

# Why ICU?

Top reasons  
why International Christian University in Tokyo,  
should be your choice for overseas studies  
October 2023

# Welcome to ICU... An Oasis in the World's Largest City









# #1: Unique Campus with a Liberal Arts Mission



# #1: Liberal Arts Mission



## The Three Commitments of ICU

- Academic Commitment
- Christian Commitment
- International Commitment



# #1: Liberal Arts Mission



Highly Ranked: 10th overall and **1st** among private universities

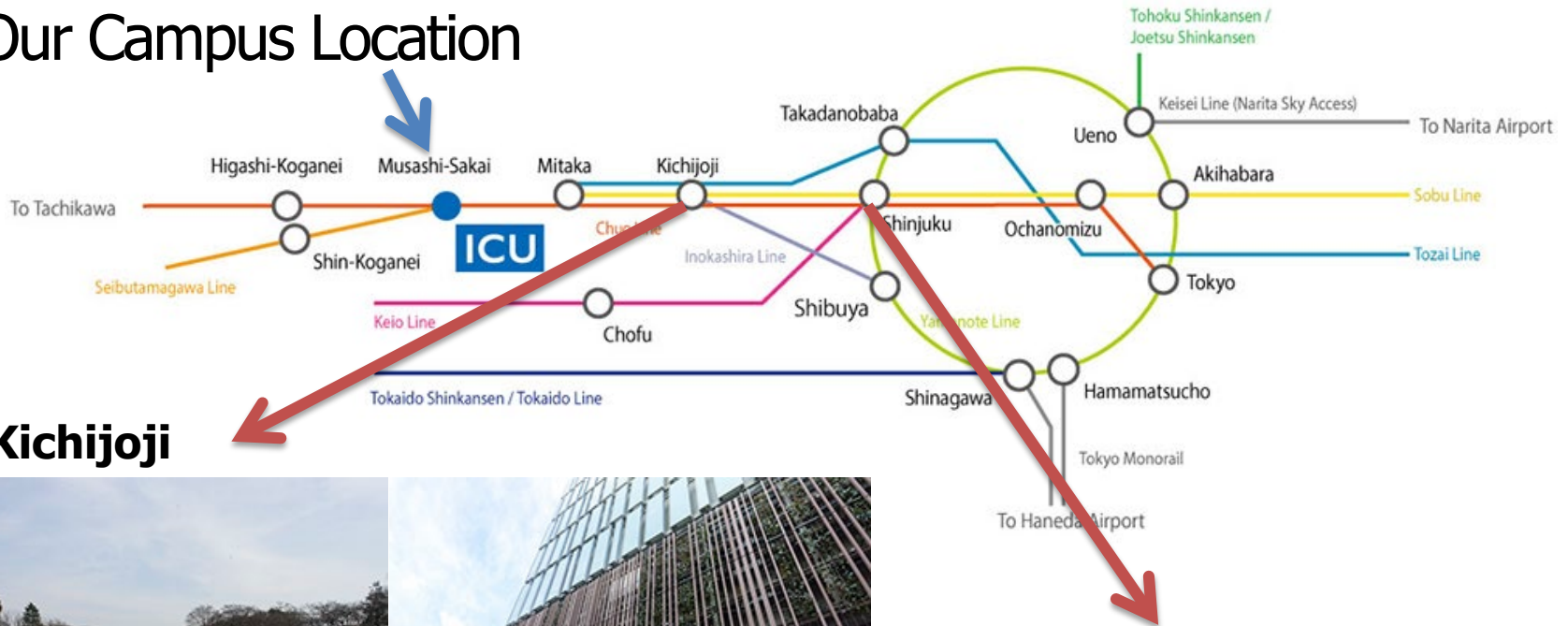


Times Higher Education Japan University Rankings 2023



# #2: Ideal Location

## Our Campus Location



**Kichijoji**



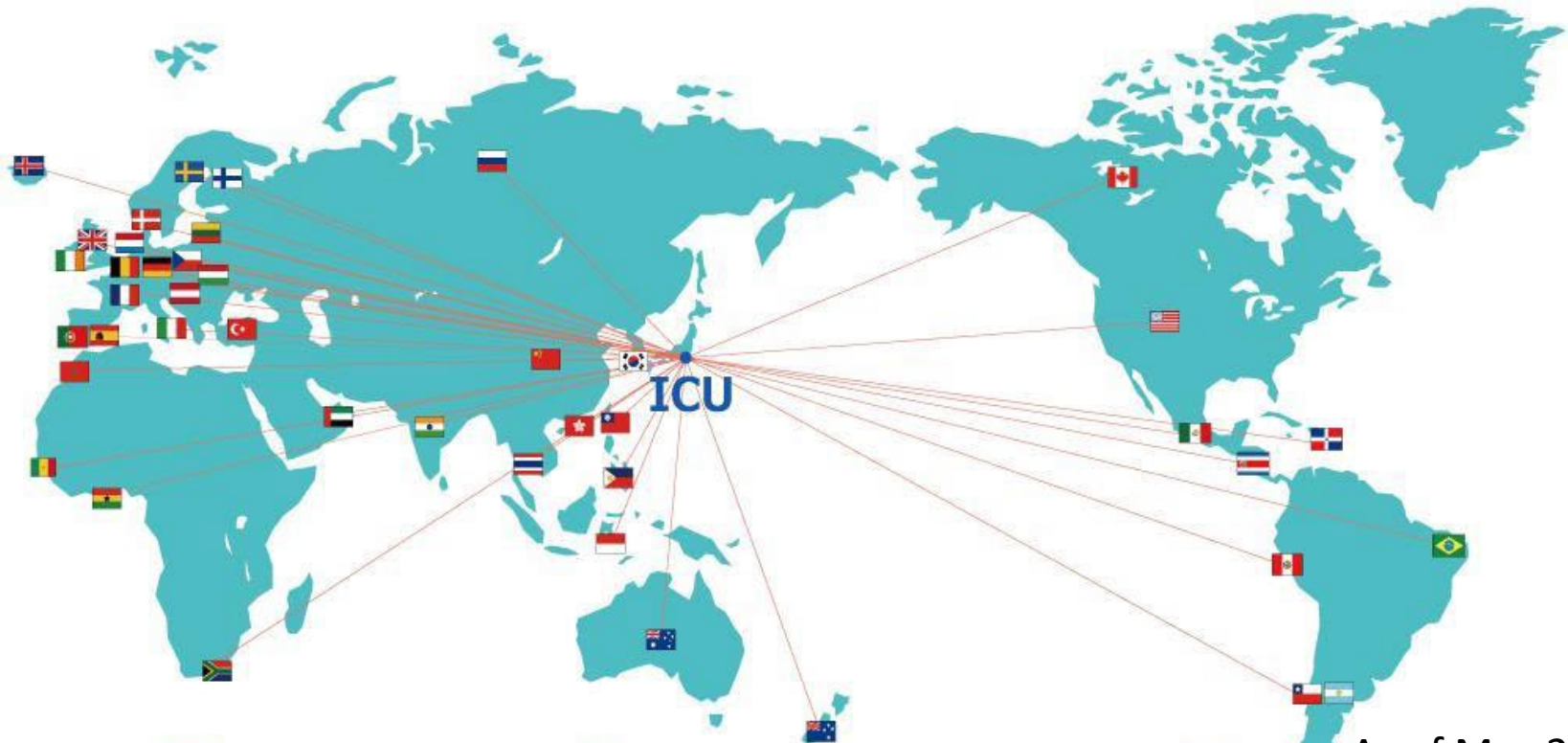
**Shinjuku**



# #3: Educational Experience

## *Fully Vibrant and Diverse Academic Community*

- 2,976 undergraduate and 216 graduate students
- 469 international students from 53 countries
- approx. 15 % of all students are int'l students



# #3: Educational Experience



- 82 Exchange Program partners in over 29 countries
- More than 180 incoming exchange students each year



As of March 2023

# #3: Educational Experience



- Dynamic Classroom Experiences
- Small Group Discussion
- Japanese and International Students Together



# #3: Educational Experience



- Student-Faculty Ratio 17:1
- 32% of Courses are Taught in English
- Each Student is assigned to an Academic Adviser



# #3: Educational Experience



- New building opened in 2023
- A place where arts and sciences are integrated
- Glass-walled laboratories / Rooftop garden as learning space

Completed in December 2022

**Welcome to the  
Troyer Memorial  
Arts and  
Sciences Hall**



# #4: Academic Offerings - 31 Majors



- Art and Cultural Heritage
- Music
- Literature
- Philosophy and Religion
- Education
- Language Education
- Linguistics
- Psychology
- American Studies
- Asian Studies
- Development Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Global Studies
- Japan Studies
- Peace Studies
- Economics
- Business
- History
- Law
- Politics
- Public Policy
- International Relations
- Media, Communication and Culture
- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Information Science

# #4: Academic Offerings – Japanese Language Programs



Track 1. Japanese as a Foreign Language: “Japanese Program” <sup>1</sup>	
<b>J1: Japanese</b> (CEFR level: A1)	
<b>J2: Japanese</b> (CEFR level: A2.1)	
<b>J3: Japanese</b> (CEFR level: A2.2)	
<b>J4: Japanese</b> (CEFR level: B1.1)	<i>Vocabulary and Kanji for Intermediate Learners of Japanese 1 &amp; 2</i>  <elective>
<b>J5: Japanese</b> (CEFR level: B1.2)	
<b>J6: Japanese</b> (CEFR level: B2.1)	
<b>J7: Japanese</b> (CEFR level: B2.2)	
<b>Advanced Seminar in Japanese A &amp; B</b>  <elective>	

Track 2. Japanese as a First/Heritage Language: “Special Japanese Program” <sup>3</sup>	
Introduction to Japanese for First/Heritage Language Speakers	
Special Japanese 1	Kanji 1
Special Japanese 2	Kanji 2
Special Japanese 3	Kanji 3
<i>Special Japanese: Research Writing</i> <elective>	

- 1: 4-Year Regular and Transfer Students placed in the track 1 are required to complete up to “J7: Japanese”.
- 2: The CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) organizes language proficiency in six levels, A1 to C2. For more information, please refer to the following.  
< <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages> >
- 3: 4-Year Regular and Transfer students placed in the track 2 are required to complete up to Special Japanese 3 and Kanji 3.

\*If students complete the courses shown in this chart, they are deemed to have reached the equivalent level for CEFR<sup>2</sup>.



# #4: Academic Offerings – Japan Studies Certificate Program



- Explore the People, Languages and Cultures of Japan
- Certificate of Completion Awarded



# #5: Living Experience



- Residential living with Japanese & International Students
  - 11 On-campus Dormitories
- Japan Immersion Experience Unlike any other Campus*



# #5 Living Experience



# #6 Student Support



## Counseling Center

- Bilingual counseling support (about 40 min/session)
- University psychiatrist (Tuesday mornings)
- Referral Services (outside resources)

<https://sites.google.com/info.icu.ac.jp/icucounselingcenter-english/home>

## Healthcare Office

- Bilingual healthcare support
- University doctor (Monday/Wednesday afternoons)
- First aid
- Referrals to local healthcare facilities



**Wear a mask**

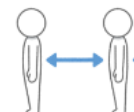


**Ventilate**

Open 2 windows in different directions.  
Open door if just 1 window.  
Open windows fully for a few minutes  
in every 30 minutes.



**Wash hands**



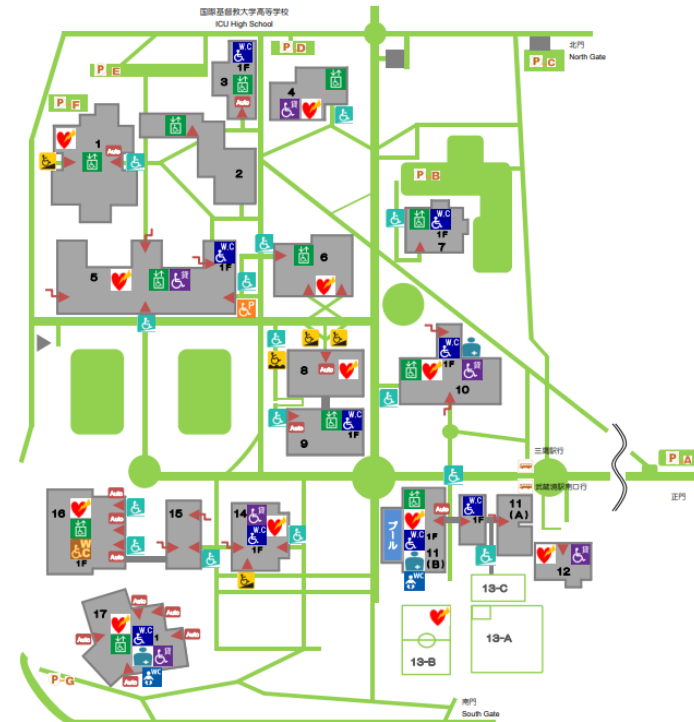
**Prevent the "Three Cs"**

Crowded spaces with poor ventilation  
Crowded places with many people nearby  
Close-contact settings such as close-range conversations

# #6 Student Support

## Special Needs Support Services

- Bilingual academic support
- Reasonable accommodations to students with physical disabilities, health impairments, learning disabilities, developmental disabilities, and psychological disabilities, etc.



<Example>



**Accommodations for Exams & Assignment**



**Mobility Support/Sighted Guide on Campus**



**Real-time Captioning Service**



**Accommodations Concerning Classrooms & Classroom Facilities**

# #7 Extracurricular



## Clubs and Activities

- Over 50 Officially Recognized Student Clubs
- Many Other Independent Groups in Theater, Sport, Music, Environment and so on



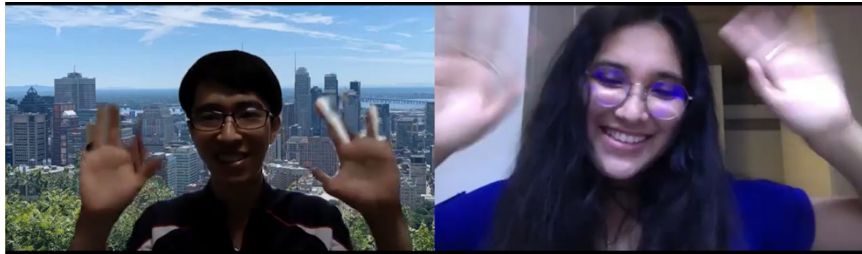
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# #7 Extracurricular

## Language Exchange Programs

### Language Buddies



- ★ Online
- ★ 1 on 1 sessions
- ★ English & Japanese

<https://sites.google.com/info.icu.ac.jp/lbt/home>

### Language Tables



- ★ Face-to-Face
- ★ Group sessions
- ★ English, Japanese, Chinese, French, Spanish

# #7 Extracurricular

It's easier to make new friends at ICU!





# International Summer Program in Japan (ISPJ)

We offer

a) a task-based language study component and

b) a thematic, omnibus component that focuses on various aspects of Japan

- ✓ Four weeks in July
- ✓ International program for Japanese language learners from around the world.
- ✓ Study together with ICU students
- ✓ Field trips and cultural experiences
- ✓ Stay at ICU on-campus dormitory
- ✓ For more details:

<https://sites.google.com/info.icu.ac.jp/icu-ispj/home>



# Resources



ICU website:

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/>

Website for Exchange Program from partner institutions:

<https://office.icu.ac.jp/iee/en/>

ICU International Office Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/icu\\_iee/](https://www.instagram.com/icu_iee/)

