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Introduction

Miyagi Gakuin Women's University (MGU) is a small liberal arts university located in the city of Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture. The university is part of the educational corporation "Miyagi Gakuin," which also operates a preschool / daycare, and junior and senior high school within the same campus. Sendai is about 90 minutes away from central Tokyo by bullet express train, in northeastern Honshu, the main island of Japan. Miyagi Gakuin was founded by Japanese and US missionaries in 1886 to provide education for young women. The university was chartered in 1949. Miyagi Gakuin today comprises a preschool / daycare, junior high school, senior high school, university and graduate school.

The University

The university has four faculties (Faculty of Contemporary Business, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Human Life Sciences, and Faculty of Liberal Arts) with nine departments, and two graduate schools (Graduate School of Humanities and Cultural Sciences, Graduate School of Health and Nutrition).

The total number of students is about 3,000, and the overall student to teacher ratio is between 25 to 30 students.

The university offers the following undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Undergraduate Programs

Faculty of Contemporary Business	●Department of Contemporary Business	
Faculty of Education	●Department of Education	Specialization in Early Childhood Education Specialization in Elementary Education Specialization in Health Education
Faculty of Human Life Science	●Department of Food and Nutritional Science ●Department of Lifestyle and Space Design	
Faculty of Liberal Arts	●Department of Japanese Literature ●Department of English ●Department of Cultural Studies ●Department of Psychological and Behavioral Science ●Department of Music	

Graduate Programs

●Graduate School of the Humanities and Cultural Sciences	Course of English Course of Japanese Literature Course of Cultural Studies Course of Lifestyle and Space Design
●Graduate School of Health and Nutrition	Course of Health and Nutrition

Sakura Dormitory

A limited number of rooms in the university dormitory are available.

Please inquire about availability.

The dormitory is a 10 minute walk from the university.

Fees

Registration Fee
¥ 50,000
covers residence for 2 years

Monthly Rent
¥ 53,100
rent ¥40,000,
electricity/water/heating/Wi-Fi ¥14,100

Meals
¥ 700 for 2 meals
a day except Sundays
meals are optional

Size of student rooms
16.8^m₂ includes bathroom/toilet,
and closet



What Kind of Students Are We Looking For?

MGU welcomes young women who want to study in the vocational and liberal arts courses that we offer, in order to develop their careers and to further their personal development.

To qualify for admission as international students, applicants must have completed a total of 12 years of school education, and be of non-Japanese citizenship. Applicants whose first language is not English are required to have studied English as a foreign language during high school.

We require international applicants to take the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU). Subjects required for admission are outlined in Appendix 1: **Subjects Required by Departments for the Examination for Japanese University Admission**. In addition, the applicant must fulfil one of the following conditions: (a) the applicant's score in the Examination for Japanese University Admission Test of Japanese Language is equal to or higher than the average score for that exam; (b) the applicant has a grade of N2 or higher in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. Furthermore, students wishing to apply to the Dept of Food and Nutritional Science or the Music Dept must take a further exam at MGU in November or February.

Applications for foreign students are accepted twice each academic year, in October and January of the following year. For full details about the application process, please consult the Japanese version of the MGU web site. An application fee of ¥30,000 must be paid with each application.

The university provides a number of classes to help international students adjust to reading and writing academic Japanese. However, international students will have to take many regular classes from the beginning of year one, and will have to be prepared to study hard in order to be able to keep up with classes and assignments. An international student who needs to work to pay for her tuition and living expenses will run the risk of failing in her studies.

Tuition fees vary according to department. A list of total fees for 2020 is shown in Appendix 2: **Admission, Tuition and Other Fees for the 1st Year Student, 2020**. The Japanese academic year starts the second week in April, and finishes in early February of the following year.



Appendix 1 | Subjects Required by Departments for the Examination for Japanese University Admission

Faculty	Department	Japanese Lang	Japan & World	Science	Maths	Comments
Contemporary Business	Contemporary Business	○	○			○ Required subject
Human Life Sciences	Food & Nutrition	○		▲		▲ Applicants should choose biology and chemistry
	Lifestyle & Space Design	○	△ or △ or △ (course 1)			△ Applicants may choose one out of any of these 3 subjects. Students choosing Science should choose 2 fields within Science. Students choosing Mathematics should choose Course 1.
Liberal Arts	Japanese Lang. & Lit.	○	○			
	English	○	○			
	Cultural Studies	○	○			
	Psychological & Behavioral Science	○	○			
	Music	○	○			

Exams in all subjects must be taken in Japanese. If an applicant takes more than 2 exam subjects, the higher grade in subjects other than Japanese Language will be applied

Appendix 2 | Admission, Tuition and Other Fees for the 1st Year Student, 2020

Faculty	Contemporary Business	Education	Human Life Sciences		Liberal Arts				
	Contemporary Business	Education	Food & Nutrition Science	Lifestyle & Space Design	Japanese Lit.	English	Cultural Studies	Psychological & Behavioral Science	Music
Admission Fee	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	330,000
Tuition	757,000	808,000	892,000	853,000	713,000	713,000	713,000	757,000	1,004,000
Other Fees	254,300	234,100	247,370	247,800	220,800	234,300	229,800	257,300	644,400
Total	1,251,300	1,282,100	1,379,370	1,340,800	1,173,800	1,187,300	1,182,800	1,254,300	1,978,400

Fees vary slightly from year to year. The above amounts include tuition and all other required fees

Course Descriptions

Miyagi Gakuin Women's University offers a variety of career-oriented courses, and general education courses in the humanities. Classes are generally small, and much of the teaching in all courses involves students in activities outside of the classroom, or in practical learning.

Faculty of Contemporary Business

Department of Contemporary Business

The Department of Contemporary Business seeks applicants who want to follow careers in tourism, or international or local business. Students will have to study management, marketing, product distribution, economics, accounting and computing, and English as an international business language. Many classes are project-oriented and involve work outside the classroom. Students are required to write a graduation thesis.

This department is unique for its emphasis on tourism and because it links this to a global (*global and local*) approach to discovering and solving problems in the economy and society around us.



Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education does not accept foreign students for 2020

Department of Education

Courses in the Faculty of Education are targeted towards training professional teachers and care-givers to work within the legal and social context of the Japanese education and social support system. Graduates are required to take qualifying courses for the Japanese teaching license relevant to their course. Applicants are expected to be highly motivated to become teachers/care-givers, and to have the social and communication skills necessary to function as a teacher/care-giver.

Specialization in Early Childhood Education

This course trains students to meet the Japanese national qualifying standards for preschool teachers and care-givers in daycare centers. Class sizes are small. The curriculum aims to give students both a strong theoretical and practical grounding in their field, so they can contribute to solving new problems both in their workplace and in society after they graduate. Students are expected to write a graduation thesis in Japanese in order to graduate. The university has a preschool / daycare where students can do their practical training.



Specialization in Elementary Education

This course trains students to become elementary school teachers able to teach the Japanese elementary school curriculum. Applicants are expected to be strongly committed to the goal of becoming kindergarten or elementary school teachers, and play a leading role in the educational and developmental growth of children in their care. Applicants are required to participate in practical teaching courses as part of their training, and to write a graduation thesis in Japanese.



Specialization in Health Education

This course trains students to become school nurse-teachers (*yōgo* teachers) or physical education teachers in Japanese schools. Class sizes are small. The curriculum aims to give students a strong theoretical and practical grounding in the field of health science, and a broad general education so that they can see specific problems in terms of wider issues. Students are required to write a graduation thesis in Japanese.



Faculty of Human Life Science

Department of Food and Nutritional Science

The Department of Food and Nutritional Science seeks applicants who are interested in food and health issues, and who want to help people achieve a healthy and happy life through better nutrition and eating habits.

Applicants must be interested in communicating with people in their work.

Applicants need to be interested in and have a good grounding in chemistry, biology, and have a good understanding of organic compounds, and change and equilibrium in chemical substances.

Applicants need to have basic mathematics so that they can do calorie counting. Applicants must be able to read and summarize newspaper and academic articles (in Japanese).

Before graduation, students are required to sit for the Japanese Certifying Exam for Registered Dietitians (in Japanese).



Department of Lifestyle and Space Design

The Department of Lifestyle and Space Design offers vocational courses in Home Science, Museum Curating, and Architecture and Interior Design. Students choose to specialize in either the Lifestyle Culture Specialization, or the Architecture and Interior Design Specialization.

Applicants should have a broad general education in social sciences, natural science, and mathematics.

Applicants should be interested in social issues such as family structure, the family economy, and material issues related to clothing and housing.

For graduation, applicants will be required to either write a graduation thesis on a topic of their choice, or else present a design for a building.



Faculty of Liberal Arts

DJL wins the Minister for Education Prize for best-performing tertiary institution in the Fall 2017, 2018 and 2019 National Test of Japanese Proficiency

The Faculty of Liberal Arts offers courses which provide students with a broad general education in the humanities. Students learn how to gather and sort information, how to think and analyze, and how to express what they have learnt and what they think. Because we are a women's university, in our General Education Program, we place a special emphasis on educating students to be aware of the place, role, barriers and opportunities open to them as educated women in society.

Individual departments offer courses to certify as junior and senior high school teachers, museum curators, or librarians.

Department of Japanese Literature

The Department of Japanese Literature is unique because it has more professors covering a wider range of fields in Japanese literature and language, than many universities much larger than MGU. There are fulltime faculty whose specialties cover all periods of Japanese literature, as well as drama, film and modern popular culture, language and teaching Japanese as a foreign language. Furthermore, teaching emphasizes giving students experience in performing traditional Japanese drama, and other aspects of Japanese culture. Students can also specialize in Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language, or in Librarianship. Students are required to write a graduation thesis (in Japanese).



Department of English

The Department of English offers specializations in English Linguistics and Language Teaching, and in the Literature and Culture of the English-speaking World. Students will develop communication skills in both spoken and written English, and the ability to understand and engage themselves in the problems facing contemporary society.



Faculty of Liberal Arts

Department of Cultural Studies

The Department of Cultural Studies offers specializations in History (Japanese history, European history, East Asian history, art history), and The Culture and Society of Asia and Europe. Teaching emphasizes active field experience as well as classroom teaching. Students choose to specialize in either historical studies or area studies (global studies). Students are required to write a graduation thesis (in Japanese).



Department of Psychological and Behavioral Science

The Department of Psychological and Behavioral Science provides students with a wide variety of classes on psychology and related disciplines. Students acquire a basic and practical knowledge of psychology, and ways to measure and assess human behavior. Students develop the skills necessary to gather data and to validate their hypotheses through seminars from their first to fourth years. Small class sizes ensure person-to-person instruction by experienced professors. After graduation, students should be able to apply the principles of their psychological knowledge and scientific way of thinking to solving problems in their work-place and society. The department provides intensive support for students' career development.

For graduation, students are required to design and carry out their own original research, and write a graduation thesis (in Japanese) on the results of this research.

This course does not deal the clinical aspects of psychology, such as counseling or providing care for people with psychological problems.



Department of Music

The Department of Music provides training in the practice and theory of Western music. The Department of Music has a tradition of over 100 years. Students can specialize in playing an instrument (piano, organ, violin/viola, cello, contrabass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, french horn), voice, or composition. Class sizes are very small, and individual tuition is provided by experienced teachers such as Kōji Oikawa (piano) and Miho Kamiya (violin). Orchestral instruments are taught by current or former members of the Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra. Students can get performance experience performing in worship in the chapel, or in concerts organized by the department. For graduation, students are required to either present a performance, or compose a piece of music. A number of graduates go on to study at graduate schools in famous universities both in Japan and overseas. Other graduates pursue careers as music teachers, and some also find work in general jobs as well.

For admission, all applicants have to take a performance test on campus. Applicants for courses other than piano/organ also have to take a test in playing the piano as a second course. There is no major in Japanese traditional music, but classes teaching the basics of the *shamisen*, and lectures on the history of Japanese music are available.



Pipe organ in the university chapel.

Students specializing in organ can get individual tuition on this instrument. The chapel is designed to suit the acoustics of the organ. There is another smaller pipe organ in the Hansen Memorial Hall of the Department of Music.

Graduate Programs

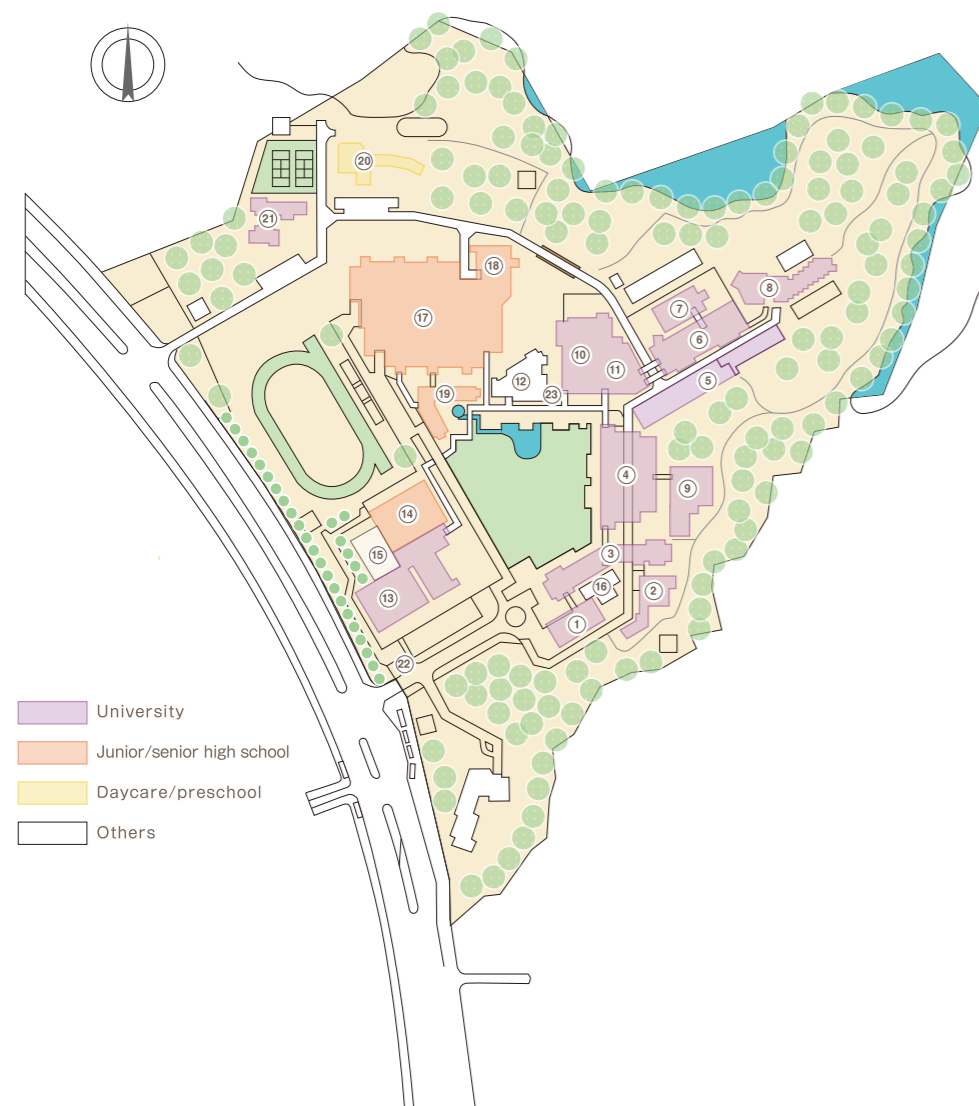
The Master's Programs provide students with the opportunity to further pursue their studies. In particular, the vocational programs in Lifestyle and Space Design, and Japanese Literature (teaching Japanese as a second language) prepare students for professional careers.

Why Study at Miyagi Gakuin Women's University?

The Campus

Miyagi Gakuin Women's University is located in a quiet residential suburb, about 30 minutes by bus from central Sendai.

The university grounds cover about 20 hectares (50 acres), including natural woodland surrounding the university (see map below) and an extensive landscape garden in the center.



- 1 Administration
- 2 Practical training rooms
- 3 Humanities block
- 4 Lecture rooms block
- 5 Lecture rooms block 2
- 6 Home science block
- 7 Home science block 2
- 8 Music block
- 9 University library
- 10 University auditorium
- 11 Student facilities block
- 12 Chapel
- 13 University gymnasium
- 14 High school gymnasium
- 15 Indoor swimming pool
- 16 Alumni Hall
- 17 Junior & senior high school
- 18 High school auditorium
- 19 Landis Memorial Hall
- 20 Preschool/daycare
- 21 Seiou Sharon dormitory
- 22 Guard house
- 23 Commemoration Garden



Landscaped garden



Founders' Memorial Garden



University Library



Main Auditorium (Hall)



Carillon Tower



Hansen Memorial Hall



Preschool/daycare



Interior of chapel (with organ and stained glass windows)

Vibrant Student Life

There are many student activity circles at MGU, catering to a wide variety of people. There are 20 sports circles, 19 circles for cultural activities, and 9 circles which either do non-competitive sports or hobbies.

MGU also has a Liaison Action Center (MG-LAC) to promote, coordinate and provide appropriate support for student volunteers. MGU was first amongst the universities in Sendai to set up such an office after the tsunami and earthquake of March, 2011. MG-LAC provides interested students with the opportunity to identify problems in the society around them, and to discover productive ways of helping other people find solutions to these problems. University faculty and staff provide advice and guidance as needed. MG-LAC plays an important role in the university's commitment to training students who can play an active and leading role in helping build local society.



Tea ceremony circle



Yosakoi dance circle



MG-LAC children's summer school



Community support project

Results Speak

Teaching at MGU is based on small class sizes, and is based on both theoretical and practical experience. This combination provides a high level of student satisfaction. Furthermore, students' results in employment and certification exams are much higher than would be expected from the level of our student intake.

☆Of the graduating class of 2020, 96.3% of the graduating students seeking employment found jobs.

☆Students from MGU have higher rates of success in certifying exams than average, and in finding jobs as school teachers than students from other universities with higher admission scores.

Rate of hiring of primary school teachers (Faculty of Education)

Class of 2019: 82% Class of 2020: 84%

Passing rate for national certifying exam for registered dietitians

MGU 88.4% (national average 61.9%)(Dept. of Food Nutrition, Mar. 2020)

The Department of Japanese Literature was awarded the Minister of Education & Science (MEXT) prize for the results of the 2nd year students in the national Test of Proficiency in Japanese for Native Speakers Fall 2017,2018 and 2019.

☆The rate of withdrawal from MGU is very low, which shows that our student support and teaching provides a stable learning environment and a high level of student satisfaction (see chart below).

Student Satisfaction | Low Rate of Withdrawals

Year of Entry/ Graduation	2011/ 2014	2012/ 2015	2013/ 2016	2014/ 2017	2015/ 2018	2016/ 2019
Number Entered (A)	822	710	762	698	677	764
Number Graduated	761	648	694	635	603	692
Withdrawals (B)	39	36	32	30	36	37
Graduation Delayed	22	26	37	33	39	35
Withdrawals B/A x100%	4.7%	5.1%	4.2%	4.3%	5.3%	4.8%

The City of Sendai

The City of Sendai lies on a coastal plain along the Pacific coast of the island of Honshu, northeast of Tokyo. It is the prefectural center for Miyagi Prefecture. The center of the city lies about 10 km away from the coastline. It has a population of just over 1 million people.



Climate

The climate in Sendai is mild, with a yearly rainfall of 1204.4 mm. Lying near the coast, both winter and summer are moderate.

Snow falls most years inside the urban center between January and March, but this snow generally melts within a week. However, the mountain ranges west of Sendai are covered in deep snow from late December to April, and there are ski-fields within an hour's bus ride from central Sendai.

Average Temperatures in Sendai by Season

	High	Low
Winter	6.2 C	1.6 C
Spring	14.5 C	5.3 C
Summer	25.3 C	18.5 C
Autumn	18.8 C	10.5 C

A Compact City

Sendai is a compact city. The City of Sendai covers 786km², but most of the population is concentrated near the center of the city, and the population density for the whole city is 1,383 people per km². Famous Japanese and international stores and brands have branches in central Sendai and the large shopping malls on the outskirts of the city, and the city enjoys a vibrant urban lifestyle. On the other hand, a short train or bus ride can take you to rural areas, scenic forested mountains, or the nearby sea. MGU is only a 30 minute bus ride from the center of Sendai, and the bullet express to Tokyo will get you there within just 90 minutes.

A Safe City

Japan is a safe country. According to data released by the OECD Japan ranked the safest OECD country in 2017 for the murder rate of 0.2 per 100,000 people in the population. In terms of road accident deaths, Japan ranked the 7th safest out of 37 member countries. Within Japan, Prefecture of Miyagi ranked 16th safest out of 47 prefectures for the number of road death of 2.8 per 100,000 people in 2019.

Cost of Living

The cost of living is cheaper than in big cities such as Tokyo, Osaka or Kyoto. Rents in Sendai are on average, 20 to 50% cheaper than in Tokyo.

For further information about the city, please visit the Sendai Official Tourism Website. (www.sendai-travel.jp)



Sendai Aoba Festival (May)



Sendai Castle Site



Jozenji Street Jazz Festival (September)



Sendai Tanabata Festival (August)



Izumigatake Ski Ground



Date Masamune the founder of the City of Sendai