

English Version

Facts

■ **Name** Tokuyama University (private)

■ **Founded Established** 1971

■ **Educational policy**

We believe that “knowledge, moral values, and physical wellness” are at the basis of all education and strive to balance the three. The student is our first priority and we support each individual to fulfill all their endeavors.

■ **Programs**

Faculty of Economics: Department of Contemporary Economics (Three courses in Contemporary Economics, Community Economics, and Finance); Department of Business Strategy (Three courses in Business Strategy, Content [Manga · Animation] Development, and Sport Management); Faculty of Welfare Information, Department of Welfare Information (Course in Social Welfare [Three majors in Social Welfare, Nursing Care, and Health Welfare] , [Course in Welfare Information Major in Information Communication])

■ **Location**

Tokuyama University is located in Shunan City of Yamaguchi Prefecture, which is in the northwest of the Seto Inland Sea region. The area has a mild climate and is rarely hit by natural disasters. There is easy access from the ports of Shimonoseki and Hakata, and also from both Fukuoka and Hiroshima airports.

■ **Computer accessibility**

The University provides each coming freshmen with a lap top computer. A wireless LAN is provided across campus for student to use. An information literacy education program, common to all departments, has been recently established.

■ **Library resources**

We have a library of 200,000 volumes. In addition, we also have a large collection of DVDs and other audio-visual materials and a library of rare cartoons and comics.

■ **Careers of graduates**

Some international students choose to study at institutions of higher learning or work in Japan after their graduation. The following are some of the schools and companies at which Tokuyama University alumni are at: 【Graduate schools】 University of Washington / University of Hiroshima / Waseda University / University of Yamaguchi / University of Nagoya / Hiroshima Shudo University / Aichi Gakuin University / Kyushu University / Doshisha University / Kobe University etc. 【Enterprises】 TS Precision Co., Ltd / Bank of Yamaguchi Co., Ltd / SANKO special metal industries Co., Ltd. / AEON CREDIT SERVICE Co., Ltd / Social Welfare Corporation Souseikai etc.

Support for international students

■ **Entrance examination**

Tests are given in Japan and in the following areas: South Korea (Seoul, Busan), China (Qingdao, Shanghai), Taiwan (Taipei, Kaohsiung) and Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh).

■ **Enrollment**

To offer international students flexible scheduling, enrolled students may begin either in spring [early April] or in fall [late September].

■ **Screening method**

Candidates will be selected on the basis of Admissions Office (AO) Test, which includes submission of an application form and an interview in Japanese. No written tests are conducted. During the process of selection, more emphasis is placed on applicants' personality and motivation.

■ **Tuition and Fees**

Tokuyama University remits 100%, 70% or 50% of the international students' tuition, depending on his or her Japanese language ability. Applicants are to select the remission type they desire. Those applying for 100% and 70% and 50% remission are required to take a Japanese language proficiency test.

■ **Japanese Language Education**

Entrants must enroll in our Japanese language program which offers different levels. Classes are small and given on campus for no extra fees. The language courses taken will be counted as satisfying graduation requirements, and this enables most international students to gain their diploma in four years. 【Japanese courses】 Japanese Language I, II, III, IV, V / Things Japanese I (Japanese Society & Culture) / Things Japanese II (Japanese geography & history) / Things Japanese III (Japanese politics & economy)

■ **Student Visa and Other Formalities**

We will do the paperwork for obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility, which is necessary for your student visa. We will also help you with other formalities such as applying for a work permit as a part-time worker.

■ **Entering Japan**

You will be met at Fukuoka International Airport by our staff and your tutor.

■ **International Student Affairs Office**

In order to address students' needs, anxieties and frustrations, Tokuyama University provides various kinds of support. The university will apply on your behalf for permission to reside in Japan for the purpose of studying and to engage in activities other than that permitted by the status of residence previously granted. Also, the experienced staff in the International Student Affairs Office can offer information and advice regarding entrance examinations, the academic system, visa status, student life, medical expenses, applying for the National Health Insurance, accommodation arrangements, scholarships, part-time employment, etc.

Student life

■ **Accommodations**

We will help students arrange their accommodation arrangements. When renting an apartment through an agent, a “guarantor” is sometimes necessary. The university will be your guarantor if necessary. The average rent for a one-room apartment with kitchen, toilet, bath and air-conditioning is between ¥22,000 and ¥27,000 per month.

■ **Living costs**

Compared with the cost of living in major cities such as Tokyo and Osaka, living in Yamaguchi is more affordable. For most students studying at Tokuyama University, the cost of living is about ¥70,000 a month.

■ **Scholarships and grants**

Various scholarships are available including Japanese government scholarships. Japan Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship, Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship, etc.

■ **Part-time employment**

If you wish to engage in part-time work to cover your tuition payment and daily expenses, the university will help you find a suitable place to work. Students can work as language teachers, convenience store clerks, servers at restaurants, and so on. (Hourly wages are usually between ¥700 and ¥800.) However, international students are not permitted to work during the first few months after their arrival.

■ **Tutoring**

Tutors will assist newly enrolled international students with adjusting to daily and campus life. You can consult the tutors in your native language.

■ **Cultural exchange events**

There are a variety of events taking place on campus and in neighboring communities, from bus tours and festivals to home-stay experiences.