

2027
Global Learning in English
at Gunma University
Interdisciplinary Program for
Global Frontier Leaders

I-GFL



All-English interdisciplinary curriculum



Local & international students learn together



Supportive, diverse faculty and peers

I-GFL's Philosophy



Our Mission:

To nurture globally minded, socially responsible frontier leaders ready to address real-world challenges and shape a better future.

Our Vision:

To be a globally recognized university that fosters excellent future leaders through global awareness, local engagement, and interdisciplinary learning.

Our Values:

- Global mindset & local engagement
- Innovation through interdisciplinary learning
- Ethical leadership & resilience

Unique Features of I-GFL

- This program aims to develop your skills that you can use to thrive wherever you are – whether in Japan, your home country, or anywhere else in the world.
- To this end, local and international students learn together to better understand their commonalities and differences – a crucial skill for becoming truly global citizens.
- The language of instruction is English – the global *lingua franca* that you will need to use, regardless of your personal preference.
- All courses are interdisciplinary, equipping you to navigate and cross boundaries in today's unpredictable world.

Message from the Director

Unveiling the Unseen: Your Path to a Resilient Future!

In April 2026, Gunma University launched the Interdisciplinary Program for Global Frontier Leaders (I-GFL).

The program provides an interdisciplinary learning environment in which students from different faculties and cultural backgrounds learn together through English, developing the knowledge, perspectives, and skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

We are delighted that students from all faculties joined the program in its inaugural year. Together with Gunma University students and our international community, we look forward to further developing I-GFL as a dynamic learning environment that inspires future global leaders.



Prof. Watanabe Takako
Director,
Global Initiative Center

Courses Offered

Japan and Our Own Identities

This course aims to equip students to reflect on their own identities in their (re)encounter with Japan, discussing its linguistic, cultural, social, and historical aspects.

Development: Leaving No One Behind

This course is designed to lay out the foundations of development, social, and financial economics through discussions of prevailing global issues.

Philosophy for Thinking About Society

This course will broaden students' understanding of the moral dimensions of public policy, as well as deepen their own individual moral perspectives.

The Future of AI and Humanity

Drawing on expertise in philosophy, ethics, social psychology, and sociology, in this course, students will learn how AI enables us to experience various forms of reality that we would not otherwise be able to access, and how such experiences can serve as educational tools.

Ethics for Living with the Environment

In this course, students will investigate and discuss how and why we should live as morally responsible members of an ecological community.

Global Interdependence and the Role of Technology

This course explores the interdependent relationship between technology and global society. Students are invited to reflect critically on how technology relates to key global issues such as resource management, social challenges, supply chains, and nationalism.

Communication Design through Arts

Engaging in cross-cultural collaboration through arts, students will explore and discuss the possibilities of expression, communication, and ways of mutual understanding through nonverbal forms of expression such as music and art.

Also Features

Buddy G-Exploration (Buddy Gunma Exploration)

Local and international students explore the Gunma area and gain work experience together in Japanese companies or industries.

※We are also considering expanding the list of subjects beyond those listed above.



FAQ

Q : Who can apply?

A : All interested undergraduate students are welcome to apply.

Q : When is the deadline?

A : Applications for exchange students to Gunma University are accepted twice a year. Application information will be sent to your home institution.

- Spring Semester (April–August): August of the year preceding the exchange period (planned)
- Fall Semester (October–February): February of the year preceding the exchange period (planned)

Q : Will I get a certificate?

A : Yes, you will receive a completion certificate if you complete all the courses and study internship. Even if your stay at Gunma University is short and you are unable to take all the courses, you can still join the program. In that case, however, you will receive a participation certificate instead of a completion certificate.

Q : Where can I find information about accommodation?

A : Information about university accommodation (International Houses) and local apartments can be accessed via this QR code.



Q : How much is the cost of living?

A : Gunma Prefecture is known for its low cost of living by Japanese standards (the second lowest as of 2022). The typical monthly cost, including accommodation, is around ¥90,000. However, if you stay in an International House (dormitory, with a limited number of rooms), the cost would be lower, at about ¥75,000.

Q : What are the visa application procedures?

A : Please consult the website accessible via this QR code to familiarize yourself with the relevant procedures.



Q : My Japanese is rudimentary. Can I get support?

A : Yes, a tutor will be assigned to help you navigate various aspects of life at Gunma University, including support with the Japanese language. See the website accessible via this QR code.

Students are also encouraged to take Japanese classes offered for non I-GFL students at Gunma University.



Please keep an eye on our website for the latest information.

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🌐 www.gunma-u.ac.jp/english_news/207349

We look forward to seeing you in 2027!



Gunma Prefecture

Kanetsu Expressway

Aramaki campus

Showa campus

Kiryu campus

Kiryu City

Ota City

Ota campus

Maebashi City

Joshinetsu Expressway

Kanetsu Expressway

Tokyo

Haneda International Airport

Narita International Airport

Yokohama



Approx. 1 hour and 40 min from Tokyo to our campus.

We are here!



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