

## School Emblem

Rissho University's emblem is a stylized kanji for the word "university" resting atop two blossoms and a branch of a mandarin orange tree.

The mandarin orange tree was a favorite of Nichiren Shonin and the fragrance of its lily-white blossoms along with the brightness of its green leaves symbolize the university's commitment to nurturing the hearts and minds of those who seek truth, value justice, and desire peace. The school color, green, was inspired by the evergreen mandarin orange tree, which expresses the eternal vitality and spirit of innovation that flows through the university.



School Emblem



Blossoms of  
Mandarin Orange Tree



**RISSHO**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**2025-2026**

## School Logo

A logo was chosen through a vote of faculty members, administrative staff, and students for the university's 150th anniversary in 2022. The concept of the logo is future-oriented development based on tradition, dynamism, and social involvement. The two intertwining Rs of the logo express our intention to move toward the future and strengthen our ongoing efforts to contribute to society.



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# Overview

## Origins of Rissho University

Rissho University's history and tradition began about 450 years ago as a school for priests of the Nichiren Sect of Buddhism, founded in 1580. The Rissho University we know today took shape in 1872 with the introduction of modern educational reforms, and it now boasts a full slate of undergraduate and graduate programs with seven graduate schools and nine undergraduate faculties housing 16 departments managed by Rissho Daigaku Gakuen.

The university's name originates from *Rissho Ankoku Ron*, a book written in the Kamakura Period (1192-1333) by Nichiren Shonin when he was 39 years old.

## The Founding Spirit of Rissho University

- Seek truth and show sincerity.** 一、真実を求め至誠を捧げよう
- Value justice and reject evil.** 一、正義を尊び邪悪を除こう
- Desire peace and serve humankind.** 一、和平を願い人類に尽そう

The name of Rissho University is derived from *Rissho Ankoku Ron* (On Establishing the Correct Teaching for the Peace of the Land) by Nichiren Shonin, the founder of Nichiren Buddhism. According to *Kaimokusho* (Liberation from Blindness), which he wrote while in exile in Sado, he had been driven to practice a way of life that would contribute to society as a true practitioner of Buddhism by "Three Vows" he took when he was young, namely to become the pillar of Japan, the eyes of Japan, and the vessel of Japan. Inspired by these words, Tanzan Ishibashi, our 16th President, rephrased them in a modern style to create the Founding Spirit of Rissho University.

Those who study at our institution are expected to embody the Rissho Spirit, acquire knowledge and skills suited to the times, and contribute to human society.

## Visions of Education






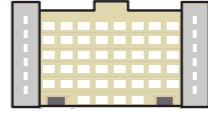

### Cultivating Morality and Expertise 「モラリスト×エキスパート」を育む。

Rissho University established and pursues its vision of education, *Cultivating Morality and Expertise*, based on the spirit of its foundation. *Cultivating Morality and Expertise* means nurturing individuals capable of making the world and those who live in it better in the following ways:

1. Cultivating personal restraint
2. Cultivating great sensitivity and the capacity for sharing the happiness and sorrow of others
3. Cultivating the essential knowledge and morality required by adults

The world we live in is encountering serious social and environmental issues, and we believe that society requires individuals with specialized knowledge and skills who are capable of cooperating with others, discussing ideas, and taking action to solve problems. Rissho University thus contributes to society through *Cultivating Morality and Expertise*.

# Facts

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| <p>Number of full-time teachers</p> <p><b>295</b></p>        | <p>Number of administrative staff</p> <p><b>224</b></p>  | <p>Number of students</p> <p><b>10,496</b></p>       | <p>Number of international students</p> <p><b>153</b></p>  |
| <p>Number of books in library</p> <p><b>1,025,680</b></p>  | <p>Number of faculties</p> <p><b>9</b></p>             | <p>Number of graduate schools</p> <p><b>7</b></p>  |   |

• As of May 1st, 2024

## Academic Calendar

### First (spring) semester

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| April  | Entrance Ceremony<br>Orientation<br>Start of classes for first (spring) semester             |
| May    |  |
| June   | Anniversary of foundation  |
| July   | End of classes for first (spring) semester<br>Final examinations for first (spring) semester |
| August | Summer vacation  |

※ The schedule is subject to change due to university events.

### Second (fall) semester

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| September | Summer vacation  |
| October   | Start of classes for second (fall) semester  |
| November  | University Festival (Kikka-sai and Seiso-sai)  |
| December  | Winter vacation<br>English Speech Contest (Rissho Voices)                                  |
| January   | End of classes for second (fall) semester<br>Final examinations for second (fall) semester |
| February  | Spring vacation  |
| March     | Spring vacation<br>Graduation Ceremony   |



# History



Idaka Danrin Kodo



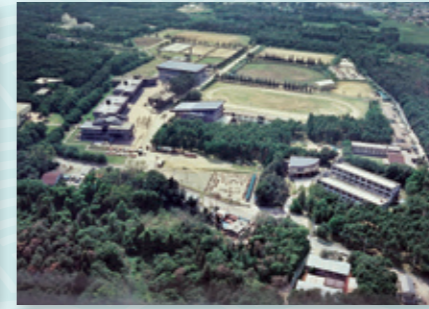
Nichiren-Shu University



Former Osaki Campus



Junior College



Former Kumagaya Campus



Ishibashi Tanzan Memorial Auditorium

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|------|--|
| 1580 | Idaka Danrin, an educational institution for priests of Nichiren Buddhism, founded in Shimousa (Sosa-shi, Chiba) |
| 1872 | Idaka Danrin abolished; Shokyoin established in Nihon-enoki (Minato-ku, Tokyo)                                   |
| 1904 | Nichiren-Shu Daigakurin established in Osaki (Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo) pursuant to the Vocational School Ordinance   |
| 1907 | Nichiren-Shu Daigakurin renamed Nichiren-Shu University  |
| 1924 | The Faculty of Letters, Preliminary Course, and Graduate School established pursuant to University Ordinance     |
| 1947 | Department of Geography added to the Faculty of Letters  |
| 1949 | Renamed Rissho University and restructured pursuant to the School Education Act                                  |

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| 1949 | Old Faculty of Letters divided into Faculty of Letters and new Faculty of Buddhist Studies, based on this Act  |
| 1950 | Faculty of Economics and Junior College established<br>Department of English Literature added to Faculty of Letters  |
| 1951 | Rissho University became Rissho Daigaku Gakuen when converted from incorporated foundation to incorporated school, pursuant to Private School Act<br>Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology established |
| 1967 | Faculty of Business Administration established<br>Kumagaya Campus opened   |
| 1981 | Faculty of Law established   |
| 1988 | Graduate School of Economics established   |

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| 1992 | Renovation of Osaki Campus completed (120th anniversary project)   |
| 1994 | Graduate School of Law established   |
| 1996 | Faculty of Social Welfare established  |
| 1998 | Graduate School of Business Administration established<br>Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science established |
| 2000 | Graduate School of Social Welfare established<br>Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences established |
| 2002 | 130th anniversary of the university celebrated, the Faculty of Psychology established                      |
| 2004 | Graduate School of Psychology established  |
| 2009 | Renovation of Kumagaya Campus completed  |

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| 2011 | Department of Interpersonal and Social Psychology established within the Faculty of Psychology<br>140th anniversary of the university celebrated |
| 2012 | Interpersonal and Social Psychology master's program established as part of the Graduate School of Psychology                                    |
| 2014 | Osaki Campus renamed Shinagawa Campus  |
| 2016 | Educational Welfare master's program established as part of the Graduate School of Social Welfare  |
| 2017 | 50th anniversary of Kumagaya Campus celebrated   |
| 2021 | Faculty of Data Science established<br>150th Anniversary Memorial Hall completed   |
| 2022 | 150th anniversary of the university celebrated   |

## Kumagaya Campus



Gate Plaza (Building 1)



Academic Cube (Building 19)



RiLLFore (Rissho University Library Learning Forest)

## Shinagawa Campus



150th Anniversary Memorial Hall



Lotus Hall



Stairway Square



# Faculties

学 部



## Faculty of Buddhist Studies

The Faculty of Buddhist Studies has directly inherited the founding spirit of Rissho University that was established as an educational institution of Buddhism, and aims to develop human resources who can practice merciful deeds learning from benevolent Bodhisattvas so as to contribute to society. The faculty constitutes unique curriculum for the purpose of leading students to consider human being, society, history, philosophy, culture, and art from the perspective of Buddhism, so as to attain the better formation of the self and also to acquire wisdom.

## Faculty of Letters

The Faculty of Letters seeks to consider the wide range of human experience, the fundamental thread that links all departments in this faculty. Students examine humanity from a broad perspective through ideas and history, language and literature, and social and cultural phenomena.

## Faculty of Economics

The curriculum offered by the Faculty of Economics gives students the opportunity to master basic theory through a well-balanced selection of subjects that help them to better understand complex economic behaviors from various perspectives. The Faculty's goals are to cultivate in students a firm grasp of the wide-ranging issues encountered in contemporary economics and to nurture their capability in developing unique and effective economic solutions.

## Faculty of Business Administration

With a curriculum that balances theoretical and practical programs, the Faculty of Business Administration focuses on cultivating diverse problem-solving skills as well as advanced, specialized knowledge and techniques to enable students to play an active role in a constantly changing business environment.

## Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law focuses on cultivating advanced knowledge through a study of the overall structure and framework of the legal system to help students understand how laws should function in society. The curriculum is designed to develop the ability to effectively navigate society with specialized legal knowledge and qualifications that enable students to identify and solve a wide range of social issues.

## Faculty of Social Welfare

The Faculty of Social Welfare consists of the Department of Social Welfare and Department of Child Education and Welfare. The Department of Social Welfare focuses on theory and practice in related fields while the Department of Child Education and Welfare concentrates on theory and practice related to preschool / primary education. The faculty seeks to cultivate the ability to analyze issues in modern society as it nurtures a sense of humanity and sympathy, and practical ability in the fields of social welfare and preschool / primary education.

## Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science

The Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science focuses on cultivating the skills needed to effectively address both regional and global environmental and social issues. The Department of Environment Systems focuses on the natural sciences and the department of Geography takes an integrated approach with the humanities and the sciences. Both departments offer practical curriculums that encompass both theoretical and practical approaches through fieldwork and traditional lectures.

## Faculty of Psychology

The Faculty of Psychology is home to the Department of Clinical Psychology and the Department of Interpersonal and Social Psychology. The Department of Clinical Psychology focuses on individual adjustment and techniques for psychological support. The Department of Interpersonal and Social Psychology focuses on psychology and behavior in the context of interpersonal relationships and social interaction.

## Faculty of Data Science

The Faculty of Data Science was established in April 2021 as the University's ninth faculty. Data science is a new discipline that seeks to make use of data to identify, and provide solutions for, a wide range of issues. Our program aims to foster an extensive variety of data scientists.



# Graduate Schools

大学院



## Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology

The Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology offers six majors: Buddhist Studies, English Language and Literature, Sociology, History, Japanese Literature, and Philosophy. The research and education in each major focus on past, present, and future perspectives on what people think, how they express themselves, how they behave, and how they construct culture.

## Graduate School of Economics

The Graduate School of Economics has established advanced research programs covering issues from the viewpoint of economics and the environment, and focuses on cultivating specialists and researchers capable of contributing to society with depth of knowledge and breadth of perspectives. The graduate school accepts international students from Asian countries, nations that are experiencing remarkable economic growth.

## Graduate School of Business Administration

The Graduate School of Business Administration encourages students to conduct research based on theoretical and practical knowledge in each field of business administration. We focus on cultivating well-rounded and sophisticated professionals with the advanced knowledge and technical skills required by modern corporations and strive to instill a broad perspective and a highly developed sense of creativity.

## Graduate School of Law

The Graduate School of Law offers legal training and continuing professional development for professionals (tax accountants, etc.) and public workers to ensure skilled individuals are capable of using their specialized legal knowledge and ability to reason for the betterment of society.

## Graduate School of Social Welfare

The Graduate School of Social Welfare consists of a master's course and a doctoral course, and its educational philosophy is to integrate theory and practice. It aims to train highly skilled professionals and practitioners, as well as providing guidance and advice on academic research. It also places an emphasis on recurrent education for social workers and other staff members working in social welfare organisations, as well as for early childhood and child education staff.

## Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences

The Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences offers two majors: Environment Systems, in which students investigate global environmental issues from the perspective of natural science; and Geographical Space Systems, in which students explore the relationships between human life and the regional distribution of various phenomena that take place on the earth's surface. The school focuses on cultivating competent specialists capable of applying their advanced knowledge and skills to society and researchers capable of investigating a wide range of phenomena related to the environment.

## Graduate School of Psychology

The Graduate School of Psychology offers three master's programs: Clinical Psychology, Applied Psychology\*, and Interpersonal and Social Psychology. This graduate school also offers a doctoral program in Psychological Studies. All programs are designed to cultivate specialists, educators, and researchers in the field of psychology.

\* Applied Psychology program is no longer accepting new students as of 2024.



# Research Institutes

研 究 所



## Institute of Nichiren Buddhist Studies

The Institute of Nichiren Buddhist Studies consists of a wide range of research members, namely, teachers of the Department of Nichiren Buddhism on the board, excellent staff members of both inside and outside of the university, whose efforts advance comprehensive study on Nichiren Shonin's life and thoughts, history and doctrine of the religious orders following the teachings of Nichiren Shonin. Its academic activity has attracted considerable attention in the field.

## Institute for the Comprehensive Study of Lotus Sutra

The Institute for the Comprehensive Study of Lotus Sutra is an international research organization that is administrated chiefly by teachers of Department of Buddhist Studies, and conducts a comprehensive study including philological study of the Lotus Sutra and the other studies on various cultural phenomena related to the Sutra, for the purpose of improving academic researches and contributing to global culture. The publications issued by the institute as the results of long-term efforts of research work are highly regarded.

## Institute of Humanistic Sciences

The Institute of Humanistic Sciences provides teaching staff in the Faculty of Letters with opportunities to report their research results to one another through presentations and lectures. The institute promotes research through the provision of financial aid to individual and joint research projects. The Annual Bulletin of the Institute of Humanistic Sciences contains research that contributes to each academic field.

## Institute of Economic Studies

The Institute of Economic Studies provides teaching staff in the Faculty of Economics with opportunities to participate in symposiums and workshops, present lectures, hold public extension lectures, and publish findings. The Institute also provides research grants to promote individual research activities. An important role of this institute is to widely disseminate high-quality research outcomes to society.

## Institute of Business and Management

The institute of Business and Management promotes research conducted by teaching staff in the Faculty of Business Administration and advances joint research with other universities, companies and government agencies under industry-university-government collaboration. The institute returns the research results to society and reflects it to research activities and education in both graduate and undergraduate programs.

## Institute of Legal Studies

The Institute of Legal Studies promotes research and enlightenment activities for teaching staff in the Faculty of Law. Activities include the publication of the Annual Bulletin of the Institute of Legal Studies and the holding of joint symposiums with the Faculty of Law featuring both internal and external legal specialists. The institute also holds seminars to provide teaching staff opportunities to share their research.

## Institute of Social Welfare

The Institute of Social Welfare promotes cutting-edge and interdisciplinary research and investigations in a broad range of fields related to social welfare to contribute to academic and practical advancements. Research staff includes researchers from both in and outside of the University.

## Institute of Environmental Science

The Institute of Environmental Science focuses on research in a wide range of areas related to the global environment, regional environment and planning, environmental planning and management, and disaster prevention with the goal of contributing to the development of solutions to environmental problems. The institute also organizes extension lectures and symposiums that feature leading researchers from both in and outside of the university to promote the sharing of research findings and information exchange.

## Institute of Psychology

The Institute of Psychology explores a wide range of research in clinical psychology as well as interpersonal and social psychology with support from the teaching staff in the Faculty of Psychology. The Institute organizes periodical research conferences and promotes the presentation and publication of research.

## Institute of Data Science

The Institute supports faculty members' research, and facilitates its dissemination through research seminars and public lectures. It also coordinates the invitation of co-researchers for collaborative projects, issues a regular in-house journal, and ensures that faculty members' research programs adhere to a high ethical standard.



The Center for International Exchange offers a wide range of overseas study programs to help students build self-reliance and a positive outlook while enhancing their communication abilities and broadening their vision through intercultural experience overseas. It also provides comprehensive support for students from abroad.



## Semester Course

The semester course offers students from abroad the opportunity to study Japanese language and culture for six months or one year. Students can bolster their language skills and cultural knowledge through participation in a wide range of fun and interesting extracurricular activities such as tea ceremony and flower arrangement lessons, and events held on campus and in the community. Students can also join a club to make new friends with similar interests.

## Short-term Course

The short-term course is a two-week intensive program that offers students from abroad the opportunity to study Japanese language and culture. With support from Japanese students, course participants can enjoy and benefit from this program regardless of their level of Japanese language proficiency.



## Partner Universities



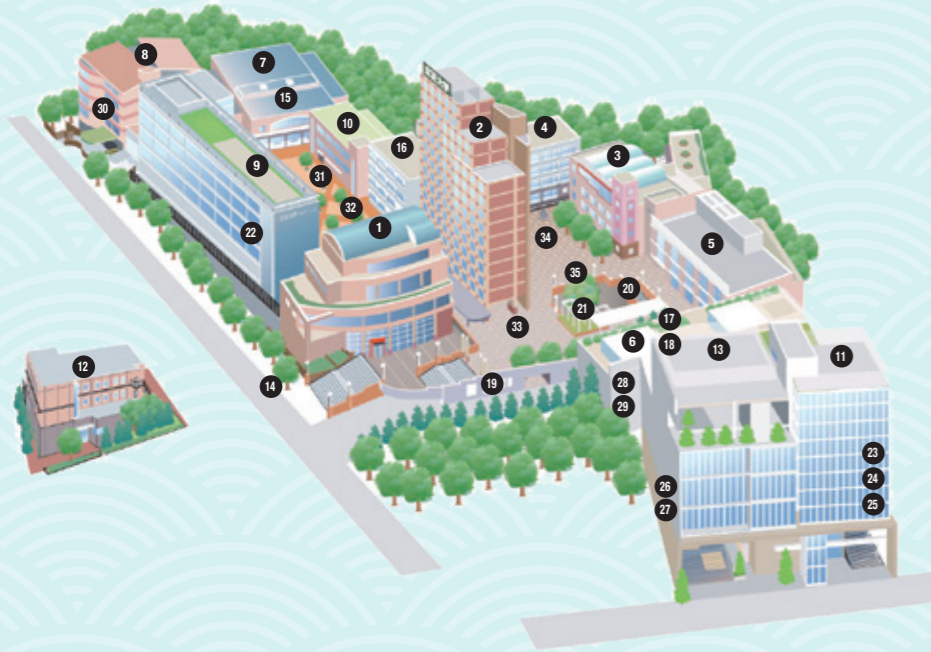
| Area              | Country                    | Name of University  |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Asia (26)         | <b>Korea (7)</b>           | Dongguk University, Uiduk University, Hallym University, Kyung Hee University, Silla University, Kookmin University, Dongduk Women's University |
|                   | <b>China (5)</b>           | Beijing Normal University, Nanjing University, Xinjiang University, Tianjin Normal University, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics      |
|                   | <b>Taiwan (3)</b>          | Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts, Shih Hsin University, Fu Jen Catholic University   |
|                   | <b>Vietnam (3)</b>         | FPT University, Hanoi University, Thang Long University   |
|                   | <b>Uzbekistan (3)</b>      | Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Termez State University, Archaeological Museum Termez  |
|                   | <b>Thailand (2)</b>        | Udon Thani Rajabhat University, Siam University   |
|                   | <b>Cambodia (1)</b>        | Royal University of Phnom Penh  |
|                   | <b>The Philippines (1)</b> | Silliman University   |
|                   | <b>Nepal (1)</b>           | Tribhuvan University  |
| North America (5) | <b>USA (3)</b>             | University of Southern Maine, Linfield College, University of Guam  |
|                   | <b>Canada (2)</b>          | University of Calgary, University of Victoria   |
| Oceania (4)       | <b>New Zealand (2)</b>     | Southern Institute of Technology, University of Otago   |
|                   | <b>Australia (2)</b>       | Deakin University, Curtin University  |
| Europe (4)        | <b>UK (1)</b>              | Canterbury Christ Church University   |
|                   | <b>Spain (1)</b>           | University of Alcalá  |
|                   | <b>Ireland (1)</b>         | University College Cork   |
|                   | <b>Italy (1)</b>           | University of Genoa   |

• List of partner universities by date of issue  
• As of February 28th, 2025

# Shinagawa Campus



The Shinagawa Campus is located in Shinagawaku, Tokyo. It is easily accessible, being located just five minutes' walk away from both Osaki and Gotanda Stations. The vicinity is convenient not only for commuting, but also for shopping and seeking employment. The campus offers an ideal learning environment with state-of-the-art IT facilities. The 150th Anniversary Memorial Hall was completed in February 2021.



- 1 Building 1
- 2 Building 2
- 3 Building 3
- 4 Building 4
- 5 Building 5
- 6 Building 6 (150th Anniversary Memorial Hall)
- 7 Building 7
- 8 Building 8
- 9 Building 9
- 10 Building 10
- 11 Building 11
- 12 Building 12
- 13 Building 13 (150th Anniversary Memorial Hall)
- 14 Main Entrance
- 15 Cafeteria/Gymnasium/Martial arts dojo
- 16 Center for Psychotherapy and Counseling
- 17 Center for International Exchange
- 18 Statue of Nichiren Shonin
- 19 Nurse's office
- 20 Ishibashi Tanzan Memorial Auditorium
- 21 Campus Store
- 22 Career Support Center
- 23 Admissions Center
- 24 RiLLCom/RiLLPort
- 25 Library
- 26 Lotus Hall
- 27 Lotus Gallery
- 28 Cafeteria
- 29 Café
- 30 Library
- 31 Swimming Pool
- 32 Square
- 33 Ashok Pillar
- 34 Tahoto Pagoda
- 35 Statue of Ishibashi Tanzan

# Kumagaya Campus



The Kumagaya Campus is located in the northern area of Saitama Prefecture. The city of Kumagaya is well known for rugby, udon, and the Kumagaya Uchiwa Festival. In 2019, it was one of the host cities of the Rugby World Cup. The city is about 60 minutes from central Tokyo by train. The expansive campus covers 350,000m<sup>2</sup> and offers a comprehensive educational environment including dormitories and sport facilities. The Faculty of Data Science was established in April 2021 as the University's ninth faculty.



- 1 Building 1 (Gate Plaza)
- 2 Building 2
- 3 Building 3
- 4 Building 6
- 5 Building 8
- 6 Building 9
- 7 Student Dormitory A
- 8 Student Dormitory B
- 9 Cafeteria
- 10 Library
- 11 Oriental Bell Museum
- 12 Building 17
- 13 Career Support Center
- 14 Admissions Center
- 15 Building 19 (Academic Cube)
- 16 RiLLFore
- 17 Building 20 (Sports Cube)
- 18 Club Rooms
- 19 Cafeteria/Café/Campus Store
- 20 Post Office
- 21 Information Center
- 22 Bus Terminal
- 23 Student Dormitory
- 24 Student Dormitory
- 25 Cafeteria
- 26 Archery Ground
- 27 Japanese Archery Ground
- 28 Tennis Court
- 29 Soccer Ground
- 30 Baseball Ground
- 31 Athletic Ground
- 32 Rugby Ground
- 33 Car Parking Lots
- 34 Bicycle/Motorcycle Parking Lots
- 35 Car Parking Lots
- 36 Special Elderly Nursing Home
- 37 Statue of Ishibashi Tanzan

# Organizational Chart



## Faculties

- Faculty of Buddhist Studies**
  - Department of Nichiren Buddhism
  - Department of Buddhist Studies
- Faculty of Letters**
  - Department of Philosophy
  - Department of History
  - Department of Sociology
  - Department of Literature
- Faculty of Economics**
  - Department of Economics
- Faculty of Business Administration**
  - Department of Business Administration
- Faculty of Law**
  - Department of Law
- Faculty of Social Welfare**
  - Department of Social Welfare
  - Department of Child Education and Welfare
- Faculty of Geo-Environmental Science**
  - Department of Environment Systems
  - Department of Geography
- Faculty of Psychology**
  - Department of Clinical Psychology
  - Department of Interpersonal and Social Psychology
- Faculty of Data Science**
  - Department of Data Science

## Graduate Schools

- Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology**
  - Philosophy (D/M)
  - Japanese Literature (D/M)
  - History (D/M)
  - Sociology (D/M)
  - English and American Literature (D/M)
  - Buddhist Studies (D/M)
- Graduate School of Business Administration**
  - Business Administration (M)
- Graduate School of Law**
  - Law (M)
- Graduate School of Social Welfare**
  - Social Welfare (D/M)
- Graduate School of Geo-Environmental Sciences**
  - Environment Systems (D/M)
  - Geographical Space Systems (D/M)
- Graduate School of Psychology**
  - Clinical Psychology (M)
  - Applied Psychology (M)
  - Interpersonal and Social Psychology (M)
  - Psychological Studies (D)
- Graduate School of Economics**
  - Economics (D/M)

## Attached Facilities and Institutions

- Institute of Nichiren Buddhist Studies
- Institute for the Comprehensive Study of Lotus Sutra
- Institute of Humanistic Sciences
- Institute of Economic Studies
- Institute of Business and Management
- Institute of Legal Studies
- Institute of Social Welfare
- Institute of Environmental Science
- Institute of Psychology
- Institute of Data Science
- Center for Research Promotion and Social Contribution
- Center for Teacher Training and Certification
- Center for Educational Development
- Center for Information and Communication Technology
- Center for International Exchange
- Admissions Center
- Career Support Center
- Center for Psychotherapy and Counseling
- Library
- Museum
- Archives
- Disability Support Services
- Volunteer Center

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