming for the enhancement of value for both the university and the local society.

Fostering Osaka University Brand through collaborative enrichment with communities, society, and citizens

Realizing a safe and comfortable campus with consideration for **local and international exchanges and the global environment**

Osaka University Global Campus (OUGC)

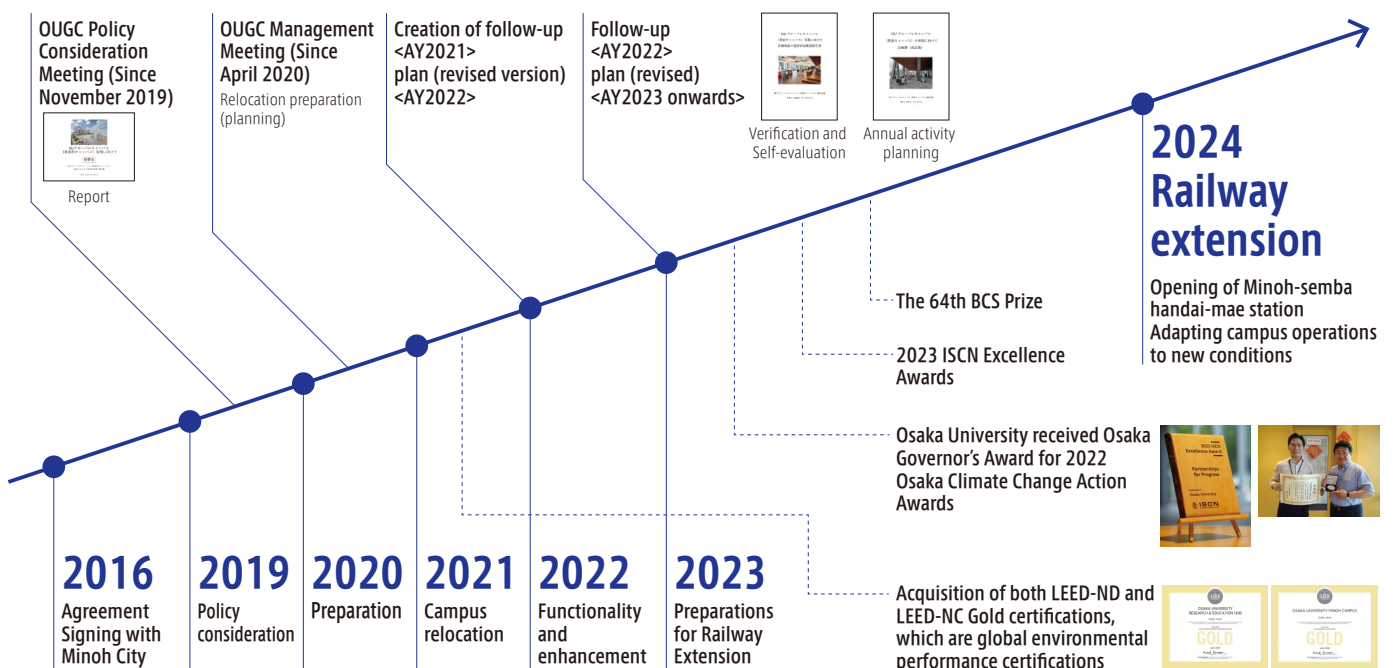
Co-creation with society

- 1 **Education** Student Talent Development through 25 specialized languages and a variety of educational programs
- 2 **Research** Research and teaching of the world's languages and the cultures based on them
- 3 **International** Dissemination of international exchange activities to society
- 4 **Community** Well-balanced co-creation activities with a local community
- 5 **Management** Highly sustainable and efficient campus management

Support systems for OUGC

- Campus management centered around the OUGC Steering Committee
- The nation's first university library integrated with a municipal library in terms of management and operation
- Stakeholders (Minoh City, Semba Union, local organizations, etc.)

Tracing the Progress of OUGC



Collaboration with Local Community

1st Session of “Viewing the World from Various Perspectives” Series with Turkish Delights and Minoh Beer



On Saturday, July 22, 2023, the first session of “Viewing the World from Various Perspectives” was held in the Large Lecture Hall on the first floor of the Minoh Campus. This session was initiated as a plan to offer participants new perspectives by setting themes related to various global issues from time to time, utilizing the specialized languages, education, and research characteristics of the School of Foreign Studies and the Graduate School of Humanities. The theme of the first session was “The 2023 Turkey–Syria earthquakes,” conducted as a charity lecture. The series will continue with the second and third sessions.

1st Osaka University School of Foreign Studies Symposium and Oktoberfest in OU Semba



On Saturday, October 21, 2023, the first Osaka University School of Foreign Studies Symposium was held in the Grand Hall at Minoh Theatre for the Performing Arts. Centering on the educational philosophy of the School of Foreign Studies, “Let Language Be Your Wings to The World,” the symposium also celebrated the inauguration of the Diversity & Community Engagement Research Center under the Graduate School of Humanities, which started its activities in April 2023. It was a very meaningful symposium that reexamined the significance of learning foreign languages. This project will also continue firmly in the future.

Osaka University Summer Festival



The 42nd Osaka University Summer Festival was held at the Minoh Campus on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Despite a spatter of rain, the event saw approximately 4,500 visitors, significantly surpassing the number from those in 2022. Continuing from the previous year, the Osaka Semba Textile Wholesalers Cooperative transformed the road north of the lecture building into a “pedestrian paradise,” helping to energize the event. We aim to make this festival a prime example of community collaboration and look forward to people’s continued support for our students.

Theater Festival of Language and Culture



Once a year for two days students present plays in the languages they are specializing in. The event is open to anyone and Japanese subtitles are available. Most of the works to be played reflect the culture and society of the regions where each language is spoken. Visitors can also enjoy the ethnic costumes and music. The lineup ranges from cheerful pieces for children to somewhat serious works for adults.

PBL activities at the Center for Japanese Language and Culture



The education program for exchange students provided by the Center for Japanese Language and Culture, known as the Maple Program, involves project-based learning (PBL) exploring Minoh, where the students live. Here, through group project activities, they extensively learn about Minoh’s nature, history, culture, society, etc., identify local issues, think of solutions, and present and disseminate their findings. The PBL outcomes presentation by exchange students who arrived in Japan in September 2022 was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

Public events by Minoh Campus students and faculty at the International Studies Library (Minoh City Semba Library)



At the International Studies Library (Minoh City Semba Library), various events bridging the university and the community are held, using the library as a hub. It serves as a venue for delivering the university’s learning and research to the public through children’s events planned by students and lectures or musical performances by faculty.

School of Foreign Studies—Let Language Be Your Wings to The World



Osaka University's School of Foreign Studies, with 25 languages of specialization and an annual enrollment cap of 580 students, distinguishes Osaka University as the only national university with the School of Foreign Studies.

Educational Objectives of the School of Foreign Studies

- Cultivation of global talents
- To nurture talents who can thrive in international society by acquiring a comprehensive and relative understanding from multiple perspectives of the specialized language and the culture and society of the region where it is spoken.
- Not only providing consistent language education from the year of admission to the year of graduation but also developing generalists in the language regions by treating language, literature, history, and society as the “three pillars” (including politics and economy as the fourth pillar for some languages).

Learning at the School of Foreign Studies

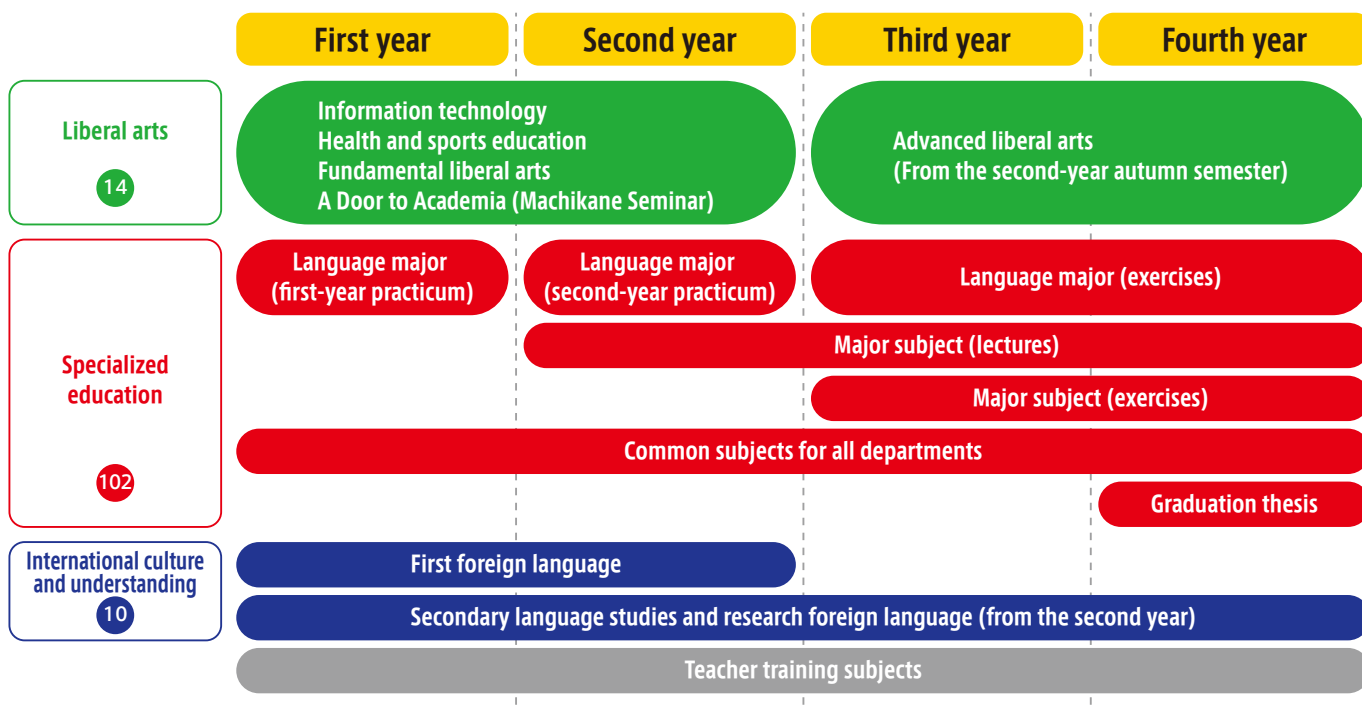
- “Linguistic area studies” or “language area studies” which integrate the outcomes of language research and humanities and social science regional studies.
- “Culture Through Language, Language Through Culture”

Multilingual Expert Training Program

A cross-faculty program allowing students at the School of Foreign Studies to systematically take specialized education subjects offered by the School of Letters, School of Human Sciences, School of Law, School of Economics, School of Science, School of Engineering, School of Engineering Science, and Center for Mathematical Modeling and Data Science. This program aims to nurture talents who can operate multiple advanced foreign languages with high expertise and thrive on the international stage. Upon completion, a certificate of completion will be issued jointly by the President and the Head of the Department or Center that offers the program.



Curriculum



Annual enrollment Capacity

<Recruitment numbers by language of specialization>

Chinese 37, Korean 18, Mongolian 18, Indonesian 18, Filipino 18, Thai 18, Vietnamese 18, Burmese 18, Hindi 18, Urdu 18, Arabic 24, Persian 18, Turkish 18, Swahili 18, Russian 24, Hungarian 18, Danish 18, Swedish 18, German 31, English 60, French 24, Italian 18, Spanish 31, Portuguese 24, and Japanese 37

Division of Foreign Studies and Department of Applied Japanese Studies Division of Japanese Studies, Graduate School of Humanities

Division of Foreign Studies Curriculum for mastering 24 languages and learning in depth about the regions in which they are spoken from various viewpoints



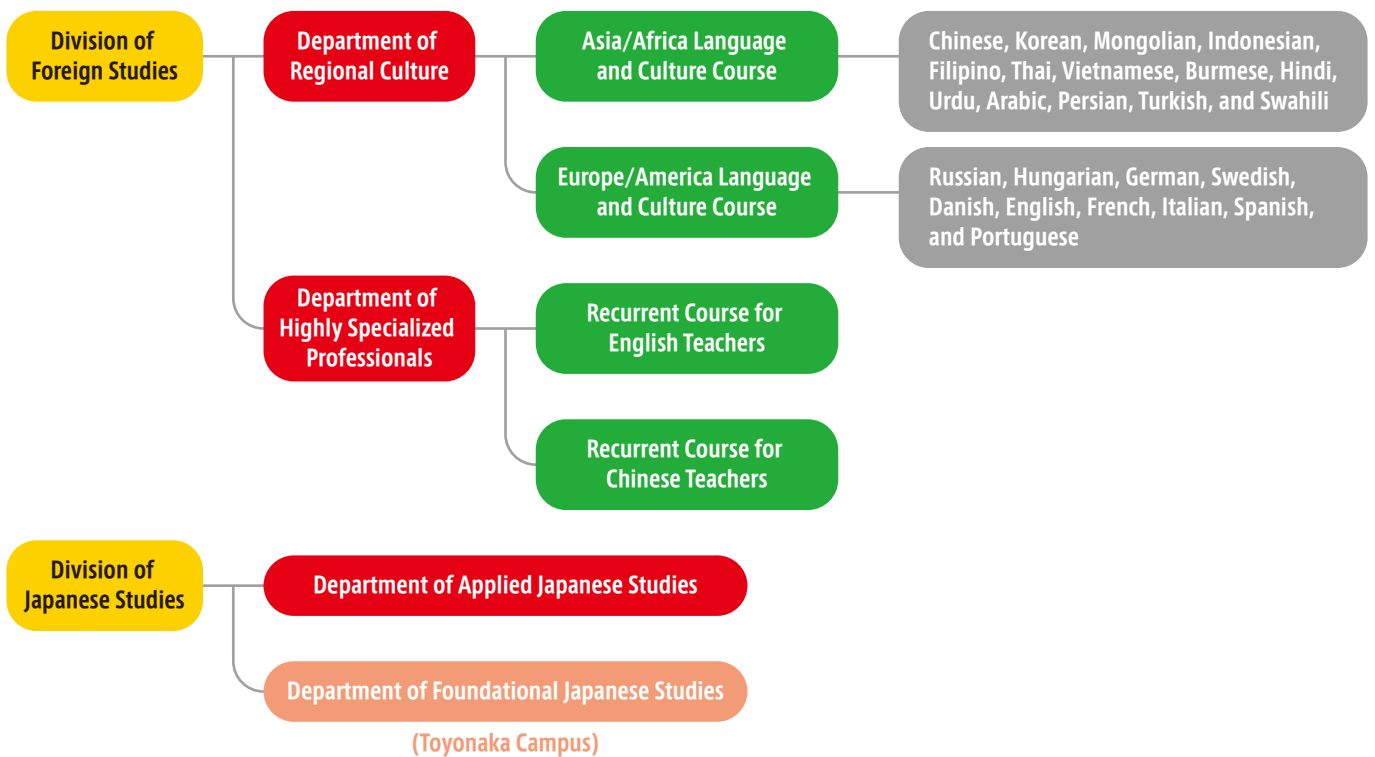
The Division of Foreign Studies mainly focuses on conducting comprehensive tuition and research covering 24 languages and the general cultural aspects based on them across a variety of disciplines and practices. The division aims to develop individuals who can build on the findings from other disciplines in the humanities and social sciences to examine languages and cultures from around the world and succeed globally. Featuring two courses: 1) Regional Language and Culture Courses (Asian & African Language and Culture Course, European & American Language and Culture Course), 2) Highly Specialized Professional Courses (English Teacher Recurrent Course and).

Department of Applied Japanese Studies Division of Japanese Studies



Osaka University's Division of Japanese Studies is also home to Japan's largest-scale graduate program in Japanese studies, covering both foundational and applied research. It comprises two courses: the Department of Foundational Japanese Studies and the Department of Applied Japanese Studies. The Department of Applied Japanese Studies aims to nurture professionals capable of global activity based on a broad knowledge of the Japanese language, culture, society, history, and literature from the perspectives of comparison and exchange within a global context.

Organizational chart



Student enrollment Capacity

Division of Foreign Studies	Master Course Annual admission: 25 students; total enrollment cap: 50 students	Doctor Course Annual admission: 11 students; total enrollment cap: 33 students
Department of Applied Japanese Studies Division of Japanese Studies	Master Course Annual admission: 10 students; total enrollment cap: 20 students	Doctor Course Annual admission: 5 students; total enrollment cap: 15 students

Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC)



The Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC), originating from the special department for international students established in 1954, has served as a hub for Japanese language and culture education for government-sponsored international students for over 70 years, playing a significant role in Japan's international student acceptance policy. Currently, it welcomes nearly 200 students annually from over 50 countries and regions, offering a variety of educational programs.

Japanese Studies Program (Japanese Government Scholarship Students Program)

The Japanese Studies Program (Japanese Government Scholarship Students Program) is an 11-month program aimed at government-sponsored international students specializing in the field of Japanese language and culture. With the goal of becoming professionals in the field of Japanese language and culture, students engage in daily specialized classes in Japanese, studying both the language and culture. Students in the research course write their thesis in Japanese under the guidance of an advisor. Students in the training course visit Japanese companies and other organizations to write reports in Japanese.



Maple Program (Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Program for Exchange Students)

The Maple Program is an intensive Japanese language and culture program for exchange students. It starts in September (with classes beginning in October) and concludes in August of the following year. Every year, exchange students from over 20 countries and regions study in this program. Its most distinctive feature is learning about Japan through various experiences, including project-based learning (PBL). PBL enhances skills in "knowing," "conveying," and "discussing," aiming to develop individuals who can connect with people and societies of other cultures.



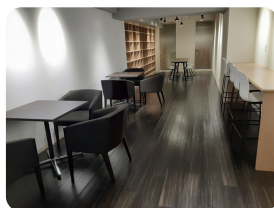
Preparatory Education Programs

The programs include education for international students aiming to proceed to Japanese universities. There is a one-year (April to the following March) study program for government-sponsored undergraduate students planning to advance to national universities (U Program) and a six-month (October to the following March) Osaka University Foundation Program (F Program) after which students advance to Osaka University.

Project of Cooperative Joint-use Center for Japanese Language and Culture Education

In the 2011 academic year, the center was recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as a Cooperative Joint-use Center for Japanese Language and Culture Education. Since then, it has opened its doors to international students from other universities, Japanese language teaching interns, and teachers involved in Japanese language education, offering classes and a platform for information exchange and discussion on overseas education situations, thereby supporting the qualitative improvement and development of Japanese language and culture education in Japan.

Global Village Minoh Semba



Study room



Social gathering

A mixed residence dormitory within Minoh Campus, with about one-third of the residents being Japanese students (female students). This dormitory provides a living space where international students and Japanese students can interact daily. It also facilitates interaction events using social lounges organized by dormitory tutors and the management company.

International Studies Library (Minoh City Semba Library)



Library Exterior



"Let's Play! Hungarian Carnival"
(Held on Saturday, February 18, 2023)



"Osaka University Students Report on Taiwan"
(Held on Sunday, March 12, 2023)

A library that combines the collections and functions of Osaka University's International Studies Library and Minoh City Library, marking the first case of its kind among national universities in Japan, with Osaka University managing its integrated operation.

Diversity & Community Engagement Research Center under the Graduate School of Humanities (Also known as the “Handai Fuku Fuku Center” locally)



In Japan, where multiculturalism is advancing, there is an increase in children with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds. These children face various challenges, including systemic barriers, loss of native languages and cultures, and fluctuations in identity. The Minoh Campus, where the Fuku Fuku Center is located, hosts 25 languages of specialization, with faculty and students specializing in language and cultural studies, area studies, and language area studies. Leveraging our past experiences, we aim to build a society where the coexistence of multiple languages and cultures is considered the norm through support activities and educational research activities for children with foreign roots.

Activities

1. Promotion of support activities

- At the Minoh Campus, we centralize support and educational consultation services for children with foreign roots, enhancing convenience for the local community, local governments, educational institutions, NPOs, and volunteer organizations.
- We register students, alumni, and faculty interested in these activities as “mediators,” introducing them to the field after matching their skills with the needed support and understanding the realities on the ground.

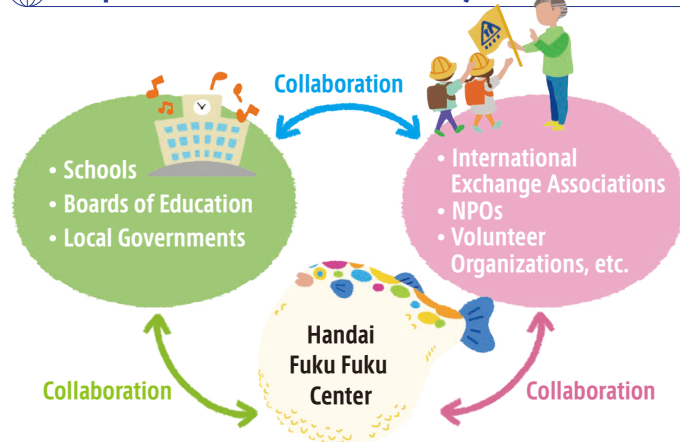
2. Promotion of research and educational activities

- We conduct registration briefings and follow-ups for mediators, nurturing their ability to mediate between people of different languages and cultures.
- We compile the results and challenges of our activities, holding lectures and research meetings.
- We advance information sharing and joint research with domestic and international research and educational organizations, aiming to solve issues.

3. Construction of collaboration systems and proposals/suggestions

- We build cooperative systems with local governments, educational institutions, NPOs, and volunteer organizations and are responsible for data collection and understanding issues in cooperation with related institutions within Osaka University.
- From an academic perspective, we propose educational methods and administrative actions for a multilingual and multicultural coexistence society, contributing to the creation of mechanisms beyond school districts and municipal frameworks.

Cooperation and collaboration system



Information Room for International Students (IRIS) Minoh Branch



Indonesian Café
(Held 2 times starting from Friday,
November 17, 2023)



Japanese Café
(Held 26 times starting from Wednesday,
April 12, 2023)



Cooking Party
(Held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023)

Opened as a space for interaction among international students and Japanese students, consultation services, various information provisions and guidance, and as a venue for events.

History

Visit our website



HAYASHI Choko

The origins of the Division of Foreign Studies and the Department of Applied Japanese Studies, Division of Japanese Studies, Osaka University, trace back to 1921 when HAYASHI Choko (1873-1945), a businessperson from Osaka, donated one million yen from her wealth to the nation for the establishment of a school in Osaka with the philosophy of “nurturing internationally-minded personnel in Osaka.” The government used this donation to establish the Osaka School of Foreign Languages at 8-chome, Uehommachi, Tennoji-ku, Osaka. Later, in April 1944, it was renamed Osaka College of Foreign Affairs, and with the National School Establishment Act of 1949, Osaka University of Foreign Studies was founded, starting its journey as one of only two foreign language universities in the national university system. In 1954, a separate department for international students (now Center for Japanese Language and Culture) was established, and in 1979, it relocated to Aomadani in Minoh. After merging with Osaka University in October 2007, the campus moved to its current location in Minoh Semba Higashi in 2021.



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