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- LV (Lux Veritatis: ラテン語) = 真理の光
- UNIVERSITAS SEDIS SAPIENTIAE (ラテン語) = 上智の座の大学
- SOPHIA (ギリシャ語) = 最上の叡智

「真理の光」を目指して力強く羽ばたく鷲のシンボルに、学生が優れた知恵を身に付けて、よりよい未来を拓いてほしいという上智大学の願いが込められています。



上智大学  
SOPHIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Liberal Arts

# FLA

国際教養学部

*Pioneering international  
college education in Japan*

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Faculty  
of Liberal Arts

Since 1949

Pioneering international  
college education

FLA students are diverse in background. Comprising over fifty nationalities, they include students educated at Japanese and international high schools in Japan, as well as both degree students and exchange students from abroad. The mission of the Faculty of Liberal Arts is to prepare such students to participate actively in international contexts and organizations. The Faculty's academic programs are designed to equip graduates with the intellectual acuity, linguistic abilities, and cultural skills necessary to take the lead in bridging differences and promoting understanding in today's increasingly multicultural and international world. In addition to the courses in the major disciplines, core courses in English composition, critical thinking, and public speaking prepare students of divergent linguistic backgrounds to succeed at an international academic level. The members of the multinational teaching staff, trained in the world's leading universities and holding the highest professional degrees in their fields, set high standards for the Faculty's students and introduce them to a variety of viewpoints and experiences. Interactions with fellow students and professors in the cosmopolitan environment of the Faculty of Liberal Arts establish a foundation for global citizenship.



Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts  
YIU Angela

Dean's Welcome.

Welcome to  
the Faculty of Liberal Arts (FLA)  
at Sophia University.

Originally established in 1949 as the International Division of the university, we are Japan's oldest and best-known undergraduate program that offers all of its courses in English. Located at the heart of the vibrant global city of Tokyo, the FLA is a cosmopolitan community of students, scholars, staff, and alumni. We provide unique opportunities to learn about the changing realities of the globalizing world and its relationships with local, especially Japanese, societies and cultures from a wide range of perspectives. As such, we also attract a large number of exchange students every semester from all over the world.

Our courses are structured around three multidisciplinary majors: Comparative Culture, International Business and Economics, and Social Studies. Our internationally acclaimed faculty work hard with dedicated administrative staff to ensure that students acquire cross-national knowledge and sensitivities, strong analytical and communication skills, and deep academic understanding of their chosen subjects that they will need for professional careers in international affairs and business, as well as academic research.

We are going through an extremely challenging time in history. The Sophia insignia Lux Veritatis means "the light of truth," and I hope our liberal arts education will prepare you to seek truth and share your light where there is darkness. I encourage you to explore our pamphlet and website to find out more about our vision. All of us at the FLA look forward to guiding you in your academic and personal growth, and we hope you will share what you learn and discover with the rest of the world.

## History

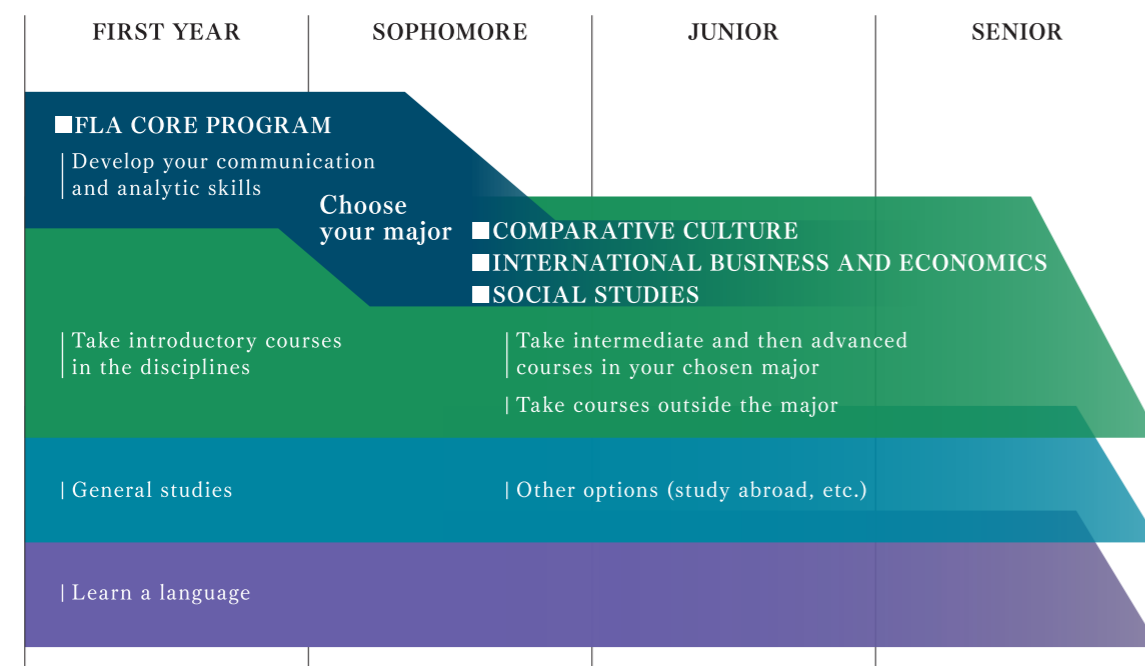
- 1949 The International Division was founded.
- 1975 The International Division became the Department of Japanese Language and Culture.
- 1977 The Department of Japanese Language and Culture assumed the new name of the Department of Comparative Culture
- 1987 The Department of Comparative Culture was promoted to become the Faculty of Comparative Culture.
- 2002 21st Century COE Program "Towards Area Based Global Studies, AGLOS" was selected by MEXT.
- 2003 The Faculty earned Good Practice Award from MEXT.
- 2006 The Faculty of Comparative Culture was reorganized as the Faculty of Liberal Arts.
- The Graduate Program in Global Studies was founded.
- 2009 Sophia University was selected as one of 13 universities by MEXT to participate in the Global 30 Project.
- 2013 Selected for Re-Inventing Japan Project "Trans-Disciplinary Human Development Education Program Aiming for Harmonized Diversity" by MEXT.
- 2014 Selected for the Top Global University Project (Type B: Global Traction Type).

# Anticipating the Needs of Global Society

Centered on courses in comparative culture, international business and economics, and social studies, the broad interdisciplinary curriculum of the Faculty of Liberal Arts aims to extend students' general knowledge while developing their critical thinking. A wide range of courses on Japan enables students to understand both present-day Japan and its traditions in a global context.

## Curriculum

The curriculum of the Faculty of Liberal Arts enables students to acquire a strong academic foundation and intellectual orientation before selecting a disciplinary major. During the first year, students develop their writing and analytic skills, and take introductory courses in a range of academic disciplines. In their sophomore year, students select one of three majors (Comparative Culture, International Business and Economics, or Social Studies) in which to concentrate. In their junior and senior years, students take advanced courses in their selected major as well as continuing to study in courses outside their major. Many students also take advantage of the numerous short-term and long-term study abroad programs to enrich their educational experience.



## SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

### FLA CORE PROGRAM

The Core Program, compulsory for all FLA degree students during the first and second years of study, enhances students' writing, public speaking, and critical thinking skills, and prepares students for

specialized study. Students are assigned to the appropriate level in the Core Program based on an English placement test that all students take upon entering the Faculty.

### MAJOR COURSES:

Students choose a major at the end of the first term of their second year and take courses according to the requirements of their major.

#### COMPARATIVE CULTURE

The Comparative Culture major follows an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge in the three fields of Art History, Literature, and Religion -Philosophy. By studying these fields students learn methods for understanding the cultural expression of the human spirit, emotions, thought, and aspirations as well as the societies and institutions from which they arose.

#### SOCIAL STUDIES

The Social Studies major, consisting of Anthropology -Sociology, History, and Political Science, provides students with historical, comparative, and theoretical insights into the processes that constitute civilizations and society. Courses consider how particular societies and cultures have changed over time, patterns of similarity and difference, and how these processes have been depicted in popular and scholarly imagination. Advanced courses encourage first-hand study of social phenomena through collection and analysis of original data.

#### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Courses offered in the International Business and Economics major focus on developing skills in theoretical and empirical analysis and learning to apply these skills to real-world economic phenomena and managerial problems. The focus is on the international dimensions of business and economics. Within this global context, special attention is given to Japanese business and economic studies.

## GENERAL STUDIES

The General Studies (GS) requirements allow students to study beyond a specialized area, facilitating interdisciplinary understanding of academic fields and reflection upon fundamental human and social issues. In addition to Studies

in Christian Humanism, Liberal Arts of the Body, and Overview of Data Science, the Faculty offers GS distribution courses in three categories: Society and Culture, Cultural Traditions, and Politics and Economy.

## OTHER OPTIONS

### COURSES IN OTHER SOPHIA FACULTIES

Students may take elective courses taught in Japanese or English in other Sophia University Faculties.

### CERTIFICATION PROGRAM Japanese proficiency required.

- Curator Certification

### STUDY ABROAD

See page 9.

## LANGUAGE

Students can choose one language from the university's language program: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, or Tagalog.

See Page 5 and 6 for the course list ▶▶

# Course List

## SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

### ■ CORE PROGRAM

- Academic English Skills
- English Composition 1
- English Composition 2
- Public Speaking
- Thinking Processes

### ■ COMPARATIVE CULTURE

#### 〈ART HISTORY/VISUAL CULTURE〉

- Introduction to Art History/Visual Culture 1
- Introduction to Art History/Visual Culture 2
- Survey of Western Art 1
- Survey of Western Art 2
- Survey of Japanese Art 1
- Topics in Japanese Art
- Popular Culture Studies
- Studies in Art History
- Studies in Visual Culture
- Gender in Japanese Visual Culture
- Japanese Art in Cross-Cultural Context
- Studies in Modern Japanese Art History
- Media Studies
- Seminar in Visual Culture
- Seminar in Art History 1
- Seminar in Japanese Art History
- Seminar in Visual Culture

#### 〈LITERATURE〉

- Literary Genres
- Introduction to Japanese Literature
- Western Literature
- Literary Nonfiction
- Contemporary Japanese Literature
- Contemporary Literature
- Literature and Film
- Asian Texts: Legacy of The Past
- Survey of Japanese Literature 1
- Modern Japanese Fiction
- Comparative Literature
- Modern Chinese Literature
- World Literature: A Literary Journey
- Writing about Love: Past and Present
- Comparative Perspective in Japanese Literature
- History of Popular Literature in Japan
- Seminar in Modern Literature
- Samurai in Literature and History
- Seminar in World Literature

#### 〈RELIGION/PHILOSOPHY〉

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Fundamentals of Religion
- Hindu Traditions
- The Encounter of Religions in the Modern World
- Religion, Conflict and Violence
- Japanese Religions
- South Asian Aesthetics
- Buddhist Traditions
- The Ethics of Food
- Introduction to Ethics
- Indigenous Religion
- Philosophy of AI
- Religion and Culture of India
- Religion and the Body

### ■ INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Management
- Management Information Systems
- Introduction to Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Financial Management
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Strategic Management
- Marketing
- Human Resource Management
- International Trade
- International Finance
- Economic Issues in the Developing World
- Money and Banking
- Economic Analysis of Labor Markets
- Economic Statistics
- NGO Management
- Product Development
- International Business
- Consumer Behavior
- Business Intelligence
- Quantitative Approaches to Management
- Economic Survey of Contemporary Japan
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Development Economics
- Economics of Poverty
- Seminar in Business
- Management in Japan
- Human Resource Management in Japan
- Venture Management
- Operations Management
- Marketing in a Digital World
- Economics of Health and Health Care Policy
- Strategic Thinking
- Topics in Finance
- Issues in Accounting
- Financial Accounting

### ■ SOCIAL STUDIES

#### 〈ANTHROPOLOGY-SOCIOLOGY〉

- Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology
- Anthropology of Japan
- Nature and Culture
- Japanese Popular Culture
- Japan Research
- Research Methods in Anthropology
- Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology
- Digital Oral Narratives 1
- Digital Oral Narratives 2
- Korean Studies: North and South
- Japanese Civil Society Engagement
- Anthropology of Capitalism
- Anthropology Practicum 1
- Anthropology Practicum 2
- Nature and Society
- Advanced Readings in Anthropology
- Introduction to Sociology
- The Good Life: From Self to Society
- Introduction to Japanese Society
- Border Crossing and East Asia
- Food and Society
- Introduction to Field Research
- Survey Methods

- Qualitative Research Methods
- Society and Politics
- Population and Society
- Sociology of Sexuality and Gender
- Sociology of Economic Life
- Sociology of Health and Aging

#### 〈HISTORY〉

- Development of Japanese Civilization 1
- Development of Japanese Civilization 2
- History of Chinese Civilization
- Topics in History 1
- Topics in History 2
- Women in Japanese History
- Modern Japan
- History of Japanese Foreign Relations
- Chinese Cultural History
- Global History
- Seminar in Modern Japanese History 1
- Seminar in Japanese History
- Issues in Chinese History
- Modern Korean History
- The Euro-Asian Encounter
- Issues in East Asian History
- Issues in Premodern Japanese History

#### 〈POLITICAL SCIENCE〉

- Theories and Themes of Contemporary Politics
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Controversies in Globalization
- Classical Western Political Theory
- Japanese Foreign and Security Policy
- Meaningful Life: Art, Digital, and Field-Based Learning
- Modern Western Political Theory
- European Politics
- Nonprofit NGOs in Comparative Contexts
- Japanese Government and Politics
- Global Political Economy
- Environmental Politics of Agriculture
- Political Ecology
- Seminar in Political Science
- Agrarian Societies
- Political Leadership
- Nationalism, Citizenship and Democracy in Japan
- Comparative Politics of Advanced Industrial Democracies
- International Relations Theory
- Political Economy of Development
- Politics of Authoritarian States
- Propaganda and Public Opinion

## GENERAL STUDIES

### ■ REQUIRED COURSES

- Liberal Arts of the Body
- Studies in Christian Humanism
- Overview of Data Science

- FLA Distribution Courses: Society and Culture
- Cultural Traditions
- Politics and Economy

### ■ FLA GENERAL COURSES

- Computer Studies 1,2
- Environmental Issues 1
- Geography
- College Mathematics
- Mathematics and Statistics for Business and Economics

## LANGUAGE (OFFERED BY THE CENTER FOR LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH)

- Basic Chinese 1,2
- Intermediate Chinese 1,2
- Advanced Chinese A~H
- Basic French 1,2
- Intermediate French 1,2
- Advanced French (Integrated Skills) A~D
- Advanced French A~P
- Basic Spanish 1,2
- Intermediate Spanish 1,2

- Advanced Spanish (Integrated Skills) A~D
- Advanced Spanish A~H
- Japanese Language Program Japanese 1,2,3,4
- Japanese M1,M2,M3
- Advanced Japanese 1,2
- Intensive Japanese 1,2,3,4
- Business Japanese 1,2
- Business Japanese (Preparation for Internship)

- Reading and Writing (Basics)
- Reading and Writing 1,2,3
- Japanese Literacy 1,2
- Translating English to Japanese: Theory and Practice 1,2
- Translating Japanese to English: Theory and Practice
- Academic Japanese 1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 2-2

In addition to the above, language courses in Arabic, Burmese, Cambodian, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Korean, Latin, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, and Vietnamese are also offered. The instruction in these courses may use Japanese.

# Faculty And Students

## Ryan Matthew Follmer

First-Year student



Being a part of the FLA means being able to control your own journey. Both students who do not know what they want to do with their life and students who have their eyes firmly set on a goal can thrive by taking classes from a diverse curriculum and gradually honing their specific academic interests. In my case, I have decided that I will focus primarily on Philosophy and Religion, two areas that I have always had a strong desire to dive into. With its history as a pioneer in international

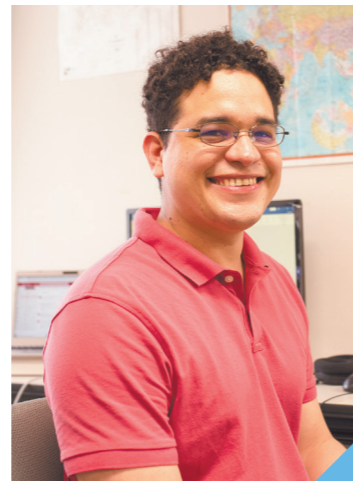
education in Japan, the FLA is exceptional in its ability to help non-Japanese students like myself assimilate into Japanese society, both linguistically and culturally. For example, students in the FLA can take courses taught in both English and Japanese, receiving a Western-style education and a traditional Japanese university experience. Having control of my academic journey in a program that brings the best out of its students is what makes being a part of the FLA so exciting.

## Gabriel Fuentes Cordoba

Associate Professor of International Business and Economics

In the FLA, students are immersed in a multicultural environment with ambitious peers in the heart of Tokyo. Our courses are developed to equip students with the necessary tools to better understand the complexities of the most pressing global challenges. I teach various economics courses in the International Business and Economics area. My courses provide students with analytical and quantitative tools to analyze economic issues. Students

are encouraged to use their creativity in assignments and to participate actively in class discussion and other activities. I believe that the skills and experiences that students gain in our program prepare them to be competitive in the global job market and to be conscious global citizens.



## Eugenia Puspa Pitaloka

Comparative Culture Major

For me, studying is following an unending stream of curiosity and its navigation is the acquisition of knowledge. While the stream flows deep into uncharted territories, we can navigate its course with the help of what we learn in college. This is what the FLA offers its student; knowledge as a guide to pursue the known and the unknown. Its curriculum provides a broad range of study, giving students room for trial and error before finding inspiration and understanding.

As someone majoring in Comparative Culture,

I am pursuing my study in literature through multiple perspectives. The FLA courses are diverse yet interconnected. A class may complement another precisely because they are distinct from each other. This, in turn, enriches your understanding of a subject. You can liken it to reading a story narrated by various characters. If you are interested in encountering novel ideas, then you may find what you seek in the FLA. After all, the same book read twice can always generate a new discovery.

## Tina Burrett

Associate Professor of Political Science



If you are interested in why human beings behave the way they do individually, collectively and across different cultures, then social studies is the major for you. In my political science classes students learn about power, conflict and the ideas underpinning public affairs, such as justice, democracy and rights. Through lively class debates, students develop an understanding of unfolding global political events, discovering more about their own beliefs and how to express them with nuance in the process. Research essays, presentations and

class discussions train students to build their own arguments and to critically assess the arguments of others, skills that are valuable in a wide variety of professions.

Studying politics enables students to understand the origins and functions of institutions, systems and structures that affect people's lives every day. Knowing how political institutions work and their pressure points, allows individuals to influence these systems for their own and society's benefit. Studying political science can be the first step to changing the world.

## Alicia Yozawa

International Business and Economics Major

Joining the FLA has been an eye-opening experience for me. One of the most appealing points about the FLA is that it allows students to explore our interests before declaring a major. This curriculum has given me the opportunity to expose myself to subjects from various fields, and to develop interest in subjects I have not been familiar with. Even after declaring my major in International Business and Economics, I am given the freedom to self-select classes according to my own interest while combining subjects from different fields.

What I have very much enjoyed over my two years in the FLA is that it has shown me how knowledge acquired from one course can be interconnected and applied in conjunction with that from other fields, enabling me to discover and comprehend things from a new and wider perspective. I believe university life in the FLA is an ongoing exciting learning journey that grants you the opportunity to facilitate personal development and intellectual understanding.



## Noriko Murai

Professor of Art History / Visual Culture



I love teaching Japanese art history in the Faculty of Liberal Arts, not only because I can send students to the museums in Tokyo where they get to look at the works they studied in the classroom, but also because our diverse student body always turns "Japanese culture" into an interesting critical question rather than a subject to be mastered. More than ever, we live in a culture that is flooded with images, words, and sounds. We must become an

intelligent and informed participant in this multimedia environment, and cultural literacy is a skill that is essential for anyone who wants to participate proactively and creatively in today's world. The Comparative Culture area curriculum in the Faculty of Liberal Arts offers students a variety of ways to understand cultures across different time and place, appearing in a variety of forms including literature, visual arts, and rituals and shared beliefs.

# Study Abroad

Broaden your intellectual horizons through Sophia University's worldwide educational network of exchange schools! Sophia University has more than 300

exchange partner institutions throughout the world as of March 2023. Every year, around 300 students go on exchange for a semester or full academic year.

## North America

Canada	University of Alberta
	The University of British Columbia
	King's University College at the University of Western Ontario
	Université Laval
	The University of Manitoba
	McGill University
	University of Regina
	University of Victoria
	York University
	Université de Montréal
U.S.A.	Arizona State University
	The University of Arizona
	Boston College
	University of California, Santa Cruz
	California State University, Fullerton
	Canisius College
	The Catholic University of America
	Clemson University
	The University of Connecticut
	Creighton University
	University of Colorado at Boulder
	DeSales University
	Duquesne University
	Fairfield University
	George Mason University
	Georgetown University
	University of Georgia
	Georgia Institute of Technology
	Gonzaga University
	Haverford College
	University of Hawaii at Manoa
	College of the Holy Cross
	John Carroll University
	The University of Kansas
	Le Moyne College
	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
	Loyola Marymount University
	Loyola University Chicago
	Loyola University New Orleans
Marquette University	
University of Massachusetts Amherst	
University of Massachusetts Boston	
University of Miami	
University of Minnesota	
The University of Mississippi	
University of Missouri-Columbia	
University of Montana	
The New School	
The University of Notre Dame du Lac	
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	
North Carolina State University	
University of North Florida	
Northwest Missouri State University	
Occidental College	
Pace University	
The University of Pittsburgh	
University of Portland	

U.S.A.	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
	Saint Mary's College of California
	Saint Peter's University
	The College of Saint Rose
	San Diego State University
	University of San Francisco
	San José State University
	Santa Clara University
	The University of Scranton
	Seattle University
	Seton Hall University
	St. John's University (NY)
	St. Joseph's University
	St. Mary's University
	St. Norbert College
	University of St.Thomas
	Suffolk University
Tennessee Tech University	
The University of Texas at Austin	
University of Virginia	
Washington and Jefferson College	
University of West Florida	
University of West Georgia	
Winona State University	
University of Wisconsin-Madison	
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	
Wittenberg University	
Xavier University	
York College of Pennsylvania	

## Latin America

Argentina	Universidad Católica de Córdoba
	Universidad del Salvador
Brazil	Universidade de Brasília
	Universidade Estadual de Campinas
	Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul
Chile	Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
	Universidade de São Paulo
Colombia	Universidad Alberto Hurtado
	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Guatemala	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
	Universidad de los Andes
Mexico	Universidad Rafael Landívar
	El Colegio de México
	Universidad de Guadalajara
	Universidad de Guanajuato
	Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de Mexico
	Universidad Iberoamericana León
	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México
	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey
	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente
	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Universidad Pacífico	
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú	

Uruguay	Universidad Católica del Uruguay
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## Asia

Brunei	Universiti Brunei Darussalam	
China	Beijing Foreign Studies University	
	Central University of Finance and Economics	
	Dalian University of Technology	
	Fudan University	
	Harbin Institute of Technology	
	Nankai University	
	Peking University	
	Renmin University of China	
	Shanghai International Studies University	
	Tsinghua University	
	Wuhan University	
	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University	
	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	
	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen	
	The Education University of Hong Kong	
	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	
	The University of Hong Kong	
	City University of Hong Kong	
	University of Macau	
	India	CHRIST (Deemed to be University)
		IPB University
Indonesia	Universitas Gadjah Mada	
	Universitas Indonesia	
	Petra Christian University	
Malaysia	Sanata Dharma University	
	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	
Philippines	University of Malaya	
	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	
Singapore	Ateneo de Manila University	
	De La Salle University	
South Korea	University of the Philippines	
	Singapore Management University	
	Yale-NUS College	
	Catholic University of Daegu	
	The Catholic University of Korea	
	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	
	Hanyang University	
	Pusan National University, College of Humanities	
	Seoul National University	
	Sogang University	
Sookmyung Women's University		
Yonsei University		
Taiwan	Fu Jen Catholic University	
	National Chengchi University	
Thailand	National Taiwan University	
	Chiang Mai University	
	Chulalongkorn University	
Vietnam	Kasetsart University	
	Mahidol University	
	Thammasat University	

## Middle East

Lebanon	Université Saint-Joseph
Turkey	Istanbul Bilgi University
Cyprus	University of Cyprus

## Europe

Austria	Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz
Belarus	Belarusian State University
	Minsk State Linguistic University
Belgium	Université Catholique de Louvain
	Université de Namur
Croatia	University of Zagreb
Czech	The Zagreb School of Economics and Management
	Anglo-American University
Denmark	Charles University, Faculty of Arts
	Aarhus University
Finland	Aalto University School of Business
	Hanken School of Economics
France	The University of Turku
	EAC Group Business School of Arts, Culture and Luxury
	Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales D'Angers
	École Supérieure de commerce et management (ESCEM)
	Burgundy School of Business
	Institut Catholique de Paris
	Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble
	Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
	Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales
	NEOMA Business School
	Université Bordeaux Montaigne
	Université Catholique de Lille
	Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers
	Université Catholique de Lyon
	Université d'Angers
Université d'Aix-Marseille	
Université de Franche-Comté, Besançon	
Université de Strasbourg	
Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3	
Université Lille	
Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II	
Université Paris-Dauphine	
Université Paris X Nanterre	
Université de Toulouse	
ESSEC Business School	
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	
Bremen University of Applied Sciences	
European University Viadrina	
Freie Universität Berlin	
Hochschule für Philosophie München	
Hochschule Ludwigshafen am Rhein	
Germany	Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt
	Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen	
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	
Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm	
Technische Universität Berlin	

Germany	Universität Bayreuth
	Universität des Saarlandes
	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
	Universität Paderborn
	Universität Rostock
	Universität Trier
	Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
	Universität Witten/Herdecke
	Universität zu Köln
	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University
	The University of Pécs
Iceland	University of Iceland
Ireland	Dublin City University
Italy	Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
	Università Carlo Cattaneo
	Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
	Università degli studi di Napoli 'L'Orientale'
	Università degli Studi di Perugia
Università di Cagliari	
Università di Roma "La Sapienza"	
Kazakhstan	Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
	University of Liechtenstein
Liechtenstein	University of Liechtenstein
Lithuania	Vytautas Magnus University
Luxembourg	Vilnius University
	Université du Luxembourg
Netherlands	University of Amsterdam , Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
	Leiden University
	Rotterdam Business School
Norway	University of Oslo
	University of South-Eastern Norway
Poland	Jagiellonian University
Portugal	Universidade de Aveiro
	Universidade de Coimbra
Romania	Universidade do Minho
	Universidade do Porto
Russia	University of Bucharest
	Far Eastern Federal University
	Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia
	Moscow City University
	Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
Slovenia	Moscow State Linguistic University
	Moscow State University
	Petrozavodsk State University
	Ryazan State University
	Saint Petersburg State University
	Saint-Petersburg State University of Culture
Voronezh State University	
Spain	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
	Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir
Uzbekistan	Universidad de Burgos
	Universidad de Córdoba
	Universidad de Deusto
	Universidad de Granada
	Universidad de Jaén
	Universidad de La Laguna
Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	

Spain	Universidad de Navarra
	Universidad de Salamanca
	Universidad de Sevilla
	Universitat de València
	Universidad Loyola Andalucía
Sweden	Universidad Pontificia Comillas
	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
	University of Gothenburg
Switzerland	Linköping University
	Uppsala Universitet
United Kingdom	Franklin University Switzerland
	The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
	Universität St.Gallen
	Université de Genève
	Birkbeck, University of London
	De Montfort University
	Newcastle University
	St Mary's University Twickenham London
	The University of Birmingham
	University of Bristol
The University of Edinburgh	
The University of Reading	
The University of Sheffield	
The University of Stirling	
University of East Anglia	
University of Hertfordshire	
University of Leeds	
SOAS (University of London)	
York St John University	
Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies	

## Africa

Benin	Université d'Abomey-Calavi
Cameroon	Catholic University of Central Africa
Cote d'Ivoire	Centre de Recherche et d'Action pour la Paix
Egypt	Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology
South Africa	University of Pretoria, Faculty of Humanities
	Stellenbosch University

## Oceania

Australia	Australian Catholic University
	Deakin University
	La Trobe University
	Macquarie University
	The University of Adelaide
	The University of Melbourne
	The University of Notre Dame Australia
	The University of Queensland
	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University)
	The University of Sydney
New Zealand	The University of Western Australia
	Western Sydney University
Fiji	University of Technology, Sydney
	Griffith University
	University of Wollongong
	The University of Auckland
	The University of the South Pacific

# Faculty Graduates Are Highly Distinctive And Sought After

Because of their language skills, solid academic training, and international experience, graduates of the Faculty of Liberal Arts are in great demand within both the Japanese and international job markets. Many students find employment in Japanese and foreign firms in Japan or are admitted into top graduate schools and professional training programs throughout the world.

Support in finding employment and applying to graduate schools is offered in a variety of ways. For students seeking employment, on-campus job fairs and workshops are held throughout the year to provide valuable information on internships and job opportunities. In addition, professors offer individual guidance to students looking to apply to graduate schools both in Japan and abroad.

## | Where Students Go |

### Public Service and Education

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, etc.

### Trade and Industry

ANA, Emirates, JAL, Johnson & Johnson, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, Meiji Co. Ltd., NITORI, Obayashi Corporation, P&G Japan, Shiseido, Unilever Japan

### Banking and Finance

BlackRock Japan, Citigroup Inc., Daiwa Securities Group Inc., Mizuho Financial Group, PwC Tax Japan, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.

### Media and Arts, Communications and Technology

Amazon Japan, Bloomberg LP, Deloitte Tohmatsu, EY, Fujitsu, IBM Japan, Microsoft Japan, Nikkei Inc., Oracle Japan, SAP Japan, Rakuten, TV TOKYO, Vision Consulting

### Graduate School

Columbia University, Harvard University, Kyoto University, Leiden University, Oxford University, University of Chicago, University of Tokyo, etc.

## Graduate's Voice

### Moeka Iida

- The Economist -

I graduated as a Social Studies major in 2019, and started working at a public affairs agency serving Japanese and international clients. In 2021, I joined the Tokyo bureau of The Economist newspaper, and now write about themes ranging from politics, gender, to culture. I look back at my time at Sophia University as a formative phase of my life that has helped me thrive in my career. On a practical level, a lot of what I do as a journalist—

such as researching and interviewing—builds upon my experience as a student conducting ethnographic research on Tokyo's unhoused population and asylum seekers. It also helped me think laterally and globally. I'm grateful to my professors who encouraged me to examine topics in multiple disciplines rigorously and critically. My conversations with peers from all over the world were stimulating and helped me understand how issues in Japan might look elsewhere. I recommend FLA to anybody who's inquisitive and wants to challenge themselves in an international environment.



## Admissions

### For First-Year Students

#### 1. Regular Admissions (Document screening)

Acceptance decisions are made on the basis of SAT/ACT/IB Diploma/GCE A levels scores (grades), TOEFL/IELTS scores, official high school transcripts, an essay, and two recommendation letters.



#### 2. Admissions by Recommendation (Only for Japanese high school students)

Those who are enrolled in Japanese high schools and whose first choice is Sophia University can apply for Admissions by Recommendation. Students must meet a language and a high school GPA requirement to apply. Applicants must take an on-campus test and interview on Yotsuya Campus.



### For Transfer Students (Juniors)

Those who are expected to have completed two full academic years or more of university/college\* education as full-time students can apply as transfer students. They must complete at least two years of study in residence in order to receive a Sophia University degree.

\*Bachelor's/associate degree-conferring institution



### For Students Interested in Short-term Study

#### 1. Non-Degree Program

Non-degree students are those who enroll in the Faculty of Liberal Arts for one or two semesters to take undergraduate courses and obtain credits but do not intend to receive an academic degree. This status is applicable only to international students who will enroll as full-time students. Most of the undergraduate courses, as well as Japanese language courses, are available to non-degree students. Applications are accepted directly from applicants or through CIEE (The U.S. based Council on International Educational Exchange).



#### 2. Exchange Program

Students from one of Sophia's exchange partner institutions may apply as exchange students for one or two semesters of study abroad. (See page 9.)

#### 3. Short-term Programs

The following short-term programs are available for international students.\*

- Summer Session in East Asian Studies and Japanese Language  
(3-6 weeks in June to July)
- January Session in Japanese Studies  
(3 weeks in January)

\* Unavoidable circumstances may result in changes in the information above. For the latest information, refer to our website: [www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions-and-aid/short-term/](http://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions-and-aid/short-term/)

# Financial Assistance

## 1. Sophia University Scholarship Programs

### New Student Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to new degree students (whose first choice is Sophia) who show excellent academic potential and are facing financial hardship. The grant varies from one-third

to the full amount of tuition. The application should be submitted at the time of application for admission, and grantees will be notified upon acceptance to the university.

### Sophia University Academic Excellence Awards

The honors grant (100,000 yen as a supplementary prize) is available to undergraduate sophomores, juniors, and seniors

who show high academic performance. Grantees are decided by recommendation from the Dean of each Faculty.

### Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to degree students who are in good standing and experiencing financial problems that make it difficult for them to continue

their studies. The grant varies from one-third to the full amount of tuition. Applicants are accepted after the entrance to the university.

### Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships

These scholarships are provided by benefactors in and outside Japan. Some of the scholarships are application-based, while others are recommendation-based where the Dean of the

faculty selects and recommends the recipients. Prospective students are not eligible to apply for the scholarships until their entrance to the university.

## 2. Scholarships Offered by Public or Private Institutions

More than 100 kinds of scholarship programs are available. About 60 of them are for international students with student visa status (each scholarship has its own requirements and criteria, and most of them

require Japanese proficiency). Applications for these scholarships are accepted through the university after the entrance.

# Dormitories

### 1. Sophia Soshigaya International House (for Men and Women)

20 min. walk from Odakyu line "Seijo Gakuen Mae" sta. / Keio line "Sengawa" sta. Commute time: 60 min.

### 2. Sophia - Arrupe International Residence (for Men and Women)

1 min. walk from JR Chuo/Sobu local line "Shinanomachi" sta. Commute time: 10 min.

### 3. Sophia Edagawa Men's Dormitory

10 min. walk from Tokyo Metro Yurakucho line "Toyosu" sta. Commute time: 40 min.

### 4. Sophia Higashi-Nakano Women's Dormitory\*

6 min. walk from JR Chuo/Sobu local line "Higashi-Nakano" sta. Commute time: 25 min.

### 5. Sophia Kasai International House Women's Dormitory\*

9 min. walk from Tokyo Metro Tozai line "Kasai" sta. Commute time: 40 min.

### 6. Student Hall "Luxlass" \*\*

7 min. walk from JR Chuo/Sobu local line "Shinanomachi" sta. Commute time: 15 min.

### 7. Lestonnac Izumi Kan (for women)\*\*\*

15 min. walk from Tokyo Metro Marunouchi line "Honancho" sta. Commute time: 45 min.

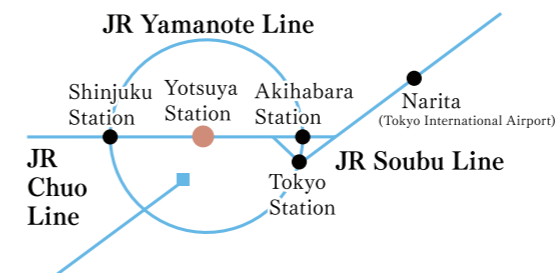
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## Access



## Sophia University

3 min. walk from Yotsuya station, JR / Tokyo Metro.

