



Gunma University (Gunma Prefecture)

Professional Study of Elementary and Junior High School Education,
School Education System, and Multicultural Education

◇ University overview

① Characteristics and history

Gunma University is located about 100 km northwest of Tokyo. We have Cooperative Faculty of Education, Faculty of Informatics, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science and Technology, Library, University Hospital, Global Initiative Center and so on.

Based on undergraduate education and research, graduate schools and specialized programs are established, comprising the following 6 graduate schools, 2 interdisciplinary programs, and a specialized program in special needs education : Graduate School of Education (professional degree course), Graduate School of Informatics (master's program), Graduate School of Medicine (master's and doctor's program), Graduate School of Health Sciences (master's and doctor's program), Graduate School of Science and Technology (master's and doctor's program), Graduate School of Food and Population Health Sciences (master's program), Interfaculty Initiative in Public Health (master's program), Interfaculty Initiative in Regulatory Science of Biomedical Science and Engineering (master's program), and Special Needs Education (special graduate course).

Cooperative Faculty of Education aims to educate students who can attain professional ability as school teachers with a wealth of knowledge, technique and humanity, and who will respond to the various social demands of schools. Cooperative Faculty of Education consists of four fields and thirteen majors.

Number of students as of May 1 2025 :

Undergraduate: 5,056 (Cooperative Faculty of Education: 827)

Graduate: 1,371 (Educational Course: 49)

② International exchange

• Number of international students

AY 2025: 292, as of May 1 2025

AY 2024: 240, as of May 1 2024

AY 2023: 222, as of May 1 2023

• Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2025: 0

AY 2024: 0

AY 2023: 0

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

① Characteristics of the program

Gunma University provides the study of elementary and junior high school education, school education system, and multicultural education. The program students can participate in laboratory's research activities depending on their major and career, and deepen their professional ability with Japanese students.

② Number of students to be accepted: 12 students

③ Period of scholarship: October 2026–March 2028

④ Requirement for program completion:

Through attending classes and seminars given by academic advisors, visiting schools affiliated with the Faculty of Joint Education, and practicing at other educational facilities, students will broaden their international perspective and acquire deep specialized knowledge and practical teaching methods. Although it varies depending on the supervisor, students will attend approximately 60 hours of classes, seminars, etc.

⑤ Outline of the course

• **Japanese language education**

Starting in October 2026, an intensive Japanese course is offered to students with the N2 examination level of Japanese language proficiency in order to enhance their Japanese language proficiency to a level that enables them to conduct activities smoothly in specialized fields. The course runs for 16 weeks from October 2026 to February 2027, and consists of approximately 3 lectures per day for 5 days a week. Students who receive research guidance in English, and students who do not meet the N2 exam level can take the online Japanese supplementary course for approximately 3 classes a week.

This course aims to acquire the Japanese language level necessary for daily life.

Students who are already at the N1 level or above when they come to Japan, and those who have completed the above intensive course, can also take Japanese language courses that are open to undergraduate students and others if they wish to further enhance their Japanese language skills.

• **Specialized training**

Supervisor takes responsibility to advise the program students depending on their majors and needs. The students are required to take the professional classes and seminar in the lab. Registration of other classes aside from their research field would be acceptable if they want. Tutorial system is provided by an advisor considering each student's research subject.

No lectures are taught in English but the language might be used in advice on lectures, practice, individual guidance and daily life in supplementary means.

• **Practical Training, Participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchange, and others**

The student's position is research student. No credits are certified. Outside activities such as visiting and lecturing at affiliated schools (kindergarten, elementary school, junior high school, school for children with special needs), excursion and so on are held.

◇ Follow-up for graduates

We provide information on international exchange of GU and grasp the status of our graduates at SNS site. We expect that graduates will interact with each other inside and outside the site starting from the account of GU. We also respond to questions from our graduates to our faculty members.

◇ Accommodations

“Gunma University International House”

- Number of rooms: 23 rooms for single,
No rooms for couple and for family.
- Monthly rent: 5,900 yen per month
Monthly Common service fee: 2,000 yen
per month
Plus 20,000 yen as deposits on entering
- Facilities and Equipment
Space is 15 m² in a single room.
Unit bathroom, toilet and kitchen included. Desk, chair, desk lamp, bed
frame, refrigerator, air conditioner, closet, shoe rack, and internet are
equipped.
- Information for daily life
There is a shopping mall nearby the International house and it is 4km
far from campus and takes 30 minutes by bicycle.
If the rooms of the International house are full, a reasonable private
apartment near campus will be provided.
A private single room costs around 30,000 yen per month. The facilities
include refrigerator and washing machine. It is located within 5 minutes
walk from campus. There are supermarket, DIY shop, post office, and
convenient store within 5 minutes walk.

◇ Contact

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◇ Course Description, Number of students to be accepted, Qualifications and, etc.

Name of department	Graduate School of Education							
Course code	Name of adviser	E-mail	Teaching field(s)	Course description	Targets for training	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years
11001	<u>KOBAYASHI, Hideki</u> (Professor)	hidekoba@gunma-u.ac.jp	Modern Japanese Language	Major in Japanese Education [Japanese Lexicon and Grammar]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Sufficient ability in Japanese (reading, writing, speaking and listening) to fully participate in the courses / Applicants who have an undergraduate degree in one of the listed fields
11002	<u>KOTANI, Hideo</u> (Associate Professor)	hideokotani@gunma-u.ac.jp	Philosophie/ Ethics	Major in Social Studies Education [Educational sociology]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese/ English/ German	1	Advanced competency in Japanese / An undergraduate degree
11003	<u>SAWADA, Maiko</u> (Associate Professor)	sawada.maiko@gunma-u.ac.jp	Mathematics Education	Major in Mathematics Education [Mathematical Cognitive Theory, Development of Materials]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Advanced competency in Japanese / An undergraduate degree
11004	<u>MASUDA Hiromitsu</u> (Professor)	masuda@gunma-u.ac.jp	Science Education	Major in Science Education [Science class design]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Daily conversation ability in Japanese / An undergraduate degree in one of the listed fields
11005	<u>YOSHIDA Hidefumi</u> (Professor)	hidefumi@gunma-u.ac.jp	Music Education and Learning	Major in Music Education [Teaching Music to Children]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Advanced competency in Japanese / An undergraduate degree
11006	<u>SUGO, Chiho</u> (Associate Professor)	c-sugo@gunma-u.ac.jp	Music/ Clarinet performance	Major in Music Education [Clarinet Performance/ Japanese Koto]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese/ English	1	Daily conversation ability in Japanese / An undergraduate degree in one of the listed fields
11007	<u>KITAMURA, Tetsuo</u> (Associate Professor)	kitamura1976@gunma-u.ac.jp	Painting	Major in Art Education [Painting and Contemporary Art/Research Based Installation]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Advanced competency in Japanese / An undergraduate degree
11008	<u>KIYAMA, Keiko</u> (Professor)	kkiyama@gunma-u.ac.jp	Health and Physical Education	Major in Health and Physical Education [Relation to Problem with Educational Spot Holds and School Hygiene, Judo Education]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Daily conversation ability in Japanese / An undergraduate degree in one of the listed fields
11009	<u>TANAKA, Mari</u> (Professor)	mari@gunma-u.ac.jp	Housing	Major in Home Economics Education [Housing, Disaster Education]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese/ English	1	Daily conversation ability in Japanese or English / An undergraduate degree
11010	<u>WATANABE, Takako</u> (Professor)	wat@gunma-u.ac.jp	TESOL Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language	Major in TESOL [Teaching English to Children] [Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese/English	1	Advanced competency in Japanese / An undergraduate degree
11011	<u>OSHIMA Mizuki</u> (Associate Professor)	mi-oshima@gunma-u.ac.jp	Developmental Psychology	Development of sociality in early childhood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Advanced competency in Japanese / An undergraduate degree

※Please check the applicable box in the "Targets for training" column. (If both apply, check both boxes.)