

Internationalization

Evolve Kwansei Gakuin's traditions of internationalization to a level of excellence.

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When Kwansei Gakuin was first founded, American missionaries were involved in its educational endeavors, and for many years, most of the curriculum was delivered in the English language. For this reason, Kwansei Gakuin came to be known as “Kwansei, the English school,” and its internationalism was a major distinctive feature of the institution.

The New Strategic Plan, established in 2008, declared anew the vision of “the realization of an international and multicultural campus,” and the entire institution of Kwansei Gakuin has pursued internationalization to an even greater degree.

Kwansei Gakuin University was chosen for the Top Global University Project¹⁸ in FY2014, and with the establishment of the “Global Academic Port - an international hub for academic exchange,” in which students, teaching faculty and administrative staff move frequently back and forth between Japan and abroad, we have endeavored to nurture students who can traverse the world, competing with and supporting each other. KGU has always been one of the top universities in terms of the number of Japanese students it sends to study abroad and its international student intake, but in the three years since the launch of the TGU project, those numbers have increased sharply, and KGU has become a driving force in the globalization of Japan's universities.

Kwansei Gakuin Senior High School and the Senri International School of Kwansei Gakuin have also been designated as Super Global High Schools¹⁹ by MEXT, and have engaged in the nurturing of global leaders in close collaboration with the university. Unique international programs are also being implemented in the Kwansei Gakuin Elementary and Junior High Schools. More than 35 nationalities are represented among the students and teachers on the campus of the Senri and Osaka International Schools of Kwansei Gakuin. These schools are creating an international environment through distinctive learning and exchange programs, such as sharing classes delivered in English.

Leveraging Kwansei Gakuin's strengths as a comprehensive and integrated educational institution, the university and schools of Kwansei Gakuin will work together to evolve the “internationalist” traditions that Kwansei Gakuin has held since its foundation to a level of excellence as it moves towards 2039.

¹⁸ A Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology funding program with the objective of assisting the development of educational environments in universities that are taking decisive action in university reforms and globalization, and are engaged in strengthening their international compatibility and, therefore, their international competitiveness. The Project will run from FY2014 to FY2023. 37 national, public and private universities from throughout Japan were chosen for the Project, including Kwansei Gakuin University.

¹⁹ A MEXT funding program that aims to foster global leaders who will be able to play active roles on the international stage by acquiring awareness and deep knowledge of social issues, and communication and problem-solving skills, and other international attributes at high schools. Kwansei Gakuin Senior High School was designated in March 2014, and the Senri International School of Kwansei Gakuin, High School, was designated in March 2015.