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Welcome to Miyazaki International University

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Miyazaki International University is a liberal arts institution located in the tropical city of Miyazaki on the southern coast of the Japanese island of Kyushu.

The first higher education institution in Japan to offer all its classes in English, MIU is part of the Miyazaki Gakuen Education Corporation, which, since its establishment in 1939, has grown to include the university, Miyazaki Gakuen Junior College, Miyazaki Gakuen Junior and Senior High Schools, and two kindergartens across the city.

MIU is ranked 6th in all of Japan for university internationalization and 2nd in Japan for both its ratio of international faculty to number of students, and its ratio of international faculty to Japanese faculty.



Start a New Journey at MIU

Admission Policy Finding 礼節 (Respectful) Students

The ideal MIU student aims to push themselves to become a self-realized global citizen. They care deeply about the cultural and language realities of studying in Japan and are:

- Motivated to push their cognitive abilities (critical thinking skills: comparison, analysis, integration, evaluation, etc.).
- Invested in cross-cultural understanding, contributing to the international nature of the MIU student body and the cultivation of a wide range of expertise through a high desire to learn.

Diploma Policy Ensuring Capable Graduates Embody the Miyazaki Gakuen Philosophy

As part of the liberal arts program, students will take a variety of General Education programs while concentrating on a specialized track. Students must earn 124 academic credits and maintain an average GPA above 1.5 to graduate from their undergraduate studies at MIU. While completing these programs, students develop a number of skills that are vital to becoming a global citizen:

1. Higher-order thinking skills (comparative, analytical, synthetic, evaluative) based on critical and analytical thinking methods.
2. Advanced language skills in both English and Japanese.
3. The ability to implement the knowledge gained through MIU's specialized tracks (Global Liberal Arts, International Business Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, and English Language Education) in real world contexts.
4. The competency to fully utilize modern information technology.

Curriculum Policy Developing 勤勞 (Diligence) Across Cultures

The curriculum of all MIU liberal arts courses are built to provide students with a global perspective and the ability to live a fulfilling life in Japan. All MIU students who graduate from the School of International Liberal Arts graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Culture.

- MIU helps international students to adapt to the cultural and ethical standards of Japan through "Freshman Seminars" and "Career Design" programs.
- Japanese language classes are mandatory for all international students.
- Teaching is delivered based on an Active Learning approach that nurtures critical thinking skills.
- MIU courses have an emphasis on enabling practical learning.
- All MIU students are encouraged to participate in an overseas training 'study abroad' program at the end of their second year, in order to deepen their international experience.
- In their third year and fourth year, all students work with an academic advisor to compile the graduation thesis that will form the culmination of their academic achievements.



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Continuing the Legacy of Globalized Liberal Arts Education

Message from the President

One of my greatest joys as the President of Miyazaki International University is to welcome new students from all over the world, and discuss the hopes, dreams and ambitions that have led them to MIU. Often, I will meet a student who is unsure of which path to take, or exactly where their life will lead them, and I always say, "It is perfectly fine if you don't have all the answers yet. Be patient, be thoughtful, and you will find the path that is right for you." I believe that we best help our students when we remind them to keep asking the hard questions and to reflect on where their answers lead them.

At MIU, you will encounter opportunities and experiences that expand your potential. In an environment where diverse cultures and values intersect, your assumptions will be challenged, and new perspectives will emerge. These experiences will enable you to reflect deeply on yourself and develop the ability to shape your own future.

In the School of International Liberal Arts, we emphasize personalized learning through small class sizes and practical learning experiences to help students understand the responsibility and mission of working closely with others.

You will spend four meaningful years surrounded by the rich natural environment of Miyazaki, connected to both the local community and the wider world. I hope that during this time, you will discover a new sense of self and take confident steps toward the future that is right for you.

- Keiko Yamashita

President, Miyazaki International University



What the Japanese concepts of 礼節 (reishetsu: Respect) and 勤勞 (kinrō: Diligence) mean to MIU.

While Miyazaki Gakuen has grown over time, **the philosophy established by its founder, Mr. Sukehide Otsubo (1897 -1988),** continues to inspire generations of MIU students, faculty and alumni.

礼節 (Respect): Valuing and Honoring others, regardless of cultural or national differences.
勤勞 (Diligence): Embodying an aspirational spirit that allows each of us to drive for a better world with dedication and genuine care for ourselves and those around us.

MIU believes that, no matter where students come from or how far their education may take them once they graduate, these principles create the foundation necessary for moral and personal success anywhere in the world.



School of International Liberal Arts

The Department of Comparative Culture develops 国際人 (Kokusaijin): Internationally minded people

MIU students who graduate from the School of International Liberal Arts (SILA) graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Culture.

Liberal arts programs are an interdisciplinary exploration of the humanities, and the SILA curriculum encourages students to invest in a variety of academic subjects, from arts to economics, in order to create well-rounded, globally minded graduates.

The Comparative Culture degree is made possible by MIU's strong appreciation for Japanese culture and the wide variety of world cultures shared by its international students and faculty.

Discovering new facets of global society leads students to a deeper and more profound understanding of their own culture and increased confidence to interact in professional and academic international settings.



Hironori Hayase
Dean of the School of International Liberal Arts

“SILA provides a unique environment in which Japanese and international students are able to benefit from each other's perspectives, using English as the global language of communication. We're proud that students who have been with Miyazaki Gakuen since kindergarten are able to learn from and beside people from over 20 countries, making MIU genuinely a place of comparative cultures.”

Benefits for Careers

Students who graduate from the School of International Liberal Arts (SILA) are equipped with the deep critical thinking skills that are invaluable for securing high-quality employment in Japan and internationally. Modern technology is making the international career market unstable for many employees with specific skills that can be automated. In contrast, the SILA curriculum ensures that students are prepared for the future.

Miyazaki International University graduates emerge as globally minded, versatile problem-solvers with strong communication skills in both English and Japanese. In a rapidly changing world, MIU alumni are positioned to bridge cultural divides, priming them for dynamic and successful careers on the global stage.



Mei Mukai
Assistant Professor,
Miyazaki International University



Evan Carter Miur
Consultant,
Deloitte Tohmatsu (DT)

“At MIU, social issues were central to our curriculum, deepening my passion for them. I joined Deloitte Tohmatsu (DT) because they are transforming Japanese society by being a family-supportive workplace for both men and women... The MIU learning style, emphasizing critical thinking and individual perspectives, aligns well with DT's approach. My four years at MIU enhanced my diligence and self-discipline.”



Saimon Otsudani
Systems Engineer,
Rakuten

“I have been building computers and electronic devices since junior high school, but was unsure of what direction I wanted to take. Studying from international professors in such a wide variety of fields at MIU allowed me to develop my analytical abilities and English language levels simultaneously. With MIU's guidance, I was able to develop software that proved my professional-level capability to one of Japan's largest tech companies.”

Global Liberal Arts

Aspiring to solve global challenges through a foundation in the liberal arts.

The MIU Global Liberal Arts track was the **first in Japan to be taught completely in English** and offers an innovative approach to the humanities.

Program Design

Global Liberal Arts students explore diverse cultures and political systems through a comparative and transnational lens, helping them to reflect on their own societies.

This broad educational foundation empowers students to tackle the critical questions of the modern world, such as the implementation of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and equips them with the independence and confidence necessary to act as globally engaged citizens.



By studying a curriculum across various fields, including sociology, political science, Japanese language, American and British literature, history, and anthropology, MIU students gain the international perspectives and context necessary to analyze and comprehend complex global issues.

Special Academic Tracks for Students with Advanced Japanese

These tracks are available to all students in the SILA program but contain some courses that are taught in Japanese.

Students can register to attend the courses taught in Japanese once they have reached a sufficient level of language proficiency in their mandatory Japanese language classes.



The English Education track develops the skills necessary to become a junior high school or high school English teacher in Japan. Students are able to take multiple certifications that allow them to teach in Japanese schools, but these require a high level of Japanese language fluency to pass.

English Education

The IBM track provides students with the hands-on experience necessary to turn their critical thinking and communicative skills into successful business practice. Students are able to build upon their liberal arts experience and apply that immediately to the business world through MIU's Project-Based Learning (PBL) approach.



International Business Management



Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM)

HTM students can enjoy every benefit from studying in a Japanese tourism hub. MIU's connections to local industry guarantee world class internship experience and with courses such as SDGs in Tourism, students graduate with the global perspectives needed to guide the future of Japan's booming hospitality industry.



Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Learning at MIU

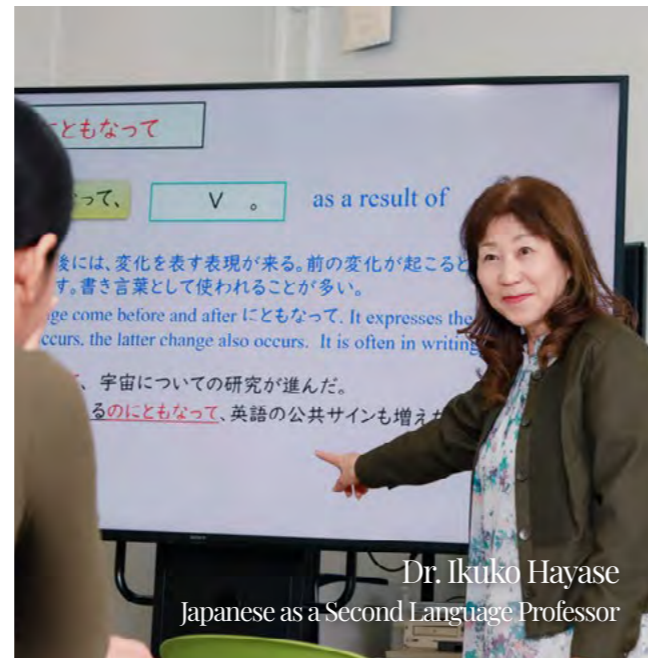
Developing a deeper appreciation of Japanese culture in the safety of the MIU campus grants students the confidence to fully embrace the opportunities presented by living in Miyazaki.

Japanese Language Classes

Japanese language classes are mandatory for all undergraduate international students at MIU. By offering the majority of the SILA curriculum in English and ensuring that students pursue Japanese language proficiency for the four years of their undergraduate studies, MIU alumni are desirable employees in Miyazaki, Japan and internationally.

Japanese Etiquette Classes

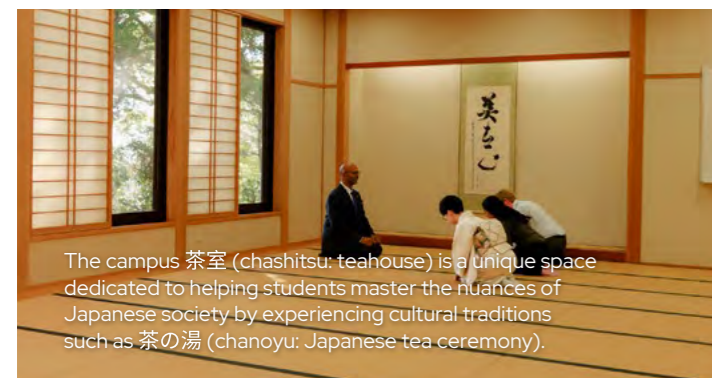
Japanese etiquette classes are an essential method of ensuring international student success. It is a vital expectation of the Comparative Culture program that students are able to fully integrate into whichever society they decide to settle. Japan's high standards of etiquette equip MIU alumni with the expected manners and consideration necessary to lead a fulfilling life in Japan, prosper in Japanese professional settings or transfer these skills to thrive in any professional environment in the world.



Dr. Ikuko Hayase
Japanese as a Second Language Professor

“You may not be able to be enlightened all life long; But you can burn all life long, you can be moved all life long.”

These are the words of Mitsuo Aida, my favorite Japanese poet and calligrapher. The study of the Japanese language allows us to find new areas of inspiration together, even if it is one kanji at a time!”



The campus 茶室 (chashitsu: teahouse) is a unique space dedicated to helping students master the nuances of Japanese society by experiencing cultural traditions such as 茶の湯 (chanoyu: Japanese tea ceremony).

Amir's MIU Experience

Coming from Kazakhstan, Amir's first instinct when coming to Japan was to head straight to Tokyo. But very quickly, he found that being around so many people in such a hectic city was actually an isolating experience.

At Miyazaki International University, he found connection.

He met friends from Japan and around the world, and discovered the supportive and laid-back community of tropical Miyazaki City. His English improved, his Japanese blossomed, and with the encouragement of faculty, he joined MIU's Model United Nations team for their award-winning participation at JEMUN (Japanese English Model United Nations) 2025 in Kindai University, Osaka.

Having chosen the Global Liberal Arts track, Amir has found that his Comparative Culture studies in Japan have provided a new perspective on his home country. The research for his third and fourth years explores how government energy policy in Kazakhstan affects domestic satisfaction and democratic participation.





Freshman students attend the opening ceremony.



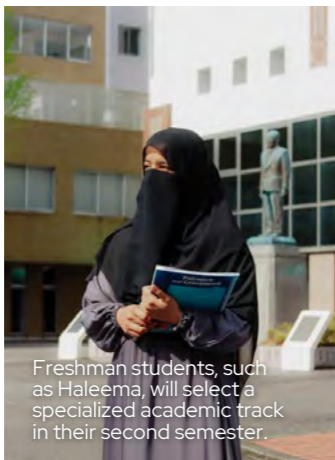
Students on the campus tour during orientation day.



2nd Year students are greatly encouraged to join the SILA Study Abroad Program at one of MIU's 17 partner universities.



Bartosz, a student from Poland, experiencing his first cherry blossom season in Japan.



Freshman students, such as Haleema, will select a specialized academic track in their second semester.

Your Academic Journey at MIU

Year 1 Freshman Year

All SILA students take a series of General Education courses through their first and second years to ensure that they develop the foundational critical thinking and technological skills required to flourish in a liberal arts program and graduate as 国際人 (Kokusaijin - Internationally minded people).

In their first semester, freshmen have the opportunity to experience courses from the different academic tracks before selecting their chosen focus in the second semester.

Students who wish to take a track requiring advanced Japanese language skills are able to start with specialized programs in English, before returning to the courses that require Japanese once they have reached a suitable level.

Year 2 Sophomore Year

By the start of their sophomore year, MIU students are firmly on the path of exploring their chosen track. Having completed a year of General Education and Japanese language, students are greatly encouraged to join the SILA Study Abroad program and spend a semester at one of MIU's 17 partner universities around the world.

This allows students to expand and implement the Comparative Culture skills that they have developed and return to Japan with international expertise that can't simply be taught in a classroom.

Year 3 Junior Year

MIU students enter their junior year with engaging specialized courses, depending on their track. These classes lead students to gain practical experience in their chosen field through a substantial variety of internship opportunities located in Miyazaki City and ensure they are prepared for successful careers in Japan and internationally.

In their third year, students collaborate with their academic advisors to begin the graduation thesis that will represent the culmination of their educational experience at MIU.



Third year students have the chance to join the Exchange Program and discover how universities around the world teach their specialization.

Year 4 Senior Year

Senior students are the heartbeat of MIU. Their years of cross-cultural international experience make them invaluable leaders on campus, and they play a vital role in assisting less experienced students to integrate into MIU's international campus environment.

Fourth-year students tend to be the most academically active, and having spent a substantial amount of time building a strong connection with faculty, they are fully prepared to interact in international professional settings or further develop their skills by pursuing postgraduate study at MIU or elsewhere around the world.



Junior students often return from their study abroad experience with a new appreciation for their studies (and for the beauty of Miyazaki!).



Junior and senior students will often act as 先輩 (senpai -mentors) to their freshman and sophomore colleagues.



Students in Japan begin to search for their post-graduation careers in their junior year, securing their future after MIU.



Even with all of their academic and career success, MIU students are still able to enjoy Miyazaki's beautiful tropical environment.

World-Class Scholars in MIU Classrooms

MIU is proud to highlight the academic credentials of its elite faculty. The SILA consists of over 70% international faculty, and students can expect to be taught in English by leading global experts in their respective fields.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Gregory Dunne (Courses: American Literature, World Literatures in English)

Dr. Gregory Dunne is a published author of poetry and transnational literary criticism and has taught at MIU for over 17 years. His 2014 book, *Quiet Accomplishment, Remembering Cid Corman*, is a memoir that celebrates the work of 20th-century American Poet Cid Corman, who spent much of his life supporting his fellow poets in America, while living in Kyoto. Dr. Dunne has released three published collections of poetry: *Fistful of Lotus* (Elizabeth Forrest, 2002), *Home Test* (Adastra Press, 2009) and *Other/Wise* (Isobar Press, 2019).

Dr. Baiko Sai (Courses: Introduction to Information Literacy, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Data Science, Introduction to Software Engineering)

Dr. Baiko Sai is a prominent scholar and entrepreneur in Information and Communication Technology. Originally from China, before naturalizing as a Japanese citizen, he specializes in wireless communication, LSI design, and information theory. His notable achievements include pioneering research on "Digital Scramble Technology" and conditional access systems for satellite broadcasting. Additionally, his contributions to 4x4 MIMO-OFDM transceivers and LDPC decoders have been foundational for modern high-speed wireless networks, ensuring faster and more reliable global digital connectivity.

Dr. Debra Occhi (Courses: Japanese Popular Culture, World Ethnography, Anthropology and Environmental Issues)

Having spent over two decades teaching and researching in Japan, Dr. Deborah Occhi is one of the country's leading anthropologists. Her research ranges from how human-machine relations have come to be defined in modern Japanese culture, to Cognitive Linguistics and how Japanese metaphor is rooted in natural imagery in order to describe human emotion. She gained national recognition for her research into Japanese character culture and how character mascots and the concept of 'kawaii' have a far-reaching and profound impact on Japanese society. This research has led to her being featured on national television multiple times.

Dr. Rui Saraiva (Courses: International Relations, World Politics, Comparative Political Issues, International Social Issues, Comparative Foreign Policy, Conflict and Peace Studies, Introduction to Political Science)

An expert in international peacebuilding and conflict resolution, Dr. Saraiva served as a Research Fellow at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Ogata Sadako Research Institute, where he focused on peacebuilding and prevention of violent extremism in Africa, with field research grounded in Mozambique. Dr. Saraiva has co-led research into Adaptive Mediation, Adaptive Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution in regions around the world.

Dr. Turkay Gasimova (Courses: Introduction to History, European Intellectual History, Comparative History)

Having studied for her Ph.D. in Italy, her first Master's degree in Azerbaijan, her second Master's degree in Budapest, Hungary and also been a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright scholarship to complete studies in the U.S.A, Dr. Gasimova is uniquely qualified to appreciate the rewards of an internationally focused university education. Dr. Gasimova's research has explored American history, as well as how 19th and early 20th-century thinkers and "oil barons" drove modernization in the Caucasus and how marginalized women navigated conservative societies to achieve social reform.



Dr. Gregory Dunne (U.S.A)
American and British Literature
Ph.D. University of Missouri-Columbia

Dr. Turkay Gasimova (Azerbaijan)
Intellectual History
Ph.D. European University Institute

Dr. Rui Saraiva (Portugal)
Political Science
Ph.D. Osaka University

Dr. Baiko Sai (Japan/China)
Information Technology
Ph.D. Hokkaido University

Dr. Debra Occhi (U.S.A)
Anthropology, Linguistics,
Japanese Culture
Ph.D. University of California, Davis

Featured Classes across all Academic Tracks

A sneak peak of classes you take in MIU's School of International Liberal Arts



Economics of Development 3rd & 4th Year International Business Management Track

Students address key concepts and issues of economic development to gain a practical understanding of how pro-poor policies work in the field of international development. The course exposes students to how tools of macroeconomics, microeconomics, econometrics, machine learning, international trade, etc., are applied to understanding the problems of regional development, and how data and empirical evidence can shed light on conflicting views of how it should be managed.

Marketing in the Hospitality and Tourism Business 3rd & 4th Year Hospitality Track

Students gain insight into the core concepts of marketing and are able to analyze and apply marketing theories and concepts within real-world scenarios in the hospitality and tourism sector. Emphasis is placed on leveraging these marketing strategies to attain a competitive edge in the industry, equipping students with practical skills and a strategic mindset necessary for success in this dynamic field.

Cross-Cultural Understanding for English Learning 3rd & 4th Year English Education Track

This class cultivates students' ability to teach and communicate across cultural boundaries as well as heightens their awareness of the global perspectives necessary to be a teacher of English at elementary or junior high schools. Graduates leave this course with the conviction that cross-cultural communication is a primary asset of the English language. Through the class's essays and exercises, students gain both a deep cultural understanding and the essential skills to communicate effectively between cultures.



Dr. Turky Gasimova
History Professor

“Active Learning methodology is vital to how we teach at MIU. I always tell my students that I'm not interested in answers, I'm interested in questions.”

If a student can ask a very good question, it is a very strong sign of their understanding of the subject and of their intelligence. We are always looking for students to demonstrate their critical thinking abilities.”



Japanese Popular Culture with Prof. Debra Occhi

Students critically consider the sociological importance of Japanese popular culture from an academic perspective. Topics and texts range from Japanese behaviors and consumption practices, how historical issues impact modern culture, the meanings of popular Japanese aesthetics, and culturally specific communication issues. Exploring these themes allows students to comprehend the uniquely Japanese elements that make up their daily lives in Miyazaki and then reflect on them through discussion and writing.

Conflict and Peace Studies with Prof. Rui Saraiva

This course equips students with a solid understanding of the root causes of armed conflicts in the 21st century, as well as the nature of peace and the mechanisms for building and sustaining it.

Students explore how we build peace in a world affected by an increasing number of complex armed conflicts and what strategies can be employed to sustain peace in different cultural and political contexts. Incorporating theoretical perspectives and practical case studies, the course prepares students to analyze conflicts critically and to participate actively in the design and implementation of effective mediation and peacebuilding initiatives usually conducted by international organizations, governments, or non-governmental organizations.



World Literature in English with Prof. Gregory Dunne

This course explores literature in English from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Canada, Australia, and other parts of the world where literature in English has been written, excluding canonical British and American literature. This course concentrates its reading on two literary works from Africa and explores poetry and prose from the Caribbean region. Students explore the cultural and historical contexts out of which the literature springs.

The MIU Academic Support Center

The Academic Support Center is staffed by the SILA Language Program Coordinator and senior students who have been recognised for their academic excellence. The ASC supports students with all aspects of studying, provides advice on courses and study options and helps students prepare for exams and certifications.



Practical Education and Training with MIU's partner organizations.

Miyazaki International University is partnered with organizations in Miyazaki, Japan and abroad to provide students with a wide array of internship opportunities to help turn their class-learned knowledge into a practical reality.

JICA Internship Program

Partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kyushu Center. Internships are offered in Spring and Summer for a period of 5 days.

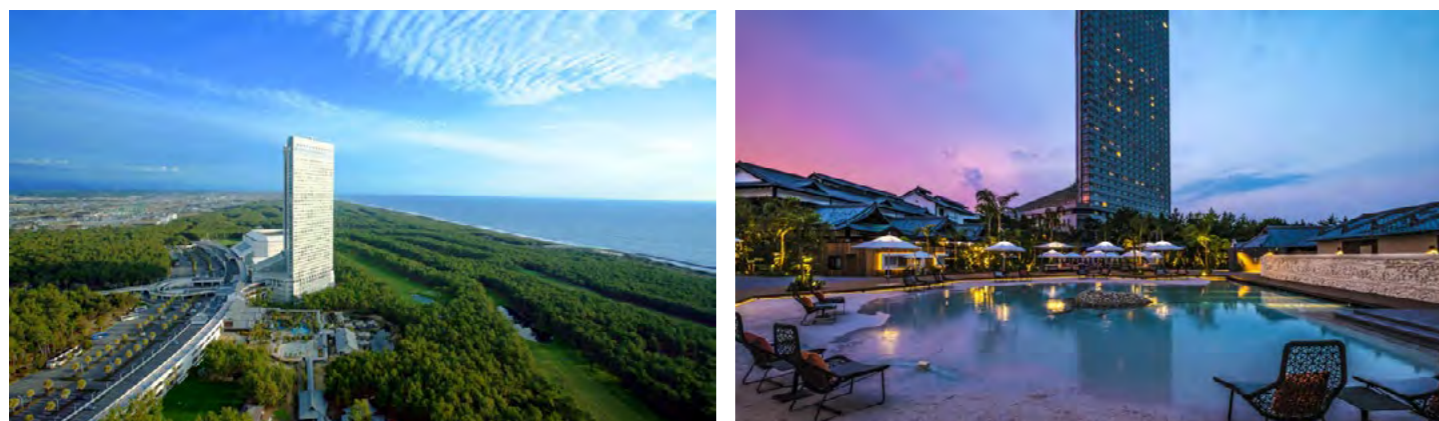
“ In my JICA internship, I experienced JICA Kyushu's project and explored Kitakyushu's POP culture with JICA scholars. Through the internship program, I deepened my knowledge of JICA, multicultural society, and international cooperation.

Now that I am graduating from MIU, I will be volunteering with JICA in the African country of Malawi. It will be important for volunteers, like myself, to understand the culture and context of Malawi to ensure that we can respect the people and cooperate together. I am sure that this will be a meaningful experience, and I found it thanks to my internship!”



Phoenix Seagaia Resort Internship Program

One of Kyushu's most premier destinations, Phoenix Seagaia Resort demonstrates that Miyazaki's tropical climate and rich culture make it the ideal setting to deliver world-class hospitality. Interns who join Phoenix Seagaia Resort discover how the facility's vast operations, from coordinating seasonal fireworks and weddings to maintaining the Banyan Tree Spa and white-sand pool, ensure guest satisfaction, and are also able to observe high-end restaurants utilize premium local assets like Miyazaki beef in a five-star environment.



Kawakami Mokuzai Lumber Internship Program

As a Miyazaki firm, Kawakami Mokuzai believes that the local area's great cedar forests make wood the most sustainable building material to ensure that generations to come can benefit from the world around them. Interns discover how the company's planting, growth and harvesting cycle ensures renewable construction practices and are also able to observe the design department and trade division to see how the harvested wood is transformed into products that transform the local community and supply global markets.



Beyond the Classroom: MIU's Practical Learning Offices



Community Outreach Center

The Community Outreach Center functions as the university's hub for regional collaboration, promoting educational outreach, community engagement, industry partnerships, and global leadership development while strengthening ties between the university and the local community and, in doing so, providing diverse learning opportunities for students.

Students who participate in Community Outreach Center activities can deliver outreach seminars and lectures at Miyazaki elementary, junior high, and high schools on topics such as English, foreign cultures, psychology, science, sociology, leadership, international perspectives and technology.

The Community Outreach Center also holds competitions to test the English communication skills of high school students across Miyazaki and hosts lectures, concerts and film screenings that are open to the public. These events give MIU students the opportunity to genuinely integrate into the local community.

Global Education Center

The Global Education Center supports international students in their academic journey and daily life in Japan. The center provides guidance on visas, housing, health insurance, part-time work regulations, and general living support, while also helping students adjust to Japanese culture and campus life.

As well as supporting students with their day-to-day life in Miyazaki, the GEC also provides assistance with MIU's study abroad and exchange programs, from program explanation to visa and insurance support to providing remote assistance when MIU students are overseas.

Support the GEC provides:

- International student orientation and guidance
- Visa and immigration support
- Housing and daily life assistance
- Cultural exchange and integration activities
- Guidance on part-time work rules and responsibilities



Study Abroad Programs at MIU



Sophomore Year Study Abroad

Every student in MIU's School of International Liberal Arts takes part in the university's signature Study Abroad program in the second semester of their sophomore year. This 16-week program, which is mandatory for MIU students, offers the opportunity to study at one of 17 partner universities around the world. With all classes being taught in English, regardless of the host country, the Study Abroad program is the perfect opportunity for MIU students to implement the cross-cultural theories they learned in their first two years.

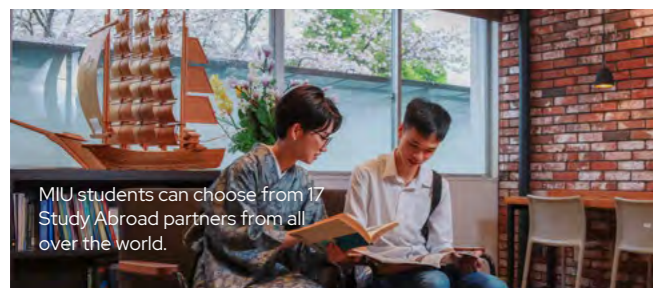
Junior Year Exchange Program

Students with a suitably high GPA and English proficiency of TOIEC 600 and above can apply to join the MIU exchange program in the second semester of their junior year. Students who engage in the exchange program are encouraged to explore their host university's approach to the student's specialized track. With no tuition payment needed to study at the foreign university, the exchange program provides MIU students the capacity to expand their international engagement in their chosen subject.



Riko Nagatomo
Studied Abroad at Pennsylvania USA
Slippy Rock University

“My study abroad experience in the U.S. really changed me. I got to learn lots of perspectives. The culture is different because the language is different, and I got to know how American students take lessons, the difference between the Japanese attitude to their classes, and how they share their ideas. The environment is completely different, so I got to learn the difference between those things.”



MIU students can choose from 17 Study Abroad partners from all over the world.

MIU's Study Abroad Partners

North America



Arizona State University (U.S.A)



California State University San Marcos (U.S.A)



San Diego State University (U.S.A)



Slippy Rock University of Pennsylvania (U.S.A)



Thompson Rivers University (Canada)



University of New Brunswick (U.S.A)



University of Victoria (Canada)



Utah State University (U.S.A)

Oceania



University of Newcastle (Australia)



University of Otago (New Zealand)



University of Wollongong (Australia)

Asia



Centennial College (China)



Providence University (Taiwan)



Sookmyung Women's University (South Korea)



Yeungnam University (South Korea)

Europe



Canterbury Christ Church University (U.K)



York St John University (U.K)

Pursue further study with Postgraduate opportunities at MIU's Graduate School of International Liberal Arts

Master of Arts in International Communication
Master of Arts in International Sociocultural Studies

MIU's postgraduate programs are designed to make further education accessible for working students or people with additional responsibilities by holding the majority of classes in the evenings and making lectures available in a hybrid format for those who require online learning.

It takes two years to graduate with a Master's degree from Miyazaki International University, and long-term enrollment is available for students who are unable to focus on their studies full-time.

International students pursuing postgraduate studies are eligible for Japanese student visas.

Start the journey towards a dream career with support from MIU's Career Education Center.

As soon as students settle at MIU, they enter into a three-stage career support program that prepares them for successful employment after graduation.

Stage 1

Career Design program to help envision their future career paths.

Stage 2

On-Campus Upskilling Seminars

Stage 3

Support from the Career Education Center

In Japan, students begin their job search in their junior year, one year before graduating from university. This ensures that students already have employment when they graduate. The Career Education Center at MIU supports both Japanese and international students in the search for fulfilling careers, whether that is based in Miyazaki, elsewhere in Japan or around the world.



Grow Further with MIU Start Your Career or Continue Your Studies

Graduate School of International Liberal Arts

Master of Arts in International Communication

MIU graduates with an MA in International Communication are uniquely positioned in the international workplace. Alongside advanced language programs in English Expression, Japanese Education and electives such as Advanced Chinese Language, MA International Communication students also master the skills necessary for negotiation and the dissemination of knowledge in a variety of global cultures and environments.

Master of Arts in International Sociocultural Studies

Miyazaki International University is the ideal place for students who want to experience a truly international society and explore how people from around the world interact with each other. The MA in International Sociocultural Studies builds directly from the BA Comparative Culture program to develop students' understanding of a diverse range of cultures, economies and national characteristics in an era of rapid globalization.

Featured Classes

Both courses in the SILA Graduate School share a series of common subjects, which strengthen graduate students' skills in intercultural understanding and language.

Students are then able to select a series of elective subjects depending upon their future career ambitions before diving into seminars and research for their course specific specializations.



Advanced British and American Literature with Prof. Hironori Hayase

This course uses major British and American short stories to focus on reading comprehension and writing in English. It fosters effective story reading and vocabulary development while also providing knowledge of the American history and culture behind the works through discussions in English.



Advanced Foreign Language Education with Prof. Marc Waterfield

This course is designed for those who aspire to work in the field of English education in the future or who are currently working in English or Japanese education. Students learn advanced foreign language teaching methods beyond the undergraduate level, gaining a deep understanding of the principles of language teaching and the structure of effective lectures and learning. Through active learning, students acquire advanced teaching methods and philosophies related to vocabulary, grammar, listening, speaking, and writing. Additionally, they learn how to select materials, evaluate learning outcomes, and plan lessons effectively.



Waleed Hamza
Graduate Student from India

“As an Indian student raised in the UAE, studying for my Master's in International Communication at MIU has been transformative. Unlike my previous university, which lacked individual attention, MIU is highly student-focused. Because our Master's program is small, we build incredibly strong, family-like connections with our professors. Every teacher focuses on each student, something I always wanted but never experienced during my undergraduate degree. My experience at MIU is deeply fulfilling.”

Career Support

MIU's Three Stage Program

Stage 1

Students participate in a compulsory Career Design program to help envision their future career paths. There are three Career Design courses. Students take one course per year from their freshman to junior years, while implementing what they have learned through career activities, such as internships and volunteer work, preparing them to find their dream careers in their fourth year.

Stage 2

Upskilling Seminars are on-campus preparatory courses to empower students for entry into a wide variety of careers and prepare them for professional exams and recruitment tests.

- Preparatory seminar for the civil service exam.
- Seminars to prepare for the teacher employment exam.
- Seminars for the SPI (Synthetic Personality Inventory) exam - a necessary personality submission for many Japanese employers.
- Preparatory seminar for the aviation industry.
- Disaster Prevention Professional Certification seminars.
- Information Technology Professionals and Advanced Information Processing Specialist certificate seminars from the National Association of Colleges and Universities for Practical Education
- Certified Business Administrator preparation seminars
- JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) preparatory seminars - students will learn how to take the Japanese language that they have learned in class and apply it to the national proficiency exam, ensuring that they are prepared to demonstrate their Japanese acquisition to employers after graduation.

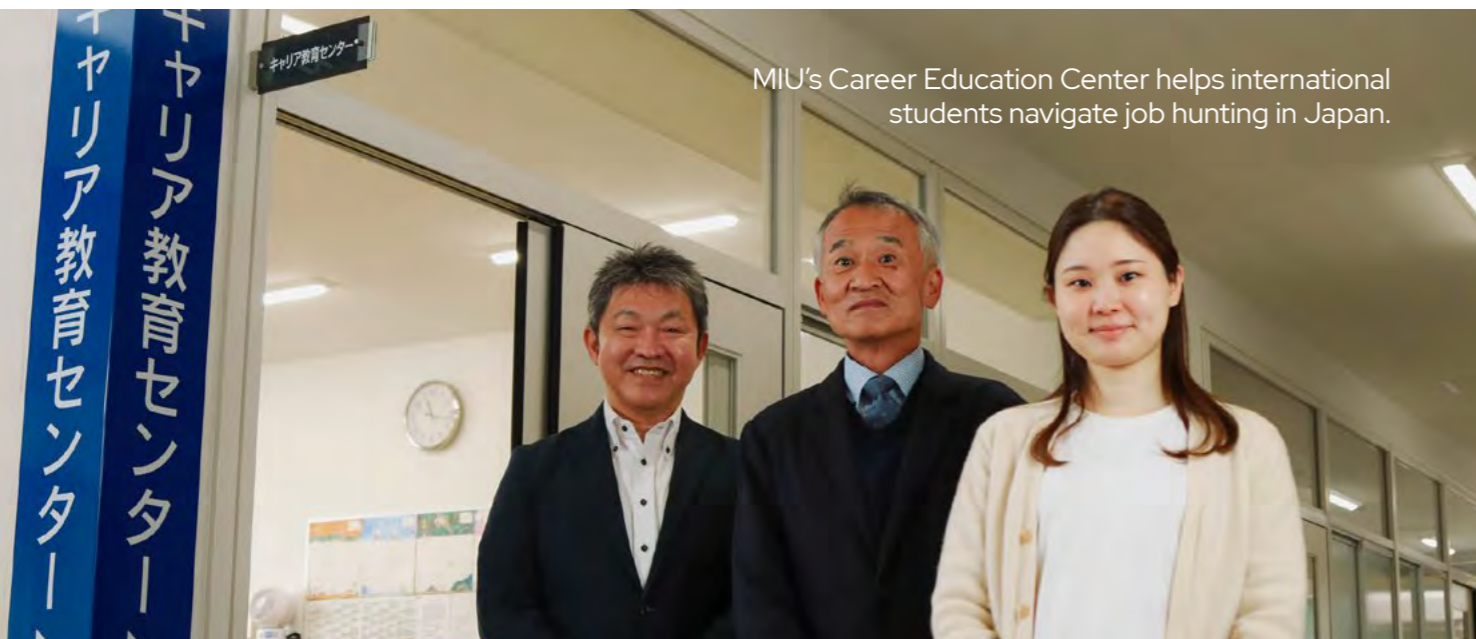


Stage 3

In Japan, students begin their job search in their junior year, one year before graduating from university. This ensures that students already have employment upon graduation, and support for this process at MIU is led by the Career Education Center.

The CEC provides comprehensive career development and employment support for students from their first year through graduation. The center assists students in exploring career goals, developing professional skills, and preparing for employment or further study. It leads year-round courses to enable students' success, such as: Campus Company Information Sessions, Industry and Career Research Seminars, Resume and Application Workshops, Interview and Job-Search Training, Internship Reporting Sessions and Employment Success Report Meetings where graduating students share their job-hunting experiences and advice with underclassmen.

MIU's Career Education Center helps international students navigate job hunting in Japan.



Mei's MIU Experience

Largely growing up in Australia, Mei moved back to Japan as a teenager and joined Miyazaki Gakuen High School. Her global background led her to stay with the Miyazaki Gakuen system after graduating and to join MIU, as she was well prepared for its English language curriculum.

At MIU, her bilingual fluency allowed her to study the Global Liberal Arts track while also pursuing English teaching certification simultaneously.

“MIU creates new paths for students to follow that they may never have expected. The professors and the staff are really dedicated to making sure that every student is exposed to different ideas and different ways of thinking. By the end of your MIU studies, you will be ready for anything.”

She was able to financially support her studies and gain professional education experience by teaching foreign language skills at schools across the city.

After graduating with her Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Culture, Mei continued her MIU education by joining the Graduate School of International Liberal Arts and pursuing a Master's Degree in International Communication. The skills she developed in the postgraduate program allowed her to collaborate with the Miyazaki Tourism Board on translations to assist international visitors to the region.

With impressive professional experience and proven academic excellence, Mei returned to Miyazaki Gakuen once again, but this time as an MIU faculty member. Her focus is on the expansion of the postgraduate program and ensuring that international students are able to access the same level of opportunity that was available to her.





Student Life at MIU

Student life doesn't end with MIU's beautiful campus; the whole of tropical Miyazaki is there to enjoy!

The local train station is only a ten-minute walk from MIU's student dorms, and the bustling downtown Miyazaki is just a fifteen-minute ride away. As one of Japan's most popular tourist destinations, Miyazaki City is famous for its beaches and surfing, nature and golf, as well as award-winning cuisine - the prefecture is renowned across the country for its prized beef and chicken.

Students are able to enjoy Miyazaki City and Prefecture in their free time or as a member of an MIU club, with activities ranging from sports and dance to music, the Model United Nations and volunteer work.

The university is dedicated to ensuring that students feel at home in Miyazaki, and the 地域連携センター (Community Outreach Center) is MIU's hub for the types of educational outreach, industry partnerships and local community engagement that can help students find a place in Japanese society.



Annual Events at MIU



Orientation at Aoshima Island

To ensure every new MIU student feels at home, the university begins each academic year with an annual orientation trip to Aoshima Island. Held just a few weeks into the spring semester at the beautiful Aoshima Youth Nature Center, this one-day retreat is designed to build a collaborative international community from the very beginning.

Freshmen are paired with sophomore, junior and senior students who, alongside faculty, mentor the first years for a dynamic day of team-building. From morning ice-breakers to an afternoon of outdoor sports, canoeing, and exploring the famous Aoshima coast, the orientation trip quickly breaks down barriers and prepares students for four years of cross-cultural experiences.



Founder's Day

October 12th is an important day for Miyazaki International University. Miyazaki Gakuen was founded by Mr. Sukehide Otsubo (大坪 資秀) on October 12th, 1939.

October 12th 1931, was the birthday of his son, Mr. Hisayasu Otsubo (大坪 久泰), who, as Miyazaki Gakuen's second Chief Trustee, founded Miyazaki International University in 1994. Miyazaki Gakuen was established on his 8th birthday.

Coincidentally, October 12th 1988, was the day that the founder, Mr. Sukehide Otsubo (大坪 資秀), passed away at the age of 86, making this date each year a true celebration of Miyazaki Gakuen's establishment and almost a century of educating our beloved city.



Be a Star Festival

The energy of MIU's vibrant Japanese campus is fully visible during the annual "Be a Star Festival." Held every October, this student-led event transforms the university, with students from diverse cultural backgrounds showcasing everything that makes them special.

From the signature International Fashion Show to a wide array of global food stalls and stage performances, the festival is a direct reflection of MIU's interconnected community. It provides a platform for Japanese and international students to share their unique heritages and celebrate the global spirit that defines the Miyazaki International University experience.

Inclusion at MIU

“As an international Muslim student at MIU, my experience has been very positive and welcoming. Although Islam is new to many students here, I have always been treated with respect and curiosity. We learned about each other's cultures, creating a meaningful exchange of ideas.”

The university provides a prayer room, which makes it easy to complete daily prayers between classes. This support is especially helpful, as three of our five daily prayers often fall during university hours. Finding halal food was also easier with guidance from other professors and faculty members. Overall, the kindness and support I received made my experience truly enjoyable and memorable.”





MIU's Legacy of Karate Success



The university's 千唐流空手道 (Chito-ryu Karate-do) team has had incredible success across Japan. In the last five years, Shinken-kan students have earned:

- 1 International Gold Medal
- 1 International Silver Medal
- 1 International Bronze Medal

- 1 National Gold Medal
- 2 National Silver Medals
- 1 National Bronze Medal

- 1 Regional Gold Medal
- 1 Regional Bronze Medal

- 3 Shodan (Black Belt - First Rank)

The Karate team is guided by Prof. Marc Waterfield, who is a World Soke Cup Champion in Kata and Team Kumite, and is an All Japan Chito-Ryu Karate Championship Grand Champion. In 2025, he was inducted into The Warriors Legacy Hall of Fame in recognition of his excellence in martial arts.

Student Clubs at MIU



Learn about MIU's Award-Winning Karate-do Club

from Ayano Nishimura, Karate Club Captain

“ Our Karate-do Club, Shinken-kan, is not just a place to learn karate; it is where many of us begin a journey that shapes who we become. We strive toward 文武両道 (Bunburyōdō -balancing both academic and athletic excellence). Many of our members have achieved success, not only in competition, but also in our studies, such as achieving high scores on English proficiency tests and passing the teacher recruitment examination. These successes are possible thanks to an environment that supports both learning and training, under the excellent guidance of Marc Waterfield Sensei.

Through interactions with other dojos at joint practices, competitions, and seminars, we also connect with people from different backgrounds and different countries, allowing us to grow in many ways. We are also fortunate to learn from high-level athletes, for example, Hana Furumoto-Deshaies, a WKF World Ranking and K-1 gold medalist in the -55kg Kumite division. She led a kumite seminar at MIU, providing valuable insight and inspiration to the 120 students who attended.

Shinken-kan is more than just a university club; it is a community that supports you, challenges you, and helps you discover your potential.”

ALL MUSIC

Join the university's largest musical club, which performs at university events and festivals across Miyazaki City.

Model UN (JEMUN)

Miyazaki International University is a proud member of the Japanese English Model United Nations (JEMUN) and participates annually at conferences across Japan.



Lion's Club

The world's largest service club organization, the Lions Club, works with over 1 million members around the world to improve the lives of those in need, both locally and globally. This humanitarian, international focus aligns with Miyazaki Gakuen's philosophy 礼節 (reishitsu: Respect) and 勤勞 (kinrō: Diligence)

Wind Ensemble

Collaborate with the students of MIU's sister school, Miyazaki Gakuen High School, to grow the breathtaking Wind Ensemble, made up of Japanese and international students.

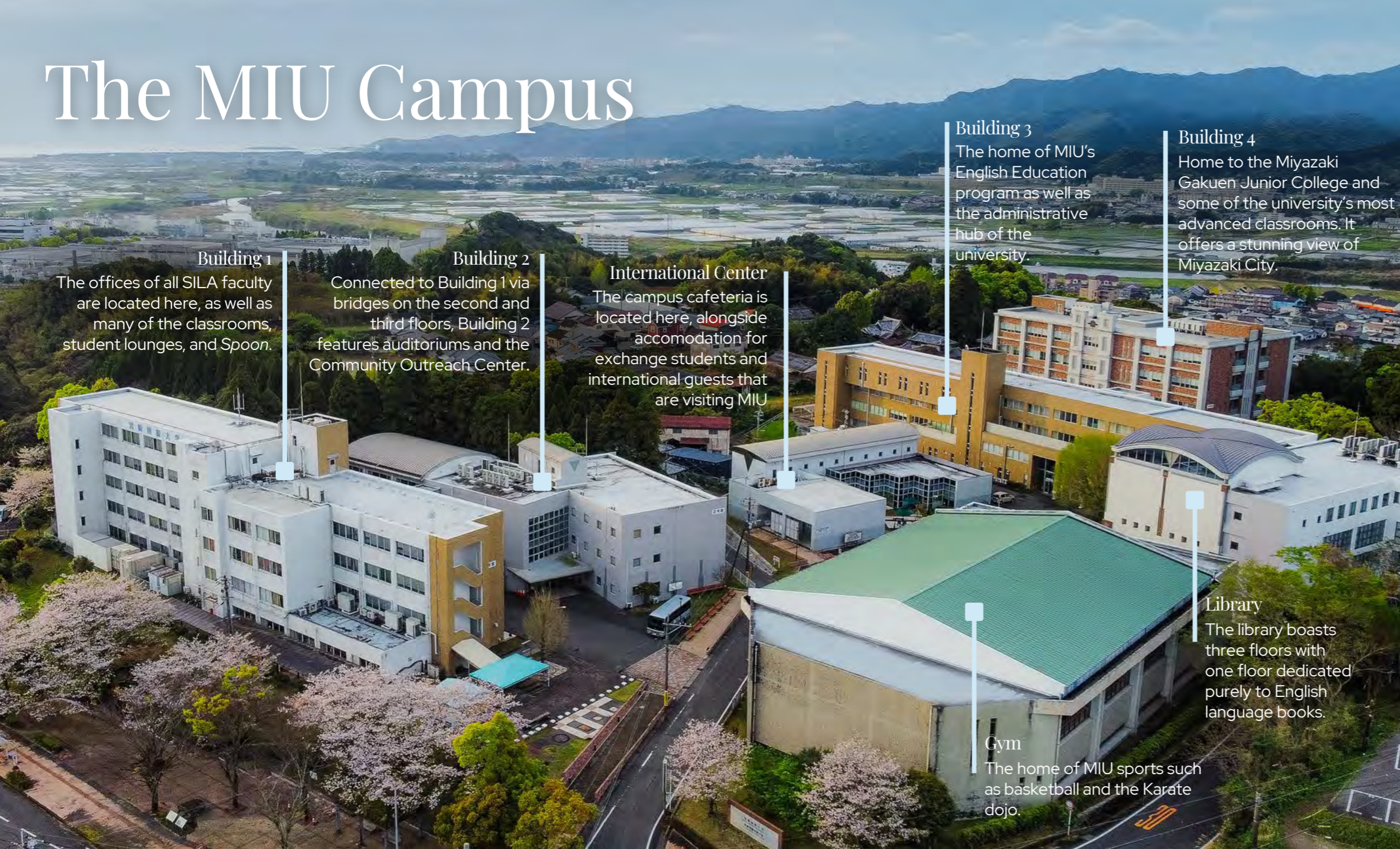
And many more clubs...

- Rainbow Café
- MIU Softball Circle
- MIU WRAP Café
- MIU Table Tennis Circle
- Dance Circle
- Men's Soccer
- International Volunteer
- Badminton
- Sign Language
- Volleyball
- Kendo
- Basketball



Dominating the 2023 Empress's Cup and Kyushu Nadeshiko Cup, Miyazaki International University is now an MFA-designated "Target Team." This status bridges collegiate play and professional pathways, cementing MIU's rise as Miyazaki's premier women's soccer program.

The MIU Campus



Building 1

The offices of all SILA faculty are located here, as well as many of the classrooms, student lounges, and Spoon.

Building 2

Connected to Building 1 via bridges on the second and third floors, Building 2 features auditoriums and the Community Outreach Center.

International Center

The campus cafeteria is located here, alongside accommodation for exchange students and international guests that are visiting MIU.

Building 3

The home of MIU's English Education program as well as the administrative hub of the university.

Building 4

Home to the Miyazaki Gakuen Junior College and some of the university's most advanced classrooms. It offers a stunning view of Miyazaki City.

Library

The library boasts three floors with one floor dedicated purely to English language books.

Gym

The home of MIU sports such as basketball and the Karate dojo.

Campus Features



Spoon Cafe Building 1

The most popular student hangout spot, Spoon, is a comfortable place for students to unwind between classes.



4th Floor Study Deck Building 4

A campus highlight with the best views and a great area to study while soaking up the tropical Miyazaki climate.



International Center

The campus cafeteria provides a space for students to purchase food (including vegetarian options) and often acts as a space for university concerts and public events.



Student Dorms & Housing

MIU provides students with various off-campus apartment options located between 0.5km and 1.8km from campus. Monthly rents are highly affordable, ranging from 25,000 yen to 34,000 yen. Initial move-in costs vary from 64,000 yen to 138,000 yen.



Library

Alongside a wide selection of books in multiple languages, students are able to request any books that are not currently available, and the university will order them to assist further study.



MIU Shuttle Bus

A student favorite! The shuttle bus runs in the morning and afternoon to help students travel to and from their accommodation or the local train station with ease.

Explore Miyazaki

青島 Aoshima

Aoshima has been a part of the spiritual life of the people of Miyazaki for over 2000 years. Archaeological evidence has been found of worship taking place at Aoshima as far back as 300 BC, and the island plays a vital role in Japan's oldest historical texts, 古事記 (Kojiki - "Records of Ancient Matters", 712AD) and 日本書紀 (Nihon shoki - "The Chronicles of Japan", 720AD).

Both texts tell the mythological story of 彦火火出見尊 (Hikohohodemi no Mikoto), a Japanese god who brought his wife, the sea goddess, 豊玉姫 (Toyotama-hime), to the island to give birth to their son. Their son, in turn, was father to the mythological first Emperor of Japan, 神武天皇 (Emperor Jimmu), who was said to have also been born in Miyazaki Prefecture.



Aoshima Beach Park

On the other side of the bridge from the island is Aoshima Beach Park, a renowned local area for sun, sand and surfing. With easy access by train, picnic benches and international food stalls bustling all year round, and proximity to local attractions such as the Miyakoh Botanic Gardens Aoshima, the beach park has been a highlight of life for MIU students for many years.



Aoshima Island

Connected to the shore by a short walkway, Aoshima Island itself is surrounded by beautiful white sands.

The island is home to a small sub-tropical jungle, with over 200 varieties of plantlife and at its center is 青島神社 (Aoshima Jinja), a shrine dedicated to the god and goddess who went to the island to birth their son and where modern Japanese people will give prayers for a successful and harmonious marriage.



Aoshima Island has a unique rock formation caused by the waves, known locally as 鬼の洗濯板 (Oni no Sentakuita - The Washboard of Demons).



Where to Shop AMU Plaza Miyazaki

Miyazaki City's downtown shopping district is anchored by AMU Plaza Miyazaki. Split across three separate buildings, the complex contains high-end fashion stores, a state-of-the-art IMAX cinema and a large variety of international restaurants.

On the 6th floor of one building is a roof deck named "Amu Sora". Not only does it contain a shrine for shoppers to offer prayers, but its view across Miyazaki spans the city itself, the mountains to the west and the ocean to the east.



Nishitachi

Nishitachi is the culinary heart of Miyazaki City, illuminated by thousands of paper lanterns. It offers a warm, retro, welcoming atmosphere for students to experience authentic Japanese culture and dining.

Where to Eat Local Student Nanami recommends: おぐら本店 Ogura Honten

“Ogura is really famous around Japan for its delicious チキン南蛮 (Chicken Nanban)! Chicken Nanban originated in Miyazaki Prefecture, and they say that Ogura is the first restaurant to serve it with tartar sauce (which is iconic). The restaurant is downtown and very close to Miyazaki station, so it is really easy for MIU students to get to.”



Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature and History

The Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature and History offers free admission and features regional wildlife, dinosaur skeletons, and historical artifacts. Its main highlight is Minka-en, an open-air museum showcasing four preserved, century-old traditional Japanese farmhouses. Located near Miyazaki Shrine, it is easily accessible by train or bus from Miyazaki Station.

Admissions

All students who apply to MIU must submit a short essay and undergo an interview in English as well as an assessment of basic Japanese language communication skills. For students who reside abroad, an online interview will be conducted. **A full list of requirements can be found in MIU's Admissions Information guideline document and on MIU's website.**

Submission and Interview Dates

School of International Liberal Arts

Entry Category	Application Submission Deadlines	Interview Dates
General Admissions Round 1 Spring Semester (April 2027)	August 28 – September 11, 2026	September 25, 2026
General Admissions Round 2 Spring Semester (April 2027)	October 30 – November 13, 2026	November 27, 2026
General Admissions Round 3* Spring Semester (April 2027)	February 18 – March 8, 2027	March 13, 2027

**Only students currently holding a valid student visa are eligible to apply for Round 3 admissions. (Applications postmarked with the deadline date are acceptable.)*

Graduate School of International Liberal Arts

Category	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Application Period	August 14 – August 28, 2026	December 21 – January 8, 2027	February 12 – February 26, 2027
Test Date	September 11, 2026	January 15, 2027	March 5, 2027
Notice of Acceptance	September 18, 2026	January 22, 2027	March 12, 2027

Admissions Procedure

Application Materials: The student submits all necessary application materials, including a letter of recommendation and a statement of reason for application (**a full list can be found in MIU's Admissions Information guidelines document and on MIU's website**).

Selection Method: Successful candidates are selected through a comprehensive assessment of application materials and the results of admissions examinations.

Interview Examination: An interview conducted in English. This includes a spoken section and a short written assessment.

- Basic Japanese language proficiency (JLPT N4 or equivalent) will be assessed.

Scholarship Opportunities for MIU Students

Habatake Scholarship

For graduate and undergraduate students:
Living Support (70,000 yen/month for one year)

Student Service Organization (JASSO)

International students may be nominated for the Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship. (The monthly stipend for the 2025 school year was ¥48,000.) Students need to pay tuition and fees in advance.

Miyazaki International University International Student Scholarship Program

Miyazaki International University is dedicated to ensuring academic opportunities for students from around the world. International students with outstanding character and academic achievement are automatic recipients of a scholarship that aims to improve the level of education and research at the university.

Scholarship

1. Definition of International Student

'International student' refers to a person whose residence status is "Student" and who does not fall under the category of government-sponsored international student.

2. Eligibility

- Candidates must be of good academic standing.
- Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in English.
- Candidates must not be recipients of other scholarships.

Upon entering the university, undergraduate international students receive a 50% waiver on the 250,000 JPY admission fee and a 30% discount on tuition and facilities fees. Subsequent scholarships, from sophomore year until graduation, depend on completing 80% of credits and maintaining a cumulative GPA: 3.0 (30% waiver), 3.5 (40%), or 3.8 (50%). The scholarship is revoked if the GPA falls below 3.0.

GPA and credits earned in previous year	Exemption rate	Tuition Exemption year	Academic records to be reviewed
3.8 or higher	50% exemption	2nd year student	1st year GPA
3.5 or higher	40% exemption	3rd year student	2nd year GPA
3.0 or higher	30% exemption	4th year student	3rd year GPA

Fees

Tuition and Fees for International Students / School of International Liberal Arts (Spring 2027)

Item	Spring Semester / Year 1	Fall Semester / Year 1	Total / Year 1	Notes
Entrance fee	250,000 JPY 125,000 JPY		125,000 JPY	One-time fee
Tuition	425,000 JPY 255,000 JPY	425,000 JPY 297,500 JPY	595,000 JPY	
Facilities Fee	135,000 JPY 94,500 JPY	135,000 JPY 94,500 JPY	189,000 JPY	
Parents Association Fee	25,000 JPY	25,000 JPY	50,000 JPY	
Student Insurance Fee	3,300 JPY		3,300 JPY	One-time fee
Total	545,300 JPY	417,000 JPY	962,300 JPY	

Tuition and Fees / Graduate School of International Liberal Arts

Item	Spring semester	Fall semester	Total (per year)	Notes
Entrance fee	200,000 JPY		200,000 JPY	100,000 JPY for graduates of MIU
Tuition	375,000 JPY	375,000 JPY	750,000 JPY	
Parents Association Fee	10,000 JPY	10,000 JPY	20,000 JPY	
Student Insurance Fee	750 JPY		750 JPY	
Total	585,750 JPY	385,000 JPY	970,750 JPY	870,750 JPY for graduates of MIU