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**SHIMANE
UNIVERSITY**
PROSPECTUS 2019


Welcome to Shimane University!

Shimane University was established as a national university in 1949 and is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Shimane University has continued to expand and currently consists of six faculties across two campuses. Matsue Campus is home to the Faculty of Law and Literature, the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Human Sciences, the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering, the Faculty of Life and Environmental Science, in addition to all of the graduate courses belonging to these faculties. Izumo Campus comprises of the Faculty of Medicine and Graduate School of Medical Research.

Shimane University's goal is to enable students to develop international perspectives and their ability to become leaders in each region of the world. While studying here, students are equipped with the ability to cope with diverse problems like those they encounter in modern society. They are also empowered to take advantage of their accumulated knowledge, their cross-cultural awareness, and their technological skills. Furthermore, I believe that an important mission of Shimane University is to contribute to international society through creative research conducted using international standards.

Currently, we have more than 200 international students from various countries, and they are working hard to master their specialized fields. Studying alongside Japanese friends and other international students, these students also learn Japanese traditions and culture. Shimane University is located in an area of Japan well-endowed with nature, including Lake Shinji, UNESCO Global Geopark, the Oki Islands, and Mount Sanbe. In addition, Shimane Prefecture has many historical and cultural assets, including Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine, which is a World Heritage Site, Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine, and Matsue Castle, which is a National Treasure. Living here, students may come to feel a connection with the wonderful nature, history, and culture of Japan. As such, they can devote themselves to studying and learning at Shimane University in a peaceful environment with rich and abundant nature.

I, along with all the staff members and students, sincerely hope that you will choose to come to Shimane University and enjoy your university life here.



Yasunao Hattori

President of Shimane University



G

Genuineness

To foster students with initiative who possess a high degree of expertise and human compassion.



O

Openess

To promote a high international standard of research based on unique, local issues.

A

Applicability

To promote social service programs that can solve local problems.

L

Linkage

To promote international exchanges with Asian and other foreign countries.

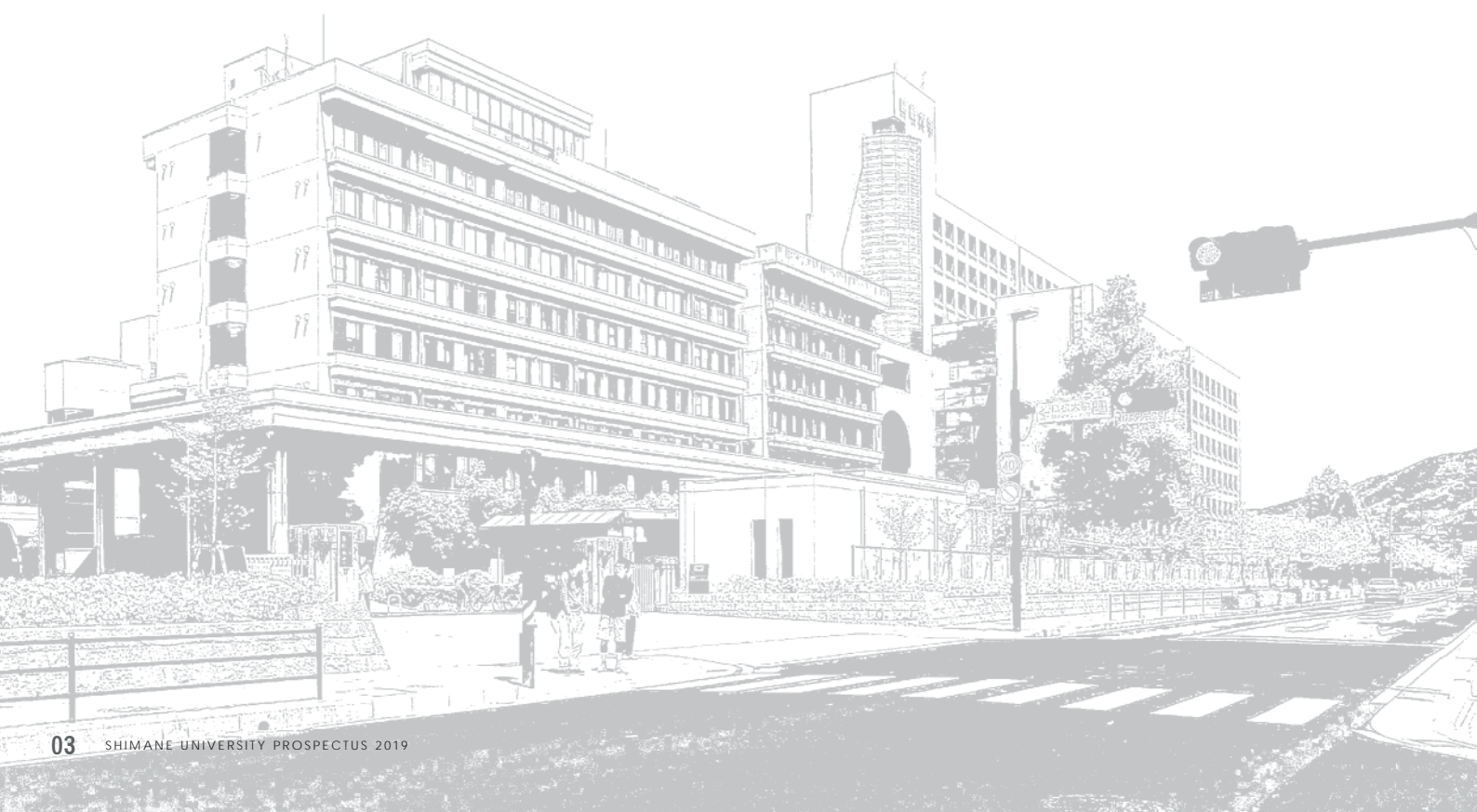
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Sustainability

To respect academic freedom and human rights and promote public trust in the university.

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Organization

President

Board of Executive Directors

Undergraduate Schools

Faculty of Law and Literature

Department of Law and Economics
Department of Socio-Cultural Studies
Department of Language and Culture

Faculty of Education

School Teacher Training Course
Attached Kindergarten
Attached Compulsory Education School

Faculty of Human Sciences

Department of Human Science

Faculty of Medicine

School of Medicine
School of Nursing
University Hospital

Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering

Department of Physics and Materials Science
Department of Chemistry
Department of Earth Science
Department of Mathematics
Department of Information Systems Design and Data Science
Department of Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Department of Architectural Design

Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences

Department of Life Sciences
Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences
Department of Environmental and Sustainability Science

Graduate Schools

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Department of Law and Economics
Department of Language and Culture/Socio-cultural Studies

Graduate School of Education

Program of Pedagogical Development
Program of Clinical Psychology

Graduate School of Medical Research

Department of Medical Science
Department of Nursing Science

Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology

Major in Science and Engineering
Major in Science of Environmental Systems
Major in Agricultural and Life Sciences

Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering

Major in Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering

Attached Facilities and Institutions

Office for Regional Collaboration and Innovation

Organization for Education and Student Support

Higher Education Center
Health Service Center
Student Support Center
Student Accessibility Office

Organization for Research and Academic Information

Center for the Promotion of Project Research
Estuary Research Center
Interdisciplinary Centre for Science Research
General Information Processing Center
Center for Community-Based Healthcare Research and Education
Shimane University Museum Ashikaru
Center for Natural Disaster Reduction Research and Education

Organization for the Promotion of Globalization

Center for International Exchanges
Center for Foreign Language Education
International Joint Research Institute of Shimane University and Ningxia University

Organization for Industrial Innovation

Next Generation Tataru Co-creation Centre

Education and Research Center for Mathematical and Data Science

University Library

Main Library in Matsue
Medical Library in Izumo

Undergraduate

Number of International Students

89

Total Number of Students

5,264

Graduate

Number of International Students

129

Total Number of Students

637

Number of International Students includes non degree-seeking students and students from the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Tottori University

As of May 1, 2019

Faculty of Law and Literature

Department of Law and Economics

- Law Course
- Economics Course
- Judicial Special Course

Department of Socio-cultural Studies

- Contemporary Society Course
- History and Archaeology Course

Department of Language and Culture

- Japanese Language and Culture Studies
- Chinese Language and Culture Studies
- English Language and Culture Studies
- German Language and Culture Studies
- French Language and Culture Studies
- Philosophy, Art, and Cultural Relations Studies



The Faculty of Law and Literature covers a wide range of fields in humanities and social sciences. You can study a variety of research fields in small-size classes, where it is easy to ask questions or ask for advice from teachers and classmates. The faculty also plays a close role with communities in the region. Many students actively take part in social research, archaeological

research, city planning and NPO activities. We offer graduate programs in humanities and social sciences as well. Each program aims to educate students in developing academic information literacy to play a useful part in today's highly information-oriented society.



We seek students with a strong motivation to study and a clear vision of the future. We are committed to ensuring that our students acquire academic knowledge, develop research skills, and make full use of their knowledge and skills in society.

A candidate must have graduated from high school or have achieved the equivalent of high school educa-

tion. International students are also required to have a high level of proficiency in Japanese language (the first grade of Japanese Language Proficiency Test) since education is conducted in Japanese.



<https://www.hobun.shimane-u.ac.jp/>



Department of Law and Economics

- Law Course
- Economics Course
- Judicial Special Course

The Department of Law and Economics provides a lot of lectures about both fields of law and economics. Our educational purpose is to study society by making use of viewpoints in both fields.

Regional communities have many problems to be solved; for example, the environment, declining birthrate and aging population, decentralization of power, hill and mountain areas, and promotion of communities to name a few. In addition, concerning the life of citizens, new movements in the fields of labor, family, and economy have become big issues.

We expect students to gain the basic knowledge of law and economics, to apply them, and to acquire an ability of analyzing situations, formulating policies, and solving problems.



<https://www.hobun.shimane-u.ac.jp/houkei/>

Department of Socio-Cultural Studies

- Contemporary Society Course
- History and Archaeology Course

This department offers two courses to students who are interested in socio-cultural studies. In the Contemporary Society Course, students can study sociology, geography, and cultural anthropology. This course contributes to developing students' ability to understand and explain the relationship between human beings and community, the structure and functions of community, and characteristics of community culture. In addition to the lectures and seminars, students are provided with opportunities to learn the analytical methods through experimentation, observation, social research, and fieldwork.



Department of Language and Culture

The department provides six study areas.

Japanese Language and Culture Studies provides programs on Japanese language and Japanese Literature. Students learn the history of Japanese language, syntax, phonetics, dialects, and other linguistic foundations. Literature majors study the picture scrolls and manuscripts from the Edo era and novels of the Meiji period. Chinese Language and Culture Studies provides classes that extend from the Chinese myths to contemporary literature along with the history, culture and ideas.

English Language and Culture Studies provides classes that cover 16th-century English poetry to 21st-century American novels, and also gives courses on cross-cultural studies and English linguistics. Several classes are taught in English by native English speakers. German Language and Culture Studies has classes in which students read medieval to contemporary German texts, and guides students to develop understanding of German culture. French Language and Culture Studies provides courses on French linguistics and literature, Francophone cultures, and comparative



In the History and Archaeology Course, there are five fields: Japanese history, Asian history, European history, contemporary history, and archaeology. Students have the opportunity to study history and archaeology from a broad perspective and deepen their understanding of theoretical studies, through field research and excavation. Further, there are several voluntary seminars, held outside regular class hours, that students plan and carry out by themselves with faculty support. The annual grand tour is also planned by the students. This is an outstanding tradition and a unique characteristic, which is not often seen at other universities.



<https://www.hobun.shimane-u.ac.jp/shakaibunka/>

studies with Asian and/or Anglophone literature and culture.

Philosophy, Art, and Cultural Relations Studies focuses on the study of various cultural activities in which cultures are inherited, altered through collision, or newly created. It guides students to learn research methods and apply them in the interpretation of art, understanding of thoughts, and intercultural communication studies.



<https://www.hobun.shimane-u.ac.jp/gengobunka/>

Faculty of Education

Curriculum Program

Elementary Education

Special Support Education

Language and Culture Education

- Japanese Education Course
- English Education Course

Social Studies Education

Fundamental Mathematics Education

Natural Science Education

Health and Physical Education

Music Education

Art Education

Raising Professional Teachers Through Experience

The Faculty of Education in Shimane University is the only one in the San'in Region that is exclusively dedicated to teacher education. We see ourselves as pioneers of education reformation in the 21st century and take initiatives in solving various educational problems in the local communities. We will raise professional

teachers with great passion and profound expertise to handle practical problems at school.

Characteristics of the Curriculum and Research

In our teacher training curriculum, a great emphasis is put on hands-on learning, called 1,000-Hours Experiential Program, as well as academic course work that



develops basic scholastic abilities. This is based on our belief that prospective teachers must be equipped with practical experience with which they can compare their performance with the educational theories mastered in class.



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1,000-Hour Experiential Program

How can teachers work with children and their parents? How can they plan and carry out extracurricular activities? It is difficult to learn these practices simply by studying text books. The 1,000-Hour Experiential Program immerses students in hands-on experiences where they meet and talk with people, especially with children from the communities surrounding Shimane University. This special program consists of two subprograms: "Introduction to the Practicum," which puts students in direct contact with children in various environments and the "Practical Education Program," where students practice teaching at school and develop and enhance basic skills in clinical psychology, including counseling.



Center for Research on Teacher Education

This Center is in charge of managing the teacher training curriculum for students in departments other than education and takes care of their practice teaching and care work experience. We also provide information on teacher recruitment examinations and organize various seminars targeted at both prospective and in-service teachers. Students can freely use its working space for studying and communicating with others who have the same goal of becoming teachers.



Center for Faculty Development Strategies

This Center is the organization responsible for the development of the Faculty of Education through reviewing, evaluating, and improving educational programs. It is aimed at evaluating, devising, and improving all the subjects of the Faculty of Education and the unique educational activities. It plays a role of utilizing various data for educational improvement.

Support Center for Students' Educational Active Program

We support the following three programs: the 1,000-Hour Experiential Program, the Profile Sheet System and the *Mirai Kyousi Juku Program*.

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② The Profile Sheet System

The system provides both an objective evaluation and a self-assessment of students' accumulated experiences, accompanied by radar charts.

③ The Program for Prospective Teachers, Mirai Kyousi Juku Program

This program is designed for students who will take the teacher recruitment examination. We hold seminars on self-analysis, self-appeal, preparation for interviews, and simulated lessons. Through the content of the seminar, the students deepen their thoughts on education and the ideal teacher.



Faculty of

Human Sciences

Department of Human Sciences

- Psychology Course
- Social Welfare Course
- Health Sciences Course



The Faculty of Human Sciences, founded in 2017, aims for the fundamental understanding of human being and practices that knowledge with people, particularly in the local community. The mission of the faculty is constructing a society where people live by their own values. The multidisciplinary academic staff tackle issues across various research fields: psychology,

social welfare, and health sciences. Our educational programs enable students to comprehensively understand mental, physical, and social aspects of human life. To acquire both practical and scientific attitudes, students are given opportunities to practice in local communities from their freshman year to their senior year and integrate these experiences with scientific



thoughts and theories. Interactive Presentation Meeting (IPM) is distinctive class in which the entire class of students present and discuss their research and experiences with each other. Through coursework, students are encouraged to develop communication skills and address issues in cooperation with people from various backgrounds. Alumni are expected to be specialists in

human services, public services, and business with sufficient knowledge and practical inter personal skills.



<https://www.hmn.shimane-u.ac.jp/>



Psychology Course

It is necessary to have both the viewpoints of consideration of unique individuals and understanding the general principles of the human mind in order to understand humans. Students learn about the human mind and behavior multidirectionally by understanding the human mind and behavior scientifically through experiments and research, and by understanding the human mind practically, sympathetically and objectively. In such regional practice classes, students learn empirically through involvement with local people. Through study, we build the capabilities to understand the human mind and behavior, and support people emotionally.



 <http://www.ipc.shimane-u.ac.jp/psych/index.html>

Social Welfare Course

Welfare services are indispensable for our lives as acts that guarantee human dignity. In this course, students consider problems that beset Japanese society in depth from a viewpoint of supporting people. Simultaneously, they can develop the basic capability for how they should think and act in order to prevent people from suffering alone from livelihood problems. The idea and practice of welfare, which supports and links people, draws out the strengths in them. The social welfare course develops human resources, such as certified social workers and psychiatric social workers who create a place where the strengths of individuals are drawn out in local communities.



<https://www.hmn.shimane-u.ac.jp/welfare/welfare.html>

Health Sciences Course

Health sciences has physical, mental and social aspects. In this course, students learn about physical health scientifically. Students learn from teachers in various fields such as exercise physiology, biomechanics, occupational health, environmental health, and business economics related to health garments and healthcare. We develop students who

can support people's health and a healthy, long-lived society through various classes and practices in social health facilities.



<http://www.ipc.shimane-u.ac.jp/health-sciences/index.html>



Faculty of Medicine

School of Medicine

School of Nursing



Basic Idea

Education, research, and medical services are conducted to equip students with a sense of culture and ethics from an international viewpoint, and cultivate in them the spirit of scientific inquiry, medical development, and nursing sciences, which consequently makes a contribution to the development of the community and the welfare of humanity.

Educational Goal

The educational goal is to produce doctors and nurses who are able to meet the needs of the times by developing in the students a sense of culture, ethics, and the spirit of scientific inquiry as well as a humanistic orientation, which will enable them to maintain the utmost respect for human life.



History

Shimane Medical University was founded in 1975 and has sent more than 3,000 outstanding physicians to medical facilities all over Japan. In 1999, the School of Nursing was established to educate and train nurses in this growing field. Shimane Medical University was merged into Shimane University on October 1, 2003 and became the Faculty of Medicine of Shimane University. Our campus is located in Izumo City and is separate from other facilities located in

Matsue. It consists of almost 350 academic staff and almost 900 undergraduate students.

The Faculty of Medicine has 46 departments in the School of Medicine and 3 departments in the School of Nursing. The undergraduate course for the School of Medicine lasts 6 years and the School of Nursing lasts 4 years.



<https://www.med.shimane-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>



School of Medicine

Medical professionals paving the way for the medical studies and medical care of tomorrow

At the School of Medicine, our focus is on the cultivation of excellent medical professionals who will pave the way for the medical studies and medical care for tomorrow. Based on a rich sense of humanity, a wide-ranging education, and high moral values, our students develop cooperation, leadership and decision-making skills, in addition to an international perspective and an inquiring mind that stimulates progression into undiscovered research territories.



<https://www.med.shimane-u.ac.jp/medicine/>

Course Outline

The curriculum at the School of Medicine is designed to follow our university's basic policy for the cultivation of human resources and meet the global standard. The curriculum allows students to acquire the rich sense of humanity, high moral values, specialist medical knowledge, and basic skills necessary to function as a medical professional.

From the early stages of their university education, students receive a regional-based education that fosters in them a sense of vocation and a strong interest in Regional Medical Care. Also, by receiving education in Medical English and being provided with opportunities to study overseas, they can develop an internationally-framed way of thinking. Students also get to train their inquisitive minds by engaging in research experience. Furthermore, tutorial-style education enables students to develop their problem-solving, information-gathering and cooperation skills by participating in small groups. Prior to the start of clinical training, implementation of the CBT (Computer-Based Testing) and OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) tests take place. During their clinical clerkship, students experience real medical care under the supervision of a supervisory doctor, acquiring basic clinical capabilities. Through this clinical clerkship, which is being utilized at approximately 70 medical care facilities and hospitals within the prefecture in addition to the University Hospital, students learn about Primary Care and Regional Medicine.

School of Nursing

Developing a competency in nursing that supports the lives and lifestyles of the people

At the School of Nursing, our focus is on developing a competency in nursing that forms the foundation for progressing through a lifelong career specializing in the nursing profession. Through the acquisition of skills and knowledge, our students develop the capacity to administer nursing care appropriate to varying health conditions, from health maintenance and promotion, to recovery from illness and end of life issues. We endeavor to develop in our students a broad perspective and rich sense of humanity that will enable them to cooperate with other specialists in the fields of health, medicine, and welfare.

Course Outline

The four-year curriculum is designed such that students will receive a fulfilling education through which they learn to exercise flexibility in a variety of situations, from the treatment of suffering patients, to the promotion of the health of people in the community.

The first year of nursing studies involves acquiring the knowledge necessary for functioning as a working adult and creating a foundation of knowledge for their nursing studies. Throughout the first and second years, the students study



how to practice nursing through the subjects of human understanding, the ethics of caregiving, basic medical knowledge, and scientific evidence. From the second semester of the second year, the focus becomes more specialized, with studies encompassing the areas of adult nursing care, pediatric/maternity/gerontological nursing care, psychiatric nursing, regional care and home nursing. In the third and fourth years, students strengthen their nursing skills and knowledge while training in real nursing care situations. In the fourth year, students complete their comprehensive nursing practicum and research before graduation, which is the culmination of their university studies.



<https://www.med.shimane-u.ac.jp/kango/>



Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering

Department of Physics and Materials Science

- Fundamental Physics
- Materials Engineering
- Electronic Device Engineering

Department of Chemistry

- Basic Chemistry
- Environmental Chemistry
- Functional Materials Chemistry

Department of Earth Science

- Geoscience
- Environmental Geology
- Natural Hazard Science

Department of Mathematics

- Pure Mathematics
- Applied Mathematics

Department of Information Systems Design and Data Science

- Data Science
- Information Systems Design

Department of Mathematical, Electrical and Electronic Engineering

- Control Systems Engineering
- Instrumentation Systems Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Systems Engineering

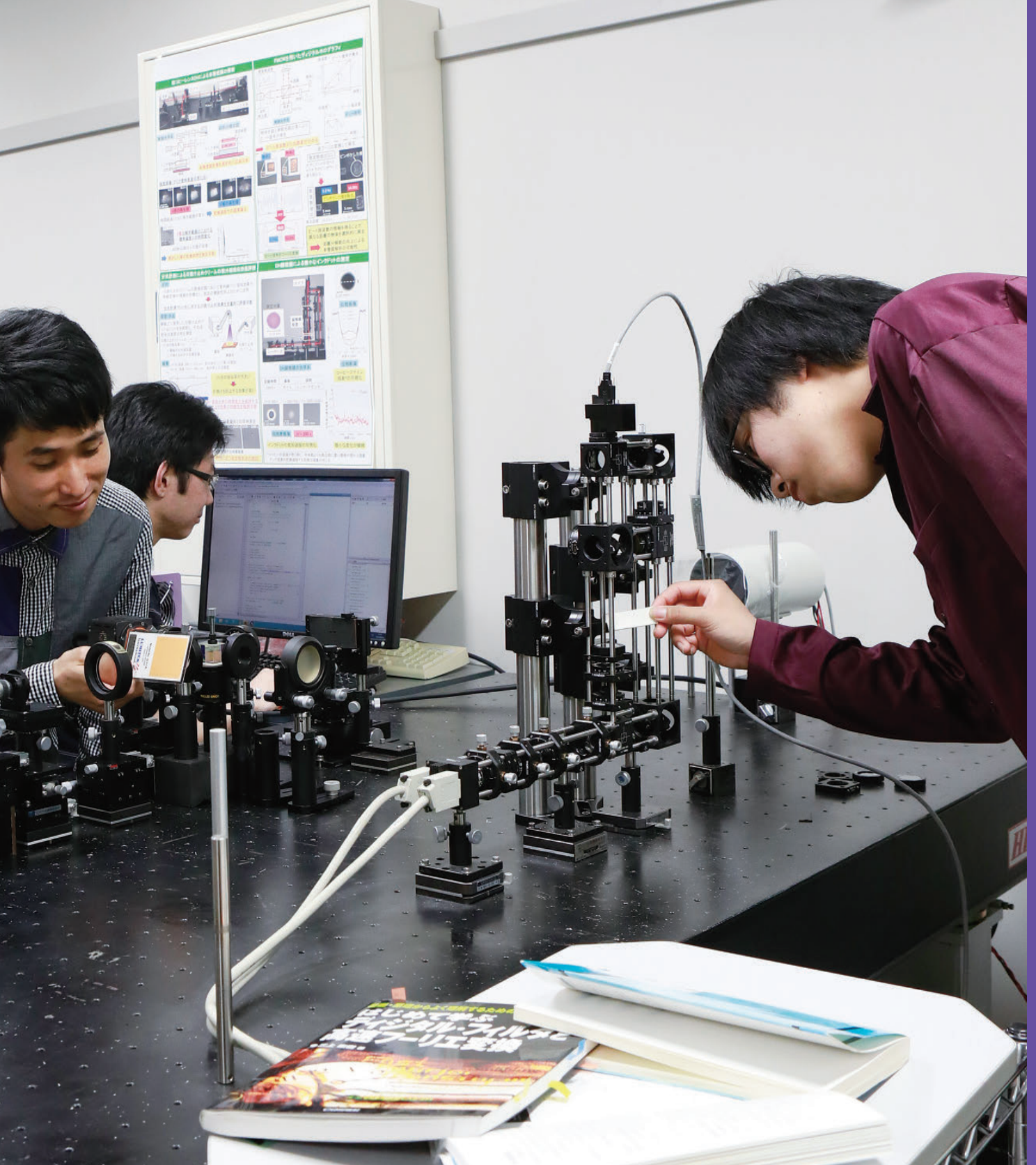
Department of Architectural Design

- Architectural Planning and Design
- Building Structural and Living Environmental Design



The Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering of Shimane University, established in October 1995, arose from the reorganization of the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Agriculture. The ultimate objective of our faculty is to fuse and integrate the discipline of science and the analysis of natural phenomena to develop fundamental ideas in the form of scientific truths with the discipline of engineering responsible for

developing technologies that enable the design and production of objects and systems for specific purposes. The faculty features an interdisciplinary education and research system that spans many topics ranging from fundamental science to engineering and providing solutions to the problems of society today. These features combine to form an educational and research system unique in Japan. The faculty consists



of seven departments: physics and materials science, chemistry, earth science, mathematics, information systems design and data science, mechanical, electrical and electronic engineering and architectural design. Approximately 400 undergraduate students enroll each school year.

The faculty aims at providing students with the fundamental sense and application capability required

to cope with the advanced and ever-changing developments in science and technology in the 21st century. After graduation, approximately 40% of our students enter higher graduate courses. Graduates also find employment in a wide variety of companies and government agencies.



<https://www.riko.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Physics and Materials Science

- Fundamental Physics
- Materials Engineering
- Electronic Device Engineering

The Department of Physics and Materials Science invites prospective students with vigorous academic interests in theoretical physics, applied physics, and materials science, or in the interrelations of these disciplines.

Courses for freshmen and sophomores are carefully organized to provide the exercises, experiments, fundamental knowledge and skills, required for future scientists and engineers, including calculus, mechanics, electromagnetism, solid-state physics. A wide range of advanced lectures in modern physics and materials science subfields are available to juniors. Seniors are given research opportunities at the very frontier of individual disciplines. The research fields are diverse: superconductor, semiconductor, functional materials, strongly correlated electronic systems, quantum, computational, and mathematical physics. Individual supervision by our active researchers guarantees the awarding of bachelor's degrees upon completion of the graduation thesis.



 <http://www.phys.shimane-u.ac.jp/>


Department of Chemistry

- Basic Chemistry
- Environmental Chemistry
- Functional Materials Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry includes three educational courses designated as the basic chemistry course (offered to students who wish to undertake broad studies in chemistry), environmental chemistry course (offered to students who wish to apply their skills in chemistry on environmental preservation), and functional materials chemistry course (offered to students who wish to specialize in engineering and applied chemistry). All courses contain lectures from a wide range of chemistry for their educational purposes. Students enrolled in this department choose one of the three



courses at the beginning of the third year. In their final year, students execute their own research study under the guidance of professors who are accomplished researchers. Throughout this research study, students efficiently gain their skills and knowledge required to complete their educational course and graduate.

 <http://www.chem.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Earth Science

- Geoscience
- Environmental Geology
- Natural Hazard Science

Research and education in the Department of Earth Science are based on geology and some aspects of engineering geology. The aims of the department are: (1) to encourage systematic understanding of earth materials and resources, (2) to promote better understanding of the mutual relationships among humanity, society, and the earth from geological viewpoints, and (3) to establish effective methodology to reduce natural disasters based on a wide knowledge of geological processes and environmental changes.

Our education programs are aimed at producing high-level scientists and engineers in Earth sciences and related fields. Field work and practical skills are important components in our undergraduate courses.



 <https://www.geo.shimane-u.ac.jp/e/>

Department of Mathematics


- Pure Mathematics
- Applied Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics was formed in 1949 to coincide with the establishment of Shimane University. Mathematics is an indispensable part of human activities, and is one of the three basic elements in primary education: reading, writing and calculation. Advanced mathematics seeks beauty in numbers, and also provides tools and language to analyze and describe various phenomena.

The education program of the department provides two majors, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, to acquire the knowledge and skills of mathematics, statistics and computer science for living in today's high-tech society. Pure Mathematics includes algebra, topology, differential geometry, and differential equations. Applied Mathematics

includes optimization theory, statistics, dynamical systems, and mathematical biology.



 <http://www.math.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Information Systems Design and Data Science

- Data Science
- Information Systems Design

The Department of Information Science was established in 1989. After several reorganizations, our department reached its present state in 2018. Information and computer science/engineering are indispensable parts of a wide range of human activities in society. The next stage of the society is said to be a data driven society. Data science is the foundation of such society.

The aim of the department is to provide our students with the knowledge and skills of data science and computer science. The education program consists of two majors: Information system design and data science. The information system design includes basics in computer science and software engineering along with practical exercises. The data science includes statistics and machine learning.



 <http://www.cis.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Engineering

- Control Systems Engineering
- Instrumentation Systems Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Systems Engineering

The department offers education and research related to the areas of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and

electronic engineering. Students study a wide range of basic theories related to the areas of this department during their first two years. They then select one of two undergraduate courses: Mechanical Engineering Course and Electrical and Electronic Engineering Course.

These courses include a sub-curriculum, related to computer literacy and programming, which utilizes a comprehensive computer system for educational purposes.

The department aims to nurture graduates who have prepared for professional engineering in either mechanical engineering or electrical and electronic engineering, with fundamental knowledge in both of the two fields.



 <http://www.ecs.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Architectural Design

- Architectural Planning and Design
- Building Structural and Living Environmental Design

We conduct education and research in the fields of (1) architectural planning; (2) building structure; and (3) architectural environment. Students acquire comprehensive knowledge in these fields during their first two years. At the end of their second year, students can choose to follow one of the following two courses: (A) Architectural Planning and Design or (B) Building Structural and Living Environmental Design. In the first semester of their third year, students decide the field in which they want to major. The graduation research theme will be decided at the beginning of their fourth year. Students' expertise is enhanced under supervisor instruction.



 <http://kenchiku-seisan.jp/>

Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences

Department of Life Sciences

- Cell Biology
- Aquatic Biology and Biodiversity
- Biochemistry and Life Sciences
- Food and Life Sciences

Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences

- Crop and Livestock Production Course
- Horticulture and Plant Science Course
- Agricultural Economics Course
- Forestry Course

Department of Environmental and Sustainability Sciences

- Environmental Biology
- Ecology and Environmental Sciences
- Environmental Dynamics
- Rural Engineering



The Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences established in 1995 and reorganized in 2018, currently consists of three departments: life sciences, agricultural and forest sciences, and environmental and sustainability sciences. On its property, this faculty also has the Education and Research Center for Biological Resources consisting of the marine biological science section, agricultural science section, and forest science section.

Our Faculty aims: (1) to understand the mechanism of biological and ecological systems, and develop new technologies related to biotechnology and food science, (2) to apply scientific results and technologies in agriculture, forestry and fishery, and (3) to contribute to local communities, environmental preservation, reclamation and sustainable production systems.

The undergraduate course offers a systematic



program consisting of a variety of lectures, laboratory and field work, and small-group instructions. The lectures cover liberal arts, languages, and specialized sciences. Laboratory and field work fosters problem-solving skills and increases students' understanding of the relevant lectures. The small-group classes improve mutual understanding between students and mentors, and facilitate the skill of students' presenta-

tion. Graduates of our faculty find work in private companies, government offices, or high schools, as teachers of science or agriculture. Students who would like to improve their skill can continue their research activities at the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology.



<https://www.life.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Life Sciences

The Department of Life Sciences, launched in 2018 by integrating the former two departments relating to biology and life technology, has set a mission to foster human resources that are required for our creative society. Our new education and research programs aim to provide undergraduate students with fundamental knowledge in biology, ecology and life sciences, as well as skills applicable in the fields of drug design, food, medical and agricultural sciences. In the second year grade, the department will provide four courses to advance students' knowledge and skills in more specialized ways. "Cell Biology" and "Aquatic Biology and Biodiversity" courses offer biology and ecology-oriented curricula. Research areas are protozoan ecology and cell biology, symbiosis between protozoa and alga, plant physiology, biotechnology and molecular biology, systematic and evolutionary botany, behavioral and theoretical ecology, molecular physiology of sensory reception, developmental biology, evolutionary genetics, histology, hair biology and marine biology. "Biochemistry and Life Sciences" and "Food and Life Sciences" courses offer chemistry and biotechnolo-

gy-oriented curricula. Research areas include organic synthesis, molecular structure, nuclear magnetic resonance, gene manipulation, genetic information, tissue culture, molecular biology, cellular information, environmental biochemistry, informational molecules, microbial technology, and food science and nutrition.



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Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences

Our department consists of the following four courses. New students take introductory lectures, seminars, and practical training in all of the four courses from their second year. Through the classes on basic subjects, students are expected to learn fundamentals of the four courses and advance their specialized studies.

Crop and Livestock Production Course

This course focuses on developments in agricultural technology to produce high quality crops and livestock products. The course offers three optional specializations in (1)field crop science, (2)soil science and plant nutrition and (3)animal production science.

Horticulture and Plant Science Course

This course provides students with horticultural sciences and which consists of olericulture, floriculture, pomology, viticulture as well as postharvest physiology and technology with plant breeding, biotechnology, and physiology through the combination of lectures, seminars and field practices.



Agricultural Economics Course

This course offers a wide range of subjects such as farm management, marketing, and the development of rural communities. Students can also deal with practical solutions to address policy issues faced by rural communities and people.

Forestry Course

This course provides students with the integrated forest science, which consists of a variety of studies such as informatics, geoinformatics, remote sensing, policy, law, engineering, silviculture, planning, management and ecological sciences.



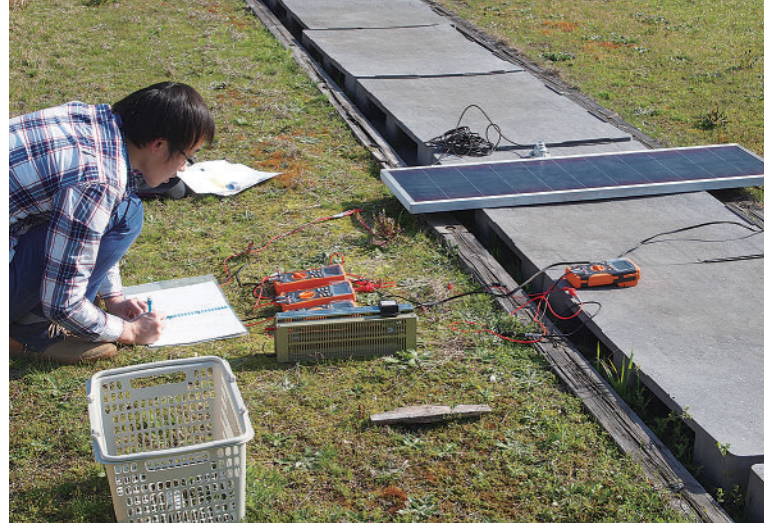
<http://www.norin.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Environmental and Sustainability Sciences

The philosophy of Department of Environmental and Sustainability Science is the establishment of a sustainable and harmonized society between environment and human beings. In order to realise this idea, our department provides an attractive curriculum to learn and develop advanced knowledge of soil, water, animals and resources, the and advanced skills of its application. Students of our department are expected to become pioneers who can manage both nature and urbanization in a sustainable way.

For the further deepening of knowledge and skills of students, the department consists of the following four courses covering different but closely related areas: environmental biology, ecology and environmental sciences, environmental dynamics, and rural engineering. Students can learn theories, methodologies, and practical applications to important environmental and ecological issues from diversified standpoints.

Geographical area where the Department conducts our study are also diverse, which include the brackish lakes



Lake Nakaumi and Lake Shinji, where unique ecosystems exist; the Hii River whose environment has been developed through complex interactions between nature and human activities; and forest and agricultural areas nearby. Each study area has its own problems, which can be effectively resolved with knowledge and skills developed and sophisticated in our department.



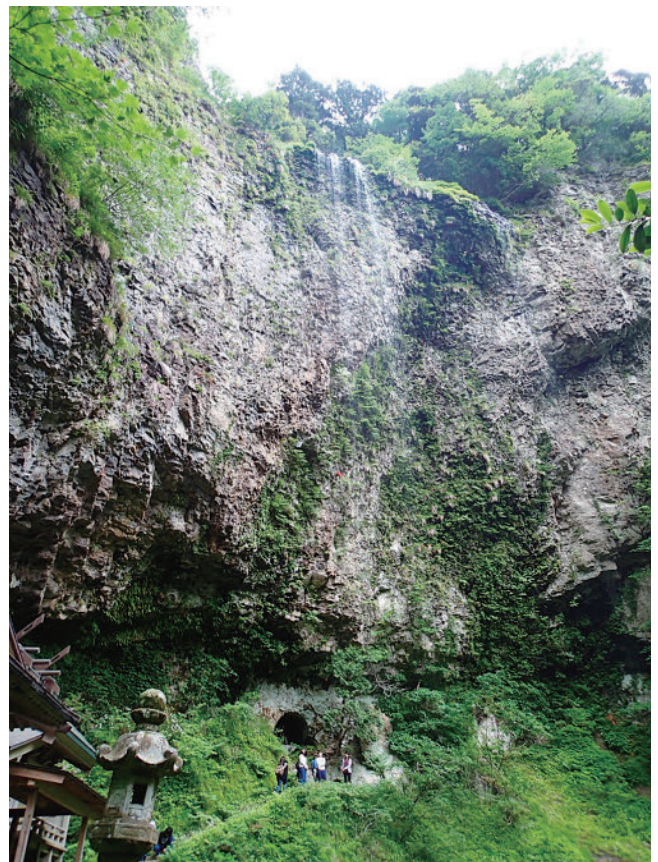
<http://www.ess.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Education and Research Center for Biological Resources

Forests, agricultural land, and marine areas construct a natural landscape for human life which supplies diverse and rich biological products to us. The Education and Research Center for Biological Resources consists of three sections: Forest Science, Agricultural Science and Marine Biological Science.

Forest Science has experimental forests, Agricultural Science has experimental farms, and Marine Biological Science has a marine research center. Each section provides typical educational lectures and research activities to the students with the help of fully skilled and technical staff. The center has a policy to contribute to science and social education from the view point that forests, agricultural land and marines are an integrated system.

The center offers several lectures on the interface between human activity and natural environments, and also on the biological connection between forests, agricultural land, and marine areas. The lectures are open to students from every course. The center contributes to the understanding of natural life and landscapes through experience and activity in the field sites.



<http://www.ipc.shimane-u.ac.jp/ercbr/index-english.html>

Graduate School

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Law and Politics
- Language and Culture
- Regional Economics
- Socio-cultural Studies

Although each department has its own educational goal, the graduate school as a whole also has a common goal: to cope with a highly information-oriented society. In order to achieve this goal effectively, the school offers systematically organized courses which can be interdisciplinary.

After a rigorous entrance process, graduate students choose one of the above four courses, taking into consideration their research interests and future career plans. The students then carry out individual studies under an academic adviser who instructs and guides them through their studies culminating into a thesis.



<https://www.hobun.shimane-u.ac.jp/jinbun/>

Graduate School of Medical Research

- Department of Medical Science
- Department of Nursing Science

At the Graduate School of Medical Research, we explore the theory and application of academia relevant to the fields of nursing and medicine. At the School of Medicine, we endeavor to cultivate in our researchers an abundance of knowledge and a high level of research competency that will enable them to conduct research independently. At the School of Nursing, our focus is on the development of nurses who have a broad perspective and a rich knowledge with a passion for human nature, coupled with a high level of expertise and research competency. It is our mission to contribute to the advancement of medicine and nursing studies and to the improvement of public welfare services.

Doctoral Course (Medical Science)

Through the Doctoral Course in Medical Science, students are expected to develop a high level of research competency, abundant knowledge, and the passion for human nature required to lead medical professionals in addition to the skills and expertise required of clinicians.

Graduate School of Education

- Program of Pedagogical Development
- Program of Clinical Psychology

The Graduate School of Education aims to cultivate professionals who deal with contemporary educational problems in society, both at the global and local level, to solve problems by together with people in local communities.

The Program of Developing Pedagogical Practice aims to cultivate teachers with high qualities and abilities such as to showing creativity at school, designing a class, and supporting pupils, which are essential for school leaders.

The Program of Clinical Psychology aims to develop clinical psychology experts with the advanced abilities of making psychological assessments, conducting psychological counseling, and providing communities with support.



<https://www.edu.shimane-u.ac.jp/daigakuin/>

Masters Course (Medical Science)

The purpose of this course is to educate bachelors of non-medical courses about medicine from the perspective of comprehensive and academic science. Our basic policy is to utilize the research and educational outcomes achieved at the university and in the community to benefit the education and training of our students.

Doctoral Course (Late Semester Course-Nursing)

The course objective is to develop educational researchers who will benefit an ageing society where people can lead enriching lives, by working towards the improvement of nursing care and by conducting high-standard creative research in nursing for the study of gerontology.

Doctoral Course (Early Semester-Nursing)

The course objective is to cultivate individuals with a rich sense of humanity coupled with a broad perspective and to possess excellent practical nursing skills, creative research capabilities, and the ability to carry out research in nursing studies from a scientific point of view.



<https://www.med.shimane-u.ac.jp/english/graduate/>

Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering

- Major in Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering

Our interdisciplinary doctoral program is organized into four academic fields: Collaborative Course in Science and Engineering; Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Materials Science Course, Geoscience and Geoenvironmental Science Course, and Mechanical/Electronic Engineering and Information Systems Course. Prospective doctoral students

apply to one of these courses. Based on their application and with the consent of their academic adviser, a Doctor of Science, Doctor of Engineering, or Ph.D. degree may be awarded, after the completion of the credit requirements for the course concerned. The graduates will become highly creative researchers, innovators, and engineers who will contribute to the development of science and technology.



<https://www.riko.shimane-u.ac.jp/graduate/>

Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology

- Major in Science and Engineering
- Major in Science of Environmental Systems
- Major in Agricultural and Life Sciences

Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, which was recently established in 2018, integrates the Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering and the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences. It comprises three majors in which the graduates receive Master's degree: Science and Engineering, Science of Environmental Systems, Agricultural and Life Sciences. In addition, each major is connected with a department in the undergraduate school, which enables a continuous education from the undergraduate level.

The graduate school undertakes education and research in a wide range of academic fields including science, engineering and agriculture. The students will develop scientific knowledge, presentation skills, a global insight, and the ability to formulate new ideas. The graduates will become highly creative innovators, engineers, and researchers who will contribute to the development of science, technology and the creation of a sustainable society and whose comprehensive and interdisciplinary view points will be of benefit to those in the local community.

In the Science and Engineering Major, students acquire the basic knowledge mathematics, physics, and informatics. Based on this knowledge, they will contribute to the development of mathematical science, physics, information science, mechanical engineering, electric and electronic engineering, and materials engineering as advanced engi-

neers and researchers with an international viewpoint.

In the Science of Environmental Systems Major, students acquire the basic knowledge in earth science, environmental and sustainability sciences, chemistry, and architecture. Based on this knowledge, they will contribute to the creation of rich and environmentally friendly society as advanced engineers and researchers with practical skills, creativity, and an international viewpoint.

In the Agricultural and Life Sciences Major, students acquire the basic knowledge of agriculture and life sciences. Based on this knowledge, they will contribute to the development of life science and utilization of agricultural and forest products as advanced engineers and researchers with self-reliant problem solving abilities, rich humanity, and an international viewpoint.



<https://www.natural.shimane-u.ac.jp>





University Library

Main Library in Matsue and Medical Library in Izumo

Shimane University Library, holding approximately 970,000 books, serves as the center of study, research, and various other academic activities.

Its enriched digital library function, such as “Electronic Resource's Pages” provides easy access to 7,000 titles of multilingual online journals and a wide variety of databases on a 24-hour basis.

Information literacy education is promoted by holding seminars and developing the library website for the efficient use of an increasing number of digital materials.

The library also puts its focus on local historic materials by preserving and providing them in a digital archive. Exhibitions and lectures are regularly held and several books have been issued by the library as achievement of these activities. As other features, student supporters called “Library Concierge” have been engaged in the library service at the Main Library for years, and the Medical Library is promoting the regional library cooperation to support regional medical service by connecting 22 local medical libraries and hospital reference libraries.

 <https://www.lib.shimane-u.ac.jp>



Main Library (Matsue)



Medical Library (Izumo)

Shimane University Hospital

Harmonizing Regional Health Care and Advanced Compensated Medical Care

The only university hospital in the prefecture, we promote the cultivation of medical professionals, the provision of advanced medical care, and the conduct of clinical research. Especially being a hub hospital for cancer patients, we carry out highly-advanced cancer treatments. In the evaluation of hospital facility functions, we have been awarded the ISO14001, ISO9001 certifications and have received ISO15189 accreditation. Also, since being designated a mother-and-child treatment facility for Shimane in September 2015, we have been engaged in the provision of highly-specialized perinatal medical care and the development of human resources through collaboration with perinatal treatment facilities in the prefecture. Furthermore, in July of 2017, the Advanced Trauma Center, equipped with a hybrid ER, was established and began operating. We endeavor to improve the safety and security of people in the community and increase the survival rate.



 <https://www.med.shimane-u.ac.jp/hospital/>

Research Institutes



International Joint Research Institute of Shimane University and Ningxia University

The International Joint Research Institute of Shimane University and Ningxia University was established in 2004 to celebrate their academic relationship since 1987 and is located at Ningxia in western area of China. Its main purpose is the promotion of joint research about rural problems and it's also forming an academic network for studying about western China with the Universities in China.

 <http://www.ningxia.shimane-u.ac.jp/index.html>



Estuary Research Center (EsReC)


The Estuary Research Center (EsReC) is the only research center in Japan devoted to the study of estuaries and brackish waters and is promoting basic and applied sciences on estuaries and coasts including their watersheds towards sustainable estuaries. EsReC was founded in 1992 as the Research Center for Coastal Lagoon Environments (ReCCLE) and renamed in 2017.

 <https://www.esrec.shimane-u.ac.jp/eng/>



Office for Regional Collaboration and Innovation

The Office for Regional Collaboration and Innovation, newly established in April, 2018, consists of the following four divisions: Division of Regional Education, Division of Industrial and Academic Collaboration, Division of Intellectual Property Revitalization, and Division of Regional Collaborative Medical Research. The Office aims at contributing to the local community by promoting industrial technology, industrial and academic collaboration, and by supporting regional education and research.

 <https://www.reg-collab.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Next Generation Tataru Co-creation Centre

Tataru steel in Shimane has a history spanning over a thousand years. Taking advantage of both old and new advanced tataru technology, the center was established as a new R&D laboratory for the world's leading-edge metal materials. Professor Roger Reed of University of Oxford was invited to act as director. Students and researchers have the opportunity to attend one of the world's highest-level classes and learn about cutting-edge research in Shimane.



 <https://tataru.shimane-u.ac.jp/>



Center for Natural Disaster Reduction Research and Education


The Center for Natural Disaster Reduction Research and Education was founded in 2018. It was established to host the UNESCO Chair on Geoenvironmental Disaster Reduction, which was launched in February 2018 under an agreement between UNESCO and Shimane University. The center also acts as a regional and local hub for natural disaster reduction, including earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding, landslides and more.

 <https://ndrre-shimane-u.com/english>

Center and Organizations

Center for International Exchanges

The Promotion of understanding and friendly relations with other countries is an essential role of higher education in modern society. The center is in charge of expanding networks with foreign academic institutions; providing students and researchers with more opportunities to study abroad; and supporting foreign students and researchers visiting Shimane University.

 <https://kokusai.shimane-u.ac.jp>



Center for Foreign Language Education


The Center for Foreign Language Education provides students with the opportunity to study English, German, French, Chinese, and Korean. In addition, we offer special minor programs in English and Chinese. At the Workstation, students can utilize resource books, DVDs, and other learning tools as well as ask teachers and staff questions.

 <http://cfle.shimane-u.ac.jp>

Health Service Center

The Health Service Center takes care of the physical and mental welfare of both students and faculty members. We support your daily life in addition to helping when you are injured or sick. Please feel free to visit our center when you need our help.

Mon.-Fri.8:30 AM-6:00 PM, Tel:0852-32-6568

 <http://health.shimane-u.net/>(Japanese)



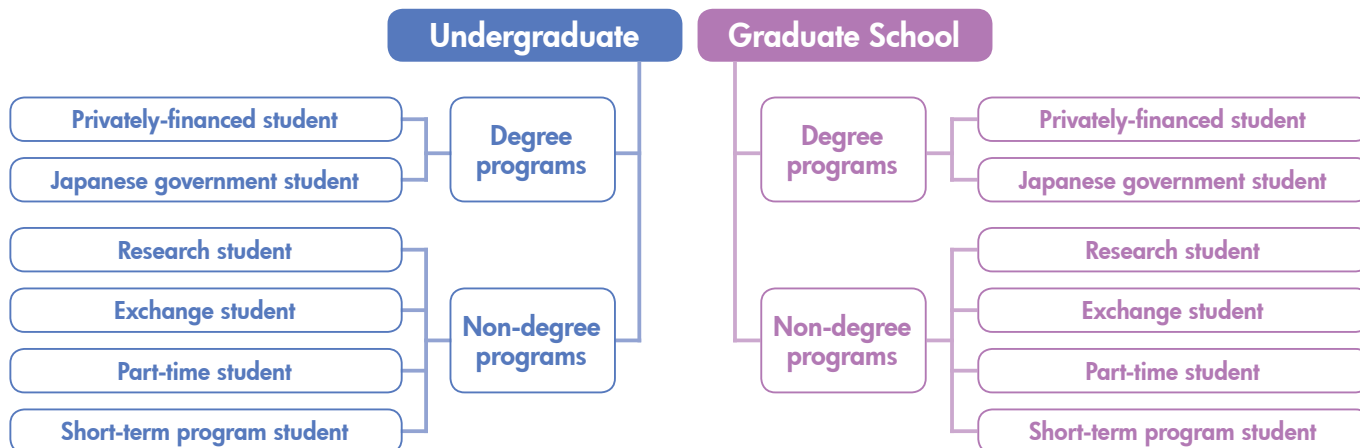
Student Support Center

The Student Support Center supports the lives of all students on campus. We are always ready to put well organized resources into practical use.

The center also provides consultation for finding employment.

 <http://gakushien.shimane-u.ac.jp/>

Desire to Study at Shimane University



Admission Schedule for Degree-seeking Students

Undergraduate Students

Faculty	Enrollment	Application	Special Exam for Intl. students	Screening	Availability of admission overseas	Medium of Instruction
				Documents		
Law and Literature Mail : epd-nnyushi@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Apr.	Dec.	Available	○	○ EJU *Take exams in Japanese	Japanese
Science and Engineering Mail : epd-nnyushi@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Apr.	Dec.	Available	○	○ EJU *Take exams in Japanese	Japanese
Life and Environmental Science Mail : epd-nnyushi@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Apr.	Dec.	Available	○	○ EJU *Take exams in Japanese	Japanese

Note) The schedule listed here is based on admission information for 2019. Check the fixed schedule by obtaining the admission guidelines.

Bilingual course of the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering

This course aims to recruit more students from overseas to promote the globalization of education. Freshmen and sophomores can take classes taught in English and concentrated on Japanese language training. Juniors and seniors can take lectures and seminars in Japanese. This course provides students with an opportunity to develop their academic disciplines and Japanese language ability enough to work for companies in Japan.

<https://www.riko.shimane-u.ac.jp/eng/bilingual.html>

Graduate School Students

Graduate school	Degree	Enrollment	Application	Special Exam for Intl. students	Screening			Screening Period	Availability of admission overseas
					Documents	Written Exams	Interview		
Humanities and Social Sciences Mail : sad-nyushi01@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Master's	Apr.	Aug. / Jan.	Available	○	○	○	Sep. / Feb.	
Education Mail : sad-nyushi02@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Master's	Apr.	Aug. / Jan.	Available	○	○	○	Sep. / Feb.	
Medical Research Mail : msa-daigakuin@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Master's Doctorate	Apr.	Aug. / Dec.	—	○	○	○	Oct. / Feb.	
Science and Engineering Mail : sad-nyushi03@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Doctorate	Apr. / Oct.	July / June	Available	○	depends on course	depends on course	Aug. / July	depends on course
Natural Science and Technology Mail : ns-nyushi@office.shimane-u.ac.jp	Master's	Apr. / Oct.	July / June	Available	○	depends on course	depends on course	Aug. / July	depends on course
Special Program for International Students URL:*1	Master's Doctorate	Apr. / Oct.	Nov / June	Available	○	—	○	Dec. / July	

URL:*1 https://www.shimane-u.ac.jp/nyushi/information/application/international_student.html?node_id=18870



Non degree-seeking Students

Research Student

Undergraduate or graduate level students who wish to engage in research activities at Shimane University for the period of more than one month to one year. No credits are given.

Enrollment April / October

Part-time Student

Undergraduate or graduate level students who wish to attend lectures to obtain credits for two or less semesters.

Enrollment April / October

Exchange Student

Students from foreign universities that have an exchange agreement with Shimane University are eligible to apply.

They will be enrolled as “special auditing students” at both undergraduate and graduate levels or as “special research student” at the graduate level.

Short-term Programs

- Teacher training students (Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship students)
- Japanese studies students (Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship students)

Admission schedule for non degree-seeking Students

Student category	Level	Enrollment	Application	Screening	Availability of admission overseas	Medium of Instruction
				Documents		
Research student	Undergraduate / Graduate	Apr. / Oct.	Feb. / Aug. *Dec. / Jun. for applicants from abroad	○	○	Japanese / English
Part-time Student	Undergraduate / Graduate	Apr. / Oct.	Feb. / Aug. *Dec. / Jun. for applicants from abroad	○	○	Japanese / English

*Make sure to contact your host professor prior to application

Other Programs

Student Category	Level	Enrollment	Availability of admission overseas	Medium of Instruction
Exchange student Enquire to International Office of your home university.	Undergraduate / Graduate	Apr. / Oct.	○	Japanese / English
Teacher training student Enquire to your nearest Japan Embassy/Consulate in your home country.	Graduate	Apr.	○	Japanese / English
Japanese studies student 【Embassy Recommendation】 (Application through Japanese Embassies) Enquire to your nearest Japan Embassy/Consulate in your home country 【University Recommendation】 (Application through Japanese Universities) Enquire to International Office of your home university	Undergraduate	Oct.	○	Japanese / English
ABE Initiative Enquire to JICA. URL : https://www.jica.go.jp/southafrica/english/office/others/abe.html	Graduate	Oct.	○	Japanese / English
PEACE Enquire to JICA. URL : https://www.jica.go.jp/project/english/afghanistan/006/index.html	Graduate	Oct.	○	Japanese / English

Tuition and Fees

The entrance examination fee, the admission fee, and tuition are shown in the table below.

Fees for 2019 Academic Year (to be fixed every year)

Types of Student	Entrance Examination	Admission	Tuition
Undergraduate	17,000 yen	282,000 yen	535,800 yen (1 year)
Graduate	30,000 yen	282,000 yen	535,800 yen (1 year)
Part-time	9,800 yen	28,200 yen	14,800 yen (1 credit)
Research	9,800 yen	84,600 yen	29,700 yen (1 month)

Scholarships

1. Monbukagakusho (Japanese Government:MEXT): local selection
2. Gakushu Shoreihi (Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for privately-financed international students)
Monbukagakusho (Japanese Government)

Tuition Exemption

Students on Japanese Government Scholarships do not have to pay these fees. Special Auditing Students whose home university has a mutual agreement for tuition and fees waiver with Shimane University do not have to pay either. Undergraduate and graduate students who are unable to bear the tuition and those who have achieved an excellent academic record can be exempted from paying tuition in full or partially.

3. Shimane International Center Scholarship:

There are many private scholarships for international students. Please ask the International Exchange Division for details.

4. Scholarship for Promoting Employment in Local Industries

Housing Information

1. International House Matsue

International House Matsue provides international students and researchers with accommodation and facilities to encourage international communication in education and research. It has 28 apartments for single students and researchers; each consists of a single room without a private bathroom. Shower rooms and small kitchens are equipped on the first and second floors; a lounge and a laundry area are equipped on the first floor. Two larger apartments are

available for married couples. Each apartment has a bedroom, a living room, a bathroom, and a kitchen.

Type of Rooms	For Students		For Researchers	
	Number	Rent (per month)	Number	Rent (per month)
Single Room	26	5,900 yen	2	8,100 yen
Married couple	1	9,500 yen	1	12,900 yen

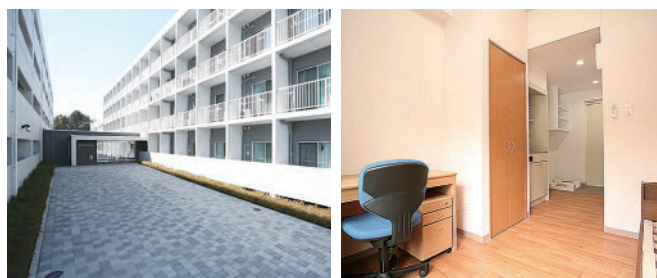


2. Student Dormitory

The student dormitory is a 10-minute walk from Matsue campus. All rooms are equipped with a bed, desk, chair, closet, air conditioner, interconnections for a TV and internet. In Buildings A and C, a bathroom and kitchen are included and

Type of Building	Number (out of)	Rent (per month)	Common fee (per month)	Deposit (subject to change)
Building A (single room)	5 (168)	24,000 yen	1,000 yen	18,900 yen
Building B (single room)	30 (91)	4,000 yen	2,500 yen	12,960 yen
Building C (single room)	10 (59)	16,000 yen	1,000 yen	18,900 yen

you can also put a refrigerator and a washing machine in the room. Residents in Building B can use the common kitchens and laundry rooms.



3. International House Izumo

International House Izumo is located right on campus. Eight apartments are available for single students. These apartments consist of single rooms with a kitchen and prefabricat-

ed bath. Three apartments for married couples consist of a bedroom, a living room, a bathroom and a kitchen. Six larger apartments for families have three bedrooms, a living room, a bathroom and a kitchen.

4. International House Izumo, Tenjin branch

International House Izumo, Tenjin branch is located 2km from campus. Twenty four apartments for families each have three bedrooms, a living room, a bathroom, and a kitchen.

Type of Rooms	Number	For Students	For Researchers
		Rent (per month)	Rent (per month)
Single	8	5,900 yen	8,700 yen
Married couple	3	11,900 yen	21,300 yen
Family	6	14,200 yen	33,900 yen
Tenjin branch, Family	24	14,200 yen	18,600 yen



International House Izumo

Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Studies

We offer elementary, intermediate and advanced level of Japanese Language courses and Japanese Culture Studies courses for international students. The elementary courses require a JLPT N5 level of proficiency or higher. The content of the Japanese classes are as follows: composition, reading, listening, speaking, vocabulary, and grammar. These classes are officially recognized and provide academic credits upon completion. Also, there are a variety of non-accredited courses available for all international students.

The Japanese Studies Program

We offer a Japanese Studies Program for Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Studies students receiving a Monbukagakusho Scholarship.

 <http://cfls.shimane-u.ac.jp/en/>

Career Support for Students

Higher Education Center provides employment information and career counseling, while also planning and running various career-related seminars and events. For more detailed

information on the university's career support and statistics related to students' career paths, please contact the center.

Campus Life

April

First Semester begins
Spring Entrance Ceremony, Orientation

July

Final Exams

August

Summer Vacation

September

Intensive Seminars
Summer Vacation ends
First Semester ends
Field Trip for International Students

October

Second Semester begins
Autumn Entrance Ceremony, Orientation
University Festival

December

Shimadai International Party
Winter Vacation

January

Winter Vacation ends
Classes resume

February

Final Exams
Ski Trip for International Students
Spring Vacation

March

Graduation Ceremony
Field Trip for International Students
Second Semester ends
Spring Vacation ends



Voice of overseas students

Shimane University: A place to enjoy your study and life

The first time I was told that I received the Monbukagakusho Japanese Studies Scholarship to study at Shimane University for one year, I actually didn't even know where Shimane Prefecture was located. I heard that the campus was in a small city, so I was really worried about public transportation, facilities, and the most important thing, food. I am a Muslim, so I can only consume food that is Halal, which is a dietary standard according to Islamic law.

But after coming to Shimane University, it did not really take time for me to adapt. There is beautiful nature, and cultural and historical spots in every corner of the city. It feels really calming when walking around the city, especially around Matsue Castle. I can walk to places since everything is close by. It is a really nice environment for enjoying life and focusing on study.

One thing that is really memorable from my experience of living in Matsue and being a student at Shimane University is the people of Shimane. I joined a movie making class that helped me make new friends with Japanese people and other exchange students. We play basketball every Thursday at the university's gym. It is really fun! I also joined one of the biggest festivals in Matsue called "Musha Gyoretsu". I joined in the practice and performed together with Matsue residents in the festival even though I am a foreigner, but they treated me with a lot of kindness just as if I were any other resident. This is one of my most memorable experiences.

There are a lot more experiences that I would definitely not have had if I'd chosen another university other than Shimane University. This city might be small, but that is the real reason why I feel this city's warmth. I am very grateful for every single day I have spent here. Shimane University is definitely the best place for you to study and enjoy your life!



Andi Meiliqa Rachmi Mutia Larasati
Faculty of Law and Literature

Shimane University: A home away from home



Ronald Katongole
Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology

The prospect of undertaking a course abroad is quite challenging, especially as a private student, but being inspired by the natural environment and the quality products in Japan, I resolved to undertake a Master's degree at Shimane University, Japan.

Adapting to life in Japan was the most challenging hurdle, but the great services offered by International Student Section and the student tutoring system enabled me settle within a short time. I have enjoyed a range of activities such as field trips, camps and other activities that introduced me to many famous and cultural places such as Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine, Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine and castles. This has given me rich life experiences based on unique historical traditions that have been sustained amidst the modern era of technology.

The university is situated in calm and cool city with a mountainous landscape covered by trees. A climate such as this provides quality fresh air that relaxes the mind, especially at places such as Lafcadio Hearn's beloved sunset scenery of Lake Shinji. It is a gratifying visit. The community here has strong ties with the international students, which has encouraged me to embrace several festivals such as Horanenya, Mikoshi and more. These make day-to-day life livelier in Japanese culture.

Although my primary interest in coming to Shimane was quality research, I have also experienced quality balanced time at Shimane University with a myriad of memorable events that will last for a lifetime. I greatly acknowledge the efforts of the International Student Section for helping students' lives flourish.

International Exchanges

International Partnerships (Countries and Regions)

Asia

BANGLADESH

University Level Agreement

University of Dhaka

Faculty of Life and Environmental Science

Faculty of Agriculture, Bangladesh Agricultural University
Horticulture Research Centre, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute

CHINA

University Level Agreement

Northeast Forestry University
Nanjing Forestry University
China Agricultural University
Ningxia University
Beijing Forestry University
Jilin University
Hebei Normal University
Dalian University
Ningxia Medical University
Beijing Normal University
Renmin University of China, School of Economics
Shandong University
Zhejiang University, College of Education
Northeast Normal University
Beijing University of Agriculture
Minnan Normal University
Northwest A&F University
University of Science and Technology Beijing
Chang'an University
China Three Gorges University

Faculty of Medicine / University Hospital

General Hospital of Ningxia Medical University
Peking University Health Science Center

Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering

School of Mathematical Sciences, Dalian University of Technology

Project Center for Historical and Cultural Studies in Eastern Asia and Pacific Area

Department of History, Peking University

INDIA

University Level Agreement

Indian Institute of Science
Banaras Hindu University
Cochin University of Science and Technology
Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology
SCMS

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

Faculty of Medicine / University Hospital

Rajagiri Hospital

The Nanotechnology Project Center, Center for the Promotion of Project Research

The Laser Spectroscopy Group, Indian Institute of Science

INDONESIA

University Level Agreement

Andalas University
Hasanuddin University

Faculty of Life and Environmental Science

Indonesian Center for Agricultural Land Resources Research and Development

KAZAKHSTAN

University Level Agreement

Semey State Medical University
Karaganda State Medical University

MONGOLIA

University Level Agreement

Mongolian University of Science and Technology
Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences

KOREA

University Level Agreement

Busan National University of Education
Gyeongsang National University
Kyungpook National University
Chonbuk National University
Pukyong National University
Sejong University
Kwangwoon University
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Yeungnam University

Faculty of Education

ENUE Elementary School, Busan National University of Education

Faculty of Medicine / University Hospital

Gyeongsang National University College of Medicine and School of Medicine

Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering

College of Natural Sciences, Pusan National University
College of Engineering, Pusan National University
College of Natural Sciences, Pukyong National University

Estuary Research Center

Geo-Environmental Hazards & Quaternary Geology Research Center, Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources

MYANMAR

University Level Agreement

Patheingyi University

NEPAL

University Level Agreement

Tribhuvan University

SRI LANKA

University Level Agreement

University of Peradeniya

Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering

Faculty of Applied Science, Rajarata University of Science

THAILAND

University Level Agreement

Mahidol University, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital
Khon Kaen University
Thammasat University
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
Chiang Mai University
Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya
Naresuan University

Faculty of Medicine / University Hospital

Faculty of Medicine, Thammasat University
Thammasat University Hospital
Prince of Songkla University Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Life and Environmental Science

Faculty of Science and Technology, Thammasat University

Other Agreement

Princess Chulabhorn's College, Pathumthani
Hanamaru Japanese Language School

VIETNAM

University Level Agreement

Hanoi Medical University
Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry
Vietnam National University of Agriculture

TAIWAN

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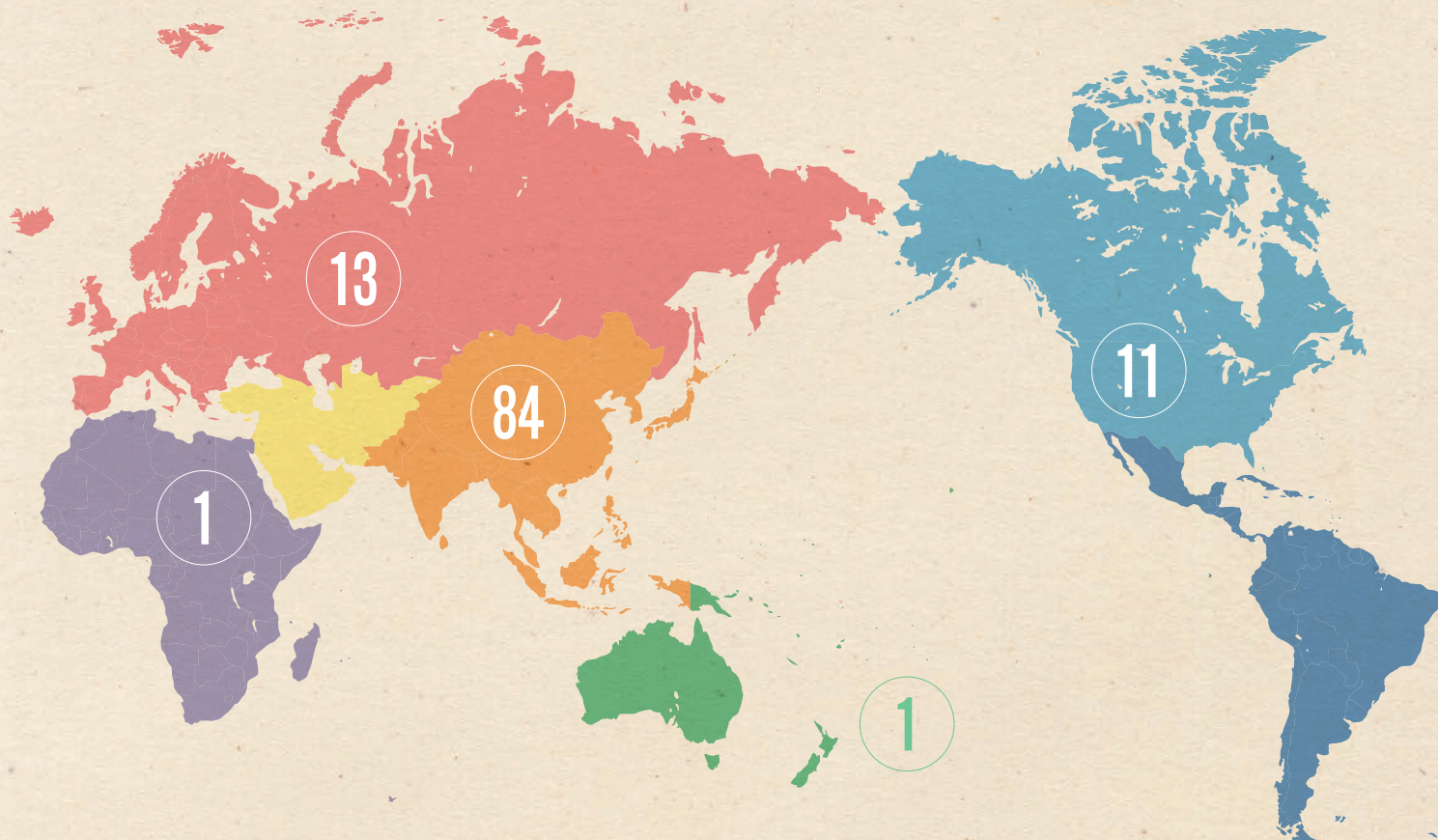
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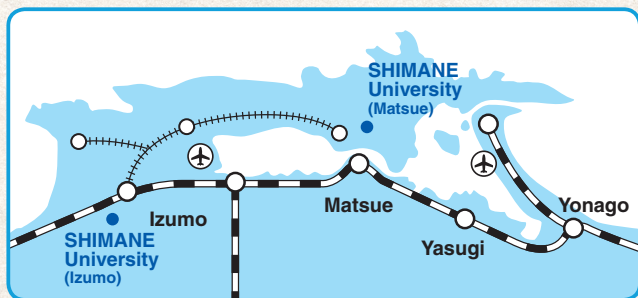
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Access to Shimane University



Campus Transportation

Matsue Campus

AIRPLANE



Tokyo (Haneda) → Izumo 1h 25m
 Fukuoka → Izumo 1h 5m
 Osaka (Itami) → Izumo 55m
 Tokyo (Haneda) → Yonago 1h 20m

Shuttle bus from airport to Matsue Station

Izumo Airport → JR Matsue station 30m
 Yonago Airport → JR Matsue station 45m

TRAIN



Tokyo - Okayama - Matsue 6h 10m
 Fukuoka - Okayama - Matsue 4h 30m
 Osaka - Okayama - Matsue 3h 40m

Transportation from JR Matsue Station to Matsue campus

By local bus → Matsue campus 15-20m
 By taxi → Matsue campus 10m

Izumo Campus

AIRPLANE



Tokyo (Haneda) → Izumo 1h 25m
 Fukuoka → Izumo 1h 5m
 Osaka (Itami) → Izumo 55m

Shuttle bus from airport to Izumoshi Station

Izumo Airport → JR Izumoshi station 25m

TRAIN



Tokyo - Okayama - Izumoshi 6h 40m
 Fukuoka - Okayama - Izumoshi 5h
 Osaka - Okayama - Izumoshi 4h 10m

Transportation from JR Izumoshi Station to Izumo campus

By local bus → Izumo campus 10m
 By taxi → Izumo campus 10m



Oki Islands



Lake Shinji



Matsue Castle (National Treasure)



Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine



Horikawa Sightseeing Boat



Musha Gyoretsu



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