More Opportunities to Study in English at Japanese Universities: Latest Admissions Information for 20 Universities and Insights from Current Students in One Guide

Kikokushijo Academy Releases Free 2027 Edition of *Bluebook Select University Prep*, a University Admissions Guide for Returnee and Bilingual Students

Kikokushijo Academy (KA), which provides English education and university admissions support for returnee and bilingual students, has released the 2027 Admissions Edition of *Bluebook Select University Prep*, a free guidebook featuring information on Japanese universities and academic programs where students can study in English, along with the latest developments in comprehensive selection admissions.

The new edition expands the number of universities featured in the first edition and includes admissions information for 2027, including new programs planned at the University of Tokyo and Tohoku University. For the first time, the guide also features insights from current university students, offering a closer look at academic programs and campus life. It is designed to help students and families considering Japanese universities where they can make use of their English proficiency.

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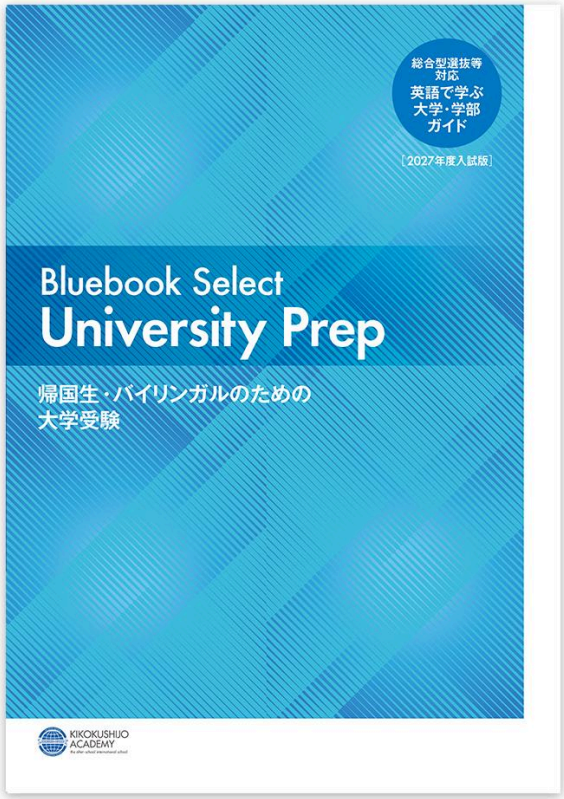


Bluebook Select University Prep, 2027 Admissions Edition

Key Highlights

- Expanded coverage to 20 universities, spanning approximately 45 faculties, departments and academic programs
- Admissions information for new programs at the University of Tokyo and Tohoku University
- Newly featured student perspectives from Waseda University, Keio University, Sophia University and International Christian University (ICU)
- Insights into academic and campus life beyond admissions information

New Academic Programs at the University of Tokyo and Tohoku University

The 2027 edition adds universities such as International Christian University (ICU), Kwansei Gakuin University, and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). It also introduces the University of Tokyo's UTokyo College of Design, Tohoku University's Gateway College, and

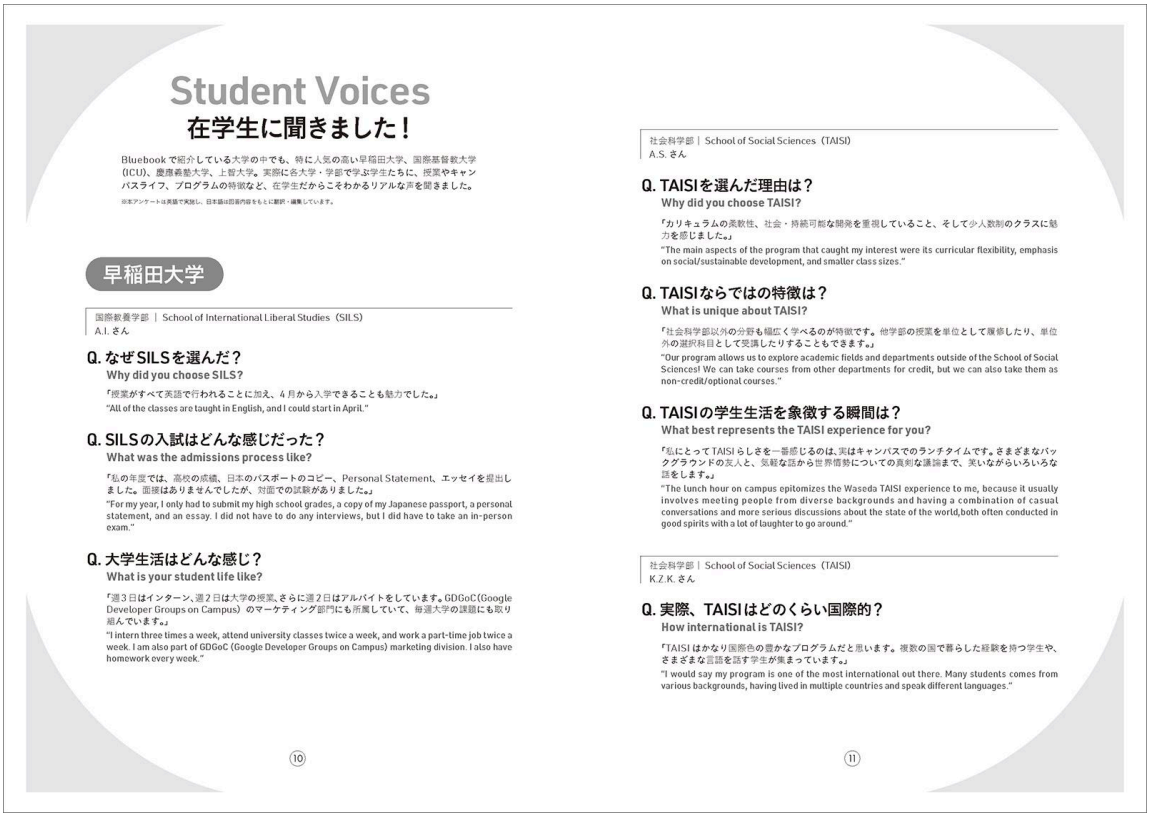
Tokyo Metropolitan University's English-taught degree programs (T-GLIPs), all scheduled to launch in 2027, as well as Tokyo Metropolitan University's GLIDe program, planned for 2028.

Covering a wide range of fields, including liberal arts, business, and data science, the guide presents application eligibility, selection methods, and admissions schedules in an easy-to-compare format, helping students and families explore their university options.

Student Voices: A Firsthand Look at Academic and Campus Life

New to this edition is the “Student Voices” section, featuring perspectives from current students at Waseda University, Keio University, Sophia University and International Christian University (ICU). Students share their reasons for choosing their universities, classroom experiences, experiences with the admissions process and campus life.

A Waseda student describes discussing global affairs over lunch with friends from diverse backgrounds, while an ICU student highlights the appeal of a liberal arts education that allows students to explore a range of academic fields before choosing a major. These firsthand accounts offer insights into university life that go beyond official admissions guidelines.



Student Voices
在学生に聞きました！

Bluebookで紹介している大学の中でも、特に人気の高い早稲田大学、国際基督教大学（ICU）、慶應義塾大学、上智大学。実際に各大学・学部で学ぶ学生たちに、授業やキャンパスライフ、プログラムの特徴など、在学生だからこそわかるリアルな声を聞きました。

※本アンケートは英語で実施し、日本語は回答内容をもとに翻訳・編集しています。

早稲田大学

国際教養学部 | School of International Liberal Studies（SILS）
A.I. さん

Q. なぜSILSを選んだ？
Why did you choose SILS?
「授業がすべて英語で行われることに加え、4月から入学できることも魅力でした。」
"All of the classes are taught in English, and I could start in April."

Q. SILSの入試はどんな感じだった？
What was the admissions process like?
「私の年度では、高校の成績、日本のパスポートのコピー、Personal Statement、エッセイを提出しました。面接はありませんでしたが、対面での試験がありました。」
"For my year, I only had to submit my high school grades, a copy of my Japanese passport, a personal statement, and an essay. I did not have to do any interviews, but I did have to take an in-person exam."

Q. 大学生活はどんな感じ？
What is your student life like?
「週3日はインターン、週2日は大学の授業、さらに週2日はアルバイトをしています。GDGoC（Google Developer Groups on Campus）のマーケティング部門にも所属していて、毎週大学の課題にも取り組んでいます。」
"I intern three times a week, attend university classes twice a week, and work a part-time job twice a week. I am also part of GDGoC (Google Developer Groups on Campus) marketing division. I also have homework every week."

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社会科学部 | School of Social Sciences（TAISI）
A.S. さん

Q. TAISIを選んだ理由は？
Why did you choose TAISI?
「カリキュラムの柔軟性、社会・持続可能な開発を重視していること、そして少人数制のクラスに魅力を感じました。」
"The main aspects of the program that caught my interest were its curricular flexibility, emphasis on social/sustainable development, and smaller class sizes."

Q. TAISIならではの特徴は？
What is unique about TAISI?
「社会科学部以外の分野も幅広く学べるのが特徴です。他学部の授業を単位として履修したり、単位外の選択科目として受講したりすることもできます。」
"Our program allows us to explore academic fields and departments outside of the School of Social Sciences! We can take courses from other departments for credit, but we can also take them as non-credit/optional courses."

Q. TAISIの学生生活を象徴する瞬間は？
What best represents the TAISI experience for you?
「私にとってTAISIらしさを一番感じるのは、実はキャンパスでのランチタイムです。さまざまなバックグラウンドの友人と、気軽な話から世界情勢についての真剣な議論まで、笑いながらいろいろな話をします。」
"The lunch hour on campus epitomizes the Waseda TAISI experience to me, because it usually involves meeting people from diverse backgrounds and having a combination of casual conversations and more serious discussions about the state of the world,both often conducted in good spirits with a lot of laughter to go around."

社会科学部 | School of Social Sciences（TAISI）
K.Z.K. さん

Q. 実際、TAISIはどのくらい国際的？
How international is TAISI?
「TAISIはかなり国際色の豊かなプログラムだと思います。複数の国で暮らした経験を持つ学生や、さまざまな言語を話す学生が集まっています。」
"I would say my program is one of the most international out there. Many students comes from various backgrounds, having lived in multiple countries and speak different languages."

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“Student Voices” section featuring perspectives from current university students

A Changing Admissions Landscape: Expert Insights into Choosing a University

Beginning with the 2027 admissions cycle, comprehensive selection admissions will, in principle, require applicants to be evaluated through interviews. The guide also explores how admissions processes increasingly recognize a broad range of experiences beyond examination scores, creating opportunities for students to pursue activities that deepen their individual interests and broaden their pathways to university.

The guide also features an article titled "The Accelerating Internationalization of Japanese Universities from 2027" by education analyst Osamu Inoue, who supervised the publication. The article examines the factors driving the internationalization of Japanese universities and offers guidance on what students and families should consider when choosing a university in the years ahead.

About *Bluebook Select University Prep*

Full title: *Bluebook Select University Prep — A Guide to English-Taught University Programs for Returnee and Bilingual Students, Covering Comprehensive Selection and Other Admissions Pathways (2027 Admissions Edition)*

Universities featured: 20

Price: Free (downloadable PDF)

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The guide is based on information available from official university websites and other sources as of October 1, 2026. Some entries may contain information from the 2026 admissions cycle. Applicants should consult the latest official admissions guidelines issued by each university.

University Prep: Building the Skills for University Admission and Beyond

Kikokushijo Academy (KA) offers its University Prep program to students in Grades 9–12 preparing for university admission in Japan or overseas. Through reading, writing, discussion and presentations in English, students develop the skills needed for both university applications and academic study at the university level.

Program details: https://www.kikokushijoacademy.com/core_program_jhhs

Free Junior High School Admissions Guide Also Available

The 2027 admissions edition of *Bluebook Select*, KA's junior high school admissions guide, is also available free of charge. The guide covers 120 schools, primarily in the Greater Tokyo area, offering admissions pathways for returnee students and students applying through English-based entrance examinations.

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