



Message

"I earnestly desire that many young people filled with conscience will be raised and sent out by our school."
(Monument of Conscience)



Chancellor and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees:
HATTA Eiji



The private educational institutions in Japan are engaged in various educational initiatives in line with their respective founding philosophies. The creation, impartation and preservation of knowledge is not the only social mission of educational institutions. They also have the important mission of fostering desirable personal qualities in students so that they can reflect on how they should utilize their knowledge for the sake of society, other people and their own lives. Here, the distinctive characteristics of each educational institution appear. The Doshisha boasts a well-organized system for integrated education that ranges from preschool education to undergraduate and graduate education under its founding philosophy, represented by the concept of "conscience education." Under this system, we aim to foster talent who can have high aspirations and devote all-out efforts to achieving them. A Joseph Hardy Neesima Memorial Monument called a "Ryoshinhi" (lit. "conscience monument") stands at each Doshisha school site, watching warmly over students. The Doshisha, which will mark the 150th anniversary of its founding in 2025, will continue to make a full commitment to its educational and research initiatives in collaboration with regional society and various communities in Japan and abroad, so that Doshisha alumni, who have had the benefit of receiving conscience education, will be able to continuously demonstrate their capabilities around the world.

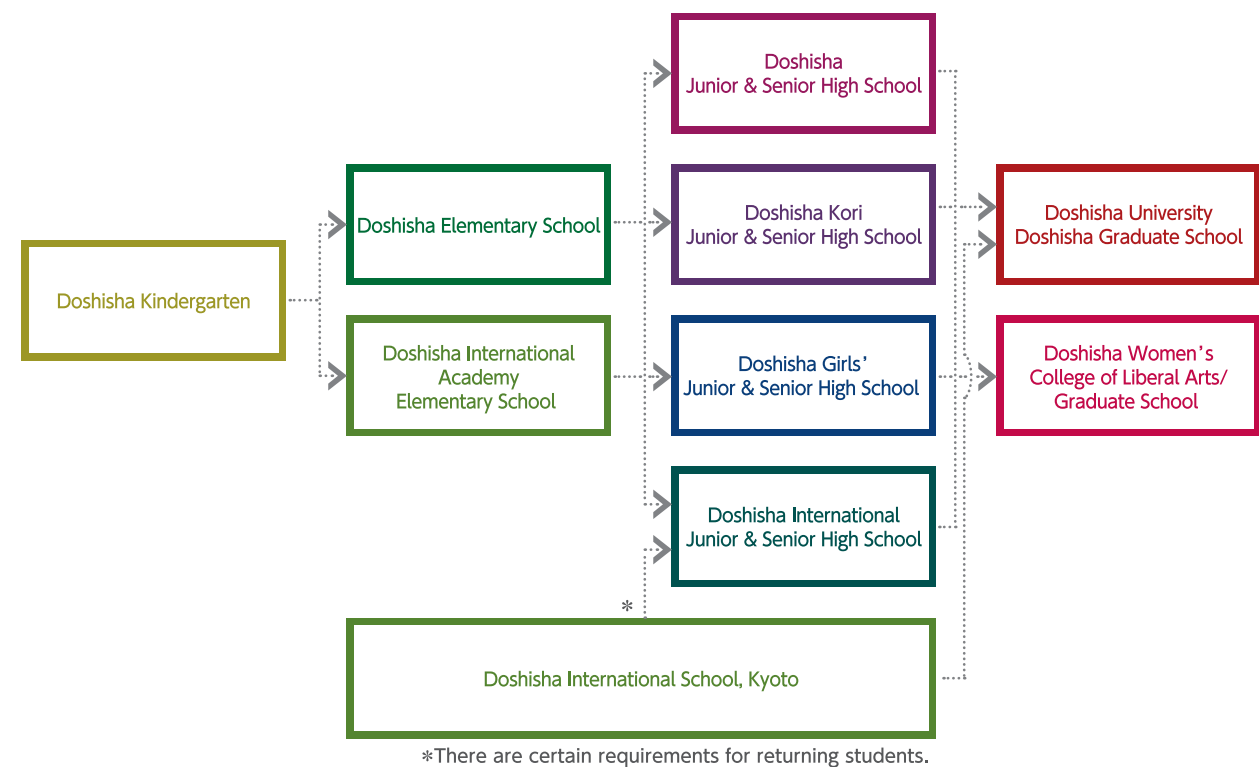


150th anniversary project

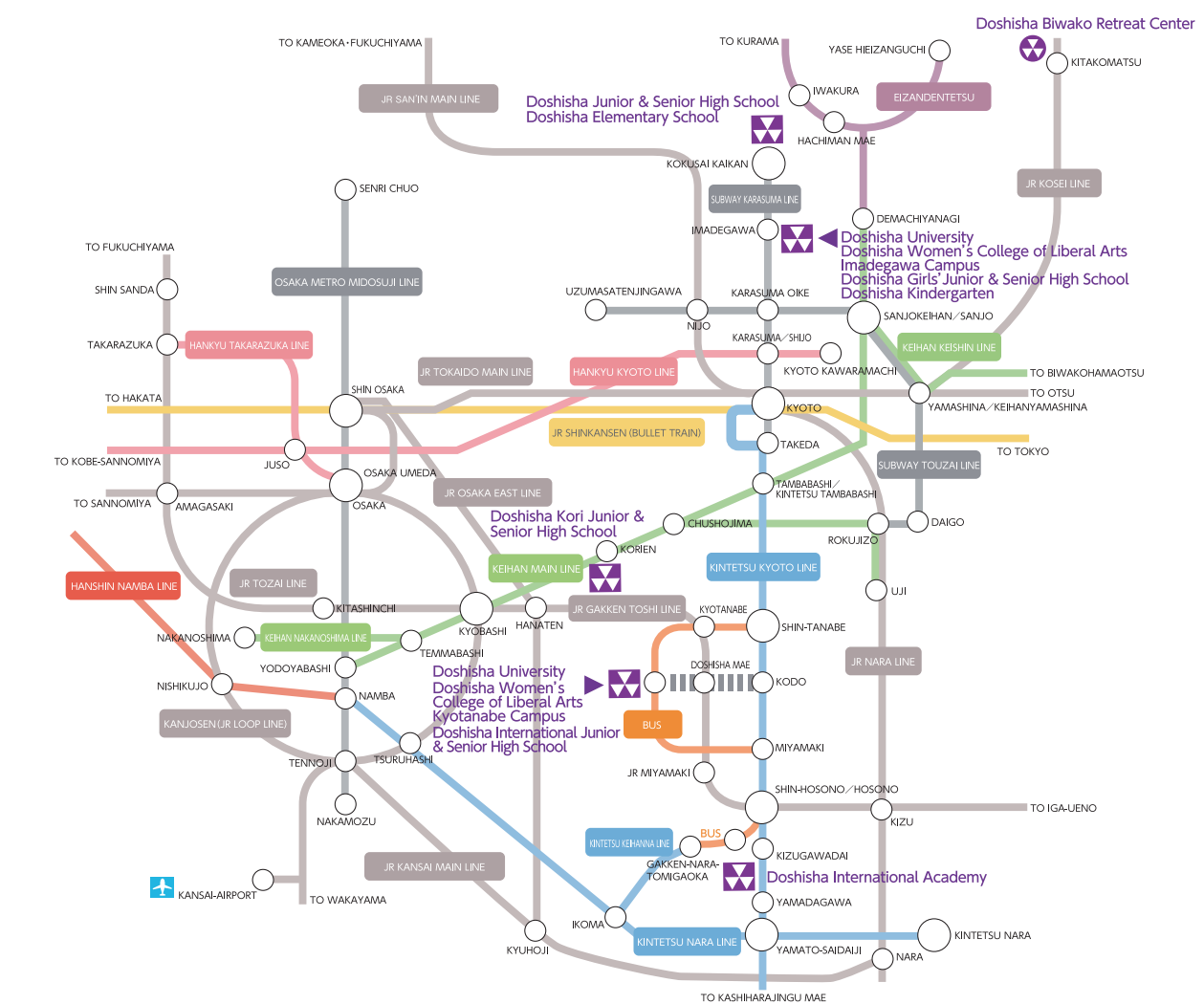


Doshisha's Integrated Educational

The Integrated Educational System of the Doshisha



Access Map



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In 2025, the Doshisha will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding.



One purpose, Doshisha, thy name
Doth signify; one lofty aim;
To train thy sons in heart and hand
To live for God and Native Land.
Dear Alma Mater, sons of thine
Shall be as branches to the vine;
Tho' through the world we wander far and wide,
Still in our hearts thy precepts shall abide!



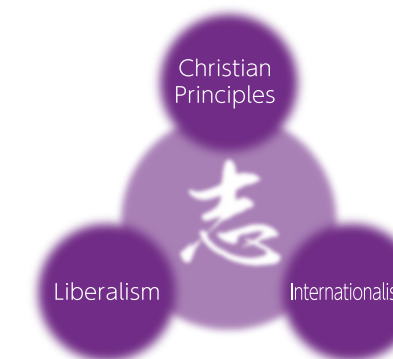
Doshisha

Founding spirit and Joseph Neesima

Neesima learned Christian conceptions of conscience and liberty during his stay in America and established Doshisha in Japan with these as the Doshisha spirit.



Founder:
Joseph Hardy NEESIMA



In the late Edo period, the founder of Doshisha, Joseph Hardy Neesima, felt serious concern about Japan's future, and as a consequence left Japan in 1864, defying a ban on travel overseas. He studied in America and Europe for about 10 years, and came back to Japan baptized. In Kyoto, on November 29, 1875, he established Doshisha Eigakko (Academy), the predecessor of Doshisha University, with the aid and cooperation of many people from home and abroad. Neesima aimed to create an institution for pursuing higher education with Christianity at the core of a moral education. He wanted to nurture independent and self-reliant individuals with an international way of thinking. Since its foundation, people who felt empathy with Doshisha's educational philosophy and who were determined to be 'the conscience of a nation', have gathered at Doshisha and together built a unique tradition and liberal school spirit. Today, more than 360,000 graduates play an active role in various fields throughout the world, carrying with them the pride and conviction instilled in them while studying at Doshisha.





Doshisha University

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Nurturing self-disciplined individuals who can make judgements based on Christian ethics and act on their own initiative

We are implementing education based on the founding spirit of putting one's conscience into practice. The deeply embedded ethos of our university is to respect each individual and their moral autonomy to act on their own best judgement based on the values of Christianity. Doshisha University designed 'VISION 2025' in 2016, in which we publicized our future vision for 2025, the 150th anniversary of the foundation.

Unique Curriculum

Helping students to become independent learners who will identify and solve problems with creative and critical thinking

'Learning Commons' is one of the cornerstones of Doshisha University's academic and structural innovations. This is a new learning facility and the largest of its kind in Japan. Offering flexible space, state-of-the-art equipment and resources, as well as diverse student support services, it empowers student-led active learning. Doshisha's 'project supports', for example, allow students from different faculties and departments to work together as a team, planning and implementing projects about real-world topics proposed by people from local industries and communities.

School Data

- Established in 1875
- Admission Capacity: Undergraduate (14 Faculties): 6,351 Postgraduate (16 Graduate Schools): 1,248
- Total Area: 2,179,443m²
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Doshisha Junior and Senior High School

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Supporting students to design their own learning paths focused on their future goals

We place high value on students' independent thinking and their thinking processes. We help students cultivate the ability to open their way to the world—a world filled with questions where nobody has all the answers—based on their free, unconventional and non-stereotypical ways of thinking. Through carefully designed learning programs, illuminating talks during church services as well as wide-ranging school events, we aim to materialize the ideals of liberal arts, which have been gaining increased recognition in a global age, and nurture individuals equipped with a spirit of 'freedom, autonomy and independence'.

Unique Curriculum

A unique curriculum and lessons develop students' intellectual curiosity and inquiry, and enhance their academic performance and motivation for the future.

In junior high school, we offer a curriculum containing many experiments and practical training in subject-specific classrooms well equipped with, for example, a digital blackboard and a projector. Students are encouraged to exercise their ingenuity in their presentation design and style. In addition to bringing new learning tools to classrooms, such as one iPad per student, more than 300 learning projects, including a visit to Kyoto University's Center for IPS Cell Research and Application, are undertaken each year. In senior high school, a wide range of optional subjects and courses are offered to meet students' individual needs and goals, which include the 'Saturday Special Program' for students who wish to acquire higher academic achievement, and the 'Power-up Seminar' in which graduates active in various fields are invited to talk about their experiences, providing students with an opportunity to learn more about their future career options.

School Data

- Established in 1875
- Admission Capacity: Junior high school: 288 Senior high school: 360
- Total Area: 101,223m²
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Doshisha Girls' Junior and Senior High School

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Nurturing women who will contribute to society and serve others in a meaningful way

Since its foundation, our school has valued 'conscience education' based on Christian principles. Students attend morning service each day during their time at high school, a practice which, we believe, provides them with important time for self-reflection. It's also a valuable opportunity to build respect for others, and to consider those in the world who are living their lives in challenging conditions. Over time, these prayer meetings will help our students to become young women who can serve others as 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' and make a difference in various fields of society.

Unique Curriculum

A two-course system to help students explore various future pathways based on their individual goals

There are two courses: the Liberal Arts (LA) course, which covers a wide range of subjects, and the Wild World (WR) course, which focuses on English, mathematics and sciences. In Junior High School, integrated LA and WR courses on weekdays will help build a solid academic foundation, while WR classes on Saturdays will provide more advanced learning. In Senior High School, students are required to take either the LA course or the WR course from the first year. In the LA course, they acquire a broad range of knowledge in the first two years, and in the third year, they choose subjects from a variety of courses to meet their needs and also engage in inquiry-based learning. The WR course aims to provide a curriculum for students who wish to go on to science-related universities.

School Data

- Established in 1876
- Admission Capacity: Junior high school: 240 Senior high school: 270
- Total Area: 54,150m²
- Address: 602-1 Genbu-cho, Teramachi-nishiru Imadegawa-dori, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto, 602-0893 Japan Tel: +81-75-251-4305 Fax: +81-75-251-4308

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Doshisha Elementary School

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Helping students to build fundamental strength and confidence in themselves to live their own lives

In a global society with rapid changes, it is required to have a flexible sensibility to recognize and accept differences among people, as well as an ability to express one's thoughts and ideas clearly. Based on the conscience education that has been handed down from Doshisha's founder, Joseph Neesima, and its Christian principles, liberalism and internationalism, Doshisha Elementary School aims to nurture children who can think in a free and independent way. Such free thinking is valued and developed through 'Michikusa education', an active-learning method unique to Doshisha that has been conducted since our opening. Students also deepen their understanding as they cooperate and learn together with their peers.

Unique Curriculum

Active learning values students' thinking and learning process, and develops students' learning autonomy

Our Michikusa education comprises two programs: In the individual study program, students study by themselves and investigate what they are interested in, while in the 'cooperative study type' program, students deepen their learning about common themes shared by the members of the class or the year. In each subject class, diverse learning activities are offered so that students can acquire solid fundamental knowledge and skills to think on their own and express themselves in positive ways.

School Data

- Established in 2006
- Admission Capacity: 90
- Total Area: 16,208.8m²
- Address: 89-1 Osagi-cho, Iwakura, Sa kyo-ku, Kyoto, 606-0001 Japan Tel: +81-75-706-7786 Fax: +81-75-712-2312

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Doshisha International Academy

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Developing students' qualities and abilities to play active roles on the world stage in the 21st century

Doshisha International Academy (DIA), based on the educational philosophy of Doshisha, strives to nurture people dedicated to bettering their lives through lifelong learning, who are committed to bettering the world through global cooperation, and are devoted to promoting love as the principle to help us choose the right path while cherishing God's gift of life.

Unique Curriculum

International Baccalaureate (IB) program and English-based learning

The Doshisha International Academy Elementary School provides education through two approaches: native-language-based bilingual education in Japanese and English that has been certified as a special curriculum system in which the content of the Course of Study for Elementary Schools is taught in Japanese and English (50% or more); and subject integration-type inquiry-based learning that has adopted the framework of International Baccalaureate programs (as an authorized school for the Primary Years Programme). Meanwhile, at DISK, all classes are taught in English, except for Japanese language classes. This Doshisha-specific international school is an accredited IB school (PYP and DP), featuring a recommendation system for admission to any faculty of Doshisha University.

School Data

- Established in 2011
- Capacity per grade: elementary school: 60, DISK: 25
- *DISK will stop enrollment into 1st grade from September 2018, however, will continue to accept students into existing classes.
- Total Area: 33,648m²
- Address: 7-31-1 Kizugawa-dai, Kizugawa City, Kyoto, 619-0225 Japan Tel: +81-774-71-0810 Fax: +81-774-71-0815

<https://www.diskyoto.com/index.html>



Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Cultivating women who can make positive and meaningful contributions to creating a better world with dignity and conscience

Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts conducts education and research with Christian principles, internationalism and liberal arts as its educational philosophies. It aims to nurture independent women who use their knowledge and abilities as conscience dictates and play an active role for the betterment of society. For that purpose, we offer an educational environment that focuses on one-to-one dialogues with students in small-size classes. In AY 2017, we announced "Vision 150," a new future policy toward 2026, when we will celebrate our 150th anniversary. Under the concept of "nurturing persons who can improve 21st century society from the viewpoint of women," we aim to create a society where women can truly shine.

Unique Curriculum

Offering highly specialized learning, as well as wide-ranging general education based on a liberal arts spirit

A flexible curriculum system is offered to develop each student's potential and motivation to the fullest. In addition to the specialized subjects in each department, a wide range of learning options, such as common subjects, other departments' subjects, and credit transfers with Doshisha University, help expand students' horizons.

School Data

- Established in 1876
- Admission Capacity: Undergraduate (6 Faculties): 1,450 Postgraduate (5 Graduate Schools): 67 Postgraduate Certificate Program: 20
- Total Area: 160,000m²
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Doshisha Kori Junior and Senior High School

Education Overview

Educational Policy

'Freedom carries responsibility' is Kori's shared belief. Respect for diversity and individuality helps students to motivate one another.

Doshisha Kori is the only school of the Doshisha that is located in Osaka, implementing its distinct education. The atmosphere of the school is filled with freedom and autonomy based on Christian principles. We endeavor to create an environment where students can express their individuality as well as freely share ideas while collaborating with teachers and peers. At Senior High School, we conduct an entrance examination, which comprehensively evaluates each student's individuality and potential.

Unique Curriculum

In the six high school years at Kori, we will equip students with strong academic skills and develop career consciousness to give shape to their own dreams for the future.

At Junior High School, we help students to acquire a solid and balanced academic foundation, and also develop their physical and mental capacity, through a 'six-days-a-week' curriculum. At Senior High School, students need to work hard toward their goal of entering higher education. For that purpose, we offer a wide range of curriculum options to enhance specialized knowledge tailored to students' individual needs, and also help their future academic and career plans with various support systems.

School Data

- Established in 1951
- Admission Capacity: Junior high school: 240 Senior high school: 315
- Total Area: 80,231m²
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Doshisha International Junior and Senior High School

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Encouraging students to enjoy and benefit from 'learning together'

About 60% of our students are returnees who have experienced education abroad. We focus on the development of students' individual skills and talents, while strengthening their basic academic abilities. We also offer an environment to promote communication among students from different educational backgrounds, which includes the Communication Center equipped with comprehensive facilities such as a library and a computer room.

Unique Curriculum

Classes graded to learning levels and a variety of elective courses tailored to the students' diverse needs

Each of our students has a uniquely diverse background and learning history. We offer different course levels for foreign languages, as well as many elective subjects to better accommodate students' different interests and learning styles. College-level subjects such as philosophy, environment studies and psychology are also offered.

School Data

- Established in 1980
- Admission Capacity: Junior high school: 130 Senior high school: 270
- Total Area: 1030,18m²
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Doshisha Kindergarten

Education Overview

Educational Policy

Instilling in children a love and respect for people and nature, based on Christian principles

At Doshisha Kindergarten, which plays a fundamental role in Doshisha's integrated, all-round education, we place great emphasis on the children's emotional and mental growth with a view to developing the ability to act with compassion toward others. Starting with a daily service, life for children at Doshisha Kindergarten is full of rich and varied experiences that help to enhance their emotional, intellectual and physical development in a harmonious and balanced way.

Unique Curriculum

Childcare Promoting Interaction among Children of Different Ages

Doshisha Kindergarten not only offers classes by age but also provides childcare promoting social interaction among children of different ages, transcending classes and class teachers. This system enables all the teachers to make concerted efforts to watch the children grow up and gain a deeper understanding of the children. Club activities and other events provide opportunities for children to give exhibitions and performances with team members of different ages. Toward these goals, mixed-age group members engage in discussions appropriate for their ages and share opinions. We place a premium on the process of bringing a task to completion together, with enthusiasm and interest. Doshisha Kindergarten leads individual-level growth to community-level growth, helping children develop their capabilities that must be acquired in early childhood.

School Data

- Established in 1897
- Admission Capacity: 30
- Total Area: 1030,18m²
- Address: 665-1 Samedoncho, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto, 602-0844 Japan Tel: +81-75-748-0027 Fax: +81-75-748-0713

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