



# Shujitsu University Shujitsu Junior College Shujitsu Graduate School

Okayama, Japan  
Since 1904





Shujitsu Gakuen was established as Okayama Women's School of Practice in 1904, and throughout its long history it has developed, educated and graduated students who have excelled as capable members of society. "Kyoka-Shujitsu", the founding principle of the school, embodies high aspirations, and means to develop internal self-worth and intellect and to become an individual who can contribute to society; and not emphasize outward appearance or vanity.

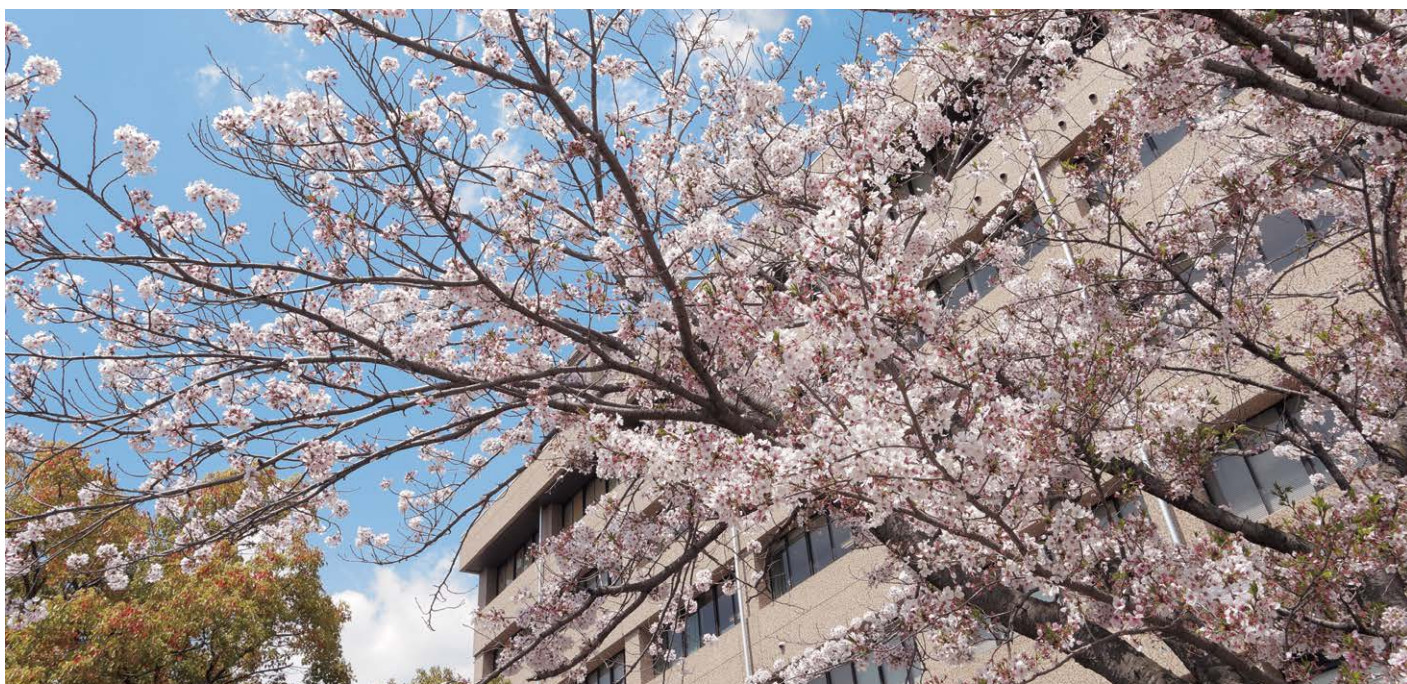
Based on this founding principle, Shujitsu Gakuen provides an integrated, high-quality education to people of many age groups, from preschool children to graduate students. Shujitsu Gakuen aims to develop individuals with practical experience and useful skills, who can firmly lead the next generation in rapidly changing times. We develop and educate individuals who have an autonomous strong will, who seek to acquire knowledge and who possess a deep sense of empathy.



A Message from the President of Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College  
Kazumi Kuwahara

Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College are conveniently located in the city of Okayama, at an important crossroads in the Chugoku/Shikoku region. Shujitsu University, a comprehensive educational institution, which has a long and distinguished history and strong traditions, celebrated its 115th anniversary in 2019. Currently, the university includes four faculties, a Faculty of Human Studies, a School of Pharmacy, a Faculty of Education, a Faculty of Business Administration, three graduate schools and a junior college. It has an active and studious student body of approximately 3,000 graduate, undergraduate, junior college and international students. Our founding philosophy is to nurture human resources with practical skills based on broad knowledge and deep insight.

As the 21st Century unfolds, we find ourselves in most challenging times. Many barriers to equity have been removed, but not all. Global paradigms are changing and being dismantled at a rapid rate. Many wonder if countries will become more factious or isolated, or if we will be able to become unified as one borderless global society. One of our main goals is to encourage students to view the world from multiple perspectives and become critical thinkers and drivers of change. Our overall goals also include making great efforts toward the promotion of robust basic research, its wide dissemination for the betterment of society, and making contributions to the regional and global community. Finally, we will make every effort to positively direct student energies and create a vibrant and dynamic university. We hope that students will achieve their dreams at Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College.





# Okayama Prefecture

Okayama Prefecture, which includes about 90 large and small islands, faces the Seto Inland Sea and is surrounded by the Chugoku Mountains in the north. Okayama is blessed with many beautiful natural settings and warm, dry weather most of the year. Since it has the greatest number of sunny days in Japan, it is called the “Land of Sunshine.” Due to its mild climate, Okayama is known for high-quality agricultural products. It also enjoys an excellent reputation for such fruit as white peaches, muscat grapes and atago pears.

In the past, Okayama flourished as the center of Kibi Culture, and has significantly contributed to advancing industry, culture and education throughout Japan’s ancient and recent history. In particular, respect for Confucianism and education, initiated by Mitsumasa Ikeda, the former Bizen Domain lord, became a tradition and Okayama has come to be regarded as a prefecture dedicated to education. It offers a rich educational environment, where the number of universities and junior colleges per population of 100,000 is the 4th largest in Japan.

In addition, it is a transportation hub for the Chugoku/Shikoku region, with a concentrated and integrated network of roads, railroads and air routes, and is also a center of politics, business and culture. The Seto Ohashi Bridge, which connects Okayama Prefecture and Kagawa Prefecture, is one of the world’s longest two-tiered extension bridges, and it has enabled much more efficient transportation between Honshu and Shikoku. Finally, Okayama Airport has several regularly scheduled international flights, further linking Okayama to global society.

Okayama Prefecture also has a vibrant industrial sector on its coastline, including the Mizushima Industrial Sector, which features a strong concentration of large companies with advanced manufacturing capabilities in a range of fields, such as car manufacturing, petrochemicals, chemicals and steel. Okayama is also well known as the birthplace of Japanese-made denim and it boasts thousands of expert artisans. Okayama Prefecture also attracts many visitors from overseas as well as from other areas of Japan to many historic sites, such as Okayama Castle, Korakuen Garden, one of the top three Japanese gardens in Japan, and to world-class museums, such as the Ohara Museum of Art.



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## "Kyoka-Shujitsu" | 去華就実 |


"Kyoka-Shujitsu" is a Chinese expression which means "not to pursue external beauty and vanity, but to pursue internal self-worth." It can be traced back to a passage from the Emperor's Rescript of 1908. The school name, "Shujitsu," which has been used since 1911, originates from this expression.

## Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College

### | Basic Philosophy |

"Kyoka-Shujitsu" is the spiritual norm of the entire Shujitsu community. "Kyoka-Shujitsu" means not to pursue external beauty and vanity but active and creative spiritual activities, placing value on the richness of humanity in an actual and existential sense and continuing to make efforts to enhance internal integrity and to pursue its realization.

Korakuen Garden and Okayama Castle

An aerial photograph of Okayama City, Japan. A large, lush green park, Korakuen Garden, is situated in the center, surrounded by a river. A yellow oval highlights the garden and the nearby Okayama Castle. The surrounding city is densely packed with residential and commercial buildings. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky.




## | Basic Objectives |

We aim at the development of people who are "practical and useful" in local and global society and the creation of a unique and dynamic university. In education and instruction, we try to promote the highest degree of satisfaction in our students. In terms of research, we promote a steady research approach and transmit the results to society. We spare no effort in the pursuit and achievement of our objectives.

## | Guiding Principles |

Respecting the individuality of each student, we develop people with social awareness. Extracting the potential ability of each individual student, we develop people with a deep sense of humanity. We respect the feelings of each individual student. We always actively and sincerely support the activities of the university. Recognizing our position as an intellectual base of the local region, we will actively contribute to regional development.



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# Programs and Degrees

## Shujitsu University Undergraduate Programs

	Faculty/School	Department	Degree
Shujitsu University	Human Studies	Culture and Expression	Bachelor of Arts in Humanities
		Practical English	Bachelor of Arts in Humanities
		Comprehensive History	Bachelor of Arts in Humanities
	Education	Elementary Education	Bachelor of Arts in Education
		Educational Psychology	Bachelor of Arts in Education
	Business Administration	Business Administration	Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
	Pharmacy	Pharmacy	Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

## Shujitsu Junior College

	Department	Degree
Shujitsu Junior College	Early Childhood Education	Associate in Preschool Education
	Practical Living Science	Associate in Living Science

## Shujitsu University Graduate Programs

Program	School	Major	Degree
Master's Program (2 years)	School of Humanities	Humanities	Master of Arts in Humanities
	School of Education	Education	Master of Arts in Education
Doctoral Program (4 years)	School of Clinical Pharmacy	Therapeutic Pharmacy	Doctor of Clinical Pharmacy

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# Faculty of Human Studies

## Department of Culture and Expression



The goal of the Department of Culture and Expression is to develop individuals who have a wide perspective, knowledge and practical abilities in the fields of linguistic and physical human expression. Furthermore, these individuals should be able to appropriately evaluate the expressive achievements of others as well as creatively consider their relationship with other people.

### Japanese Literature Course

Students read and comprehend various literary works based on cultural history from ancient to modern times. The department helps students to explore various forms of human activities within the context of the individual, family and culture.



### Japanese Language Course

Students can study various aspects of the Japanese language, through mediums ranging from classical Japanese literature to modern SNS such as Twitter. We encourage students to seek to discover the essential qualities of Japanese as a language and a medium of expression.



### Creative Expression Course

Students study the breadth and depth of verbal and physical expression throughout history and in various cultures. Students also explore the true nature of expression through their own creative writing and performance, and enhance their expressive talents.

# Faculty of Human Studies

## Department of Practical English



The goal of the Department of Practical English is to develop individuals who not only have effective English skills but who also have a deep understanding of and a wide perspective concerning various communities and cultures throughout the world. These individuals develop the communication skills and cultural knowledge to play an active part in global society.

### English Communication Course



English teachers from various countries conduct discussion-centered classes with a focus on various global issues. Students can also choose to study business English, English for overseas study, pronunciation, etc. Students learn to effectively think and communicate in English. They also study diverse cultures and societies mainly in English-speaking countries.

### English and American Culture Course



Students study a wide range of literature written in English. They also learn about ways of thinking, cultures and societies mainly in English-speaking countries, and also develop a wider view of the world. This knowledge helps them to develop empathy and to attain the cultural knowledge to be successful in a global setting.

### Translation/Interpretation Course

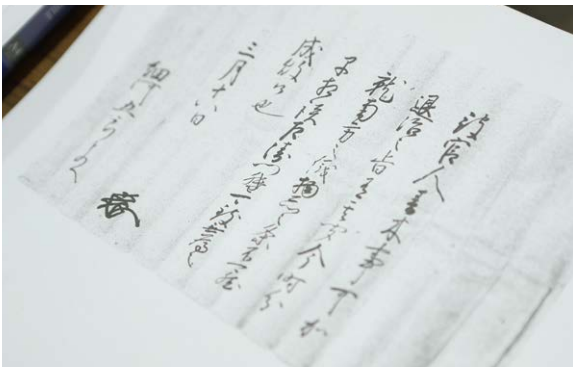


Students learn the basics of consecutive interpreting, simultaneous interpreting and translating, based on well-developed linguistic skills in their L1 and L2. Students also enhance the depth of their understanding of language and their interpreting and translating skills. They also gain practical skills through role plays and extensive practice translating a variety of texts from different genres.



# Faculty of Human Studies

## Department of Comprehensive History



The goal of the Department of Comprehensive History is to develop individuals who not only have the skills to grasp the fine points of the treasure trove of human history but who can also consider it from a variety of perspectives. Moreover, these individuals will have the ability to apply and express this knowledge regarding modern history.

### Japanese History Course

Starting with Okayama Prefecture, students actually see and grasp Japanese history through direct experience by exploring historical documents and sites of historic significance. Students also follow primary themes of and pursue deep inquiries into Japanese history.

### European and American History Course

Students study ethnic and religious conflict in Europe, in which some countries have been controlled by other countries and have become independent nations. Students also learn about the United States of America, which has become a world leader. Students read historical documents written in their original language and explore historic changes in America and in European countries.

### Asian History Course

Students study the history and development of Asian countries, especially that of China and South Asian countries. Students not only study in class but also conduct field research and gain hands-on experience regarding culture and history in China or in other Asian countries.

### Historical Heritage Course

Students study and survey the historical realities conveyed by heritage sites in Japan and in other countries. Students also explore how to properly utilize heritage sites to learn the value, goals and practical methods of protecting cultural properties.



# Faculty of Education

## Department of Elementary Education



The Department of Elementary Education helps students to become childcare and elementary education specialists who support the continuous development of children from their infancy through each stage of school. Our curriculum provides students with opportunities to develop the expertise and competence to “teach and guide” children.

In the Department of Elementary Education, students can obtain one or two licenses from a choice of a nursery school teacher's license, a kindergarten teacher's license, an elementary school teacher's license, or a special needs teacher's license. Through four years of practical classes and on-site training, we educate students to be child caretakers and teachers with a wide perspective and deep insight into the nature of education as well as practical knowledge and skills in the fields of childcare and elementary education.



### Nursery School Teacher Education

Students experience a 30-day teaching practicum at nursery schools and childcare facilities in their sophomore year. Students learn about professional duties at nursery schools and how to properly take care of children. Students stay overnight and learn about the role and function of childcare facilities through their experiences.

### Kindergarten Teacher Education

In the Kindergarten Teacher Education course, students have a 4-week teaching practicum at a kindergarten in their junior year. Students put the knowledge and skills that they have learned in class into practice, and also improve themselves by resolving problems by themselves.

### Elementary School Teacher Education

In the Elementary School Teacher Education course, students have a 4-week teaching practicum at an elementary school in their junior year. Students conduct classes under the guidance of experienced mentors. Students learn about the true nature of education through actual teaching experience.

### Special Needs Teacher Education

In the Special Needs Teacher Education course, students have a 2-week teaching practicum at a special needs school in their junior year. They also teach basic subjects to students who need special care as part of their teaching experience.





# Faculty of Education

## Department of Educational Psychology



The aim of the Department of Educational Psychology is to cultivate specialists who approach matters of the mind in today's society and in the field of education in a proactive and action-oriented manner. All students should develop an awareness of the local environment, look ahead to anticipate potential problems and always aim to do their best to become teachers in the true sense of the word.

The Department of Educational Psychology trains experts, including psychologists, Yogo teachers (teachers in school infirmaries) and special needs education teachers, based on the tenets of educational psychology. Students develop the expertise and competence to support the healthy development of children, and to care for children by learning specialized knowledge and skills concerning educational psychology, school health and/or special needs education.



The Department of Educational Psychology offers two courses to educate professionals in education and psychology.

- School Nurse and Health Professional (Yogo teacher)
- Certified Psychologist (JPA)

### School Nurse and Health Professional

Students learn how to nurture children as a school nurse and health professional by always working to develop healthy minds and bodies. Students also learn practical skills through their teaching practicum.

### Certified Psychologist (JPA)

In the Educational Psychology Department, students study child psychology and counseling methods, so that as a professional and an expert, they can deal with various problems children face. Students learn about people's minds and behavior from a scientific point of view. They also learn the appropriate attitude and methods so that they can support and care for people.





# Faculty of Business Administration



In the Faculty of Business Administration, students acquire knowledge about business including information-gathering skills, analysis and decisiveness based on a solid management studies foundation. There are two programs in the department: the Global Business Management Program and the Regional Business Management Program. Students can choose the appropriate program based on their interests and goals on their way to becoming skilled and knowledgeable “glocal” individuals who can contribute to their community.



## The Global Business Management Program

In this program, students gain a broad liberal arts education, including specialized classes in business management, as well as a high-level second-language education and the opportunity to study overseas. Students with a global viewpoint, knowledge, ideas and skills in all facets of business management, and practical ability in a second language such as English or Chinese, will become “glocal” human resources who can lead global strategy and international business enterprises. They can also play an active part in local companies by dealing and negotiating with overseas companies.



## The Regional Business Management Program

In this program, students gain a broad liberal arts education, including specialized classes in business management, as well as a wide range of knowledge about the workings of the organizations that are part of a regional society; including local government and administrative bodies, and medical service and social welfare providers. Students with a global viewpoint, knowledge, ideas and skills in business management; and general knowledge of the workings of society, will become “glocal” human resources who can lead a local organization in any field: private enterprise, government, medical care and social welfare, including NPOs and NGOs.





## School of Pharmacy



The aim of the Department of Pharmacy is, through lectures and research activities, to educate individuals who develop problem-finding-and-solving skills and the ability to make proper judgements. Such students will not overlook small opportunities or factors, and will be able to develop a flexible, discerning “eye” and “brain” (way of thinking) without being swayed by fixed ideas. Students must be able to overcome challenging problems in society while they engage in everything with a spirit of inquiry.

### Education and Research Center for Clinical Pharmacy



At this training center, students gain knowledge and learn technical skills in all general aspects of pharmaceutical work in a favorable environment that replicates pre-clinical situations in a hospital pharmacy. The ability to integrate knowledge concerning many specialized subjects is also developed. Problem Based Learning (PBL) develops practical abilities and cultivates ethics, a sense of mission, teaches responsibility and sharpens judgement that will contribute greatly to medical services. Teachers with broad experience present situations similar to the actual work of a pharmacist. Students acquire a well-rounded education and become capable of performing the role of a pharmacist within patient-oriented medical teams.

### Shujitsu Pharmacy

The Shujitsu Pharmacy, the first university faculty affiliated pharmacy in the Chugoku-Shikoku region, opened in August, 2019. Staff pharmacists help local people improve their health and solve medical problems in cooperation with local hospitals. The pharmacy is also used for education and serves as the location of student practicums.



# Shujitsu Junior College

## Department of Early Childhood Education



The Department of Early Childhood Education aims to develop educators and caregivers with an honest character and genuine skills to nurture children. One of the characteristics of the department is that students acquire specific knowledge and techniques related to childcare, through not only the usual lecture-style of learning, but also practical training and independent activities. Students interact with children, support the growth of each child and nurture their inner growth. Educators and caregivers with practical skills are needed in society, and students gain these skills in a rich environment.



### Kindergarten Teacher Education

In the Kindergarten Teacher Education course, students have a 4-week teaching practicum at a kindergarten in their second year. Students learn how to integrate the knowledge and skills that they have learned in class in a real setting, and how to effectively utilize their knowledge and skills in practice. The department helps students to become preschool specialists who support children's physical and mental growth.

### Nursery School Teacher Education

In the Nursery School Teacher Education course, students experience a 30-day teaching practicum at nursery schools and childcare facilities in their second year. Students learn about professional duties and how to properly take care of children. Students stay overnight, learn about the needs and problems related to childcare facilities through their experiences, and gain practical skills.





# Shujitsu Junior College

## Department of Practical Living Science



Living Science, as the name suggests, is a field of study that deals with people's lives. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that Living Science is actually a familiar field of study for most people. We cover subjects related to daily lives, such as research on nutrition and diet, clothing and fashion, barrier-free environments and environmental issues. The Department of Practical Living Science offers students opportunities to study the following: Living science, Medical Welfare and Business Information. The department seeks to educate students to live assertive, positive lives and to learn from problems, so that they can work in a wide range of fields after graduation.



### Living Science Course

In the Living Science Course, students explore social trends and changes from a scientific perspective, and obtain knowledge that will help them to live rich, well-balanced lives.



### Medical Welfare Course

In the Medical Welfare Course, students gain practical knowledge about nutrition, health and food products. Students can also obtain certification as an administrative assistant, a caregiver and a social welfare worker.



### Business Information Course

In the Business Information Course, students learn the practical computer skills and knowledge about software that are required in the business world. Students can also obtain certification as a data processor, a business presenter and a librarian.



# Graduate Studies

The goal of graduate studies is to develop individuals who have mastered specialized knowledge and who will make a significant contribution to local and global society.

## School of Humanities



### Major: Humanities Degree: Master of Arts in Humanities

The Graduate School of Humanities aims to foster individuals who promote and improve the study of the humanities within their chosen fields in order to be globally minded, with a deep commitment to scholarship. Students can choose from several fields: Japanese Literature and Linguistics, English and American Literature and Linguistics, and History. Students can also choose from a variety of subjects such as Applied (Japanese) Linguistics, English Translation and Cultural Heritage Studies.

## School of Education

The Graduate School of Education aims to develop individuals who attain a high level of expertise in the fields of education and clinical psychology, and who can respond professionally to the needs of society. Students not only gain clinical experience on campus but are also thus able to reflect upon their chosen research topics, blending theory and practice in a supportive environment.

### Area of Expertise: Preschool Education Degree: Master of Arts in Education

By blending theory and practice, students develop the ability to educate and support others, and are able to effectively conduct research in their chosen field of study.

### Area of Expertise: Psychology Degree: Master of Arts in Education

Students acquire expert knowledge in the field of clinical psychology, and are thus able to effectively work in a variety of fields, including education, medicine and social welfare.

## School of Clinical Pharmacy

### Major: Clinical Pharmacy Degree: Doctor of Clinical Pharmacy (four-year course)



The Graduate School of Clinical Pharmacy aims to develop individuals in the following ways:

1. Human resources that are responsive to the needs of society, that can solve problems in the field of medicine using methods based on scientific evidence.
2. Human resources that can choose the most appropriate and latest drug treatment in the setting of team medical care, which centers on patients.
3. Human resources that can detect and understand the pathogenic mechanisms of intractable diseases and that can aid in the development of therapeutic agents.
4. Human resources that can develop new drugs and rational pharmacotherapy.
5. Human resources that can provide palliative treatment for both the body and mind, while taking into consideration psychological distress among patients.



# Support for International Students

Okayama is known as one of the safest places in Japan. Students can meet new friends through sports, volunteering and student-run clubs. The International Student Club organizes events such as food fests, cultural celebrations and cultural exchanges throughout the year.

<b>General Support for International Students</b>	The International Affairs Office	The International Affairs office helps international students in various aspects of their academic endeavors and daily life. Staff members connect international applicants with the appropriate department and faculty advisor. They also help international students with all kinds of needs, including class enrollment, accommodation and health issues, etc. Staff members also offer opportunities for international students to communicate and make friends with Japanese students through various events throughout the year.
<b>Career Services</b>	The Shujitsu Career Center	The Shujitsu Career Center offers various services to help students achieve their future goals, especially regarding career choice and employment. Staff members encourage students to formulate a career plan and invite over 150 employers to our career fairs. Staff members also match students with companies for internships, which provide students with the opportunity to learn skills that will help them with future employment.
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	Health Services	The Health Center helps students with health issues or concerns. Staff members also offer support, advice and guidance to all students including individuals who have been diagnosed with a physical or mental challenge.
	Student Counseling Services	A team of licensed professionals provide mental health support to students while maintaining privacy. Students can make a reservation in advance and interpreting services are also available upon request.
	Sports Facilities	Students can stay healthy, de-stress and enjoy sports and exercise at sports facilities which include a gym, spacious soccer/baseball fields and tennis courts.
<b>Academic Advising and Support</b>	Faculty Advisors	International students are assigned a faculty advisor who guides each student through his/her academic career. International students get advice about choosing classes, academic courses, class content and job hunting.
	Tutors	Tutors provide individual assistance to international students concerning education and research. This assistance is provided under the guidance of the international student's faculty advisor. The main goals of the tutor system are to support a higher level of academic achievement, to foster intercultural understanding and cooperation in both international students and tutors, and to strengthen personal efficacy.
	Buddies	Buddies provide individual assistance to international students, usually but not exclusively to those who have recently arrived in Japan, concerning immigration and local registration, travel and tourism, shopping and in general daily life. Buddies also provide basic interpreting services. This assistance is provided under the auspices of the International Affairs Office. The main goal of the buddy system is to ensure that international students having a fulfilling, comfortable experience at Shujitsu, in Okayama and in Japan.
<b>Housing and Dining</b>		We help international students to obtain financially reasonable accommodations within walking distance of campus. International students can choose from several low-cost on-campus dining options.



# International Exchange

International exchange represents an ideal opportunity for people to change their world view, develop empathy and widen their horizons. Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College have agreements with 20 universities in 11 countries and regions.



## Overseas Study Programs

Students can add an enriching dimension to their studies, enhance their CV and explore the world with an international experience. Students can explore a wide range of life-changing experiences through both short-term programs, usually two to six weeks, and long-term programs, usually six months to one year.



I studied at California State University at San Marcos for six months. I felt nervous at the beginning and was reluctant to speak in class. However, after more experiences, such as volunteering to help in a Japanese class at a neighboring university, I found my own voice. I had a great time, began to feel more confident and enjoyed communicating with other students.

Machiko Kawamoto, B.A. Human Studies



I studied English and British culture when I participated in the Shujitsu University Short-Term Summer Program at Canterbury Christ Church University. I realized the importance of English language communication skills in the current global society and started to be more assertive in many aspects of my life.

Nanaka Sato, B.A. Business Administration



# Cultural Experiences

On and off campus, international students are immersed in Japanese, encounter various aspects of Japanese culture, have many opportunities to make new friends, visit interesting places and learn about Japanese history and culture as well as about members of the international community in Japan. The International Affairs Office organizes a Japanese Culture Study Tour every year and has brought international students to various places of historical and cultural importance in Japan including the ancient capital of Nara, Kobe and sites in Kagawa Prefecture. Students are taken on guided tours and have various hands-on experiences. Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College pay transportation and entrance fees and also provide lunch for international students.



## Shujitsu Summer Program (SSP)

The International Affairs Office also invites international students from our partner universities for a one-week program in late August. Participants visit various interesting places with Shujitsu students, are introduced to many aspects of traditional Japanese culture, and can experience such things as tea ceremony, zen meditation and making udon noodles. Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College provide local accommodation, transportation and entrance fees.





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