



**AICHI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY**

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**EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

**2019-2020**



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**愛知学院大学**

## ● Introduction to Aichi Gakuin University

Since its establishment in 1876 as a branch training center of Soto Zen Buddhism, Aichi Gakuin University (AGU) has been producing graduates who are able to contribute positively to their communities and to society as a whole. For over 140 years, it has been passing down the Buddhist spirit that emphasizes humanity, compassion, gratitude and the dynamic connection between learning and practice. Being one of the largest universities in the Chubu area, AGU, with approximately 12,000 students at present, is composed of 16 departments in 9 faculties, one department in the junior college, and 9 schools in the graduate school. It has four campuses: Nisshin Campus, its largest campus; Kusumoto Campus, its oldest campus, and Meijo Koen Campus, its newest; and finally Suemori Campus, home of its preeminent University Dental Hospital. All four campuses can be found in or near Nagoya which is located at the center of Honshu, the main island of Japan.

For more information, please refer to the URL : <http://www.agu.ac.jp/english/>

### 【List of Faculties of Each Campus】

#### <Nisshin Campus>



- Faculty of Letters
- Faculty of Psychological and Physical Science
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Policy Studies
- Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences

#### <Meijo Koen Campus>



- Faculty of Business and Commerce
- Faculty of Management
- Faculty of Economics

#### <Kusumoto Campus>



- School of Pharmacy
- School of Dentistry

#### <Suemori Campus>



- University Dental Hospital



## ● Nagoya City and Nisshin City

Nagoya is one of the largest cities in Japan. The largest campus of AGU is located in Nisshin City, just outside of Nagoya. Nisshin is a lively area where you can enjoy both natural beauty and everyday conveniences. It has nearly ten university campuses, so it has a youthful vigor, but also a casual residential atmosphere. You can find various cafés, restaurants and shops that appeal to people of all ages. The recent introduction of two large-scale shopping malls also adds to the fun and convenience of living in Nisshin. Getting into Nagoya City is quick and easy too, via the direct bus service from the AGU campus or the nearby subway service.

For over 400 years, Nagoya has played a crucial role in Japanese history. Today it's a bustling center of Japanese innovation, industry and manufacturing. The city began its rapid growth in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century when it was closely associated with the three unifiers of Japan: Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Tokugawa Ieyasu. Throughout most of the city's history, Nagoya Castle has proudly stood at its center. You can enjoy the rich history of Nagoya all over the city, but particular points of interest are, of course, the castle, as well as the nearby Tokugawa Garden and Museum. Nagoya's other face, as the cutting-edge hub of Japanese industrial innovation and manufacturing, can also be seen all over the city. Toyota is one of the largest and best-known companies in Japan. It has deep ties to Nagoya, and you can learn about the development of manufacturing in Japan by visiting the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology.

Nagoya's climate is generally mild with an average temperature of 15 to 25 degrees Celsius in spring and autumn. It can get as hot as 35 degrees Celsius in the summer, though, and it's been known to dip below freezing in winter.

For more information, please refer to the URL : <https://www.nagoya-info.jp/en/>



## Academic Life at AGU

Exchange students can register for at least seven classes a semester. Those exchange students with a beginners' level of Japanese can choose from the Japanese language and culture classes offered by the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) and the classes available in English offered by various departments of AGU. Those exchange students with a Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) score of N2 or above may enroll in any classes offered in Japanese in any department at AGU (with the instructor's consent).

### ● Center for Japanese Language and Culture

AGU is pleased to announce that the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) will be established in April of 2019. The CJLC will give classes in Japanese language and culture to exchange students from affiliated universities. Also the Center will offer intensive Japanese and culture classes for short-term Japanese programs.

#### Language Classes

We will offer various levels of Japanese language classes ranging from Beginning level, up to Advanced for students at an N2 level of Japanese proficiency or above. The content of the classes will be tailored to the language level of individual exchange students, so any student at an affiliated university can feel free to challenge the Japanese language classes, regardless of their Japanese ability.

#### Culture Classes

The Center will also offer classes allowing students to experience Japanese culture in English. Students will be able to experience traditional Japanese culture such as *shodo* (Japanese calligraphy), tea ceremony, *origami* and Zen meditation. They will also be able to take part in excursions as well, including visits to Japanese shrines and temples near the AGU campus. Cooking classes will also offer students a chance to make Japanese traditional dishes, and then enjoy eating what they've made, all while learning about the history and cultural significance of particular dishes.





## ●Classes Available in English at AGU

In addition to the Japanese language and culture classes offered in the CJLC, all exchange students can register for classes and seminars offered in English. In particular, “Japanese Culture and Society” offered in the Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences is one that all exchange students are sure to enjoy. This class will present various topics pertaining to Japanese culture and society such as religion, law, family and marriage, and local history, each topic taught by experts in the field, who have been chosen from the diverse faculty here at AGU.

The Faculty of Policy Studies will offer: Human Security Studies, Introduction to International Organizations, Theories of International Development, International Security Studies, Introduction to Globalization Studies.

The Faculty of Letters will offer: Area Studies of Oceania, Area Studies of North America, Area Studies of Japan, Area Studies of Great Britain, Culture through English I, II, III.

## ●Important Dates

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Application Deadlines	Late November	Late March
Arrival	Late March	Early September
Semester begins	Early April	Mid-September
Semester ends	Late July	Late January

Summer Vacation	Early August – Mid-September
Winter Break	Late December – Early January
Spring Break	Early February – Late March



## ● Cultural Exchange with Japanese Students

The AGU-CJLC offers exchange students a truly unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture and language. Because the program is exclusive and open to only a small number of students from abroad, those students will have to challenge themselves on a daily basis to learn Japanese and adapt to the cultural environment. Exchange students will be able to enjoy making new Japanese friends and interacting with their classmates. They will also be encouraged to enroll in a seminar that suits their academic interests, something that will certainly help them to make new friends. Moreover, exchange students can be Learning Assistants (LAs) at the AGU English Lounge where they can help Japanese students with their English speaking and listening skills. These LAs play an integral part in cultural exchange events held at the English Lounge, giving them even greater opportunities to meet and interact with Japanese students.



## ● Residence

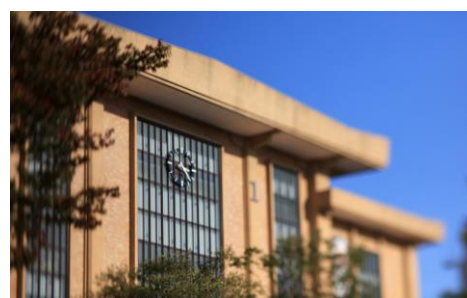
An apartment will be provided for the exchange student. Monthly rent (including electricity and gas charges) will be around 60,000 yen and must be paid monthly by the exchange student.

## ● Insurance

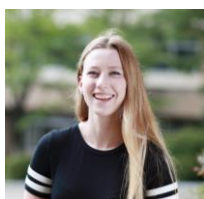
Exchange students with a residence status of “College Student” must subscribe to the “Japan National Health Insurance (JNHI)”. Subscribers to JNHI will pay 30% of medical fees. An insurance premium (of approximately JPY 1,500 as a monthly average, although this may vary according to the region) is necessary, and it will be a great help when the subscriber has serious medical problems or needs to be hospitalized. Particularly, for international students with dependent family members, joining the JNHI will reduce the financial burden of medical fees.

## ● Estimated Living Expenses (prices subject to change)

Rent	¥50,000+/month
Meals	¥30,000+/month
Fuel and lighting	¥10,000+/month
Pocket Wifi	¥3,000+/month
Miscellaneous	¥10,000+/month
Textbooks	¥10,000~¥20,000/semester



## ● Exchange Student Testimonials



Kelsea Dyer



Australia

Bond University

I have had an interest in Japan since a young age. With the prospect of studying Japanese in Japan, I changed my degree at Bond to Arts and majored in film production and Japanese language. My Japanese teacher knew I was aiming for fluency and recommended I go to Aichi Gakuin University (AGU), in Aichi Prefecture, for a challenging, immersive exchange. As this was my first time leaving Australia, I didn't know what to expect. I was faced with many new challenges, but walked away from the experience with new friends and unforgettable memories.

I arrived in Japan in peak cherry blossom season. AGU was covered in pink and white blossoms. The staff at AGU were extremely helpful with setting up my apartment and bank account, shopping and anything else I needed. Even my class schedule was organised for me. I took classes in Japanese conversation, listening, writing and calligraphy, as well as three other classes conducted in English. I took a seminar focused on cultural differences with the English-major students. In this class, and in the English Lounge where I was available for students studying English, I met many of my closest friends. They were some of the most helpful and caring people I had ever met. The memories we made together were truly incredible.

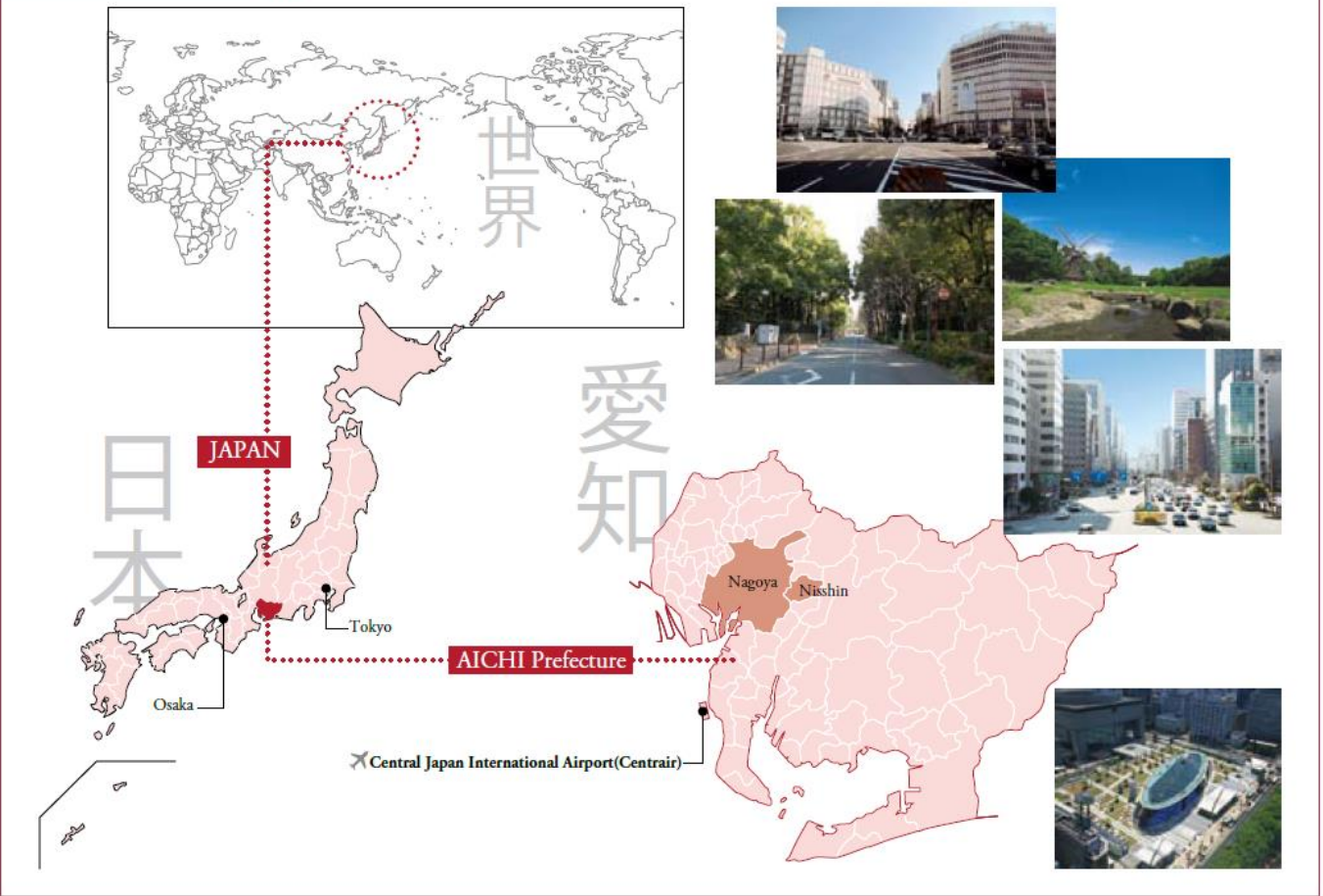
Going on exchange to Japan was the most incredible experience of my life. Studying at AGU was challenging but rewarding, and I would encourage those who are keen for a challenge to do so. You will absolutely not regret it.

(The above is based on Kelsea Dyer's testimonial which appears, in longer form, on the Bond University website.)





# LOCATION



# ACCESS MAP

