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Sophia — Bringing the World Together
A Japanese University with a Global Mission
Greetings from Sophia University

As the 21st Century unfolds, we find ourselves in challenging times. Many barriers to equity have been removed, but not all. Our world seems to stand on a precipice, unsure of where it is heading. Many wonder, will countries become more divisive or will we be able to rise above divisive beliefs and actions and become unified as one borderless global society.

Our university was founded on the belief that all people—no matter what one’s religion, ethnicity, or nationality may be, should be brought together in peaceful unity and equity. This vision of our founding fathers holds strong today at Sophia University, ensuring that we remain committed to their ideals and is reflected in our education principle ‘Men and Women for Others, with Others.’

Higher education must constantly strive to enrich both the hearts and minds of students. How we instill dignity, respect and empathy in our students is a question we often ask ourselves at Sophia University. We encourage students to view the world from multiple perspectives, be critical thinkers and drivers of change towards a better future for all.

Dr. Yoshiaki Terumichi
President of Sophia University
Professor of the Faculty of Science and Technology

Japan’s Pioneer in Global Education

Sophia University leads the drive toward internationalization in Japan, providing innovative educational opportunities that take our increasingly complex world into account.

Over the years, Sophia University has developed a strong global network that attracts researchers and students from overseas to teach and study in Japan, and Japanese researchers and students to do the same abroad.

Sophia University provides an excellent educational environment in the era of internationalization, cultivating our mission “Men and Women for Others, with Others” so that we can excel on the global stage.

Message from the President

Facts & Figures (As of 2017)
- 9 undergraduate faculties with 29 departments
- 10 graduate schools with 25 programs
- Total Full-time Student Enrollment: 14,021
- 12,575 Undergraduate  1,369 Graduate  77 Law School
- Number of International Students: 1,593
  1,067 Undergraduate  526 Graduate
- 76 countries in total
- Faculty Staff: 1,486
  543 Full Time (22 countries)  943 Part Time
- Administrative Staff: 381

The Origin of Sophia

The origin of Sophia University can be traced back over 460 years, to the visit to Japan by the Jesuit missionary St. Francis Xavier in 1549. In letters to Rome, St. Xavier wrote about his hopes to found a university in the Japanese capital. In 1913, charged with the mission of fulfilling St. Francis Xavier’s vision, three Jesuits from Germany, the United Kingdom and France, Fr. Dahlmann, Fr. Rockliff and Fr. Boucher, established Sophia University in Tokyo.
**Why choose Sophia?**

» **One of the top private universities in Japan**
Sophia’s reputation for excellence in undergraduate education, outstanding graduate programs, and a competitive research environment enables it to maintain its ranking as one of Japan’s top private universities. Students benefit immensely from the ability to study the latest developments in their chosen field of specialization with distinguished Japanese and international faculty members. Reflecting the quality of their education, Sophia graduates are highly regarded as leaders in the global workplace at multinational companies and international organizations.

» **Japan’s pioneer in global education**
Sophia University has offered English-medium programs for more than 60 years. Reflecting the high regard in which it tracks record as a pioneer in global education is held, the University was chosen for a series of subsidy programs being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology to internationalize universities in Japan, including the Global 30 Project and the Top Global University Project. These programs are helping to further strengthen the University’s efforts to boost the global competency of our students. At the same time, agreements with 326 overseas universities in 69 countries ensure the dynamic mobility of our students. Over 1,500 international students are studying at Sophia from around the world, and are fostering an internationalized campus culture. The university is also renowned for encouraging Japanese students to study abroad with a broad spectrum of programs. Both incoming and outgoing students will discover how education really comes to life in an international context at Sophia.

» **Diversity on one campus in the fascinating city of Tokyo**
Sophia University has a compact footprint that brings together all faculties and graduate schools in the sciences and humanities on a single campus. This approach yields significant benefit to the University’s programs by deepening educational mobility, collaboration, and specialization. By offering an environment that brings together students and faculty members from different cultural, linguistic, and religious backgrounds, the campus functions as a microcosm of global society. No less beneficial is the University’s location in Tokyo, a megacity that invites students to enjoy all the benefits of its state-of-the-art technology, facilities, and infrastructure. Best of all, the city affords an invaluable opportunity to experience a unique culture in which traditional and modern elements intermingle.

» **Wide variety of English-medium programs**
Students can study business and economics, science and technology, and environmental studies, all strengths of Japan, in English. Sophia also boasts a long tradition in Japanese studies. Monumenta Nipponica, an English-medium scholarly journal that serves as an important resource for researchers studying Japan worldwide, is edited at the University.
The following programs offer entirely of English-medium curriculum:
- **Undergraduate level:** Liberal Arts, Science and Technology
- **Graduate level:** Education, Global Studies, Global Environmental Studies, TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), Science and Technology
- **Non-Degree programs:** Liberal Arts, Center for Language Education and Research (Japanese-language courses)

» **Renowned for offering high-quality language education**
Since the time of its founding Sophia has emphasized foreign language education, and Sophia graduates are highly regarded for their exceptional language proficiency and communication skills. The Center for Language Education and Research offers courses in 22 languages to Japanese speaking students. The Center also provides a wide variety of Japanese courses for international students. In addition to fostering the ability to utilize foreign language proficiency as they pursue careers in an increasingly global and diverse world, Sophia University aims to lay the groundwork for students’ ability to use foreign languages to logically develop their own ways of thinking, present their thoughts, and negotiate at a deeper level.
Academic and Research Institutes Organizations

Undergraduate Faculties and Departments / Centers Offering University-Wide Programs

JAPANESE-MEDIUM PROGRAMS

- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Science and Technology
- Faculty of Human Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics

ENGLISH-MEDIUM PROGRAMS

- Faculty of Business Studies
- Faculty of Global Studies
- Faculty of Science and Technology

Graduate Schools and Programs

- Graduate School of Humanities
- Graduate School of Law
- Graduate School of Economics

Research Institutes

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Sophia University has long been acting as a cross-cultural bridge in the research field, and promoting internationalization of the study environment.

Kirishitan Bunko Library

Kirishitan Bunko is a world-famous center for the collection, study and publication of materials on early East-West relations and Christian missionary activities in Japan and Asia. The Kirishitan Bunko collection has approximately 15,000 volumes, including books, documents, maps, and materials published in Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries, Roman Catholic Church publications from the Meiji period, Petrine editions, and other related materials. In recent years, the third edition of the “Kirishitan Bunko” bibliography and a virtual library of the Kirishitan Bunko Library rare book collection were released on the internet “Laures Kirishitan Bunko Rare Book Database and Virtual Library” (https://digital-archives.sophia.ac.jp/laures-kirishitan-bunko/)

Monumenta Nipponica

Monumenta Nipponica, first published in 1938, is one of the world’s oldest English-language academic journals in the field of Asian studies. Since its founding, MN’s mission has been to provide an international forum for the exchange of ideas and the presentation of recent research on Japan. As a peer-reviewed journal for researchers from across the globe, MN carries original scholarly articles on premodern and modern history, literature, art history, religion, and thought. The journal is also committed to providing a platform for translations of Japanese sources and texts—with several hundred such translations having appeared as of 2016—and to publishing authoritative reviews of recent books on Japan. Print subscriptions can be ordered from the MN office. From volume 60 (2005), the journal has been available online through Project MUSE [https://muse.jhu.edu/]. The complete run of back issues is available online through JSTOR (http://www.jstor.org/).

Sophia Asia Center for Research and Human Development

Sophia Asia Center for Research and Human Development was established in 1996 as an overseas educational institution in Cambodia, with the aim of pursuing Sophia University’s mission through the development of knowledge and education in Asia. In cooperation with the Royal University of Fine Arts, training courses in Archaeology and Architecture are conducted for Cambodian students at the site of Banteay Srei temple and the western causeway of Angkor Wat. In 2003, students of the Center helped rewrite the history of the Angkor period when they discovered 274 Buddha statues dating back 1,000 years. In addition to field research, the Center hosts international symposiums, lectures, and workshops. The University has also opened the Sophia Angkor Center for Cultural Heritage Education, which offers excavation site tours and other programs for local scholarship students. In 2016, Cambodia and Japan commenced a four-year restoration project centered on the northern section of the Western Causeway of Angkor Wat. It is a project jointly initiated by the APSARA National Authority and Sophia University. For more information, please visit the Sophia Asia Center for Research and Human Development website, which was granted The Ramon Magsaysay Award.
Sophia University Overseas Partner Institutions

Student and Academic Exchange Agreements with 326 Institutions in 69 countries and regions

Sophia University has entered into student and academic exchange agreements with more than 320 unique institutions around the world. These agreements offer Sophia students the opportunity to spend part of their time as a student at another campus. In this way, Sophia, as an institution of higher learning, throws open its doors to the world.

Sophia University has accepted a total of 1,193 international students in the academic year 2017. On the other hand, 1,252 Sophia students have studied abroad throughout the year. Within the scheme of our exchange program, 463 were incoming students and 370 were outgoing students.

Other Networks for Student Mobility
SAIPS (Sophia + ASEAN International Mobility for Students Program): Partner Universities: 7 universities from 4 ASEAN countries. URL: http://dept.sophia.ac.jp/p/saips

ACUCA (The Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia) SMS (Student Mobility Scheme): 41 partners institutions are participating in ACUCA SMS from 8 countries/regions, namely Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand. URL: http://www.acuca.net/

Other Networks for Student Mobility
LAP (Sophia-Nanzan Latin America Program): Joint program with Nanzan University and Sophia Junior College. Partner Universities: 13 universities from 6 Latin American countries. URL: https://www.sophia-nanzan-lap.com/

SAIMS (Sophia + ASEAN International Mobility for Students Program): Partner Universities: 13 universities from 9 South East Asian countries. URL: http://dept.sophia.ac.jp/p/saims

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* Academic Exchange Only ** Department Level Exchange Only ©SAIMS Partner Universities ©LAP Partner Universities
Support for International Students

Bilingual Campus
All departments at Sophia University have staff members who speak English, allowing them to accommodate English-language inquiries related to student life, including questions about coursework and registration, scholarship programs, and counseling. Administrative offices that deal with international students have formed the Support Network for International Students as part of an effort to integrate support services for those students.

Center for Global Education and Discovery
The Center for Global Education and Discovery offers various global education programs to all students at the University in order to foster global competency.
- General Studies Courses in Japanese and English
- Internship Programs (credit-based)
- Global Competency Program
- Exchange Programs
- Short-term Study Abroad Programs
- Short-term Programs for International Students
- Social Engagement Programs
- Sophia, AIMS Program (SAIMS)
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Career Support
The Sophia Career Center helps International students to make their job-seeking efficient and gives them tips to find career opportunities in Japan.
- Individual counseling service
- Job search database (including internship search)
- Job fair
- Job search workshops designed for international students

Sophia graduates of foreign nationality work in many multinational corporations, including:
- All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd.
- Hakuhodo Incorporated
- Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.
- NEC Corporation
- Nestle Japan Ltd.
- Toshiba Corporation
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- Canon Inc.
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**EUROPE**
- Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz
- Belarusian State University
- University of Antwerp
- Université Catholique de Louvain
- University of Namur
- University of Naples* *
- American University
- Alder University School of Business
- Queen’s School of Economics
- University of São Paulo
- University of Bologna
- Université Catholique de Louvain
- Université Libre de Bruxelles
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- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven-Aachen Institute

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Housing
Sophia University has four dormitories:

Sophia Soshigaya International House
[ Men's and Women's ]
Sophia Soshigaya International House is a dormitory where students have opportunities to meet people of different cultures and language backgrounds. The House aims to influence the personal growth of the students by providing an environment where they can live close together in a unique residential community. The House expects students with strong motive to international exchange and to actively participate in the House activities, as well as complying with regulations and rules of the House. The House has a total of 330 rooms including rooms for families of overseas teachers and researchers.
Location: Kami-Soshigaya, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo
Commuting time to Sophia: approx. 50 min.
Meals: not provided (shared kitchen available)
Monthly rent: 42,000 yen (as of 2017)
Other fees: Dorm admission fee (42,000 yen), deposit (42,000 yen - refundable), utility costs etc.

Sophia Higashi Nakano Women's Dormitory
Location: Higashi-Nakano, Nakano-ku, Tokyo
Commuting time to Sophia: approx. 40 min.
Meals: students can choose a room with board, or a room without meals. (individual kitchen available)
Monthly rent: 106,800 yen to 123,900 yen (as of 2017)
Other fees: Entrance fee, deposit, maintenance fee, etc.

Sophia Edagawa Men's Dormitory
[ Basic Japanese skills required ]
Location: Edagawa, Koto-ku, Tokyo
Commuting time to Sophia: approx. 35 min.
Meals: not provided (shared kitchen available)
Monthly rent: 70,000 yen (as of 2017)
Other fees: Entrance fee (100,000 yen), deposit (100,000 yen - refundable), utility costs etc.

There are also several affiliated dormitories available in the suburbs of Tokyo.

Scholarships for International Students

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<td>Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarships for Privately-Funded International Students</td>
<td>Degree students (undergraduate and graduate)</td>
<td>This scholarship is for undergraduate and graduate students who experience financial hardship that makes it difficult to continue their studies despite tremendous motivation.</td>
<td>Full, half or one third of tuition</td>
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<td>Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships</td>
<td>Degree students (undergraduate and graduate)</td>
<td>Benefits come from the funds created by the contributions of benefactors in Japan and overseas, and are given to full-time degree students who meet each benefactor's intention. The scholarships are for one year. However, students may be selected more than once. As a rule, each Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarship may be awarded concurrently to a recipient as long as the total amount awarded does not exceed the value equivalent to the annual school fee.</td>
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English-Taught Degree Programs

**Faculty of Liberal Arts**

**OVERVIEW**
As a pioneer of international education in Japan for more than half a century, the Faculty of Liberal Arts provides a liberal arts education in English that fosters wide-ranging knowledge and logical thinking skills. During the first year, students develop their writing and analytic skills, and take introductory courses in a range of academic disciplines. Students major in one of the three specialized fields (Comparative Culture, Social Studies, International Business and Economics) from the second half of their sophomore year. By developing advanced language skills, outstanding expertise and proficiency in intercultural communication, we educate “globally competent” individuals who can play active roles in international organizations, multinational enterprises, and other globally active organizations.

**DEGREES AND MAJORS**

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

**Majors:** Comparative Culture, Social Studies, International Business and Economics

**ACADEMIC SCHEDULE**

- **Spring semester:** April to August
- **Autumn semester:** September to March

**PROGRAM DURATION**

- **Freshman:** 4 years
- **Transfer students (Junior):** 2 years

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED PER YEAR**

- **Spring admission:** 63 students
- **Autumn admission:** 82 students

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

- **Application schedule:**
  - Spring (April) entry:
    - 1st application period: late August to mid-September
    - 2nd application period: late November to mid-December
  - Autumn (September) entry:
    - 1st application period: late November to mid-December
    - 2nd application period: late March to mid-April

- **Method of screening:**
  - Document screening

- **Application fee:** 32,000 yen

- **Application materials:**
  1. Application forms & essay
  2. Official high school transcript(s)
  3. Certificate of graduation
  4. SAT scores or ACT scores or IB diploma
  5. TOEFL or IELTS scores
  6. Two letters of recommendation

**TUITION AND FEES FOR THE FIRST YEAR (as of 2018)**

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* Tuition fee is 31,700 yen per credit and the total amount varies according to the number of credits.

**ADMISSION URL:**
https://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions/
**Program URL:**
https://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/program/undergraduate_c/UG_LA/

**Faculty of Science and Technology**

**Green Science and Green Engineering Programs**

**OVERVIEW**

To meet the diverse needs of internationalization, the Faculty of Science and Technology added two English-medium programs as part of its regular curriculum in 2012. Each program deals with environmental technologies in the following areas of study: Green Science Program at the Department of Materials and Life Sciences covers Physics, Chemistry, Biodiversity and Material Engineering, Green Engineering Program at the Department of Engineering and Applied Science covers Physics, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Class sizes are kept small so that students can communicate closely with their instructors. The aim of these programs is to foster science and technology specialists with crossdisciplinary knowledge to challenge global environmental issues.

**DEGREES AND MAJORS**

**Degrees:** Bachelor of Science in Materials and Life Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Applied Sciences

**Majors:** Green Science, Green Engineering

**ACADEMIC SCHEDULE**

- **Autumn semester:** September to March
- **Spring semester:** April to August

**PROGRAM DURATION**

- **Freshman:** 4 years
- **Transfer students (Junior):** 2 years

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED PER YEAR**

- **Green Science:** 25 students
- **Green Engineering:** 25 students

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

- **Application schedule:**
  - Autumn (September) entry:
    - 1st application period: late November to mid-December
    - 2nd application period: late March to mid-April

- **Method of screening:**
  - Document screening

- **Application fee:** 30,000 yen

- **Application materials:**
  1. Application forms & essay
  2. Official high school transcript(s)
  3. Certificate of graduation
  4. SAT scores, ACT scores, IB diploma or EJU scores
  5. TOEFL or IELTS scores
  6. Two letters of recommendation

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**Admission URL:**
https://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions/
**Program URL:**
http://www.st.sophia.ac.jp/english/
M.A. and Ph.D. in Global Studies

OVERVIEW
The Graduate Program in Global Studies emphasizes inquiry into global processes in the contemporary world and their historical antecedents. The program offers three specialized fields: 1) The M.A. and Ph.D. in Global Studies focus on the study of global issues and processes from social science perspectives; 2) The M.A. in International Business and Development Studies emphasizes the acquisition of analytical skills to deal with a range of contemporary global business and development programs, with a strong focus on Japan and Asia; 3) The M.A. and Ph.D. in Japanese Studies offers an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to the study of both historical and contemporary aspects of Japanese history, literature, religion, art history, society, and culture. Qualified students may pursue a dual M.A. in Japanese Studies offered by Sophia University and SOAS (School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London). The program's small scale and the broad experience and research interests of faculty members enable flexible course selection.

DEGREES
M.A. in Global Studies
M.A. in International Business and Development Studies
M.A. in Japanese Studies
Ph.D. in Global Studies
Ph.D. in Japanese Studies

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE
Spring semester: April to August
Autumn semester: September to March

PROGRAM DURATION
M.A. program: 2 years
Ph.D. program: 3 years

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED PER YEAR
M.A. 30 students
Ph.D. 3 students

ADMISSION INFORMATION
- Application schedule:
  Spring (April) entry: Application period: late August to mid-September
  Autumn (September) entry: Application period: late March to mid-April
- Method of screening:
  Document screening, interview (if needed)
- Application Fee:
  35,000 yen
- Application materials:
  1. Application forms
  2. Essay(s)
  3. Official university transcripts
  4. Support of graduation
  5. TOEFL or IELTS scores
  6. Three letters of recommendation
  7. Copy of a thesis or a significant paper

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Admission URL:
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Program URL:
http://gpgs.fla.sophia.ac.jp/

M.A. and Ph.D. in Global Environmental Studies

OVERVIEW
The Graduate Program in Global Environmental Studies focuses specifically on the environmental problems that constitute one of the greatest challenges we face today. The curriculum for the International Graduate Course in Global Environmental Studies (iGCES) consists of three fields: 1) Economics and Business Administration for the Environment; 2) Law, Politics and Sociology for the Environment; 3) Science and Engineering for the Environment. One of the strategies of iGCES is to enhance the capacity of students to contribute to the solving of current environmental issues through a variety of practical and discipline-specific programs. The school is devoted to creating graduates equipped to serve effectively as business persons, specialists, or scholars in the area of environmental protection.

DEGREES
M.A. in Environmental Studies
Ph.D. in Environmental Studies

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE
Spring semester: April to August
Autumn semester: September to March

PROGRAM DURATION
M.A. program: 2 years
Ph.D. program: 3 years

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED PER YEAR
M.A. 30 students
Ph.D. 10 students

ADMISSION INFORMATION
- Application Schedule:
  - Spring (April) entry: Application period: late August to mid-September
  - Autumn (September) entry: Application period: late March to mid-April
  * The additional application period is only for Ph.D. applicants who hold valid status of residence in Japan.
- Method of screening:
  - Document screening, interview (if needed)
- Application fee:
  35,000 yen
- Application materials:
  1. Application form
  2. Statement of purpose (500-700 words)
  3. Official university transcripts
  4. Proof of graduation
  5. TOEFL or IELTS scores
  6. Letter(s) of recommendation (M.A.: 1 letter/Ph.D.: 3 letters)
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Admission URL:
https://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions/
Program URL:
http://www.genv.sophia.ac.jp/
**M.A. in Linguistics (TESOL: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)**

**OVERVIEW**
The Master’s Program in TESOL started in 2006 with the aim of educating and training both pre-service and in-service teachers in teaching English as a foreign language. The program emphasizes not only practical but also theoretical aspects of English education, with a particular view to helping students develop the type of professionalism that will enable them to cater to the needs and wants of Japanese students studying in an EFL environment. Influenced in many positive ways by research and educational development overseas, the program presents a unique educational experience for students as they try to make a difference in English education in Japan. Upon completing the program, most of our graduates choose to work as practicing teachers in Japan and other parts of the world.

**DEGREE**
M.A. in Linguistics

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**
- Application schedule: Spring (April) entry
  1st application period: July
  2nd application period: December

- Method of screening: Document screening and interview

- Application fee: 35,000 yen

- Application Materials: 1. Application form
  2. Statement of purpose (maximum 2000 words)
  3. Official university transcripts
  4. Proof of graduation
  5. Prerequisite certification (if necessary)
  6. One letter of recommendation
  7. TOEFL/IELTS scores (for non-native speakers of English)

**TUITION AND FEES FOR THE FIRST YEAR (as of 2018)**

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**M.A. and Ph.D. in Education**

**OVERVIEW**
Educational science (kyoiku-gaku in Japanese) is a comprehensive field of inquiries addressing complex issues related to teaching and learning. Our department has eight divisions (Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Applied Chemistry, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Biological Science, Information Science), which will be involved in teaching and research guidance. At the same time, by joining the research group of the faculty member of their choice, students can receive research guidance and pursue much more advanced research work.

**DEGREES**
M.S. and Ph.D. in Green Science and Engineering

**ACADEMIC SCHEDULE**
- Spring semester: April to August
- Autumn semester: September to March

**PROGRAM DURATION**
- M.S. program: 2 years
- Ph.D. program: 3 years

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED PER YEAR**
- M.S.: 20 students
- Ph.D.: 3 students

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**
- Application schedule: Spring (April) entry
  1st application period: July

- Method of screening: Document screening and interview

- Application Materials: 1. Application form
  2. Statement of purpose (maximum 2000 words)
  3. Official university transcripts
  4. Proof of graduation
  5. Prerequisite certification (if necessary)
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**M.A. and Ph.D. in Green Science and Engineering**

**OVERVIEW**
The Graduate School of Science and Technology was established in 1962, and currently has one interdisciplinary graduate program with nine divisions. The Green Science and Engineering Division was launched in 2013. The entire educational program, including lectures and research guidance, is conducted in English. In addition, emphasis is given to environment and sustainability-related studies, which are vital to the future of humankind.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**
- Application schedule: Spring (April) entry
  1st application period: July

- Method of screening: Document screening and interview

- Application Materials: 1. Application form
  2. Statement of purpose (maximum 2000 words)
  3. Official university transcripts
  4. Proof of graduation
  5. Prerequisite certification (if necessary)
  6. One letter of recommendation
  7. TOEFL/IELTS scores (for non-native speakers of English)

**TUITION AND FEES FOR THE FIRST YEAR (as of 2018)**

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**ACADEMIC SCHEDULE**
- Spring semester: April to August
- Autumn semester: September to March

**PROGRAM DURATION**
- M.A. program: 2 years
- Ph.D. program: 3 years

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED PER YEAR**
- M.A.: 10 students
- Ph.D.: 5 students

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**
- Application schedule: Spring (April) entry
  1st application period: July

- Method of screening: Document screening and interview

- Application Materials: 1. Application form
  2. Statement of purpose (maximum 2000 words)
  3. Official university transcripts
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International Student Voices

After graduating from the University of Finance and Economics in Mongolia and taking Japanese language courses while living in Osaka for three years, I transferred to Sophia University as a junior student. The reason I chose Sophia is the university’s characteristic wide diversification of international students compared to other universities. Currently, I am living in Sophia Sothigaya International House where both Japanese and foreign students live together. There, we study, cook, and hang-out together, and we have many opportunities to make friends from all around the world.

As the Department of Economics, I’m taking economics classes in both Japanese and English. I have found it a great merit to be able to communicate in both languages. It brings me more learning opportunities and supports my personal growth. With the university-wide general studies course, I took the opportunity to do an internship at JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). I was assigned to assist the training program for local staff of JICA overseas offices, and I was able to experience a unique Japanese working style and company culture. I was amazed by their professional attitudes and passion towards their work. This internship was a once in a lifetime experience and it really motivated me to study much harder.

Sophia University offers diverse courses that allow students to find for themselves whatever they want to study. I majored in International Business and Economics at the Faculty of Liberal Arts, and it provides me various selection of focusing more on a certain subject by taking intermediate and advanced courses. I also had chances to learn literature, art, religion, and philosophy that I was not familiar with, which helped expand my perspective and knowledge in those fields. As well as lecture courses, Sophia University provides opportunities for students to learn or experience outside the classrooms. I worked on a project which aimed to prepare entrepreneurial initiatives and to carry a plan into action applying the knowledge that I gained from courses at Sophia University. Successfully, I made a profit from the project and contributed to society by donating all the profit to the Fukushima Prefectural Government. Even though the project was only for one year with limited budget, I had an invaluable experience.

As I reach the final stage at Sophia University, I am planning to apply to accounting positions and studying to become a certified public accountant. Making the decision to study at Sophia University has not only given me knowledge in my major but also changed every aspect of my life. I am truly grateful for all the support I received. Studying at Sophia University was the best decision I ever made.
EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students at overseas universities with which Sophia University has a formal exchange agreement receive reciprocal treatment regarding credits and tuition fees. Exchange students can study at Sophia for one or two semesters from September or April. Internal screening will be conducted at their home institutions approximately six to eight months before the beginning of the exchange period. They must first meet the application requirements and pass the internal selection process to be nominated to the exchange program. For a list of our exchange partner institutions, please see pages 6-8.

SUMMER SESSIONS & JANUARY SESSION

Summer Session in East Asian Studies and Japanese Language
This program consists of Summer Session 1 (four weeks in June) and Summer Session 2 (four weeks in July). It provides participants with opportunities to take part in an East Asian studies program and an intensive Japanese language program in both sessions.

1) East Asian Studies Program
This program provides students with the opportunity to study abroad in Japan and explore the country’s relation with Asia and the rest of the world. Students choose two or three intensive courses (two credits each) from a list including art, history, religion, literature, business and economics. Field trips and special events are included, such as opportunities to experience a Japanese tea ceremony and visit Meiji Shrine.

• Cultural activities and field trips are subject to change

2) Japanese Language Program
This program is tailored for students who want to intensively improve their Japanese Language abilities in Japan. Students will take a Japanese Language course (two credits) at the beginner, intermediate, advanced intermediate, or advanced level in an international environment. Class size is small, with around 20 students. In addition to the intensive Japanese Language course, the Japanese Language and Culture course will be offered (two credits).

To further enhance the effectiveness of Japanese language acquisition, students will have opportunities to practice their language skills with native Japanese students through Cultural workshops, which are related to Japanese Culture. Furthermore, events with Sophia students will be offered.

Admission URL: https://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions/summer
Seasons on Campus

**OCTOBER**
- Music Festival
- Foundation day
- Sophia Festival
- St. Xavier’s day
- Christmas Event
- Winter recess

**NOVEMBER**
- Jochi-Nanzan Sports Festival

**DECEMBER**
- Final examinations
- Classes end
- Summer recess
- Autumn Semester Starts
- Entrance Ceremony for autumn admission students
- Guidance for new students
- Orientation camp for new students
- Course registration
- Classes start

**JANUARY**
- Final examinations
- Classes end
- Spring recess
- Graduation Ceremony

**FEBRUARY**
- Christmas Event

**MARCH**
- Graduation Ceremony

**APRIL**
- Spring Semester Starts
- Entrance Ceremony for spring admission students
- Guidance for new students
- Orientation camp for new students
- Course registration
- Classes start
- All Sophians’ Festival (Home Coming Day)

**JULY**
- Summer recess
- Autumn Semester Starts
- Entrance Ceremony for autumn admission students
- Guidance for new students
- Orientation camp for new students
- Course registration
- Classes start

**AUGUST**
- Final examinations
- Classes end
- Summer recess
Thanks to Sophia University’s strong links to the Catholic Church and to various countries’ embassies, many distinguished visitors have come to its campus to give lectures and interact with students. The list of distinguished guests includes:

- Helmut Kohl (Chancellor of West Germany) / 1983
- Lech Walesa (President of Poland) / 1994
- Morihiro Hosokawa (Prime Minister of Japan. Alumnus of Sophia) / 1994
- José María Aznar Lopez (Prime Minister of Spain) / 1997
- Andrés Pastrana (President of Republic of Colombia) / 1999
- Gerhard Fritz Kurt Schröder (Chancellor of Germany) / 2004
- Jean Claude Juncker (Prime Minister of Luxemburg) / 2010
- Benigno S. Aquino III (President of the Republic of the Philippines) / 2013
- Thomas Yo-Yi-Borg (President of the Republic of Benin) / 2013
- Richard L. Armitage (Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State) / 2014
- Emanuel Manny Mori (President, the Federated States of Micronesia) / 2014
- Tabaré Vázquez (President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay) / 2015
- Caroline Kennedy (U.S. Ambassador to Japan) / 2016

Distinguished Visitors to Sophia Yotsuya Campus

This tower houses research and education facilities in its 17 above ground and 3 basement floors. It also home to administrative offices tasked with helping students, a state-of-the-art computer lab, computer-assisted language learning (CALL) room for use in foreign-language education, TV center equipped to a commercial broadcast station standard, cafeteria, bookstore, and other facilities.

The oldest building on campus, it stood before the founding of the University. Today it is a Jesuit church, a place for prayer and worship.

- Distinguished Visitors to Sophia Yotsuya Campus