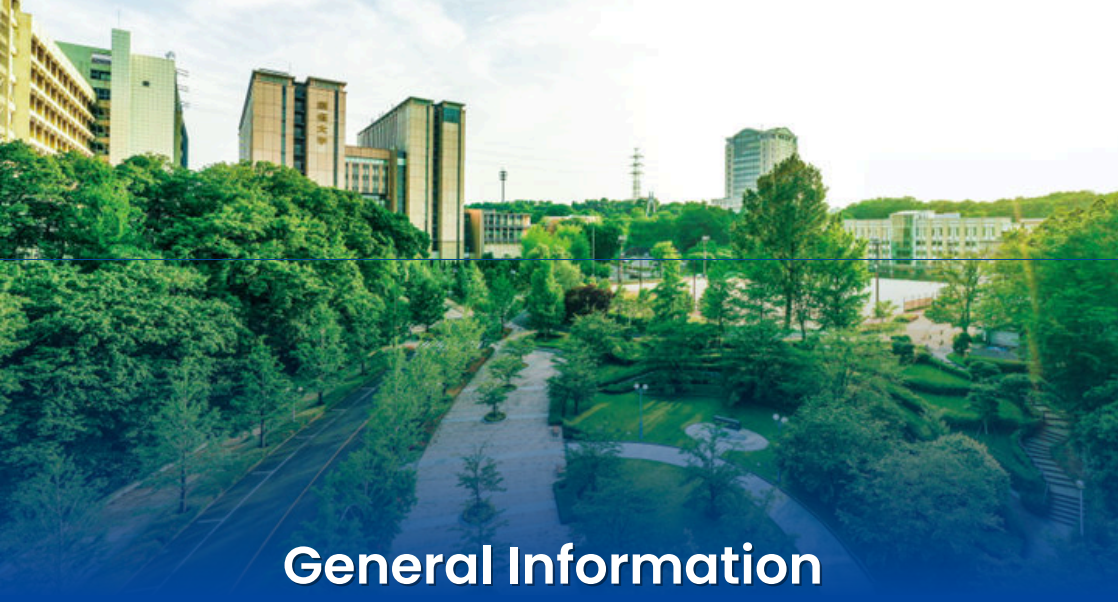
Fact Sheet
(Exchange Program)



General Information

Country	Japan
City	Hachioji, Tokyo
Year of Founding	1971
Type of Institution	Private
Majors (Undergraduate)	Economics, Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education, Science and Engineering, Nursing, International Liberal Arts, Economics and Business Administration (from 2026 April)
Website	https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/
Youtube	https://www.youtube.com/@sokaunivmovie

Our Achievements

Soka University ranked 9th among private universities in Japan (40th overall) in the THE Impact Rankings 2025, placing 1st among private institutions for SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities. Since 2019, it has advanced sustainability through its SDGs Promotion Center and its 2021–2030 strategic plan.

Field	World Ranking	National Overall Ranking	Domestic private university rankings
Overall Ranking	1001-1500th place	Tied for 40th place	Tied for 9th place
SDG4: Quality Education	601-800th place	2nd place	1st place
SDG 10: Reduced inequalities	401-600th place	Tied for 2nd place	Tied for 1st place
SDG12: Responsible Consumption and Production	301-400th place	Tied for 12th place	Tied for 3rd place
SDG 14: Life below water	201-300th place	Tied for 13th place	Tied for 3rd place
SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals	401-600th place	Tied for 12th place	Tied for 4

Academic Calendar

	Period of Semester	Mid-term Exam Period	Final Exam Period	Break
Fall Semester	mid-September – late January	late October – mid November	late January	Winter Break: late December – early January
Spring Semester	early April – late July	mid May – mid June	late July	Summer Break: late July – mid September

https://www.soka.ac.jp/campuslife/learning/lesson

Nomination

Students must be nominated by their home institution via the following form by the designated deadline:
https://forms.office.com/r/SuTAAqja5Y

Semester	Deadline
Fall Semester	**March 15**
Spring Semester	**October 15**

Application

Students must register and complete the online application form and submit necessary documents to Soka University.

Semester	Deadline
Fall Semester	**March 31**
Spring Semester	**October 31**

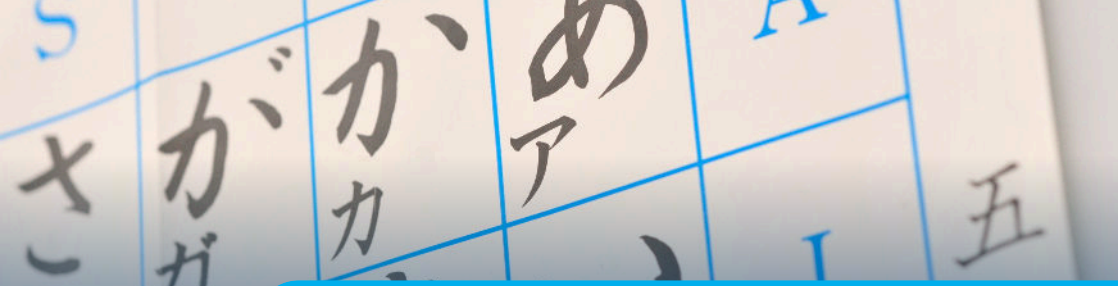
Courses and Language Requirements

- The tuition fees will be waived for all exchange students.
- Each class is 90 minutes.
- Students must take at least 7 classes per week.
- Exchange students may take classes in Japanese, English, or both if they meet the language requirements below.

Course type	Language Requirement	Credits
Taught in Japanese	Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 or above	2 – 4 (depends on the course)
Taught in English	English proficiency of TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 5.5, CEFR B2, or equivalent	2 – 4 (depends on the course)
Japanese Language Classes	N/A*1	1 – 2*2 (depends on the course)

*1 Japanese language classes are categorized into seven proficiency levels: ES to E5 as below. For details, please refer to the next page (“Japanese Language Levels”).

*2 Japanese language classes can be registered up to 8 credits per semester.



Japanese Language Levels

JLPT Level	Category	Proficiency Level
Below N5	ES	Minimal Japanese for daily life in Japan
Below N5	E0	Basic level
N5 equivalent	E1	Basic level
N4 equivalent	E2	Intermediate level
N3 equivalent	E3	Intermediate level
N2 equivalent	E4	Pre-Advanced level
N1 equivalent	E5	Advanced level

JLPT Levels: https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html

Students going-on to their 1st semester: Level of class will be chosen based on the results of placement test.
Students going-on to their 2nd semester and on: Students will be placed in the subsequent class.
For example, students who were E0 will proceed to E1.
Students who were in E5 will remain in E5.

Accommodation

- **Female Dormitories:**
  5 dormitories available for exchange students

- **Male Dormitories:**
  2 dormitories available for exchange students

- **Room Details:**
  Facilities and room types vary depending on the dormitory.

- **Accommodation Fees:**
  Fees depend on the conditions specified in the agreement between the partner university and Soka University.

For photos, addresses, and full details of each dormitory, please refer to the links below:

- **Female Dormitories**
  https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dormitory/life_female/

- **Male Dormitories**
  https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dormitory/life_male/

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