

# FACULTY OF GLOBAL AND SCIENCE STUDIES

*Across the borders!*



山口大学  
YAMAGUCHI UNIVERSITY

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# About The Faculty of Global and Science Studies (FGSS)

In 2015, the Faculty of Global and Science Studies became YU's ninth faculty. With 104 students as the first cohort, the FGSS undergraduate program requires students to attend one academic year in an exchange program at a partner university in order to gain global, socio-cultural and communication knowledge and skills.

Instilling a broad range of skill sets, the faculty seeks to train students in interdisciplinary academic perspectives, methodologies and knowledge. The ability of problem solving, identification of problems and practical learning are harnessed in the problem-based learning program where practical problems and issues are resolved and learned.

In a constantly changing globalized community, which requires an understanding of various global-local forces, the FGSS strives to impart students with communication skills, socio-cultural literacy, and problem solving ability as tools to become a model globalized citizen.

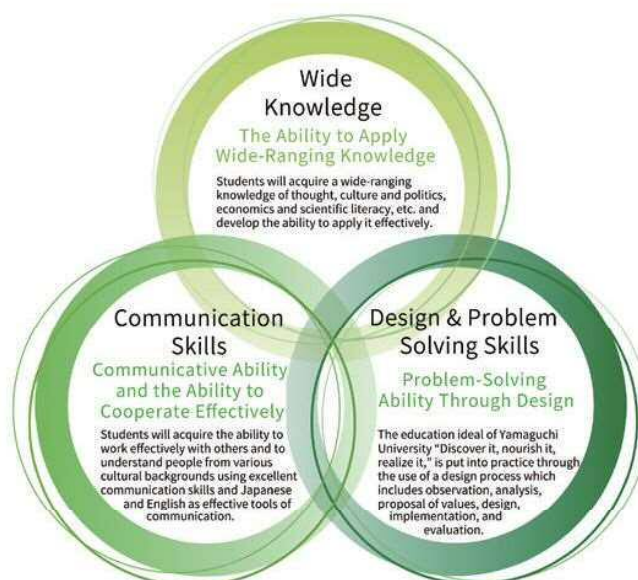


## FGSS Vision

The Faculty of Global and Science Studies has students acquire broad-ranging knowledge and the ability to apply it, while also instilling in them fundamental perspectives, methodologies, and knowledge through courses designed to give them a basic understanding of science and technology, which is indispensable in modern society.

What is more, we have set up design science courses in order to develop these fundamental abilities, get the students to think about specific problems on their own, and instill in them the ability to provide and give shape to new value.

What is more, we develop in students communication skills and problem solving abilities that they can utilize in society by means of practical learning programs, such as Project-type Problem Solving Research in coordination with fieldwork, language studies, study abroad, and companies and local governments. Through this curriculum we foster human resources that can detect and resolve the complex challenges that they will be confronted with on the international stage and in the field in local communities, thereby creating new value and new societies.





# Fulfilling Globalization

To accomplish our aim, we value the role played by a high-level of cultural understanding, academic achievement and language proficiency.

## Short-Term Program

During summer, first-year students attend a one month intensive program in the Philippines to improve language skills, proficiency, and cultural understanding.



## One Academic Year Exchange Program

In principle, students must attend 2 academic semesters at partner institutions, allowing students to extend their knowledge and understanding of the language, values, history, and contemporary society of their country and/or region of choice. Students will participate in a learning program to gain academic credits at host universities, immerse themselves and grow in personal development.

## Faculty Language Proficiency Requirement & Academic Curriculum

### • Participating in an Exchange Program

In order to participate in an international exchange program and study abroad, students must clear the 600 points TOEIC benchmark. They must also meet language and proficiency requirements set by partner universities – IELTS/TOEFL

### • Graduation

Students must reach the 730 points TOEIC benchmark or equivalent in order to graduate from the Faculty.

## Academic Programs

The Faculty provides various strands and types of matriculation and programs:

**1) English Proficiency Program** – course includes Speaking, Listening, Writing, Reading, IELTS Study, and Presentation, etc.

**2) Courses Conducted in English** – Inbound exchange students and Japanese students can take courses conducted and delivered in English. Courses includes Science and Technology Communication, Global Communication Seminar, Visual Communication Design, Contemporary Japanese Thought (see Faculty webpage for full listing, <http://gss.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/en/courses/>).

### 3) Japanese Language and Culture Program:

The Faculty offers a comprehensive Japanese language and culture program, ranging from beginners' level to advanced courses (see Faculty webpage for full listing).



### Course Samples

#### Science & Design Courses

- ▶ Philosophical Issues in Science & Technology
- ▶ International Intellectual Property Strategy
- ▶ Ethics of Science and Technology
- ▶ Data Analysis and Statistics
- ▶ Media Design
- ▶ Science, Technology and Public Philosophy
- ▶ Science and Technology Policy

#### Cultural & Social Studies Courses

- ▶ Contemporary Japanese Culture
- ▶ Modern Asian Culture Studies
- ▶ Contemporary Literature and Culture
- ▶ International Art & Culture
- ▶ Management Structure Studies
- ▶ Advertising Theory
- ▶ International Philosophy
- ▶ Contemporary Japan Studies

## Design Science & Problem-Solving Ability

The Faculty emphasizes the important role played by "Design Thinking" – the ability to affect changes in the face of contemporary society and organizational challenges and issues, creating new measures and approaches to deal with new value systems. Through practical application of "Design Thinking" methodologies students will identify and resolve problems.

Departing from orthodoxy, the Faculty focuses on Project-Based Learning (PBL) rather than a graduate research dissertation as a core academic learning objective. Bridging the gap of professional practices and skills, PBL requires students to work in small teams in Japanese companies, industries and local organizations, exploring ways to find real solutions to everyday problems.

## Know Japan – Know the World !!!

In order to play a role in globalization, knowledge of Japan is necessary! The Faculty believes it is important to understand Japanese history, thinking, culture and contemporary society and to have the ability to communicate this to the world.

# Inbound Students Support & Services

## Dormitory Accommodation

Shared housing accommodation is available to inbound students.

※The following is an example of a dorm.

<b>No. of Units</b> Building 1 = 16 Units Building 2 = 15 Units	<b>Facilities</b> Individual Room: Air conditioner, bed, desk and chair, closet. Rental Bicycle during studies period. Share: Fridge, micro-wave oven, IH heater, air conditioner, dining tables/chairs, shelves, washing machine & dryer
<b>Room Type</b> 3 Persons Share Per Unit	
<b>Rent/Month</b> 19,000 JPY	<b>Utilities &amp; Other Costs</b> 10,000 JPY/month



## Buddy System

Each inbound exchange student will be assigned a Japanese student 'buddy' to assist with general living, academic matters and student-body network and friendship (clubs & circles).

## Inbound Student Advisor

During working hours, students can consult with the Inbound Student Advisor for any matters relating to student needs & concerns – living conditions, daily matters, health etc.

## Academic Advisor

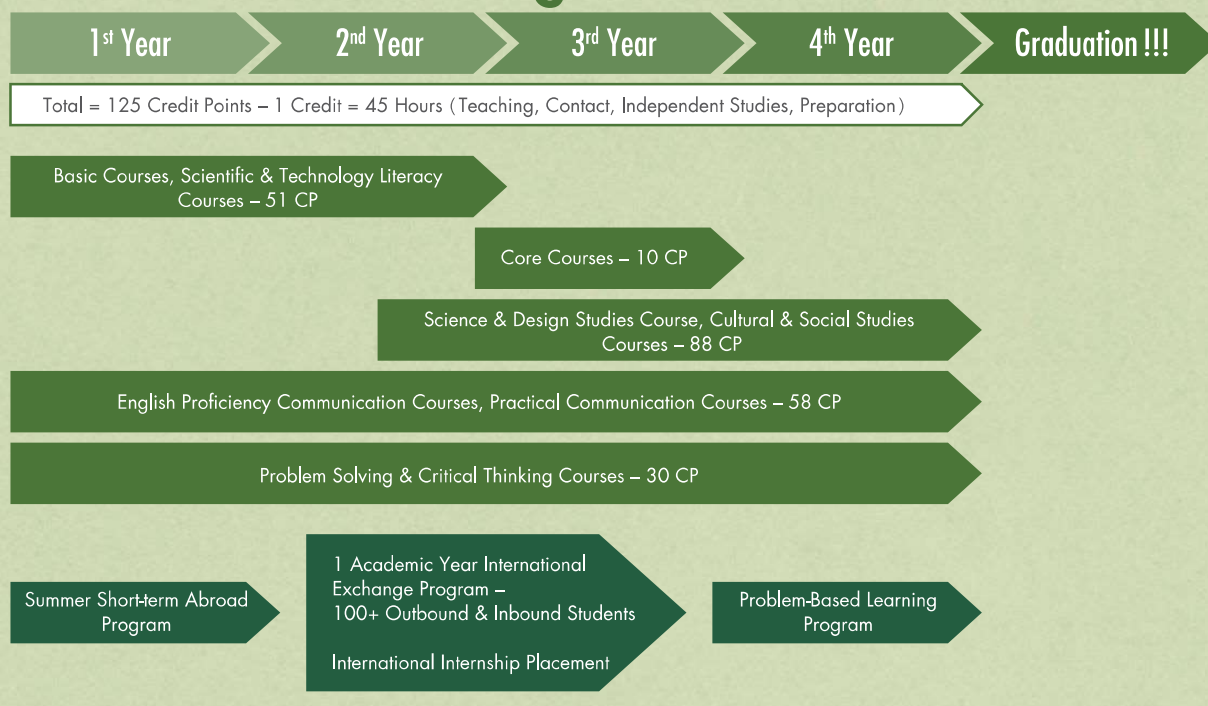
Inbound students will be advised and supervised by FGSS academic staff to ensure the students' welfare, academic and other needs are met.

## Health Center

- Free health services – counseling & consultation with doctors, nurses, and psychologists.
- Free on-campus treatment and medication is available during working hours!



# FGSS Academic Program



## FGSS Academic Information

### Academic Calendar

#### Semester 1 – Spring

Classes Start: 1st week April  
Classes (& Examination) Finish: 1st week August  
Summer Vacation: from 1st week August – September

#### Semester 2 – Fall/Autumn

Classes Start: 1st week October  
Winter Vacation: 4th Week December – 1st Week January  
Classes (Examination) Finish: February  
Spring Vacation: Early February – March

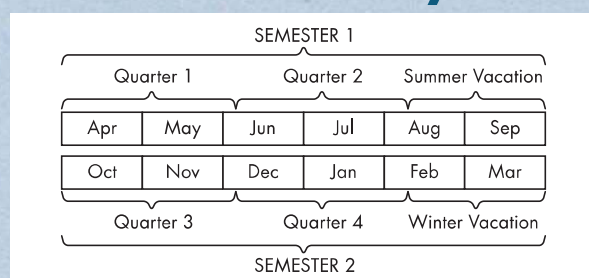
### Grading System

Classification	100 Point Grading	Evaluation
Excellent (S)	100 – 90 Points	Pass
Very Good (A)	89 – 80 Points	Pass
Good (B)	79 – 70 Points	Pass
Pass (C)	69 – 60 Points	Pass
Fail (F)	59 – 0 Points	Fail

### Period System

Period	Starting	Finishes
1•2	08:40	10:10
3•4	10:20	11:50
5•6	12:50	14:20
7•8	14:30	16:00
9•10	16:10	17:40
11•12	17:50	19:20

## FGSS Quarter System



1 Quarter = 8 teaching weeks (including examination week).

In the Quarter System, courses are delivered in 1 CP course or 2 CP

1 CP course is delivered once per week; 2 CP course is delivered twice per week

## University Access and Transportation Guide

### From Tokyo



Approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes by plane  
[Haneda ⇒ Yamaguchi Ube]



Approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes by bullet train  
[Tokyo ⇒ Shin-Yamaguchi]

### From Osaka



Approximately 2 hours by bullet train  
[Osaka ⇒ Shin-Yamaguchi]

### From Hiroshima



Approximately 30 minutes by bullet train  
[Hiroshima ⇒ Shin-Yamaguchi]

### From Fukuoka



Approximately 30 minutes by bullet train  
[Hakata ⇒ Shin-Yamaguchi]

### From Yamaguchi Ube Airport



Approximately 70 minutes by bus \* Not including transfer time.

Ube City Bus [Limited Express] ⇒ 37 minutes to JR Shin-Yamaguchi Station (last stop) ⇒ 30 minutes on the Bocho Bus via Hirakawa ⇒ Yamaguchi Daigaku-mae ⇒ Walk 3 minutes ⇒ Yoshida Campus

### From JR Shin-Yamaguchi Station



Approximately 33 minutes by bus \* There are other routes, but they require passengers to transfer.

30 minutes on the Bocho Bus via Hirakawa ⇒ Yamaguchi Daigaku-mae ⇒ Walk 3 minutes ⇒ Yoshida Campus



JR Yamaguchi Line + Approximately 40 minutes walking

JR Shin-Yamaguchi Station ⇒ 20 minutes to JR Yudaonsen Station ⇒ Walk 20 minutes ⇒ Yoshida Campus



JR Yamaguchi Line + Approximately 30 minutes by taxi

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