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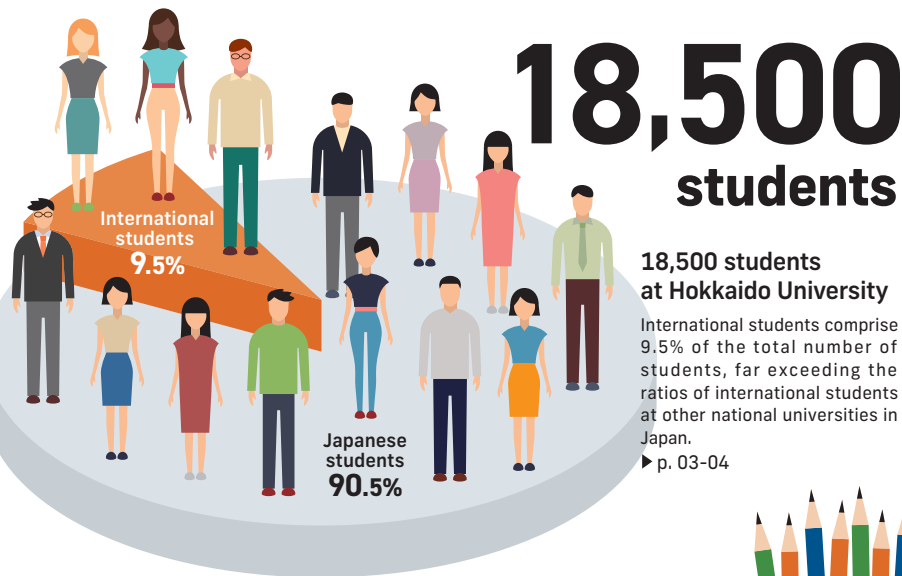
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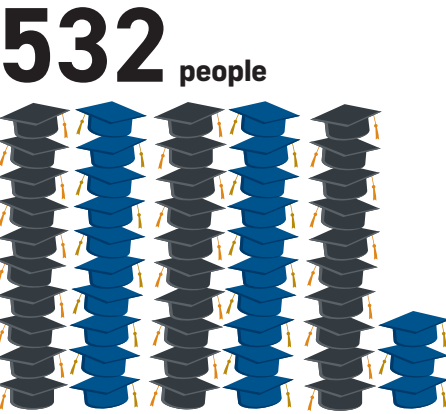
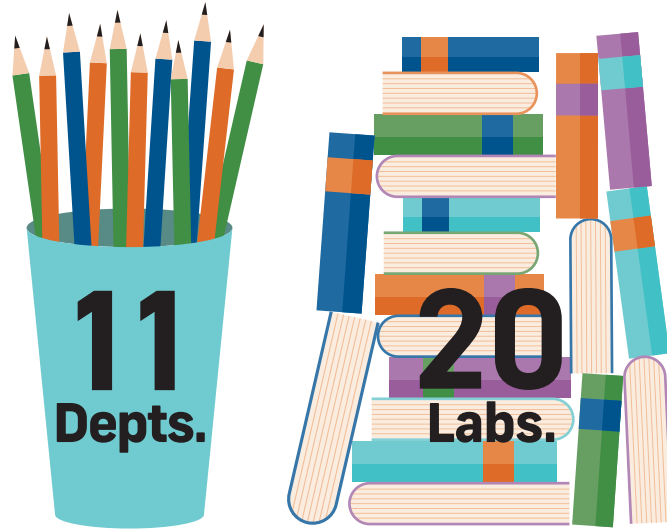
Welcome to the School of Humanities and Human Sciences / Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences, Hokkaido University!



110 faculty members belong to the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences/ Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences

110 faculty members take charge of education in the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences and over 90 of them also belong to the Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences, our research organization. Each faculty member is invested in creating world-leading class education and research.

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206 universities that offer international exchange programs

We have 194 partner universities in 50 countries and regions. The School of Humanities and Human Sciences/ Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences has 12 departmental-wide partner universities. In addition, the International Affairs Unit supports both inbound and outbound students.

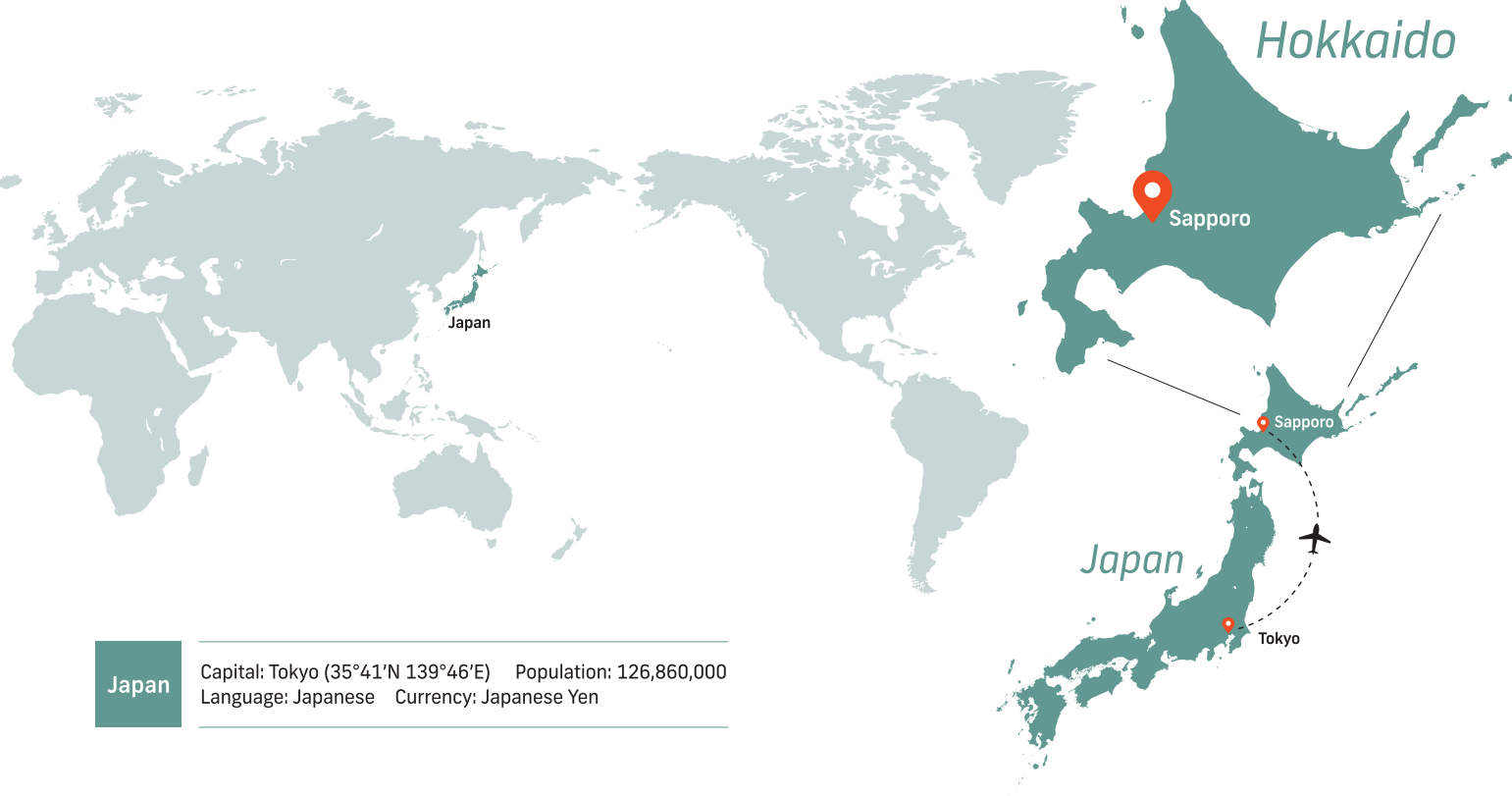
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HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW



Japan

Capital: Tokyo (35°41'N 139°46'E) Population: 126,860,000
Language: Japanese Currency: Japanese Yen

Hokkaido

Japan

Sapporo

Sapporo

Tokyo

Hokkaido is the northernmost island of Japan. With a number of World Natural Heritage Sites and national parks, this island is blessed with rich nature, beautiful scenery, and delicious food. Sapporo is the central city of Hokkaido and the 5th largest city in Japan with a population of two million people. It is always ranked as one of the top three favorite cities to visit, and Hokkaido University is located right in the center of this attractive city.

Hokkaido University's 12 undergraduate and 21 graduate schools cover almost all areas of the humanities, social, and natural sciences. Exciting research from this university leads Japan and the world. A faculty of over 2,000 offers our students highly specialized knowledge from talented and innovative researchers in diverse fields.

Research results achieved by Hokkaido University are recognized around the world; most recently in a long line of achievements is the Nobel Prize awarded to Professor Emeritus Suzuki Akira in Chemistry in 2010. A well-rounded educational foundation supports the cutting-edge research that is carried out at this vibrant campus environment making it one of the world's leading research bases.

- Placed in the top 23 universities in the Asian region, and was ranked 8th in Japan by the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2012.
- Sapporo Campus Size 180ha
- Total Student Numbers
18,500 (approx.)
12,000 undergraduate and 6,500 postgraduate
- International Student Numbers
2,208 (from over 85 countries and regions)

*Data as of Nov.1, 2017



Access



Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences / School of Humanities and Human Sciences



Investigating the world around us in order to uncover more profound understandings of human beings and society is the purpose of our education and research. Faculty and students utilize the extensive framework of approaches and tools ranging from textual interpretation to fieldwork and experimentation to formulate theories about their questions. Many of these questions are related to complex and multi-faceted issues facing society today. Acquiring a firm base of knowledge, developing deep thought processes, and learning how to apply these to whatever questions that arise create students who are ready to meet societies' needs in the future.

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RESEARCH "8 Pioneers"

Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences



TAGUCHI Shigeru

Philosophy
Phenomenology,
Philosophy of Consciousness,
Modern Japanese Philosophy

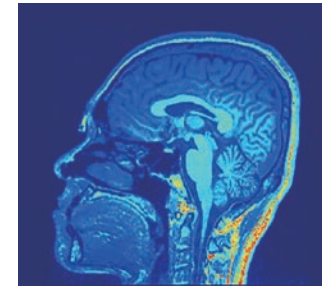
I have been working in the areas of phenomenology and Japanese Philosophy. For the last ten years I have been also conducting joint research with a mathematician, neuroscientists, cognitive scientists, and AI researchers. Philosophers are experts of re-examining what is usually taken for granted. I believe that we can find creative new approaches to known problems and phenomena through an interdisciplinary study of human experience and cognition.



KATO Hirofumi

Indigenous Archaeology,
Siberian Archaeology

My research interests are the relationship between contemporary archaeology and Indigenous peoples, and archaeology in Siberia. Currently, we are planning on establishing an international research network with seven international partner institutes in order to study the historical formation process of cultural diversities and the characteristics of Indigenous heritage in the global context. I also examine the formation process of the Ainu ethnicity from the perspective of migration and cultural integration.



OGAWA Kenji

Cognitive Neuroscience,
Cognitive Psychology,
Neuroimaging

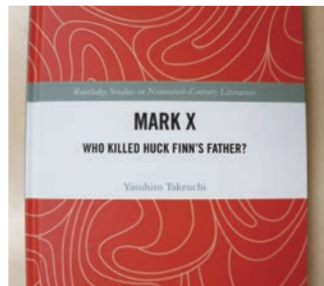
My research area is cognitive neuroscience which connects cognitive psychology and neuroscience. This mainly involves using an MRI to measure human brain activity and structures to reveal neural processes as well as representations for various cognitive functions. My research topics include sensorimotor learning and social cognition. Recently, my research group has also been investigating the developmental process of social cognition by studying children.



HASEGAWA Takahiko

Modern and Contemporary
History of the United Kingdom,
Historical Theory

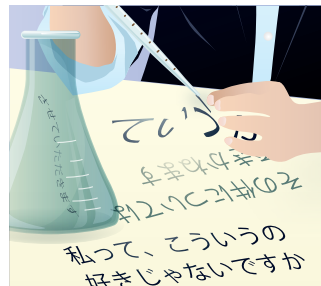
My area of specialty is modern British history. I have been focusing on the history of the Industrial Revolution and the Welfare State in Britain. My current research interest is the reassessment of 1970s Britain, which was a turning point for the post-war history. I am also interested in theory and philosophy of history, thinking about the foundation of history as an academic discipline.



TAKEUCHI Yasuhiro

American Literature

Being a self-appointed literary detective, I recently finished my investigation into the unresolved murder in one of Mark Twain's novels and published its result in *Mark X: Who Killed Huck Finn's Father?* I am currently working on a thus-far undetected crime mystery in an obscure short story by Edgar Allan Poe and the case of a mysterious "suicide" in one of J. D. Salinger's stories.



KATO Shigehiro

General Linguistics,
Japanese Linguistics,
Linguistic Pragmatics

My main field is linguistics, and the target language is chiefly Japanese. I am interested both in syntax and pragmatics. Syntax studies the grammar and the structures of languages, and pragmatics deals with contexts, implicated interpretations, and usages in communication. I also study foundations of linguistics, which studies linguistics itself and history of linguistics, and sociolinguistics, including Japanese dialectology.



TAKIMOTO Ayaka

Comparative Cognitive Science,
Animal Psychology

My research topic is the evolution of social mind. Social mind means the mind that develops through productive communication with others such as family, friends and so on. I have investigated how social mind has developed and evolved by observing and testing group-living animals, especially primates who are genetically close to humans and companion animals who are spatially and psychologically close to humans in order to explore what makes human social mind unique.



SASAKI Toru

Museum Management,
Cultural Anthropology

My research focuses on the management of museums. Specifically, I engage in fieldwork on site at museums for my research. I am particularly interested in researching how to evaluate museums. What kind of value do museums have for the visitors who come to visit them? What kind of value can they have for local community members who might not go to visit the museum itself? Otherwise, what kind of value do they have for the communities themselves? In this way, I clarify what kind of value they have to offer, and think about how to increase their value in the community.

Facilities: Making Connections

Centers related to the School of Humanities and Human Sciences/ Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences

Some of the members of the Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences also belong to other research centers on campus. By making connections between our faculty and these centers, researchers collaborate and share their knowledge and expertise with other institutions and with the world.

Center for Applied Ethics and Philosophy

Established in 2007, this center educates and trains young specialists in Philosophy and Ethics to give them a contemporary perspective on applied ethics/ applied philosophy through the Graduate Program in Applied Ethics. This center also works to promote research and education concerning applied ethics, applied philosophy, gender studies, in addition to death and life studies. Furthermore, this center also publishes *The Journal of Applied Ethics and Philosophy*.



Center for Northern Humanities

The purpose of this research center is to promote education and research in the field of "Northern Humanities," exploring this area from a multidisciplinary perspective through the many academic specialties of the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences, such as history, culture, linguistics, art, and the environment. To promote this aim, the Center has planned and organized various activities, including symposia, workshops, conferences, publications, and lectures.



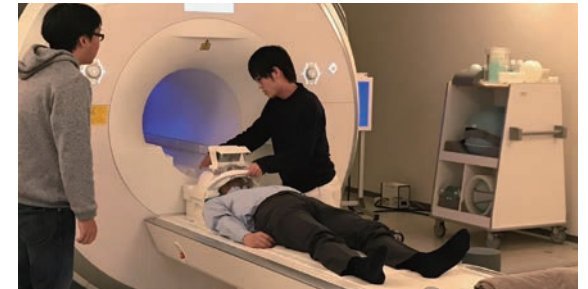
Center for Experimental Research in Social Sciences (CERSS)

The Center for Experimental Research in Social Sciences (CERSS) is a specialized center dedicated to facilitating cutting-edge experimental research in the social sciences. It is currently the only specialized center of its kind in Japan. CERSS serves as a core hub for affiliated research institutions from all over the world to cooperate and collaborate together on innovative research projects. The center also plays a crucial role in bridging connections for advanced studies to be conducted across a variety of related fields including psychology, cognitive science, brain science, economics, law, and political studies. A fundamental part of CERSS's mission is to cultivate young researchers, help to promote new research findings to a global audience, and contribute to the development of education and research in experimental social sciences.



Center for Human Nature, Artificial Intelligence, and Neuroscience (CHAIN)

What are human beings? This is the question that the Center for Human Nature, Artificial Intelligence, and Neuroscience (CHAIN) is attempting to answer through interdisciplinary study of the humanities, social sciences, neuroscience, and artificial intelligence. At the intersection of these disciplines, the Center intends to integrate highly philosophical ideas with mathematical and empirical scientific methods and findings through a close collaboration between specialists from diverse disciplines. In April 2020, the Center will launch a new interdisciplinary graduate program.



Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies (CAIS)

The Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies (CAIS) promotes interdisciplinary research and education with indigenous peoples, building a worldwide network of academic institutions and indigenous organization. The Center's collaborative work includes the preservation and revitalization of Ainu traditional crafts, skills, and language.

Slavic-Eurasian Research Center (SRC)

This is the only research center dedicated to the comprehensive study of the Slavic-Eurasian region in Japan. The Slavic-Eurasian Research Center primarily works to develop research concerning the diverse countries and areas that comprise the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and functions as one of the international hubs for various areas of Eurasian research.



Hokkaido University Museum

The Hokkaido University Museum is housed in the old science building built in 1929. The museum opened in 1999 and was renovated in 2016. On the first floor, visitors follow the history of the university and learn details about each of the schools and graduate schools. On the second floor, geological, botanical, and biological exhibitions provide points of interest as giant crocodile and dinosaur skeletons await visitors. The café provides meals, drinks, and a place to meet and talk.



Hokkaido University Libraries

As one of Japan's leading research libraries, the Hokkaido University libraries hold approximately 3.9 million books and journals. One unique collection, the Northern Studies Collection has a wealth of valuable documents including a large number of pictures which can be easily accessed online. To raise the standard of academic communication, the libraries continue to expand their electronic collection and develop the institutional repository. With a seating capacity of around 1,600 including open spaces for discussions and quiet places for study, the libraries continue to play a vital role as places of learning.



Hokkaido University Archives

The Hokkaido University Archives was established in 2005 to collect, organize, preserve, and allow public access of important documents and materials related to the University's history. Archivists conduct research on these documents, publish yearly reports, and hold study meetings. Exhibitions, such as the recent one about women in research to commemorate the 100-year mark of women's enrollment at the university or Nitobe Inazo and Mary's En-Yu Night School, are held in the lobby.



Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences: Delving Deep

Diverse fields combined with distinctive research styles characterize our graduate school. Limited only by imagination, faculty delve deep into a myriad of topics. Global collaboration adds another dimension to their research.

Division of Humanities

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

- Philosophy and Ethics
- Religious Studies and Indian Philosophy



Department of Linguistics

- Linguistics



Department of History

- Japanese History
- Oriental History
- Occidental History
- Archaeology



Department of Slavic-Eurasian Studies

- Slavic-Eurasian Studies



Department of Cultural Diversity Studies

- Cultural Anthropology
- Aesthetics and History of Art
- Museum Studies



Department of Ainu and Indigenous Studies

- Ainu and Indigenous Studies



Department of Cultural Representations

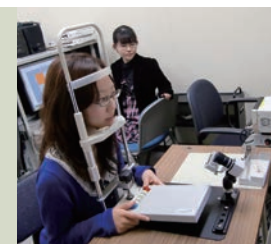
- European and American Literature
- Pre-modern Japanese Literature and Culture
- Sinology
- Visual and Modern Culture



Division of Human Sciences

Department of Psychology

- Psychology



Department of Behavioral Science

- Behavioral Science



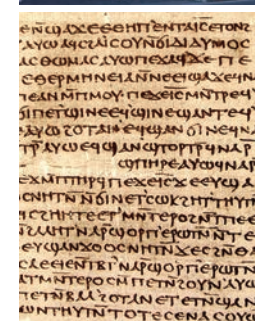
Department of Sociology

- Sociology



Department of Regional Science

- Regional Science



Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences: Finding Their Own Style

Supported and encouraged by our faculty, students experience numerous educational and research styles. Participation in many on- and off-campus programs enable students to interact with other students from various fields which in turn gives depth to their own research.



Master's Course

The master's course typically takes 2 years for completion. In the guidance session at the beginning of the course, information on classes and course studies in general is provided, and then the students are assigned to advisors. 30 credits or more are necessary in order to attain a master's degree for which thesis writing is a major requirement. Students work on their theses under the instruction of their advisors. It is also an important training opportunity for them to partake in seminars and conferences with scholars from their specialized field.

Doctoral Course

The doctoral course typically takes 3 years for completion. The doctoral course aims to train students to become independent researchers and specialists equipped with all requisite skills. During the course, a strong emphasis is placed on presenting their work at on- and off-campus seminars and conferences in addition to publishing papers in academic journals. For the latter, they are encouraged to publish their work in refereed journals. All of these activities are expected to benefit the students by creating contacts with scholars throughout Japan and the world, as well as providing more opportunities to partake in seminars at various locations.

Research Students

As it is difficult to apply directly to the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences from outside of Japan due to logistics and language ability, we offer a research student program (a minimum of one semester) to assist students to adjust the language and the education system.

Student Numbers: Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences

Master's Course			Doctoral Course				Total
Enrollment Limit	1st	2nd	Enrollment Limit	1st	2nd	3rd	
90	111	121	35	32	39	90	393

*Data as of May 1, 2019

Cultural Enrichment Program

The cultural enrichment program is an educational program designed for graduate students in the Master's or Doctoral courses who will work outside of academia after they graduate.

In this program, students gain not only a more profound understanding of their own specialty in their graduate studies but also gain an overall understanding of the humanities and human and social sciences. In this process, they also learn generic skills that will prove useful in society. Students who complete this program will receive a diploma.



Support for Graduate Students

- Graduate Grant Program
 - Travel allowance for presentations at academic conferences
 - Grant for proofreading of academic papers
- Teaching Assistant Program
- Research Assistant Program
- Teaching Fellow Program



Leaves of Books : Works by Our Faculty

In the entrance hall of the Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences, you can find a space known as the "Leaves of Books." Here, you can peruse bookshelves containing some of the recent works written by our researchers in the Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences. Ever since we first created this dedicated space for displaying faculty-written books in 2008, the "Leaves of Books" exhibition has served to introduce visitors to the diverse research being undertaken here. Additionally, the "One More Piece" lunch lecture has allowed us to give the stage to faculty members to share their accumulated wealth of knowledge during a mini-lecture and Q&A session with faculty, staff, and students deepening academic exchange.



- Opportunity to submit papers to journals published by our organization
 - Journal of the Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences
 - Research Journal of the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Science
- Book funds for graduate students
- Study rooms for graduate students
- Program for proofreading of academic papers in Japanese

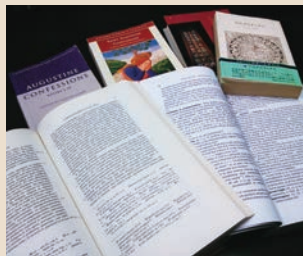
This program assists MA and PhD students in their last year of study in writing their theses or dissertations in Japanese. Trained proofreaders thoroughly check the papers and explain the technicalities and nuances of Japanese writing to the students.

School of Humanities and Human Sciences: Building on the Foundation

Undergraduates choose from four courses described below in our School of Humanities and Human Sciences. After that, they can choose a specific discipline or can experience a wide range of learning in our Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies.

Philosophy and Cultural Studies

This course consists of philosophy, ethics, religious studies, Buddhist studies, art and museum studies. In addition to questioning "Knowing" and "Existing" deeply, students will conduct research on "how humans should live" and explore cultural phenomenon as specific effects of human mental activities.



● Philosophy and Ethics



● Religious Studies and Indian Philosophy



● Aesthetics and History of Art



● Museum Studies

History and Anthropology

The aim of this course is to use history, anthropology, and archeology to study the societies and cultures of a number of regions and ethnic groups throughout the world. The course focuses on the study of ancient to contemporary history in Japan, the East, the West, as well as the study of anthropology and archeology from the birth of the human race to the present time.



● Japanese History



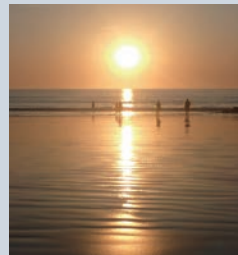
● Oriental History



● Occidental History



● Archaeology



● Cultural Anthropology

Linguistics and Literature

Language is a means of communication as well as a tool of thinking. In the Linguistics and Literature course, students conduct research comparing the history and mechanism of languages by time period and region, and analyze the philosophy and literature represented by languages through images, language, and information.



● European and American Literature



● Pre-modern Japanese Literature and Culture



● Sinology



● Visual and Modern Culture



● Linguistics

Human Sciences

This course aims to understand the mechanism of society and human behavior from an empirical point of view based on data analysis. Subjects of this course include psychology, social psychology, sociology, social ecology, and geography. In addition to this base, analytical classes on experiments, surveys, and research methodology provide the skills for research.



● Psychology



● Behavioral Science



● Sociology



● Regional Science

Student Numbers: School of Humanities and Human Sciences

Enrollment Limit	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
185	185	197	226	608

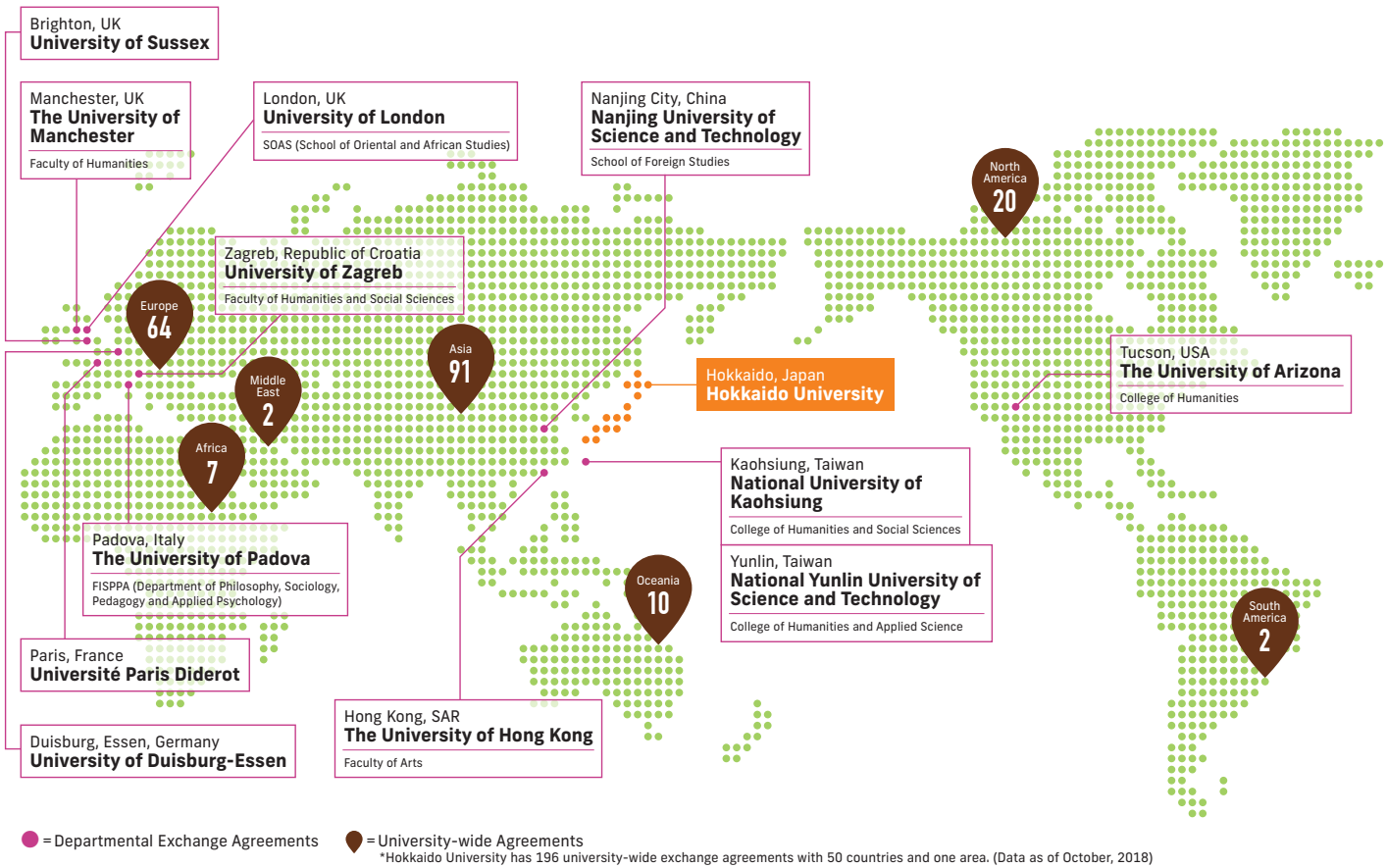
*1st year students all belong to the First-year Education Division and officially become School of Humanities and Human Sciences students from their 2nd year. *Data as of May 1, 2019

International Partnerships: Not Only Networks

Making Friends on a Global Level

Both our faculty and students benefit from our many international partnerships. HU students and international students find similarities and differences in their experiences and studies. Faculty collaborate and spread knowledge through the network of scholars.

The Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences has 12 departmental exchange agreements with other university departments. In addition, numerous academic agreements support researchers on a global scale.



Overseas Satellite Offices

The university's Korea Office in Seoul, Europe Office in Helsinki, China Office in Beijing, Russian Office in Moscow, Liaison Office in Thailand, Liaison Office in Indonesia, Liaison Office in Philippines, and Liaison Office in Beijing, China were established to provide more information and services regarding the university and its entrance examinations to potential students.

International Exchange Students

There are three types of programs which are designed to provide students from affiliated universities with the opportunity to study for one semester or one academic year in the School of Humanities and Human Sciences / Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences. Only students from universities which have signed exchange agreements with the School of Humanities and Human Sciences / Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences or Hokkaido University may apply.

Special Audit Students

Six-month or one-year programs in which students are assigned to a particular faculty member and undertake studies centered around their specialty in the same manner as regular students. Instruction is mainly in Japanese so a high level of language proficiency is required.

HUSTEP (Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program)

A "junior year abroad" type program designed to provide undergraduate students from affiliated universities with the opportunity to study in Japan at Hokkaido University. Participants in this program take a wide variety of classes offered in English in the fields of culture, society, environment, science, and technology. Students also have the chance to study the Japanese language. In addition, some participants are able to pursue independent study research under the guidance of a faculty member. There are also opportunities to take part in numerous traditional and contemporary Japanese cultural activities. Students admitted to the program are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Special Research Students (For Graduate Students)

Six-month or one-year programs in which students are assigned to a particular graduate school and undertake studies centered around their specialty in the same manner as regular students. Instruction is mainly in Japanese so a high level of language proficiency is required.

Scholarships

The Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) offers scholarships. Additionally, there are many private scholarships available.

Special Grant Program

The Hokkaido University Special Grant Program for Self-Supported International Students is for prospective international students seeking doctoral degrees. Applicants are eligible to apply to become research assistants and have their tuition fees waived.

International Affairs Unit (IAU)

The International Affairs Unit (IAU) supports both inbound and outbound students in both the School and Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences. When international students arrive, the IAU provides student supporters who help guide new students as they do necessary paperwork at the ward office, banks, and dormitories. The IAU also holds guidance sessions, assists with insurance, explains about registration, provides student tutors, and supports students in their daily lives. For students interested in studying abroad, in addition to holding guidance sessions explaining the application process, the IAU provides individualized step-by-step advice in order to make the process smoother and easier for students. The IAU is also instrumental in making agreements with partner universities and maintaining the established agreements. The IAU is looking forward to supporting you!

Supporter System (for new international students)

When international students arrive in Sapporo, the university provides a "supporter" to help them navigate entrance paperwork, ward office registration, bank accounts, and mobile phone contracts. Supporters also show the students around campus and help them with any problems they might encounter at the beginning of their study at HU.

Tutor System (for academic assistance)

After international students get settled in, they can ask a tutor to help them with their studies. Tutors help students read Japanese characters, explain how to write reports, discuss manners and cultural issues, assist students in the library, and perhaps become friends.

Program for proofreading of academic papers in Japanese (p. 12)

Days at Hokkaido University



International student
Xiong Zheng
China
Master's Course

Both Hokkaido and Hokkaido University are wide, open areas, making it easy to relax and study in peace. I'm currently researching the Chinese six-dynasties era poet, Tao Yuanming. Every week, I have a one-to-one study session with Professor Hiroyuki Kondo. I am grateful for the warm advisory he has given me. Thanks to him, I was able to write two papers in the first year of the Master's course.



International student
Toh Hyunah
Korea
Doctoral Course

After hearing a presentation from graduate students studying under Professor Kato at a conference in Korea about Japanese language, I decided to study pragmatics at Hokkaido University. One point that was helpful for me is that, in my research room, we do not only study pragmatics. Rather, we research syntactic pragmatics, which combines both pragmatics and syntax. I currently have many chances for discussion with both Japanese students and international students from various countries, so I have found my research environment to be quite good.



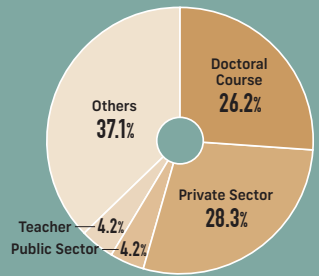
International student
Molnár Levente
Hungary
Doctoral Course

When searching for a place to research film studies, I saw four researchers at Hokkaido University studying Visual and Modern Culture. Using French Thought and Philosophy in order to research Film Studies is truly unique, and something that I believe you can only do here at Hokkaido University. The environment at the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences is great. Students have the freedom to do the research they choose and this is definitely appealing.

Career Information of the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences

Master's Course (International Graduates)

Accenture, ANIMATION COMPANY EMON, Belle Coeur, BIC CAMERA, Cinq, COACH ACADEMY, Hong Kong NetEase Interactive Entertainment, IBM Global Services Japan Solution and Services Company, intellim, JAPAN AIRLINES, JBCC Holdings, KITO, LINCREA, Nitori, NTT DATA MSE, Oriental Land, Panasonic, Tenpos Busters, YAMATO TRANSPORT

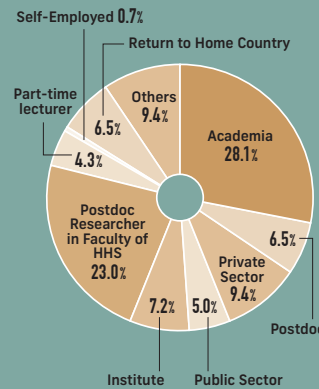


Master's graduates in the past three years

Doctoral Course (International Graduates)

CENTAN, Hokkaido Chinawork, Hokkai-Gakuen University, Hokusei Gakuen University, Muroran Institute of Technology, Nagasaki University, Sapporo International University, SAYU, Tanagawa University, The Asahi Shimbun Company, The University of Tokyo

Central China Normal University, Hebei University of Economics and Business, Jahangirnagar University, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Nanyang Normal University, Naresuan University, Soongsil University, Tongji University, University of Macau, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics
Postdoctoral researcher in HU, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow



Doctoral graduates in the past five years

(Percentage figures include Japanese graduates)

Hokkaido Summer Institute (HSI)

HSI provides a chance for world-class researchers and international students to collaborate with HU faculty and students in specially designed intensive courses. Many of these courses incorporate experiences that can only be found in Sapporo and Hokkaido. Spend a cool, comfortable, and educational summer at HU!



<https://hokkaidosummerinstitute.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/>

