



HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Hiroshima University
School of Integrated Arts and Sciences
Department of Integrated Global Studies (IGS)
First-Year Student Guidance 2026



IGS Curriculum Overview

<p>1st year</p> <p>Liberal Arts Education</p>	<p>Basic Courses in University Education, Foreign Languages, Common Subjects etc.</p>
	<p>IGS Core Subjects</p>
<p>2nd year</p> <p>Specialized Subjects</p>	<p>Multidisciplinary Subjects, IGS subjects, IGS Core Subjects, Study Abroad, Elective Subjects</p>
<p>3rd year</p>	<p>IGS Subjects, IGS Core Subjects, Elective subjects, Internship, Project-type Problem-solving Research</p>
<p>4th year</p>	<p>Graduation Thesis</p>

IGS Graduation Requirements for First-year Students (Course Registration List)

- Peace Science Courses → take “Visualization of War” or “Atomic Bomb Survivors (Hibakusha) and World Peace” offered in English
- Collaborative Peace Studies Course → pre-registered
- Basic Courses in University Education → pre-registered
- Area Courses
- Foreign Languages → pre-registered (except Level 5 Japanese Courses)
- Information and Data Science Courses
"Introduction to Information and Data Sciences" → pre-registered
- Health & Sports Courses
- Social Cooperation Courses
- Foundation Courses

Introduction to University Education (大学教育入門)

- April 8th :“Introduction to University Education” starts at 8.45, Room **K109** (Check Moodle for schedule, course material and **task!**)
- **The deadline for the first assignment is April 7.
This is before classes begin.**
- Assignments will be due almost every week.
Please check the schedule on Moodle and submit them by the deadlines.

Main tools used in online classes

Microsoft Teams

This is a communication tool recommended by Microsoft, and is mainly used for simultaneous interactive online classes.

【Advance preparation】

Use the dedicated App or a web browser. We recommend the dedicated App. Please check the following URL for instructions on how to use it and keep it ready for use.



<https://www.media.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/services/microsoft365/teams/t-using/>

【When taking a class】

You will be notified of the URL for the class by the instructor through via “My MOMIJI” etc., so please access the class when the designated time comes.

HIRODAI moodle

This is an online learning system operated by HU, and is mainly used for on-demand online classes.

【Advance preparation】

No advance preparation is required. Please access the following URL and log in using Hirodai ID (*1) and password. The link is also available on the MOMIJI-Top page.



<https://webct.riise.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/index.html>

【When taking a class】

When you log in to HIRODAI moodle, you will see a list of courses that you have registered for, and you can select the courses that you want to take.

(*1) Hirodai ID = your student number (capitalized alphabet)

(*2) Other tools may be used in some classes, but the instructor of each class will inform you about them separately.

Area and Foundation Courses

- Area Courses in Arts and Humanities/Social Sciences (4 credits)
- Area Courses in Natural Sciences (4 credits)
- 13 more credits chosen freely from Area and Foundation Courses offered in English (You can include up to 8 credits from Area Courses instructed in Japanese. You can include Foundation Courses instructed in Japanese freely. Check Note 3)
- Courses marked “B” (=Both: English and Japanese) will be counted as “instructed in Japanese”

IGS Standard Case

Area Courses in Arts and Humanities/Social Sciences
(4 credits, register yourself)

- Contemporary Issues of Japan (Term 1)
- Introduction to Statistics and Quantitative Sociology (Term 3)

Area Courses in Natural Sciences (4 credits, register yourself):

- Introduction to Physical Mathematics (Term 1)

※Take 2 more credits according to your interesting.

+ some other courses in Area and Foundation Courses (13 credits)

- Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science

Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science



Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science A: Biology and Geology
Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science B: Chemistry and Physics

“Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science” Courses

- All students should take at least one of the “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science” courses. The number of students is limited due to the laboratory size.
- If you are interested in Natural Sciences (Environment and Society): Take both “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science A” and “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science B”. The number of students is limited due to the laboratory size, but you will have priority.
- For registration for “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science A” and “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science B”, we need to know which courses you want to take. **We will survey your preference through Microsoft Forms. Deadline: 10:00 a.m., April 7 — Microsoft Forms URL: see the handout in the green envelope (“Area Courses・Foundation Courses in IGS 2026”).**
- 日本語母語学生は、日本語による自然科学実験(セメスター科目、後期)を履修することでもよい。

For registration

- To prepare for the “Course Registration Consultations by Tutor” (April 7th, from 14:00): please check the distributed Liberal Arts Education Courses Timetable and list of courses taught in English and choose the courses you are interested in.

IGS Core Subjects in the 1st year

All IGS students are **pre-registered** for the following two required courses:

- **Invitation to Integrated Global Studies I**

Term 2

Learn how to research from an interdisciplinary point of view and know about the three fields in IGS

- **Invitation to Integrated Global Studies II**

Term 3

Meet the IGS teachers from our three fields and learn about their research

Foreign Languages in IGS

- All students have to take 8 credits in Foreign Languages
- Type 1: students who are native Japanese speakers
- Type 2: Students who are not native Japanese speakers
- Type 3: Students who are admitted to be fluent in both English and Japanese

Type 1: English courses for the first-year IGS students

English Communication Courses

- IA = Speaking
- IB = Reading
- IIA = Writing
- IIB = Listening

English Courses specially for IGS students

- Academic Reading I · II , Special English Training for Studying Abroad (IGS Core Subjects)

English courses for the first year

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st Term	Academic Reading I			Academic Reading II
	Communication I A/B			Communication I A/B
2 nd Term	Communication I A/B			Communication I A/B
	Special English Training for Studying Abroad + Intensive Classes in September			
3 rd Term	Communication II A/B			Communication II A/B
4 th Term	Communication II A/B			Communication II A/B

You will be informed of your class assignment at your first class on April 10, so please come to the classroom K303. If you plan to take Academic Reading I & II, do not register for other courses during 1st and 2nd periods on Tuesdays and Fridays in the 1st term.

**Strongly
recommended!**

Academic Reading I & II



- Reading academic materials \neq Reading for pleasure
- What is academic reading?

‘Active process that goes beyond merely reading and highlighting your text. You need to interact with the text by taking notes, making connections between the text and what you already know or have experienced, and asking critical questions about the material you are reading.’ [Academic Reading and Writing | Centre for Teaching and Learning \(utoronto.ca\)](http://utoronto.ca)

- Need to learn academic reading skills (e.g., online search, paper structure)
- Research papers published in international journals

Special English Training for Studying Abroad

Special English Training for Studying Abroad is provided in Term 2. It is an elective course for students who are interested in **studying abroad** and want **to improve their English abilities in order** to be accepted by universities overseas. In particular, you will learn what **IELTS** is like and work on a lot of examples and exercises, using a textbook. If your TOEIC® score is higher than 800, you do not have to take this course. Please brush up on your English by yourself. This is a course **for intermediate students of English**.

Approval of credits for English communication subjects

- You can receive credit approval depending on your TOEIC score etc. obtained **after being enrolled to HU.**
- Practical English Proficiency Test (*Eiken*) **Pre-1 Grade** or above
- TOEFL iBT **68** or above
- TOEIC® L&R **730** or above
- IELTS **5.5** or above

Make sure that you consult your tutor before starting the application process.

Type 2: Japanese Language Courses

IGS recommends to improve your Japanese skills as high as you can.

That will help you

- communicating with other people
- understanding Japan
- finding a job after graduation (if you want to stay in Japan).

The course level you can take will be decided according to your online placement test score.

Level 1 ~ Level 4

All courses are pre-registered based on the OJPT result.

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Term	Course Name	No. of credit
1 st Term	Basic Japanese I	1 credit
	Basic Japanese I	1 credit
2 nd Term	Basic Japanese II	1 credit
	Basic Japanese II	1 credit
3 rd Term	Basic Japanese III	1 credit
	Basic Japanese III	1 credit
4 th Term	Basic Japanese IV	1 credit
	Basic Japanese IV	1 credit
TOTAL		8 credits

Level 5

- An email should have reached you, which informs you of the placement test result and procedures for course registration from the Morito Institute of Global Higher Education
- Registration period is from April 1st to 15th.
- You need to submit course registration form to the office of the Morito Institute of Global Higher Education by April 15th.
(not on Momiji!).

Level 5 (Spring semester)

Subjects	No. of credits
Advanced Japanese Vocabulary A	1
Advanced Japanese Listening A	1
Advanced Japanese Analysis A	1
Advanced Japanese Cinema A	1
Academic Writing A	1
Business Japanese A	1
Advanced Japanese Reading Comprehension A	1

Level 5 (Fall semester)

Subjects	No. of credits
Advanced Japanese Vocabulary B	1
Advanced Japanese Listening B	1
Advanced Japanese Analysis B	1
Advanced Japanese Cinema B	1
Academic Writing B	1
Business Japanese B	1
Advanced Japanese Reading Comprehension B	1

Approval of credits for Japanese Language Courses

Level	Target courses	Number of credits to be granted
N1	Basic Japanese I · II · III · IV	Up to 8
N2	Basic Japanese I · II · III · IV	Up to 4

- Check: Handling of Credit Approval for Foreign Language Proficiency Tests, etc. **Make sure that you consult your tutor before starting the application process.**
- **We recommend that you take all 8 credits to improve your Japanese. You can choose courses on a higher level.**

- If you have any difficulty in registering subjects, please feel free to ask the IGS Office.
- If you want to study other foreign language(s) such as Chinese, Korean, French, German, Spanish, etc., please consult your tutor and the IGS Office in your **second** year.

Type 3

- 8 credits: Non-English foreign language (8 credits)
- The first Non-English foreign language that you will study is decided by Hiroshima University based on your choices.
- The first Non-English foreign language that you will study has already been registered. Access “Momiji” web site to confirm.

Type 1, 3: Other Foreign Language Courses

- Type 1, Type 3 students: you are already registered for the language you chose (basic and intensive courses)
- If you have not yet registered for an intensive course but would like to do so, please contact the IGS Office immediately.
- If you register for an intensive course, please take the course **through all four terms.**

The number of students in each course is limited. So if you register but then drop out, you take some other students' chance to study!

Trilingual Program

Chinese, Korean, Spanish, French, German

Eligible Students	As a general rule, registered students for the program, who have basic knowledge of the target language (CEFR: A1)
Language of Instruction	Japanese and/or the target language
Semester/Term	From 2nd year to 4th year , 1 st to 4 th -Term

1st year:
Intensive Course (4 classes/week)
Notice: language of Instruction is Japanese.



2nd to 4th year:
Trilingual Program
Registration: Jan 2027

If you want to join the Trilingual Program, **you are required to take the Intensive Course in the 1st year!**

Information, Health& Sports

Information and Data Science Courses 4 credits:

- IGS students will be pre-registered for "Introduction to Information and Data Sciences" (Wed.1~4, Term 2)
- Recommended as 2nd course: "Fundamental Data Science" (in English) or "Starting Programming from Scratch"

Health& Sports courses 2 credits:

- Choose one or two Health& Sports courses.
- In T3, Sports Theory and Exercise: **Aikido (Code 70061001) will be taught in English**
- Those courses indicated in the Liberal Arts Education Time Table will be open to non-Japanese speakers.
- You can take other courses marked J (taught in Japanese) if you speak Japanese.

IGS Specialized Education

Subjects: 3 fields of study



Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture

Culture and Tourism



Peace and Communication



Environment and Society

Steps to selecting a field

1. Introductory Seminar for First-Year Students:
Interviews with IGS faculty
2. Term 2: “Invitation to Integrated Global Studies I” ,
Term 3: “Invitation to Integrated Global Studies II” :
Learn about the three fields.
Learn to associate various global issues and events with the three fields.

Steps to selecting a field

3. Final Decision on the Selection of a field:

- Consult with both your tutor and a faculty member of your desired field in December. Submit the “Field Request Form” until mid-January.
- The tutor will confirm each student’s request by the end of January, and a committee will make the final decision in February.
- The Department aims to have a good balance of the number of students in each field. In the event that many students have a strong interest in one particular field, it is possible that adjustments will be made based on the Field Request Form and student’s GPA.

IGS Student Ambassador

- IGS student ambassadors will represent the IGS students.
- Students can voice their ideas, concerns, or opinions regarding the program, school, or daily life to the ambassadors.
- Regular Ambassador Meeting with IGS professors and staff once a semester or whenever necessary.
- The ambassadors plan social events for the IGS students, staff, and professors.
- New ambassadors will start their activities in May each year.

→ If you are interested in becoming an IGS Student Ambassador, please talk to your tutor!

IGS Student Common Room



IGS Student Common Room

You can use the IGS Room to leave your bag, rest, study, meet other students or talk to our UEA.

- Opening hours: 8.00-21.00 (No out-of-hours use)
Permitted user: IGS 1st year students

Rules for users:

- No garbage and no rubbish bin in the room.
- No fire
- No smoking
- No use outside the regular room hour setting.
- Do not take out any equipment of the room.
- Clean after use
- Do not leave your valuables in the room.

Drinking alcohol and Smoking

Age (expressed in the Western style
of counting fully completed years)

- Drinking alcohol (Drinking alcohol under the age of 20 at full age is prohibited)

“Chugging” is strictly forbidden. If you are forced to engage in chugging, firmly refuse to do so and leave. If a friend is forced to do so, do not pretend not to see it, but help him/her. Also, riding or driving a bicycle, motorcycle or car after drinking, as well as riding with a drunk driver, are crimes, and are subject to punishment under the Rules for Disciplinary Action for Students.

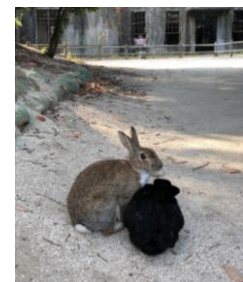
- Smoking (Smoking under the age of 20 at full age is prohibited)

Smoking is forbidden in all indoor and outdoor areas of the Hiroshima University campus.



Important Dates: you have to participate

- First-year Students' Orientation Schedule
- April 8th : Classes start.
- April 8th : “Introduction to University Education” starts at 8.45, Room **K109** (Check Moodle for schedule, course material and **task!**)
- April 13th : “Introductory Seminar for First-Year Students” starts.
- April 18th (Sat.): First-year Students' Orientation Event (Part of the “Introductory Seminar for First-Year Students”)
- May :TOEIC Test for all First-Year Students
- On a Saturday or Sunday in December: One day internship at Tadanoumi/ Okunoshima



Have a good start!

- And whenever there is a problem, please don't hesitate to ask! We are here to help you.
- 困ったことがあれば、遠慮なく、声をかけてください。