Global 30  Doshisha University Initiatives

【Outline of the Initiatives】
Through the Global 30 project, we aim to realize one of our educational principles, “Internationalism”, in a way that suits the demands of modern society, and to establish our university as an international base of education and research that contributes to solving global issues.

■ Enhanced Support for International Students

Reforming the Entrance Examination System
For the convenience of applicants from overseas, we undertook a reform of our entrance examination system, including accepting external language test results, introduction of pre-arrival admission option and revision of the examination fee.

Support by Advisors and Tutors
We have improved the Lifestyle Advisor System and the Tutor System for Study and Research Support, both of which started in 2009, and the Tutor System is now also open to students pursuing studies entirely in English.

Counseling in English
A clinical psychologist with counseling experience in the US has been appointed since 2011 to offer counseling service in English as a mental support to international students.

Housing / Comprehensive Renter’s Insurance
In 2011 we set up the Comprehensive Renter’s Insurance for International Students under which Doshisha becomes the insured student’s joint surety at the time of signing the rental contract for private housing.

Reduced Tuition Scholarship
The new scholarship scheme since 2011 allows 100% of international students receive a scholarship. The tuition reduction rate is 20-50% for undergraduates and 30-100% for graduate students.

Career Support
“Business Japanese” and other career support courses started in 2011 to enhance career support for international students. Other career support events regularly available include internships and seminars jointly held by various companies.

■ Educational Cooperation with Overseas Institutions

Double Degree Programs (DDP)
As of March 2012, three graduate schools of Doshisha University have DDPs with five institutions in four countries, with the Graduate School of Law’s DDP with the University of Sheffield in 2011 the newest addition.

New Study Abroad Programs
Various one-year and half-year programs in Japanese language and culture, making use of Kyoto’s historical and cultural assets, are offered in cooperation with five on-campus centers of internationally renowned institutions.

University-level Agreements / Students Studying Abroad
As of March 2012, the numbers of university-level agreements and Japanese students studying abroad have doubled since this project started in 2009. We have developed partnership with institutions with flexible language requirements in order to expand study abroad opportunities to more students.

■ Courses offered in English

Undergraduate Programs
[Apr.2011] Institute for the Liberal Arts <ILA>

Graduate Programs
[Sep.2009] Global MBA Course (Graduate School of Business)
[Apr.2010] Graduate School of Global Studies
[Sep.2010] International Science and Technology Course<ISTC>
(Graduate School of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences)

*The numbers include international students by the university’s definition, Global MBA Course students and international students admitted through general entrance examination.

Most of the classes at the ILA are not one-way lectures but require us to find our own theme and research and contemplate about it, like at an Western university. Preparation is hard, but I feel I can acquire working knowledge through such classes.

2nd year student at Institute for the Liberal Arts (from Korea)

At the ILA I am having a great experience of studying together with students from various countries. It is interesting to learn about different cultures and ways of thinking from them.

1st year student at Institute for the Liberal Arts (from Haïti)