

**Admission Guide
for
International Applicants**

2010

Shiga University

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I. Outline of Shiga University

Shiga University has two Faculties, the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Economics. Each faculty has a graduate school.

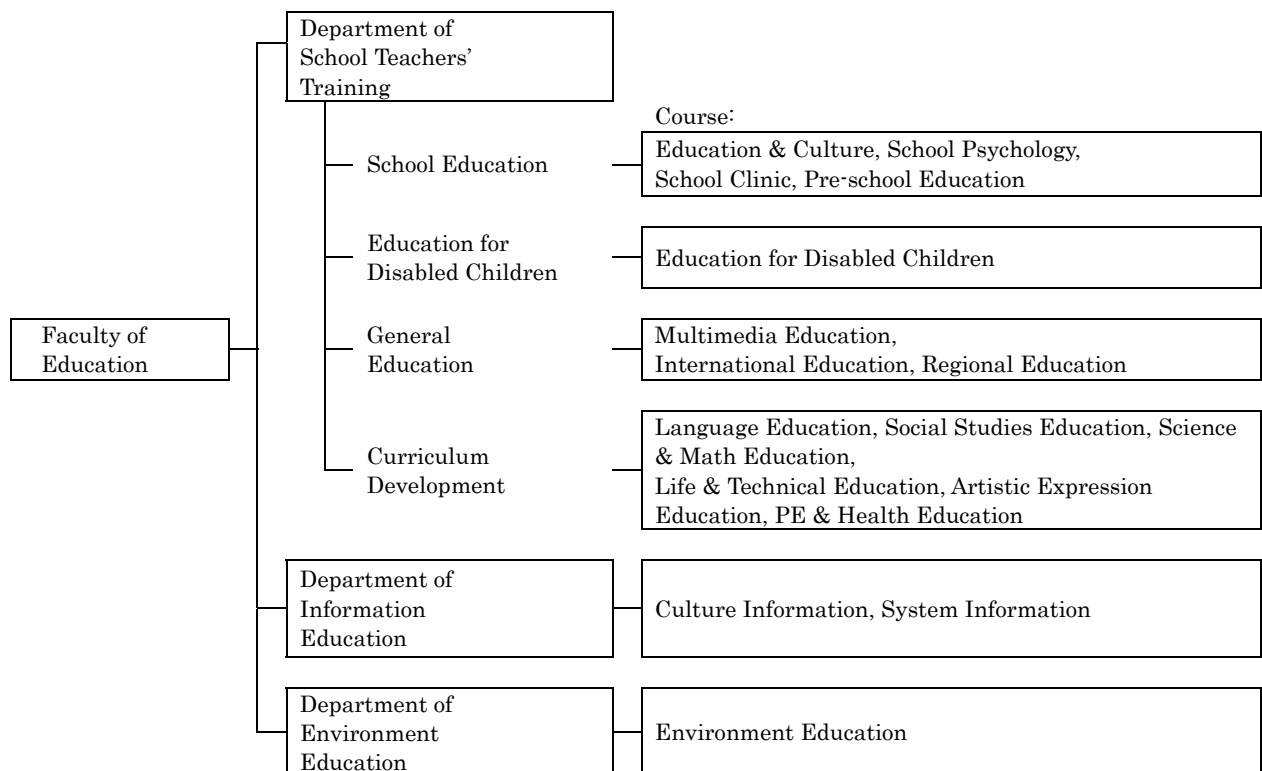
Faculty of Education consists of three departments: (1)Department of School Teachers' Training(14 courses), which aims to develop teachers with attractive personality as well as practical leadership to respond productively to the new school education; (2)Department of Information Education (2 courses), which aims to prepare students for today's highly developed information society by providing them with a clear perspective and IT capabilities; (3)Department of Environment Education, which aims to enhance understanding of current environmental systems and problems and encourage students to create new ways to solve problems they are facing.

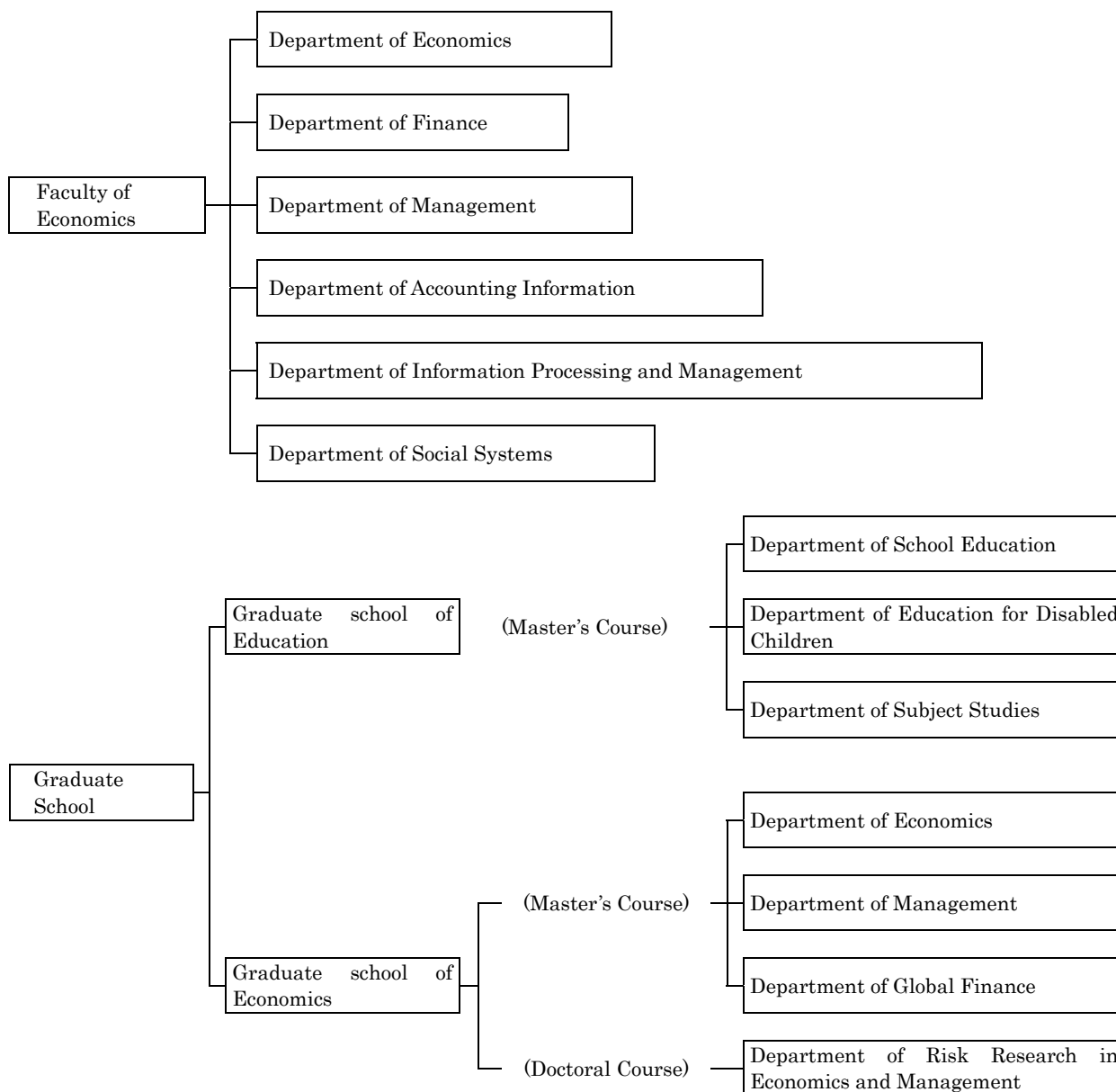
Faculty of Economics consists of six departments. All disciplines of Economics aim to develop specialists in economics with a global perspective and a problem solving ability capable of responding to the needs of a global information society.

Graduate School of Education (Master's Course) aims to develop teachers' expertise and practical capabilities so they can meet the diversified demands of the times; the Graduate School of Education is also designed to provide training for in-service teachers to improve their abilities.

Graduate School of Economics has the Master's Course and the Doctoral Course. The Master's Course aims to develop specialists in the field economics with an international perspective. The Doctoral Course aims to train an international "Risk Manager" who is capable of performing risk analysis as well as risk management for economy or business administration.

II. Faculty, Department and Course of Shiga University





III. Academic Calendar

Academic Calendar for fiscal year 2007 :

	Faculty of Education/ Graduate School of Education	Faculty of Economics/ Graduate School of Economics
Spring Semester	April 1 - September 30	
Entrance Ceremony	April 7	
Foundation Day	May 31	
Summer Vacation	August 6- September 30	
Autumn Semester	October 1- March 31	
Winter Vacation	December 23-January 3	
Graduation Ceremony	March 26	

IV. Admission Procedures

Admission procedures and requirements are subject to change. Please check information in the latest admission guide.

A. Admission as an Undergraduate Student

Both faculties provide entrance examination for privately financed students.

1. Requirements for Admission as an Undergraduate Student

An international applicant for admission as an Undergraduate Student is anyone who:

1. is NOT a Japanese citizen
2. has completed (or will have completed by March 31, 2007) 12 years of school education outside Japan or equivalents as recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT); included here are those who have reached 18 years old and have any of the following qualifications:

#1 International Baccalaureate awarded by the International Baccalaureate Office founded according to the Swiss Civil Code

#2 Baccalaureate to enroll in a university in the French Republic

#3 Abitur to enroll in a university in the Federal Republic of Germany

(Note: in addition to the above #1-#3, those who have enrolled in Japanese school for up to 3 years and have graduated or will have graduated by March 31, 2007, from a Japanese high school, may apply for the Faculty of Education.)

3. has obtained or will have obtained the visa status of "college student" as stipulated by Japan's Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act

4. has taken the designated subject(s) in Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by Japan Student Services Organization 1) in June or in November, 2008, or 2) in June or in November, 2009

2. Selection Method

Applicants shall be selected comprehensively on the basis of the EJU scores, the results of tests given by Shiga University, and application documents.

Admission Requirements: Faculty of Education:

Department	Course	Required Subject in the EJU	Test Given by Shiga University
Education	Humanities	All of the following subjects: • Japanese • Japan and the World • Mathematics (course 1 or course 2)	Japanese/English (select one subject)
	Science	All of the following subjects: Japanese Science (select two subjects from Physics / Chemistry / Biology) Mathematics (Course 1 or Course 2)	Mathematics
	Arts Music / PE	Subjects listed above: "Humanities" subjects or "Science" subjects	Practical Exam (select one subject from Arts / Music / PE)
Information Science and Education	Science	All of the following subjects: Japanese Science (select two subjects from Physics / Chemistry / Biology) Mathematics (Course 1 or Course 2)	Mathematics
Environmental Education	Humanities	All of the following subjects: Japanese Japan and the World Mathematics (course 1 or course 2)	Japanese / English (select one subject)
	Science	All of the following subjects: Japanese Science (select two subjects from Physics / Chemistry / Biology) Mathematic (Course 1 or Course 2)	Mathematics

Admission Requirements: Faculty of Economics

Required Subjects in the EJU		Test Given by Shiga University	
Subject	In	Category	Subject
Japanese	Japanese	Foreign Language	English 1, English 2 Reading ,Writing
Japanese (Writing)			
Japan and the World	Japanese / English	Interview	
Mathematics (Course 1 or course 2)			

B-1. Admission as a Master's Course Student

The Graduate School of Education posts admission information for all applicants, and there will be no separate opportunity for international applicants. International applicants are selected on the basis of the same criteria as applied to the Japanese applicants.

The Graduate School of Economics provides recruitment and selection especially for international applicants.

(Note : those who have graduated or will graduate from a Japanese university are not eligible for international applicants.) Those who have graduated or will graduate from a Japanese university should follow the same admission procedure as Japanese applicants.

1. Requirements for admission as a Master's Course Student

<Graduate School of Education>

An international applicant for admission as a master's course student is anyone who:

1. has graduated (or will have graduated by March 31, 2010) from a university
2. has earned (or will have earned by March 31, 2010) a bachelor's degree
3. has completed (or will have completed by March 31, 2010) 16 years of school education or equivalents outside Japan.

<Graduate School of Economics>

An international applicant for admission as a master's course student is anyone who corresponds to the following 1 or 2, as well as who satisfies the following A:

1. those who have completed 16 years of school education or equivalents outside Japan and who are recognized by the Graduate School of Economics as having knowledge in Economics, Business Administration and Commercial Science equivalent to, or superior to a university graduate

(Note: those who have graduated or will have graduated from a Japanese university may not apply.)

2. those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Economics as having an academic ability equivalent to, or superior to a university graduate and who have reached the age of 22.

A. those who have obtained or will have obtained the visa status of "college student" as stipulated by Japan's Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act

2. Selection Method

Selection is conducted comprehensively on the basis of application documents and the results of the written and oral examination. Shiga University shall reserve the right to appoint a supervisor for the applicant in view of his / her research plan.

B-2. Admission as a Doctoral Course Student

1. Requirements for Admission as a Doctoral Course Student

An international applicant for admission as a doctoral course student is anyone who corresponds to the following A or B, as well as who satisfies the following 1 or 2:

(A) General Applicant: those who have more than 2 years experience in business as of April 1, 2010 or who will have had more than 2 years experience by the end of the doctoral course.

(B) Recommended Applicant: those who have more than 2 years experience in business as of April 1, 2010 or who will have

had more than 2 years experience in business by the end of the doctoral course and who are recommended by the establishment of employment (Government, Bank, Company or other organization) and have a recommendation letter from the establishment.

1. Those who have (or will have earned by March 2010) the master's degree or the professional degree
2. Those who have earned a degree equivalent to the master's degree or the professional degree at a university outside Japan

2. Selection Method

Selection is conducted comprehensively on the basis of theses, a list of research achievements, the results of a Foreign Language proficiency test (for General Applicants only) and an oral examination, and application documents including an academic transcript.

Shiga University shall reserve the right to appoint a supervisor for the applicant in view of his / her research plan.

C. Number of Students to be Admitted, Application Period, etc.

	Faculty of:		Graduate School of:				
	Education	Economics	Education	Economics			
				Master's Course (Summer Admission)		Master's Course (Winter Admission)	Doctoral Course
			Admission by Recommendation	Other Admission			
Number to be admitted	A few	A few	A few	A few	A few	A few	A few
Application Period	November 2-6	November 9-13	October 1-6	June 22-26	September 1-4	November 24-27	January 5-14
Examination Date	December 9	November 28	October 17	July 11	September 25	December 12	January 30
Announcements of Results	January 22	January 22	October 23	July 24	October 9	December 18	February 5
Enrollment Date	March 15	March 15	February 15	February 15	February 15	February 15	February 15
Admission	In April	In April	In April	In April	In April	In April	In April

D. Admission as a Research Student

1. Requirements for Admission as a Research Student

a. Undergraduate Research Student

An international applicant for admission as an undergraduate research student is anyone who has completed an undergraduate course, including those who have completed 15 years of school education outside Japan, or who has demonstrated equivalent ability.

b. Graduate Research Student

An international applicant for admission as a graduate research student is anyone who has completed a master's course or who has demonstrated equivalent ability.

2. Application Procedures and Selection Method

A research student is able to attend faculties / graduate schools to pursue a specific area of research under the supervision of a mentor. However, a research student is not entitled to earn credits or degrees.

Selection of a research student is carried out on the basis of an interview and application documents.

It is recommended that applicants consult the faculty / graduate school members in advance about their research themes and research plans.

Admission is usually given in April or October when the semester begins. In some cases, admission is given in another period.

E. Admission as a Nondegree Student

Those who have completed standard courses in higher education are eligible to take a number of undergraduate or graduate courses after selection.

For information on admission as a nondegree student and application procedures, please go to F. Contact Information.

(Note)

1. For details of admission requirements and application documents, please contact or request application forms from the offices listed in F below.
2. To be admitted as a graduate student / research student / nondegree student, the applicant should have (or should be able to have after admission) the visa status of "college student" as stipulated by Japan's Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.
3. The above information is for privately financed students. There are also "Japanese Government scholarship" and "Foreign Government Scholarship" available to international students. For more information about these scholarships, please refer to the schools, universities, the Japanese Embassy or related agencies.

F. Contact Information

Undergraduate Student & Graduate Students:

Shiga University
Admission Office
Shiga University
1-1-1 Bamba
Hikone-shi, Shiga-ken 522-8522
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EMAIL: nyuushi@biwako.shiga-u.ac.jp

Research Student & Nondegree Student:

Faculty of Education
Section of Curriculum and Lesson Affairs (Kyoumugakari)
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Shiga University
2-5-1 Hiratsu
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V. Tuition / Scholarships

A. Admission Fee / Tuition Fee

(as of 2009)

	Admission Fee	Tuition Fee
Undergraduate & Graduate Students	JPY 282,000	JPY 535,800 (per year)
Research Student	JPY 84,600	JPY 29,700 (per month)
Nondegree Student	JPY 28,200	JPY 14,800 (per credit)

• Admission fee and tuition fee are subject to change.

• In the event admission fee / tuition fee are changed, the new fees will be effective April 1 in the next fiscal year.

1. Payment Deadline

(1) Admission Fee

Admission fee should be paid in full on the enrollment date.

(2) Tuition Fee

Tuition fee should be paid in two installments: the first half of the annual tuition (for April-September) should be paid in April, and the second half (for October-March) should be paid in October

In the case of new students, the first installment payment should be made on the enrollment date.

2. Exemption from Admission Fee / Tuition Fee

Undergraduate / graduate students who encounter severe financial difficulties are able to apply for admission fee / tuition fee exemption.

B. Exemption from Tuition Fees Eligible for Applicants with Excellent Achievement at the Entrance Examination (Graduate School of Education / Graduate School of Economics)

Other than the above A-2. Exemption from Admission Fee / Tuition Fee, there is a tuition exemption available for international students. International students with excellent achievement at the entrance examination will be exempt from the whole entry-year tuition. Exemption notification will be sent together with the acceptance letter.

C. Scholarships

	Stipend (per month)	
	Undergraduate Student	Graduate Student
Independent Administrative Institution Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	JPY 48,000	JPY 65,000
Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Inc.	JPY 100,000	JPY 140,000
Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Foreign Student Scholarship	JPY 100,000	JPY 120,000
Heiwado Zaidan Foreign Student Scholarship	JPY 50,000	
Shiga International Association Foreign Student Scholarship	JPY 20,000	
Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) Docomo International Student Scholarship	Not available	JPY 120,000
The Kyoshin-Kizo Sakakida Memorial Scholarship	500,000 (per year)	Not available

VI. Status of Residence

A. Changing the Status of Residence

To be a student in Japan, foreign nationals need a “College Student” visa. Those who have a “Pre-college” visa or a “Temporary Visitor” visa should change their visa status to “College Student” after admission. Without a “College Student” visa, students may not be able to make applications for scholarships.

B. Letter of Acceptance

The letter of acceptance required for “application for change of status of residence” or “application for extension of period of stay” will be available on the enrollment date at Student Center (*Gakusei Center*) at Otsu Campus or at General Affairs Section, Academic Affairs Department (*Gakumu Ka*) at Hikone Campus.

VII. Student Life

A. Accommodation

1. International House of Shiga University, Students Dormitory, etc.

Name	Int'l House of Shiga University	Hiratsugaokaryou Dormitory ※1	Shiseiryu Dormitory	Shiga Int'l House
Address	2-4-40 Schiromachi, Hikone	2-5-1 Hiratsu, Otsu Faculty of Education, Shiga University	10-32 Nagasone-chou, Hikone	4-3-38 Hamaotsu, Otsu
Number of Rooms	Single: 14 Couple: 1 Family: 1	Boys' Dorm.: 28 Girls' Dorm. : 39	Boys' Dorm: 137 Girls' Dorm: 30	Japanese Room: 4 Western Room: 11
Available to	Undergraduates Graduates	Undergraduates	Undergraduates	Undergraduates Graduates
Available for	1 year	4 years	4 years	1 year
Furnishings	Bath, Toilet, Kitchen, Desk, Bookcase, Bed, Refrigerator, Desk Lamp, Microwave, Air conditioner	-	Desk, Chair, Air conditioner	Bath, Toilet, Kitchen, Shoe Cupboard, Rice Cooker, Electric Pot, Toaster Oven, Kitchen Wagon, Stool, Dustbin, Desk, Chair, TV, Telephone (extension only), Refrigerator, Desk Lamp, Bicycle (if desired)
Common Facilities	Hall, Common Room, Laundry Room	Dining Room, Laundry Room, Bath	Bath, Dining Room	Guestroom, Meeting Room (Large / Small), Laundry Room
Monthly Boarding Fees (Except Utility Bills)	Single: JPY 5,900 Couple: JPY 11,900 Family: JPY 14,200 + Common Service Charge	JPY 3,500 + Residents' Association Fee	JPY 4,300 + Residents' Association Fee	JPY 24, 516
How to Apply	Application forms will be sent to all successful applicants in late January. Application should be submitted by mid February. The result will be notified by the end of February.	Application forms will be sent to all successful applicants in late January. Application should be submitted on the enrollment date. Interview is conducted on the same day. The result will be notified on the next day.	Application forms will be sent to all successful applicants in late January. Application should be submitted on the enrollment date. Interview is conducted on the same day. The result will be notified on the next day on inquiry.	Application should be submitted on the enrollment date. The applicant should attend the meeting held in early March. The result will be notified on the spot.
Contact Information	Academic and International Affairs Division +81-749-27-1172	Student and Career Service Section +81-77-537-7708	Student Support Department +81-749-27-7530	Academic and International Affairs Division +81-749-27-1172

※The above description of Hiratsugaoka Dormitory is subject to change as the dormitory is to be renovated in FY 2007.

International House of Shiga University is a three-story facility located in Hikone.

Bedrooms: (16 for international students, 3 for researchers)

Facilities: (multi-purpose hall, Common Room, laundry room)

2. Students dormitories

Students dormitories are available to selected international students.

3. Private Apartments

A private apartment usually has a bedroom, a kitchen, bathroom and a toilet. The monthly rent is approximately between JPY 35,000 and JPY 50,000. In addition to the monthly rent, a security deposit equivalent to one month' or two months' rent, and in some cases key money, may be needed at the start of the contract. Information on private apartments is provided at the Shiga University Co-op.

A guarantor may be required to rent a private apartment. If you cannot find an appropriate guarantor, please contact Academic and International Affairs Division above.

Shiga University Co-op, Otsu Campus
2-5-1 Hiratsu, Otsu, Shiga 5200862
TEL: 077-537-0024
Email: Shiga.otsub.@mal.seikyuu.ne.jp
URL: <http://hal.seikyuu.ne.jp/home/Shiga.Otsub/>

Shiga University Co-op, Hikone Campus
1-1-1 Bamba, Hikone, Shiga
TEL: 0749-24-3256
Email: 1201@mal.seikyuu.ne.jp
URL: <http://hal.seikyuu.ne.jp/home/Hikoneb.Shiga/>

B. Living Expenses

Depending on the accommodation, the amount of living expenses varies greatly. Generally, students living in International House of Shiga University or student dormitories will need about JPY70,000 per month, while those living in private apartments will need about JPY100,000 per month.

Careful planning and preparation for living abroad must be made before coming to Japan for studies.

C. Engaging in an Activity Other than Those Permitted by the Status of Residence Previously Granted

Since international students are recognized as residing for the purpose of pursuing their studies and research, to be gainfully employed while pursuing their studies, students need to make an "Application for Permission to Engage in an Activity Other Than Those Permitted by the Status of Residence Previously Granted" at the regional immigration bureau. Please note that there are restrictions on working hours and workplaces in the permit.

D. Events for International Students

Many events for International Students are planned throughout the year, including a study tour and a friendship meeting with the president of Shiga University. There are also interesting off-campus events as well.

(Reference Data)

○ Number of Enrolled International Students by Nationality (as of May 1, 2009)

Countries & Regions	Under-graduates		Graduates		Research Students		Total
	Edu.	Econ.	Edu.	Econ.	Edu.	Econ.	
China	14	30	16	89	6	20	175
Taiwan				1		2	3
Korea		1				2	3
Mongolia		1		1	1	1	4
Vietnam	2	6	1				9
Thailand					2		2
Indonesia		1					1
Bangladesh				1			1
Mexico					1	2	3
Peru					1		1
Romania		1					1
India		1					1
Australia		1					1
U.S.A			1				1
Guatemala					1		1
Luxembourg		1					1
Serbia		1					1
Total	16	44	18	92	12	27	209

○Trend of Applied / Accepted Number of International Students

1. Faculty Level:

Faculty	Course	2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted
Education	School Teachers' Training	4	3	5	4	8	5	10	4
	Information Education	0	0	2	1	2	1	5	1
	Environment Education	3	2	5	2	8	3	5	2
	Total	7	5	12	7	18	9	20	7
Economics	Economics	3	2	4	1	8	4	8	4
	Finance	2	1	3	1	4	1	6	4
	Management	12	8	17	8	21	4	8	5
	Accounting Information	2	2	7	4	5	4	13	7
	Information Processing and Management	2	0	2	0	2	1	2	1
	Social Systems	0	0	2	1	3	1	2	1
	Total	21	13	35	15	43	15	39	22
Grand Total	28	18	47	22	61	24	59	29	

2 . Graduate School Level:

	Major	2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted
Education	School Education	5	4	2	2	3	3	6	6
	Education for Disabled Children	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Subject Studies	5	3	5	5	5	4	6	5
	Total	10	7	8	8	8	7	12	11
Economics	Economics	6	6	3	2	6	5	11	9
	Management	3	2	6	4	7	4	10	6
	Global Finance	3	2	5	4	6	6	4	4
	Risk Research in Economics and Management	2	2	4	3	6	5	4	3
	Total	14	12	18	13	25	20	29	22
Grand Total	24	19	26	21	33	27	41	33	