



University Guide



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 **流通科学大学**

University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences

Three Faculties, seven departments and 16 courses at UMDS.

You can select courses depending upon what you’re targeting as a career. Therefore, you can study what you need to study with the goal of becoming “who you want to be.”

Faculty	Department	An image of students we want to nurture	Courses	Main career routes	Content of study/power to nurture	Examples of specialized subjects
Faculty of Commerce You will acquire the ability to capture business concepts from the standpoint of corporate and individual management.	● Department of Marketing	Students who can see the corporate environment from the viewpoint of the marketing perspective and continue efforts to reform the current situation.	Brand Strategy Course	• Manufacturing, advertising, commerce • Product planning, public relations, sales promotion, business activities	Corresponding to the importance of marketing in today's businesses. You will understand consumers' behaviors and cultivate strength for the planning of new products and merchandise.	• Marketing research • Retail globalization theory • Consumer behavior theory
			Distribution Business Course	• Retail, wholesale, logistics • Manufacturing, service industry	To deeply understand the mechanisms of distribution, retail, and logistics and foster the ability to become deeply involved in the distribution business.	
	● Department of Management	Students who are interested in the corporate environment and can sustain their effort to alter the current situation.	Management Strategy Course	• Multifaceted fields related to Business Management • Manufacturing, commerce, financial industry	You will understand the management problems of modern enterprises from a broad perspective, and you will cultivate the ability to solve problems.	• Strategic management theory • International management theory • Venture business theory • Financial accounting theory
			Entrepreneurship and Business Succession Course	• Multifaceted fields related to Business Management • Business Succession • Entrepreneurship in your field of interest	Students will acquire the leadership skills essential for starting a business or business succession, and the knowledge of organizational management, business, and accounting necessary for management.	
			Global Management Course	• Companies engaged in global business • Companies expanding to overseas • Companies promoting overseas assignments	In the era in which the globalization of companies are common, we will foster your interest and abilities in global management.	
			Accounting Course	• Financial operations such as banks, credit unions, and brokerage firms • Accounting/ finance division of manufacturers/retailers • Tax accountants, national tax specialists	You will learn the mechanism and system of accounting and lead the company management from a financial perspective.	
Faculty of Economics You will acquire knowledge in economics and information processing and develop human resources necessary for the community.	● Department of Economics	Students who can combine the wisdom of economic and community development, and be active in the field of commerce and the local community.	Modern Economics Course	• finance, distribution and retail businesses, etc. • Management/planning/ management division	You will develop an ability to understand the movement of modern society such as economic globalization, declining birthrate, and aging as well as technological innovation, and propose solutions to social problems.	• Regional economics theory • Macro economics • Public policy theory
			Regional Town Planning Course	• transportation, construction and real estate industry, distribution retailing, etc. • Live with safety/security/comfort Multi-faceted fields linked to the creation of the society	You will understand complex and diverse communities, acquire insight into their problems and issues and develop an ability to combine expert knowledge and propose solutions.	
	● Department of Economic information	Students who can accurately analyze and utilize economic information	Economics Information Course	• Analysis of company data/investigation department • Multi-faceted fields you can apply your abilities in, for economic analysis and information processing.	You will cultivate analytical abilities for economics based on data through learning the basics of having an "eye for the economy," and a "technique to process information"	• Contemporary economics by data • Computer systems • Economic Information Processing I, II • System Development
			Information Systems Course	• Information-centric businesses, information analysis department in companies, system engineers • A business person with economic knowledge and information processing abilities	You will develop a deep understanding of economics, information and information systems; You will analyze and solve various economic problems from an information perspective.	
Faculty of Human and Social Sciences By living among people, you will learn about humans, entertainment (leisure), and health in our modern society.	● Department of Human and Social Sciences	Students who can create new services and policies which lead to solving problems in our society.	Society Culture Course	• A wide range of businesses (especially in service-related industries) • Non-profit organizations	You will cultivate an ability to present various social problems of our modern society and create a new society and culture, making a difference as a member of society.	• Social problem theory • Social Psychology • Social Studies Basics • Organizational Psychology • Consumer behavior theory
			Psychology Course	• General corporations (finance/ distribution/tourism/clothing/manufacturing) • Hospitals/welfare institutions	You will foster the ability to grasp the psychology and behavior of people through observations accurately, experiments, surveys, interview and psychology tests, and provide appropriate support for people in need, with excellent communication skills that are required in countless situations.	
	● Department of Tourism	Students who can play an active role in various situations while improving skills in the tourism business.	Tourism Business Course	• Travel industry, airline industry, transportation such as railways/busses, tourism establishments • Tourist associations and tourism sectors of the local government	You will obtain basic knowledge of three equally essential fields: tourism, management, and hospitality. Also, by studying subjects broadly surrounding tourism, you will be equipped to work in the tourism field.	• Travel business management theory • Airline business management theory • Hotel business management theory • Event production theory
			Hotel/Bridal Course	• Lodging industry such as hotels and inns • Ceremony industry with bridal ceremonies at its core • Event production industry	Upon learning the three areas, which are tourism, management, and hospitality, you will foster an ability to pursue customer satisfaction with your acquired skills for hotel specific management, reception techniques, and bridal planning and production.	
	● Department of Human Health	Students who can contribute to the actualization of a healthy and fulfilling society	Sports Management Course	• Health/sports/lifestyle-related companies • Sports/leisure-related institutions /companies	You will observe, evaluate and analyze social phenomena related to health and social problems, and master a management ability in maintenance and promotion of human health.	• Healthy life theory • Sports management theory • Sociology of sport • Sports Marketing • Sports Business Theory
			Sports Health Course	• Sports instructors • Health promotion-related institutions	You will learn interpersonal and leadership skills useful in society through sports. To maintain your health, you will develop the ability to communicate the pleasure of exercising through hands-on activities and guidance.	



Graduate school

UMDS Graduate Courses

We will cultivate advanced professionals, researchers and other human resources in the distribution field who contribute to the development of distribution in Asia.

Master's Course			Doctoral Course		
Research Methodology (4 credits)	Special theory courses/practicum (22 credits)	Practical science/practicum (4 credits)	Special research (4 credits)	Practicum (4 credits)	Seminars (12 credits)
To study the theoretical and empirical issues, we have set up the necessary scientific methodology as "methodology research."	We have set up necessary foundation courses as "special courses" to nurture researchers and highly specialized professionals in the distribution science field who possess the rich academic knowledge and research capabilities. Furthermore, to guide through the master's thesis writing, we have set up a "practicum course."	We have set up four courses to deepen your practical understanding through discussions of research and case studies on specific subjects.	The "special research course" is established as a subject to foster more advanced, specialized academic knowledge and research abilities than in a master's program.	We provide practical opportunities for educational guidance, and we have established a "practicum course" to train students so that they can become leaders in various fields within distribution science.	To train teachers and highly specialized professionals with advanced research abilities in the fields of distribution science, we have set up a "practicum course" aiming for the completion of the doctoral dissertation under the guidance of academic advisors and the faculty in relevant research fields.
Research for thesis writing Qualitative research Statistical research	[Master's courses] Distribution system principle theory, Distributed enterprise management special theory, Service/marketing special theory, Marketing strategy special theory, etc.	[Practicum] Distribution/marketing practicum, Business administration practicum, Finance practicum, Space market/data analysis practicum, Economic analysis practicum	Distribution/Marketing special research A and B, Business administration special research A and B, Finance special studies A and B, Space market/Data analysis and special research A and B, Economics special research A and B	Educational practicum for master's program in practical science	Distribution/marketing special practicum, Business administration special practicum, Finance special practicum, Space market/data analysis special practicum, Economic special practicum

UMDS's vision of "Enhanced support for exchange students."

International students can be active inside and outside of the university and learn through various experiences.

The number of international students at our university accounts for about 15% of all students.

Their countries of origin are, China, Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand, Mongolia, Myanmar, and 19 other countries and regions, and the number of students enrolled is about 600.

Based on the experience of accepting many international students, we have established a system that can fully support our international students.(As of April 2021)



We put our full effort into supporting of you!



International Affairs Division staff

International Affairs Division

UMDS has a division that can support international students with expertise, and we conduct consultation, career counseling, employment consultation, etc.

International Affairs Division

We provide comprehensive support enabling international students to have a fulfilling student life. If you have something you do not understand about your college life (residential related, part-time jobs, concerns, etc.), we will assist you as your first point of contact for consultation. We also organize a variety of events such as registration management and support for residence papers that international students need, as well as cultural exchange with Japanese students and the community, and hands-on experience of Japanese culture.

Senior International Student Consultation Booth

The "Senior International Student Consultation Booth" was established by the senior international students to serve as advisors for the first-year students. You can ask questions and consult with the senior students while utilizing SNS regarding course completion, scholarships, lodging, etc. It's held mainly in April about once a week during the lunch break.



Japanese Language Study Support

We support international students studying Japanese through curriculums and programs.

Ryuka Speech Contest

We conduct the speech contest to give students opportunities to improve their Japanese language skills. We have a "Kansai Dialect Division" in addition to the "Japanese Division" Japanese students can participate in the "English Division."



International exchange at the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences



International Exchange Activities

A variety of events in the World Hall

The World Hall emerged from the student proposal for a place where Japanese students can interact with international students more. Students are planning and conducting various international exchange events.



Japanese Cultural Events



Ryuka New Year's event

Experience the behavior of Japanese New Year's culture of making mochi (rice cakes) and serving Ozoni (rice cake soup) and Zenzai (red bean soup). Residents of the neighborhood will also participate.



Setsubun(end of winter) events

You can experience the scattering of parched beans, taste sushi, and more. The event is carried out by Japanese students.

Ryuka World Festival

It is a mini-festival featuring the international exchange as a theme. It's time for cross-cultural exchanges, including international students' refreshment booth selling international cuisines. Neighbors are welcome to join the festival.



Ryuka "International Festival"

At the "Ryukasai" (school festival), The international students provide the home cooking and sell them.



international exchange bus tour

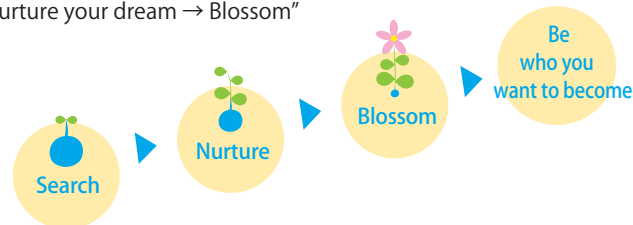
We hold the bus tour two times a year. International students, Japanese students, and their parents can join them. This event enables interactions beyond generations while learning Japanese culture and history.



Promotion of "an education that can only be obtained at the UMDS." Due to our unique and diversified learning environment, our university greatly enhances each student's development.

Only One Goal-setting throughout the four-year period Dream Vision Project

Our unique four-year curriculum at UMDS includes
"Search for the dream that you want to become →
Nurture your dream → Blossom"



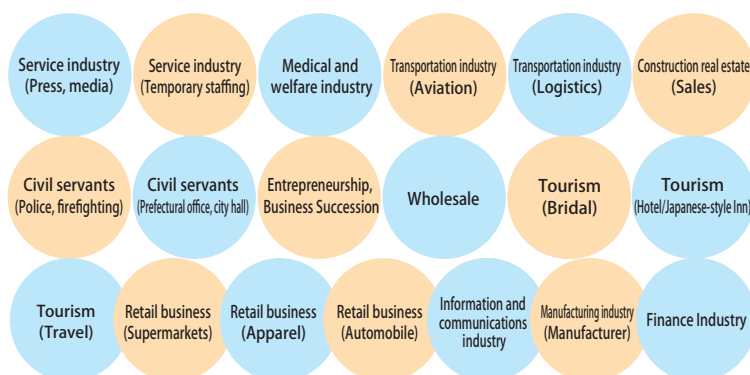
Only One Unique Program "Curriculum to find who you want to become"

The first six months after admission is the time to
"find your dream vision." There are diverse programs,
such as an overnight camp, problem-solving group
work, exchanges with senior students, alumni and
business people. Through many experiences, you
will understand yourself better and clarify "who you
want to become."



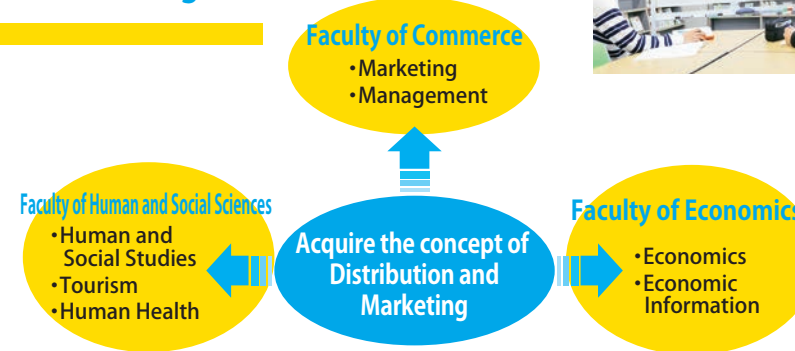
Only One Understand the Growth Process "4 Years of Learning"

You can learn what kind of four years you should spend at the university
in order to get the career you want to pursue in the future with "4 years
of learning". "Student Life Model" is set for 19 career images.



Only One Strong in distributions and marketing

The mission founding principle of UMDS is "to
nurture human resources who will contribute
to world peace and the realization of a truly
affluent society, through scientific research
and education of Distribution Sciences." To
learn and understand this philosophy,
"Introduction to Distribution Sciences" is a
required subject for all students. By acquiring
the framework of marketing, you can deepen
your learning of each field of study.



A thought on the foundation of the university
Isao Nakauchi, the founder

World War I started due to the squabble over coal and steel,
and World War II erupted due to the scramble for oil.
If the distribution channel is functioning, and food and
resources are well distributed all over the world, there will be
no wars or battles over resources. To convey this belief to a
generation who has never experienced wars, I founded UMDS.
(April 1988)

Only One Learning that society and businesses are connected to university education

Many learning opportunities are closely linked to the workplace, such as what is going on in the real world,
what issues we have, what kind of personnel is required, etc.

Special Lectures



We invite special lecturers who are active in
various industries as well as corporations so that
students can learn about the current system,
development and leading-edge topics first-hand.

Social Joint-Development Program

We are implementing various programs to solve on-site issues in cooperation with companies
and local governments. We may plan new product proposals and events,
as well as actual commercialization of products. We are working on seminar activities and classes.

Kobe Student Innovators' Grand Prix (Grand Prix I-1)

This program is hosted by UMDS College students in
Kobe City and students in high school who have
signed the collaboration agreement with the
university
compete against each other for the topic presented
by the cooperating company, and present proposals
as a team for the competition.



Off Campus Planning Contest

At the Yamakawa seminar, we
made a proposal with the "11th
Kanku (Kansai International
Airport) Departure [Making with
Students and Travel Agencies]
Overseas Travel Planning
Contest" and won second prize.



Regional Human Resource Development Program

It is an educational project with the purpose of
"developing human resources to contribute to
the society," in collaboration with industries,
government, and academia. Learning directly
from the people who work on the front line is
the opportunity to know the characteristics of
the industry and its appeal so you can build a
network that will lead to your future.

Career Enhancement Seminar

Seminars are taught by lecturers who are in the front
lines of industries. We work on the issues faced in
each industry while learning intensively the industry's
current state and the professional know-how in a
short amount of time. You will deepen your
understanding of your targeted industry and better
grasp your future image and develop a specific
job-hunting strategy in more concrete terms.

- Career enhancement seminar (Marketing)
- Career enhancement seminar (Retail business)
- Career enhancement seminar (Hotel/Bridal)

Career Education

Students will develop a sense of a career in stages from the first year to the fourth year.

Career education

Career education is part of our curriculum.
You will learn fundamental career theories, career
training, and career business theories.

Qualification support

The university supports the acquisition of
various qualifications, and there are multiple
programs available on campus.



We support each student to help them nurture the seed of their dream and to blossom. Support for employment of international students is also substantial

Interview with Candidate

I entered university because I wanted to learn about Japan's logistics system.
After graduating, I will work in the logistics industry with advanced technology.



Mr. Kandel Uma Kantha (Nepal)

Faculty of Commerce, Department of Marketing, Distribution Systems Course, 4th year, graduated March 2021

Employment Offer: Yamamura Logistics Co., Ltd.

Motivation through scholarships for international students

After coming to Japan from Nepal, I became very interested in the Japanese retail industry and logistics system. By transporting a large volume of goods efficiently, prices are reduced. I thought this would be useful for the future development of my home country and so decided to enter the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences to learn more about the retail industry and distribution system. At the university, I chose the Department of Marketing and Distribution Systems Course. I enjoyed studying because I could learn about the "distribution system" and its technology, which was what I wanted to know the most, and every day it was fulfilling. When I couldn't understand, I asked the teachers and they would teach me in a kind and polite manner so that I could understand things well. The University of Marketing and Distribution Science has a well-developed scholarship system, and you can receive it for up to four years. I also received it for four years and was able to live with less anxiety about money.

Going to the next dream of getting a job at a logistics company

What impressed me outside of classes were the on-campus events such as the school festival "Ryukasai" and the World Festival. International students set up a simulated shop to sell foods of their home country and interact with visitors. A Nepalese chef that I knew made some curry, and it was very popular and profitable. I worked part-time at a major discount store when I was a student. I experienced ordering, sorting, and shelving, and as I watched how a large number of products were being lined up efficiently in stores, I became increasingly interested in Japan's logistics technology. Without hesitation, that's when I set my goal to work in the "logistics business". I received a job offer from Yamamura Logistics Co., Ltd., which is a company with an advanced logistics system and can handle a large number of products in a short period of time. It's like a dream to think that I can work using the latest logistics system after I graduate.



Interview with Candidate

Improve communication skills through extracurricular activities.
I was able to experience product planning in class.



Zhang Yushan (China)

Faculty of Commerce, Department of Business Administration, Business Strategy Course, 4th year, graduated March 2021

Employment Offer: Nitori (China) Investment Co., Ltd. (NITORI Group)

Volunteering for extracurricular activities to interact with many people

I belonged to the welfare volunteer club, "Milk Tea", in the extracurricular activities at the university. Many children from the neighborhood come to the Halloween party on campus. We prepared games and invited children to participate and gave them candy as presents. We also smiled as much as the energetic children. We participated in the Kobe Luminarie and asked for donations and managed traffic at the Rokko City Marathon as volunteers for off-campus events. Volunteering at the event allowed me to interact with many people, which helped me improve my communication skills. I am very happy that I was able to experience various volunteer activities.

I got a job at an international company that has a chance for me to return to my hometown.

At the university, I chose the course to study "Business Strategy". Especially interesting was the "Product Strategy Theory" class. It was a practical class where I learned about the flow and methods of product planning and also how to make my own product plans. Also, in "Special Lecture on Corporate Theory", the top executives of Japanese companies and government agencies came to the university and gave lectures in person. It was a great learning experience for me to understand the cutting-edge efforts of various industries and to consider my future. After graduating, I have been offered a job at Nitori (China) Investment Co., Ltd., which manages Nitori's domestic business in China. I'm from Tianjin and I was told by the employment department that, "There is also a company in Tianjin", and I'm very ambitious. It is undecided where I will work in China, but I am very happy to have the opportunity to join an international company and be able to have a chance to return to my hometown to work in the future. I may be involved in product development, and I am looking forward to utilizing the various experiences I had at university for my work.



Job Placement Assistance

Employment support from the employment department will start from the third year.

Employment guidance for international students (October - February)

We will announce "what you need to do now" every month to start job-hunting activities. Carried out eight times a year.

Internship (August - September)

You can gain work experience in companies and businesses you're interested in with the cooperation of companies.

SPI, written examination preparation courses (November - February)

We will help you to improve your recruitment written exam scores.



Course individual interviews (October - December)

We conduct personal interviews for all the students and create a job hunting plan, tailored to each's personality and goals.

Industry research seminars (November ~), corporate briefing meetings at the university (February ~)

We invite companies in various industries where you can listen to detailed descriptions of their businesses and their employment information. Many companies wanting to hire international students will also be participating.



OB / OG Employment Consultation (February)

You can hear directly from the alumni about their job-hunting activities and their current jobs.

Group discussion practice (February)

You can practice group discussions which are part of the employment recruitment exam.

Job interview practice (February ~)

The university staff will become interviewers, and you will be mindful of practicing realistic interviews.



Main company employers (Results of March graduates from 2016 to 2021)

Toki Trading Co., Ltd.	Aiko Electronics Co., Ltd.	Aeon Delight Co., Ltd.	Don Quixote Co., Ltd.
Kansai International Airport Industry Co., Ltd.	Katsushiro Matsuo Co., Ltd.	Kowa Japan Co., Ltd.	Vinks Co., Ltd.
LaDolche Co., Ltd.	NM HumaTec Co., Ltd.	Resort Life Co., Ltd.	Hotel New Awaji Co., Ltd.
Home Logistics Co., Ltd.	Osaka Food Co., Ltd.	New, New Business Cooperative K and K Co., Ltd.	Yodobashi Camera Co., Ltd.
Shoei Kogyo Co., Ltd.	G.U. Corporation	Sanki Service Co., Ltd.	Jikei Gakuen Group Co., Ltd.
Area marketing office Co., Ltd.	Murakami Seiki Co., Ltd.	Aspark Co., Ltd.	Link Co., Ltd.
Musashino Co., Ltd.	Hotel Kansai Co., Ltd.	Sanki Service Co., Ltd.	G-7 Auto Service Co., Ltd.
Aiko Corporation	Saishunkan Co., Ltd.	Sanyu Co., Ltd.	Arara Co., Ltd.
Big Dar Trading Co., Ltd.	Tomoike Sangyo Co., Ltd.	Daikokuten Bussan Co., Ltd.	Mandai Co., Ltd.
Suntech Inc.	Bunkyo Studio Co., Ltd.	Yamamura Logistics Co., Ltd.	(Medical) Seishokai
Kashin Company	Kobe Portopia Hotel, Inc.	Nitori (China) Investment Co., Ltd. (Nitori Group)	Vocational schools and Japanese language schools in Japan, etc.
Japan Community Cooperative	Mars Japan Co., Ltd.		

This university is being selected by international students who have a secure image of their dreams and goals for the future in order to acquire **the knowledge necessary for their career planning.**

Interview with Candidate

Having a good environment, scholarship, and fields I wanted to study, I studied abroad at the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences for three reasons.



Changchong Tuan (Vietnam)

Faculty of Economics, Department of Economics and Information, Information Systems Course, 4th year, graduated March 2021

Employment Offer: Arara Co., Ltd.

Getting friendly through camping, bus tours, and group work

I was recommended by my Japanese language school teacher and learned about the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences in my home country. When I did some research, I thought that "this was it" for three reasons: "environment where the climate and living conditions were comfortable", "substantial scholarships", and "fields I want to study were available". I loved computers since I was a child and wanted to learn information technology. At university, I took every class that had "Information" in its name and I was able to understand them well because the teacher was close by and carefully taught international students. There was also a lot of group work in the seminar, and the understanding between members deepened and gained experience in working together to propose ideas. I think this is a university where it's easy to make friends. Immediately after enrollment, there is a one-night, two-day camp for new students, and allows you to get to know each other across faculties and departments. Also, I enjoyed interacting with others while experiencing Japanese culture on the international bus tour held twice a year.

After graduation, I'll make myself and society happy through IT technology

I made the effort to try and understand the contents of the lessons on the same day, so I was able to get good grades. As a result, I was able to receive many scholarships, and from my third year, I was able to take on fewer part-time jobs and create an environment where I could concentrate on my studies. After graduating, the company that I received a job offer was a company striving to "make the world happier through IT technology." It is motivating to be able to contribute to society through work. I was the only international student that was hired, and everyone else were science students. I heard that the reason why I was hired was because I was able to get across the attitude and enthusiasm to take on the challenges that were raised during the hiring activities. I might face difficulties in the future, but I will work enthusiastically without giving up.



Interview with Candidate

Establish and manage a food-related trading company. I learned "business strategy" for this purpose.



Christian Ankasa (Indonesia)

Faculty of Commerce, Department of Business Administration, Business Strategy Course, 4th year, graduated March 2021

Employment Offer: Jikei Gakuen Group Co., Ltd.

I reviewed my career and transferred to the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences

My home country is Indonesia, but from about when I was 8 years old, I went to a church that was run by a Japanese person, so I felt a sense of familiarity with Japan. Also, my mother also runs a coffee plantation and have the experience of being put in charge of accounting since middle school. I went to Japan to study abroad for the first time 10 years ago in order to learn the latest Japanese technology for the future. At that time, I studied IT technology and returned to Japan, later on, I set my goal to "establish and manage a food-related trading company separate from my mother's farm." Therefore, I returned to Japan and enrolled in the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences, to learn about cutting-edge management strategies.

Learning knowledge and theory for strategic management

Currently, I am a college student however, I have also been running a multilingual translation company in Indonesia for seven years. My company allows you to work in any place and any time and I have 16 employees. While I'm in Japan, I left the work to my subordinates. However, since I had never studied management before, I was doing "try it first" and "if it was wrong, think of it as learning and try another method". At the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences, I enrolled in the "Management Strategy" seminar and was able to learn very meaningful theory and acquire knowledge regarding management and logistics. After graduating, I would like be employed at a company and that will make use of my experience at university. I became friends with international students from various countries at university. In the future, I am looking forward to seeing networks connecting people while playing an active role in various countries and fields.



Joint Corporate Briefing Session for international students

We invite companies that are actively recruiting International students to the university. You can get to know their work duties and recruitment information in details.

At the 2019 joint company information session, nine companies participated with the collaboration of Minato Bank. Not only 4th year but also 2nd and 3rd year students participated and learned about Japanese companies.



Job-Hunting Strategy Overnight Seminar (December, February)

We hold an overnight seminar to do job-hunting preparation. You will thoroughly learn the necessary skills while raising your motivation for job-hunting.



Employment Department

We introduce international students to internship partners and hold employment guidance that are exclusively for international students. We carefully explain the characteristics of job-hunting operations in Japan, the appropriate manners for interviews to provide employment support according to the circumstances of each international student.



Overall support for job-hunting activities



UMDS aims to develop global human resources through the international cultural exchange.

>>> Student Dormitory of University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences

"International Exchange Facility Student dormitory RYUTOPIA"

The "International Exchange Facility Student Dormitory RYUTOPIA" is a new type of educational facility where Japanese students and international students from various countries live together promoting personal growth through various international exchange programs. It promotes our university's "International exchange and global human resource development".



International Exchange Student Dormitory RYUTOPIA

1st Floor

International Exchange Space

Japanese students and international students collaborate, plan, and implement various programs to deepen their interactions.

International Exchange Student Dormitory Exchange programs (examples)
The content of the programs will be planned mainly by the dormitory students.

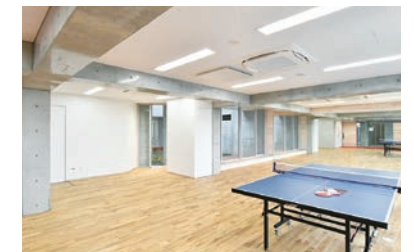
- Welcome party for new dorm residents
- Festival
- Sports events
- Christmas event
- Mochi pounding
- Setsubun (holiday for the end of winter)
- Cooking classes and more.

Japanese style room



The space to enjoy Japanese culture. You can experience flower arrangement and tea ceremonies, etc.

Recreation room



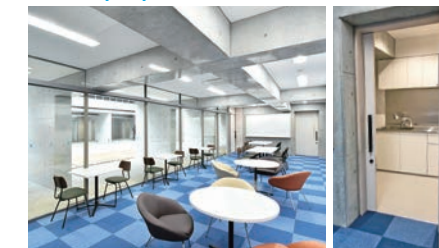
Events, where you can exercise your body, are held.

Multipurpose room 1



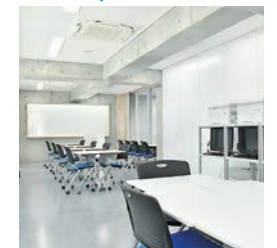
Used for many purposes such as training courses and workshops.

Multipurpose room 2



Equipped with a pantry. It is a relaxing lounge area. You can cook simple dishes here, and also experience other cultures through food.

Study hall



You can study in a quiet environment.

2nd & 3rd Floors

Living space

International students and Japanese students live together (6 students per unit). The dorm room is separated into individual rooms for privacy (10m²). There are a shared kitchen and a living room where you can experience other's cultures and values.

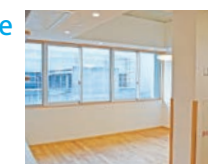
Rent is ¥35,000 per month

(Water and utilities included / free Wi-Fi in the building)

The first deposit	¥110,000
Breakdown	Dorm Entrance Fee ¥40,000 Annual Management Fee ¥35,000 Rent ¥35,000/month
First year total	¥495,000

Shared space

Promotes communication in everyday life.



Living room
Space where you can enjoy food and communication.



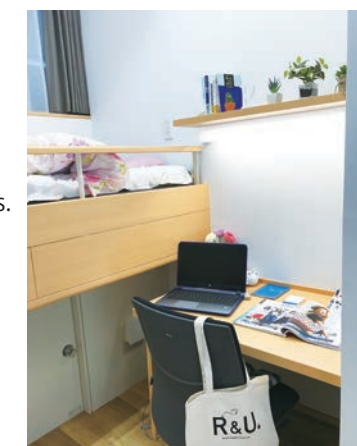
Kitchen
You will experience cultural differences by cooking together.



Shower rooms
There are two in each unit.



Washrooms
There are two in each unit.



Dorm rooms (private rooms)

Equipped with a bed, desk, cabinet, bookcase, and a fridge.

UMDS has the latest learning environment where you can enjoy college life to its fullest.

The total campus area is 164,456 square meters (approximately 25 times the size of a soccer field), we foster an environment where students can focus on learning while enjoying and interacting with friends on a wide-scale.

There are various small and large classrooms in the lecture buildings.

Large classrooms

Liberal arts lectures, etc. are taught in large classrooms whose sizes are ranging from 200 seats to 500 seats.



Mid-sized classrooms (Building V 3F)

Movable tables and chairs allow group work for over 100 people. We also offer bi-directional lectures for students and faculty members using Wi-Fi compliant clicker system (online survey applications).



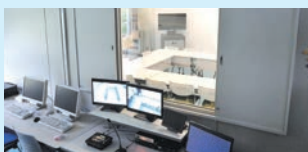
Seminar Rooms (Building II 3F)

You can brainstorm ideas on the whiteboard on the wall, or you can practice presentations using a projector.



Psychology laboratory

Using the psychology experiment preparation room (the monitor room), you can see the inside of a psychology classroom with a one-way mirror to conduct psychological experiments, such as observing the behavior of a subject, etc. Used for in lectures and seminars.

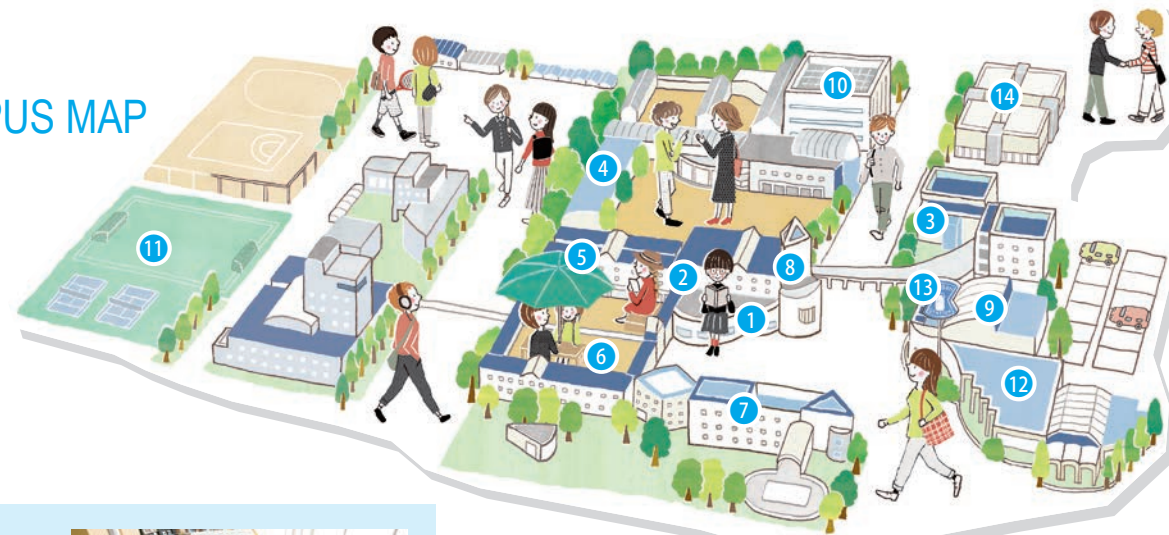


Teaching practicum workshop room

It's a replica of a high school classroom. Students who are studying to be teachers can use this room for training.



CAMPUS MAP



1 Library

We have over 200,000 books including technical books.

• General publications, trade publications, English newspapers, and Chinese newspapers are available.



Student Self-Study Room

Located on the 2nd floor adjacent to the library where you can focus on studying in a spacious booth. There is a personal computer area where Wi-Fi is available, and a study room without computers.



2 Media Center

Students can use PCs and printers. In addition to reports on lectures and research activities for seminars, you can use external data, which may be useful for job-hunting activities.



1F has private labs, separated by partitions.



On the 2F, you can do group activities, and presentation practices using a projector.

3 International Affairs Division

Performs a wide range of support for international students. It is close to the education department as well as employment department, so you can get immediate consultation on things you do not understand.



Academic Affairs Department

We provide academic counseling and support.



Employment Department

We perform a wide range of employment-related support.



4 Nurse's Office

We support students' health.



5 World Hall

A variety of international exchange events are held here. The hall provides space where Japanese students and international students can interact and develop the friendship.



6 Courtyard of Contemplation

An area where you can eat lunch and relax.



7 Orange Hall

There are two locations on campus, and they have become the relaxing space for students.



8 Bell Tower

This is a symbolic tower of the University of Marketing and Distribution Science.



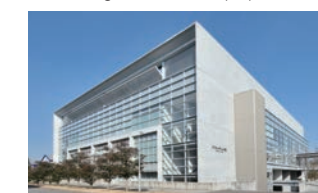
9 RYUKA HALL

Hall with a capacity of 700 people. It is used for entrance ceremonies, lectures, events, and club activity announcements.



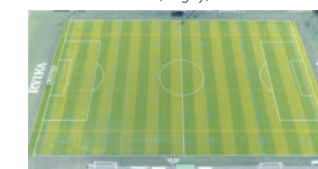
10 Athletic Building

Great for a variety of sports, including an arena where you can watch sports from the 4th floor, a martial arts dojo, a studio, a measuring room, and multipurpose rooms.



11 Artificial Turf Ground

Sports grounds with artificial turf, complete with night lights for soccer (football), American football, rugby, etc.



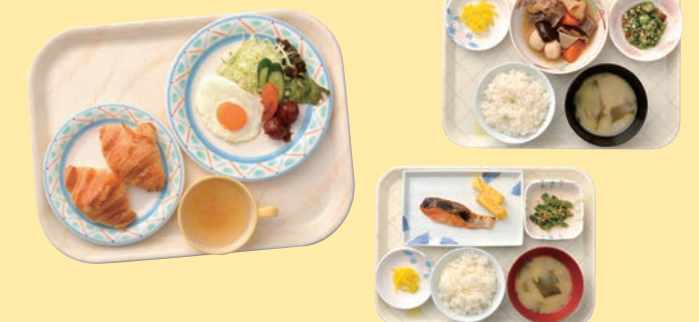
12 Ryuka Dining

Capable of seating 1,200 people with the first and second floor combined. It has a cafe-like atmosphere and is used as a place for students to relax.

Ryuka lunch specials supervised by dietitians and a menu with various popular dishes are provided for students. Besides, the "popular 100 yen breakfast" is offered from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM on weekdays when classes are taught. You can pick a nutritious Japanese or a Western-style daily special breakfast.



● Popular 100 Yen Breakfast



There is a tendency to skip breakfast on busy mornings. A strong ally for such students is the breakfast you can eat for 100 yen. The menu includes both western and Japanese selections and students are happy to have the ability to choose and have good breakfast.

14 International Exchange Facility, Student Dormitory RYUTOPIA

Opened in 2018. Japanese students and international students plan and implement various international cultural exchange programs while living together. There is a screening process for dormitory admission.



13 Convenience store

Conveniently located next to the restaurant.



Wi-Fi Available throughout the Whole Area
-RYUKA Portal-

The University of Marketing and Distribution Science sets up individual email accounts for all students. Information regarding classes, information on various seminars, use of facilities, and various other information is available for use.

Credit System

UMDS students are required to complete 124 credits to graduate. There are a total of two exams held in a year, one in the first semester and the other in the second semester. The results of the tests are evaluated from A-D with 100 being the perfect score.

Ⓐ ... 90 - 100 points.	Pass
A ... 89 - 80	
B ... 79 - 70	
C ... 69 - 60	
D ... 59 and below - Fail	

Registration

Course registration is each student's responsibility. If you fail to register or fail to correct errors in your registration, the course will not be confirmed, and the credits will not be accredited. Each student is required to select which courses to take, and complete the course registration within the specified time frame based on the study plan until graduation and the class timetable for the year.

Class hours

As shown below.

1st period	9:00 ~ 10:30
2nd period	10:40 ~ 12:10
3rd period	13:00 ~ 14:30
4th period	14:40 ~ 16:10
5th period	16:20 ~ 17:50

Annual events

April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance ceremony Communication camp Welcome festival The Beginning of the first semester 		August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School anniversary 		December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas party 	
June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International exchange bus tour (spring) RYUKA World Festival 		September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September graduation ceremony International student orientation The Beginning of the second semester 		January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's events The second-semester exams 	
July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The he first semester exams 		November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ryuka Festival (school festival) International festival Ryuka speech contest International exchange bus tour (autumn) 		February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setsubun event (celebration of the end of winter) Student awards ceremony 	
				March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation ceremony - Graduation party Student Guidance 	

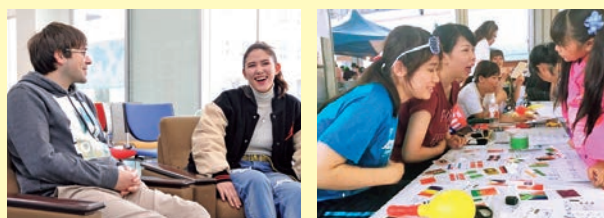
Do what you enjoy through extracurricular activities and make more friends.
You can gain valuable experiences as a university student which you cannot gain anywhere else.

■ Choose your extracurricular activities

RYUKA ESS

where international students and Japanese students can communicate in English

It's a club where you can gather at World Hall during lunchtime and have fun talking in English while chatting and playing games. You will become more familiar with English through daily exposure. All you need is "the desire to speak English," regardless of your current language level. Through communicating in English, you will be able to experience people's varied value systems which will expand your horizons and help you grow.



Japanese Drum Club

Regional contributions by performing at events

Powerful performer's movements create a sound that shakes the space. It's easy even for beginners and you can experience the spirit of Japanese culture. It's fun to practice Japanese Taiko songs and create our version of the Taiko world with everyone. There are performances at the community and business events. In 2015, the performance activities extended even to South Korea. Many residents look forward to the regularly scheduled concerts performed in Ryuka Hall.



Dance Club RUBU

Express yourself with the type of dance you like!

You can choose what you want from a variety of genres (Pop, Rock, Hip-hop, Jazz, Girl's Hip-hop, and Breakdance). Many students start dancing for the first time at university. While being taught by more experienced students, they become caught up in it and practice on their own to get better. Many members say, "I gained confidence because I was able to express myself."



Contemporary Visual Culture Society (Currently researched)

Explore the charm of Japanese subcultures

Engage in creative club activities, enjoying Japanese subcultures that are attracting attention from the rest of the world (animation, manga, video games, etc.). There are "Model Team," "Novel Team," "Illustration Team," "Goods Team," and "Cosplay Team." You can join any team you like. Please feel free to belong to two or more groups, or move from one unit to another. You can gain the skills necessary for creative activities while sharing data which will heighten self-expression. There will be events where you can participate outside of the university.



RYUKA International Student Club

We hold many International Exchange Events that give students a chance

to make friends through cultural exchange. Students who are interested in Japanese culture and students who are interested in foreign cultures can make friends through club events.



■ Number of members

208 students
(Fourth-year 19 students,
third-year 64 students,
second-year 125 students)

■ Activity locations

■ Meeting

■ Membership fee

■ Annual schedule

World Hall, etc

Non-regular

None

February Setsubun (end of winter) event

June International Exchange Bus Tour

July World Festival

October International Exchange Bus Tour

December Christmas event

■ Achievements

International exchange bus tours Twice
Setsubun (end of winter) event
Participate in Akashi B-1 Grand Prix
Christmas event
Food treats from countries of international students
Halloween
School festival simulated shop
Guitar practice
World festival
Vietnam, Indonesia
Italy, China, Korea, Thailand
Nepal, Myanmar
etc.

■ Current club members' high schools

I operate a company that is the contact point between China and Japan for the purpose of spreading Japanese game and anime culture out to the world.



Zhang Yong (China)

Faculty of Commerce, Department of Distribution (Currently: Department of Marketing) Graduated August 1992

Currently: Representative Director of YUKIN TRADING CO., LTD.

I really felt it was a "university open to the world" from the time it opened

I entered the University of Marketing and Distribution Science as an international student in 1988 when it opened. It welcomed international students from the time it opened and I felt it was a university that was opened to the world. While I was a student, I studied distribution and marketing, and when I saw Japanese supermarkets and convenience stores, I imagined that China would also develop in this way. All the classes were interesting, but the psychology classes that I was especially interested in, helped me to understand and approach customer psychology from the sales position when I became a member of society. The corporate theory class was also very interesting in understanding Japanese society and organizations.

At the University of Marketing and Distribution Science, there was an atmosphere where you could enjoy both studying and playing and feel the warmth of human relationships. I feel that while you are a student, you will be able to discover your own path while pursuing your favorite things.

Work that serves as a bridge between China and Japan

After graduating from university, I joined a major Japanese game company after working as a research student at a national university. After joining the company, I thought about how I could produce results at the company. Using the marketing knowledge, I learned at university, I succeeded in selling an arcade game that was unknown in Asia as the result of trial and error and I was able to achieve great results six months after joining the company. After this, I had many careers, such as serving as a manager at several bases in Asia and also was placed in charge of the animation department in Tokyo. I wanted to "run my own company one day", so in 2010 I started my own business. I wanted to spread the game and anime culture of Japan and Asia to each other, but when going across different countries, the business rules are different and transactions do not proceed smoothly. Focusing on this issue, I set up a consulting company that coordinates between two countries. I think that many international students like Japanese games and anime and would like to get a job related to games and anime in the future. However, I tell them that there are other ways to get involved besides the production work that I do.

I would like to be a bridge between Japan and China.
To fulfill my ambitions, I continue with exchanges at work and privately.



Son Wei (China)

Faculty of Commerce, Department of Service Industry (currently Faculty of Human and Social Studies) Graduated March 2001

Currently: Sunward Logistics CO., LTD Shanghai Branch Manager

I studied distribution and tourism

"I wanted to study cutting-edge distribution and take home that knowledge to contribute to the development of my country" and so I came to Japan as a foreign student. My cousin was also attending the University of Marketing and Distribution Science and I was convinced that if I wanted to "study distribution and marketing, the University of Marketing and Distribution Science", was the place to learn. After enrolling, I learned not only about distribution but also much about Japanese culture and I became interested in becoming a bridge between Japan and China, so I chose a seminar to study tourism. I clearly remember doing fieldwork at Hikone Castle and its castle town and got in touch with Japanese history and culture. The seminar instructors and my colleagues of the seminar also came to China to learn about Chinese culture. When I was a student, I made many friends and was able to have a fulfilling student life.

Japan is always close

After graduating, I used the knowledge I learned in Japan to teach the younger generation in the world of logistics. Currently, I work at a logistics company with a global network, and I am working in management as a branch manager in Shanghai. Exporting products made in China to Japan is the mainstay of logistics at the Shanghai branch. Previous to the CORONA disaster travel restrictions, I made business trips to Japan once a month. I visited Tokyo, Kobe, Kyushu, Hokkaido, Tohoku, and other parts of the country depending on my work. Additionally, there is a get-together of graduates of the University of Marketing and Distribution Science called Yuhokai and so our exchanges are uninterrupted. There are 5 overseas branches (People's Republic of China Shanghai Branch, Dalian Branch, Republic of Korea Branch, Taiwan Branch, and Vietnam Branch), and I am the branch manager of the Shanghai Branch. New members are increasing every year and the exchange meetings we have once every six months are exciting. Have a wonderful student life at the University of Marketing and Distribution Science, and after graduating, let's expand our network and have exchanges together.

I would like to take back home to my country what I learned at university and what I learned at a Japanese company to contribute to its development.



Chanty Hong Hoon (Vietnam)

Faculty of Commerce, Department of Marketing, graduated March 2019

Currently: AEON Delight Co., Ltd.

Fulfillment with studying, clubs, and part-time jobs

My four years at the University of Marketing and Distribution Science were balanced with studying, clubs, and part-time jobs, and every day was fulfilling. As for studying, I entered the "Distribution and Marketing" seminar and did research and discussions according to the themes. I felt that I could contribute to my country when thinking about distribution and marketing so, in my graduation thesis, I investigated and summarized the location of stores. For a club, I joined the dance club. I practiced really hard, and about 10 people worked together and performed in the recital. Additionally, through working part-time at various restaurants, I was able to learn how to serve customers attentively and how to speak politely. I originally studied abroad drawn by the conscientiousness and seriousness of the Japanese people, so through various experiences, I think I have gotten closer to "wanting to be like that".

Seminar exchange gatherings even after graduation

After graduating, I joined AEON Delight Co., Ltd., which is a part of the AEON Group and I am engaged in the facility management business. I worked on-site for a year and a half after receiving complete training and acquired the necessary knowledge and now I am working in sales. There is abundant for training to improve technical and human skills, and there are mentors who will carefully teach you the work in the workplace, so you can work with peace of mind. I would like to return to Vietnam in the future. Since there is also a subsidiary of AEON Delight in Vietnam, I would like to contribute to the development of my country by providing a safe, secure and comfortable space, and providing the technology and service quality cultivated in Japan. There were training camps and New Year's parties for the seminar that I belonged to and men and women alumni also came and we had friendly exchanges. Currently, I am participating as a graduate, but I feel that the reason why the connection with the university continues is that it is a "place to return to". Additionally, the university has an International Student Support Department, which provides various kinds of support including for everyday living. If you have any problems, I think they will always be there for you.

>>> Location of University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences

Students live in Kobe, where people from over 130 countries reside.

Kobe, which has prospered as a port city since ancient times, has been an open port for more than 150 years. The beautiful mountain ranges Rokko looking out to the sea, and the night view of Kobe - one of the three best night views in Japan. Enjoy an endless array of food, from the world-class "Kobe Beef," "Japanese sake to confectionaries. Kobe is an exciting place filled with great adventures for your university life.

- Kobe was listed in Forbes Magazine in 2007 as one of the "Top 25 Most Beautiful Cities in the World."
- In 2008, as Asia's first "City of Design," recognized by the UNESCO,
- 5th place was given by the 2012 Switzerland ECA International, as "The Most Livable City in the World."



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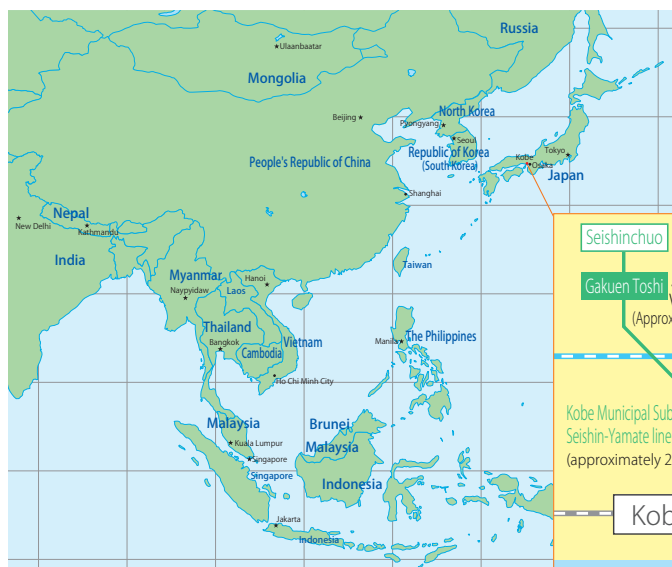
Aeon Food Style Kobe Gakuen (Inside Campus Square)

If you show your student ID at nearby supermarket, you'll can get a 5% discount.

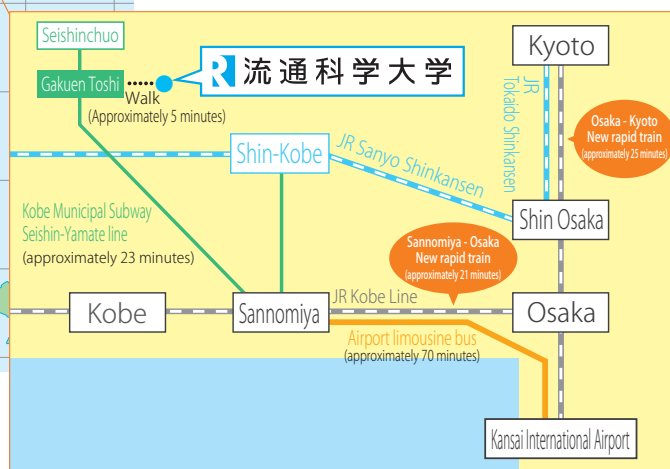


Gakuen-Toshi Station

It's about 23 minutes by train from the nearby Gakuen-Toshi Station to Sannomiya. It is convenient for going out for leisure or to a part-time job. The Gakuen-Toshi is a quiet city that is not too urban or too rural



- Approximately 70 minutes by limousine bus from Kansai International Airport to Sannomiya.
- 21 minutes by the JR Kobe Line New Rapid Train from Osaka to Sannomiya.
- 23 minutes by the Seishin-Yamate line of the Kobe Municipal Subway from Sannomiya to Gakuen Toshi.



2020 JAPAN Ryugaku Awards "Private University Literature Program (Western Japan Area)" Grand Prize Winner

At the "2020 Study Abroad Awards", which selects universities and vocational schools to recommend to international students, the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences won the prize for the liberal arts department for private universities in the West Japan area for the third consecutive year and received the "Grand Prize" as the top school in this category. This award was established for the purpose of improving the environment for international students and the Japanese Language Education Promotion Association established the "Japanese Language School Education and Research Tournament" and member schools of the association vote from the perspective of "whether or not they would recommend it to students" for the decision.



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