

English Edition



AOYAMA
GAKUIN
UNIVERSITY
Guide

“The Salt of the Earth, The Light of the World”

About Aoyama Gakuin Maintaining a Tradition of Education Since 1874

Aoyama Gakuin, one of Japan's oldest schools, is a private comprehensive educational institute comprised of kindergarten through graduate school, with a total enrollment of over 23,000 students. Aoyama Gakuin provides a quality education and extensive opportunities for research in accordance with its educational policy based on the Christian faith. Aoyama Gakuin originated from three schools established by Methodist Episcopal Church missionaries in the United States (Dora E. Schoonmaker, Julius Soper, and Robert S. Maclay) in the early 1870s. It continues to evolve and stay ahead of the times while upholding the spirit of its founders.

School motto:

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Aoyama Gakuin University

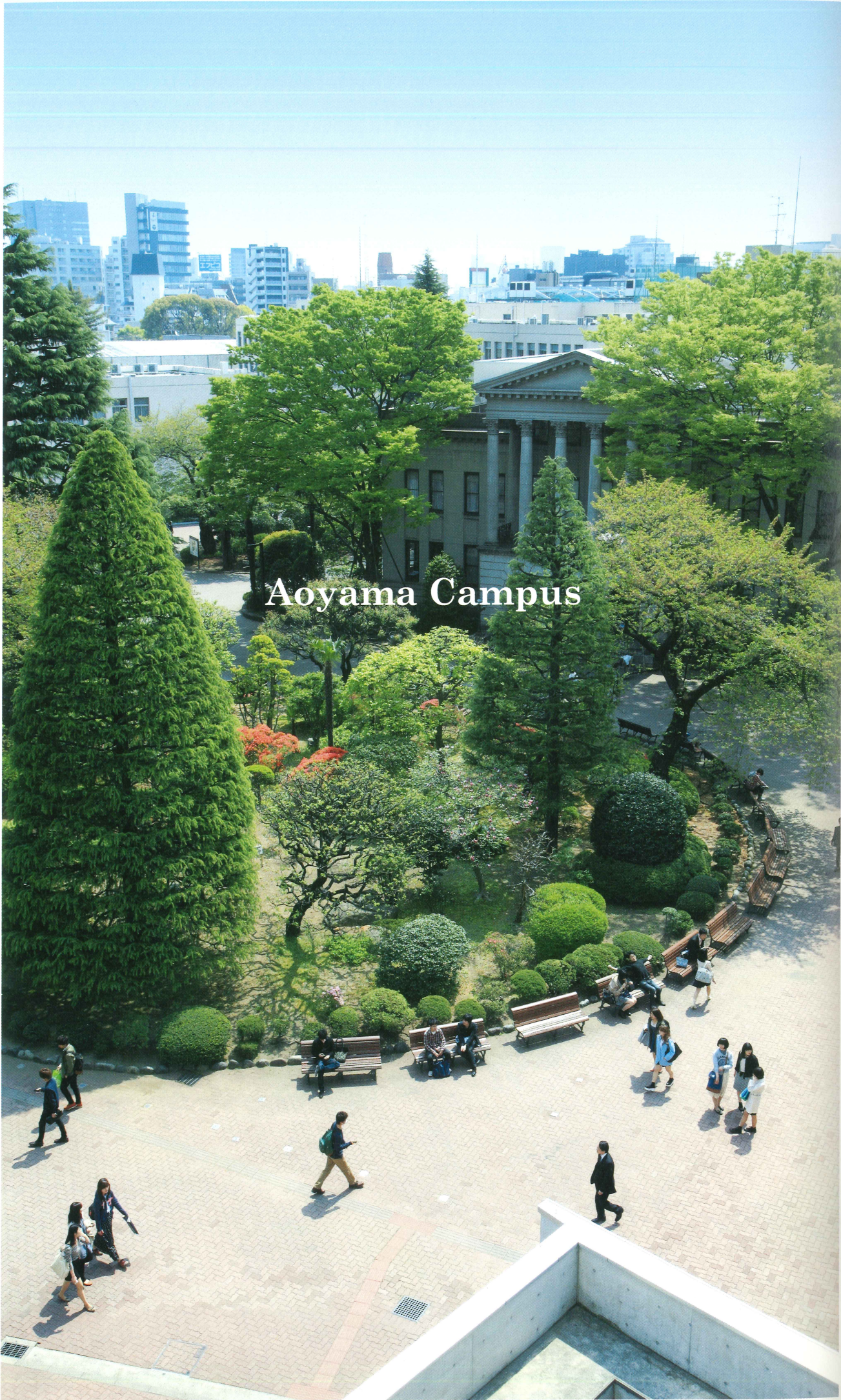
Aoyama Gakuin University, established in 1949, is the largest school in Aoyama Gakuin. Aoyama Gakuin University has established a reputation for the quality of its teaching and its international ambience since its inception and is widely recognized as one of the leading private universities in Japan. In addition to providing specialized knowledge, it cultivates individuals with strong ethics and social values, who actively carry out their responsibilities toward all peoples and communities with a broad perspective on the world and society. Aoyama Gakuin University fosters mutual understanding that transcends the boundaries of nationality, race, and religion, enabling closer connections between people.

Aoyama Gakuin University Data (as of May 1, 2014)

Year of foundation: 1949	No. of overseas partner universities: 106 institutions (from 30 countries/territories)
Student enrollment: 17,476 undergraduates, 1,261 graduate students (54% male, 46% female)	Campuses: two - Aoyama Campus in Tokyo and Sagamihara Campus in Kanagawa
No. of international students: 457 (from 35 countries)	Overseas offices: two - in Thailand and Taiwan
No. of academic staff: 1,941	Libraries: two - with holdings totaling 1.73 million titles
No. of administrative staff: 308	

Academic Calendar

4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3		
Entrance ceremony												Commencement ceremony	
First term						Second term							
						Summer break						Winter break	



Aoyama Campus



Sagamihara Campus

Undergraduate School

Aoyama Gakuin University's undergraduate programs provide diverse education through ten faculties and 24 departments, and offer comprehensive four-year integrated courses at two campuses.

*Subject to approval, a 10th faculty and its department will open in 2015 at the Sagamihara campus.

Aoyama Campus

Located in the Shibuya/Aoyama area of Tokyo, a hotspot of cutting-edge culture and business activity in Japan, the campus is surrounded by cultural facilities and creative businesses, and located near the United Nations University. Aoyama Campus is the home for seven faculties in the field of arts/humanities and social science. Taking advantage of its ideal location in central Tokyo, the campus is a major site for hosting lectures, international conferences, and the like, featuring prominent figures in the business world and international dignitaries, among others.

Academic Areas of Study on our Undergraduate Programs

Humanities and Literature

- English
- French Language and Literature
- Japanese Language and Literature
- History
- Comparative Arts

Education, Psychology and Human Studies

- Education
- Psychology

Economics

- Economics
- Public and Regional Economics

Law

- Law

Business

- Business Administration
- Marketing

International Politics, Economics and Communication

- International Politics
- International Economics
- International Communication

Cultural and Creative Studies

- Cultural and Creative Studies



A seminar with Professor Kubota from the Department of Marketing

The Atmosphere at Aoyama Gakuin University

Our undergraduate and graduate students describe Aoyama Gakuin University as follows. 'Aoyama Gakuin University has a friendly and encouraging atmosphere that challenges serious and determined people to try new things. Education is personalized so that students can develop their own individuality.' 'One appealing feature is the campus "Chat Room", which offers students a place to meet and talk with fellows from other countries and cultures'. 'Graduate students at Aoyama Gakuin

University also have opportunities to interact with others on a regular basis and to establish connections not only with fellow students, but also with instructors and alumni. The graduate division's diverse student body includes students from many different countries, as well as professionals from a variety of fields. 'Aoyama Gakuin University provides an outstanding environment for those who wish to have a sense of accomplishment by persistently engaging in their major fields of study.'



Aoyama Street

Sagamihara Campus

Two established faculties are based at the Sagamihara Campus, with another (the School of Global Studies and Collaboration) expected to join in April 2015. This spacious campus located just outside Tokyo is a “knowledge hub”, boasting state-of-the-art research facilities that are among the best in the country, such as the Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) and the Center for Instrumental Analysis. Research organizations, such as the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), as well as multinational corporations, local research laboratories, and manufacturing industries are located in the vicinity. The campus is also involved in dynamic research exchanges with prominent research organizations, companies, and universities from both Japan and abroad.

Academic Areas of Study on our Undergraduate Programs

Science and Engineering

- Physics and Mathematics
- Chemistry and Biological Science
- Electrical Engineering and Electronics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Integrated Information Technology

Social Informatics

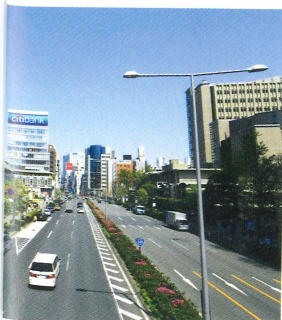
- Social Informatics

Global Studies and Collaboration

- Global Studies and Collaboration



A laboratory session with Professor Miyano from the Department of the Chemistry and Biological Science



Omotesando Street



Chat Room

Graduate School

We have graduate schools for each field in which we provide undergraduate programs, together with professional graduate schools in the three fields of management, law and accountancy.

Nine Graduate Schools

Literature

- English and American Literature
- French Literature and Language
- Japanese Literature and Language
- History
- Comparative Arts

Education, Psychology and Human Studies

- Education
- Psychology

Economics

- Economics
- Public and Regional Economics

Law

- Private Law
- Public Law
- Business Law

Business

- Business Administration

International Politics, Economics and Communication

- International Politics
- International Economics
- International Communication

Cultural and Creative Studies

- Cultural and Creative Management
- Cultural and Creative Studies

Science and Engineering

- Fundamental Science
- Chemistry
- Material Science
- Biological Science
- Electrical Engineering and Electronics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Intelligence and Information
- Management Technology

Social Informatics

- Social Informatics
- Human Innovation

Three Professional Graduate Schools

Graduate School of International Management

- Business School

Graduate School of Law

- Law School

Graduate School of Professional Accountancy

- Accounting School



No.17 building, where graduate schools are based on the upper floors



The atmosphere of an MBA class

Scholarships/ Financial Support

Aoyama Gakuin University Global Scholarship for International Students

Stipends of ¥300,000 will be given per academic year. (If a student's GPA was in the top 10 % of his/her enrolled faculty/department in the previous years, ¥500,000 will be given.)

There are numerous other scholarships funded by private companies, foundations, the Japanese government, and so on.

Tuition and Other Academic Fees (in 2014)

Tuition (annual)

College of Literature; College of Education, Psychology, and Human Studies; College of Economics, Faculty of Law; School of Business; School of International Politics, Economics, and Communication; School of Cultural and Creative Studies: ¥783,000.

College of Science and Engineering: ¥1,131,000.

School of Social Informatics: ¥957,000.

In addition, there is an enrollment fee for the initial year. Facility and equipment usage fees, training fees, membership fees, etc., may be required as well, depending on the department the student enters.

Housing

As a rule, exchange students are accommodated in dormitories rented by the university. Privately funded exchange students live in off-campus housing. Rent is around ¥60,000 to ¥100,000 (depending on housing location and conditions). A campus facility provides support for students seeking housing. For students who do not have a guarantor in Japan, it is possible to use the Comprehensive Renters' Insurance for Foreign Students Studying in Japan system, which the university is affiliated with.

Student Life in Tokyo

Having a study experience in Tokyo, which is at the center of Japan's political, commercial, and cultural life, will be invaluable for students' future careers. AGU's tree-lined Shibuya campus is located in the heart of Tokyo, just across from the United Nations University, with easy access to all major sights of the city, including Ginza and Shinjuku. The expansive Sagami-hara campus is also just a short train ride away from the center of Tokyo.

Support for International Students

International Exchange Center:

The first contact point for international students, this office deals with all study abroad and international exchange programs, and is responsible for visa applications, orientation meetings, social events, etc.

Advisors/Tutors System:

A faculty advisor and student tutor will be assigned to offer assistance to each international student at AGU.

Chat Room:

Understand different cultures and languages. Open to our Aoyama Gakuin students. From beginner to advanced level, four language speaking sessions (English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese) are available in the Chat Room with a casual atmosphere during the academic terms.

Interational Network

Aoyama Gakuin University promotes mutual academic and student interaction through agreements reached with more than 100 universities and international organizations in over 30 countries and territories worldwide. The university is also affiliated with the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA) and the International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (IMASCU).

Entrance Examinations

Undergraduate School Entrance Examinations for International Students

The university plans to publish a set of application guidelines entitled “International Student Entrance Examination” every July. As most courses are taught in English, prospective degree-seeking students must have an advanced level of proficiency in Japanese. For those who have passed the first screening of applications, written and oral exams will be held in the final selection. Information regarding entrance examinations for the School of Global Studies and Collaboration will be uploaded on the website as soon as the details are finalized.

For other details regarding entrance examinations for international students (in Japanese):

http://www.aoyama.ac.jp/admission/undergraduate/examination/exam_foreign_student.html

Graduate School Entrance Examinations

The University plans to publish a set of graduate school entrance examination guidelines every July. Most graduate schools at Aoyama Gakuin University administer general entrance examinations in the spring and autumn of each year. The final selection method varies from school to school and should be verified by the applicant, but it usually includes among other items, an examination of the applicant’s documents, an oral examination, the submission of an essay, and an assessment of language skills. The following special requirements should be noted for the respective schools:

- The Graduate School of Science and Engineering makes its final selection of publicly funded students solely on the basis of an examination of the applicant’s documents. Individuals who wish to take an entrance examination must obtain the consent of an advisor in advance.
- The Graduate School of International Politics, Economics and Communication, the Graduate School of Science and Engineering, and the Graduate School of Law make their final selection on the basis of an entrance examination for international students.
- The Graduate School of International Management administers entrance exams for its MBA program three times a year. The final selection is based on an examination of the applicant’s documents and an interview.

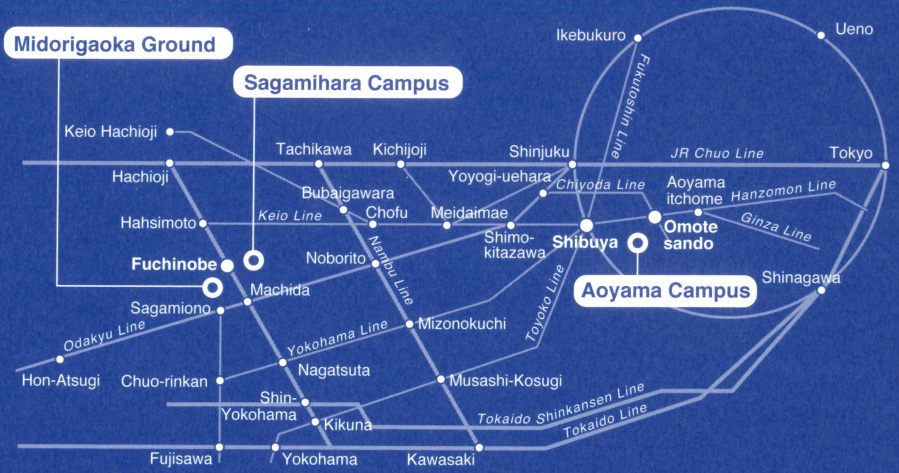
For further details and updated information (in Japanese):

<http://www.aoyama.ac.jp/admission/graduate/examination/index.html>

Access Map

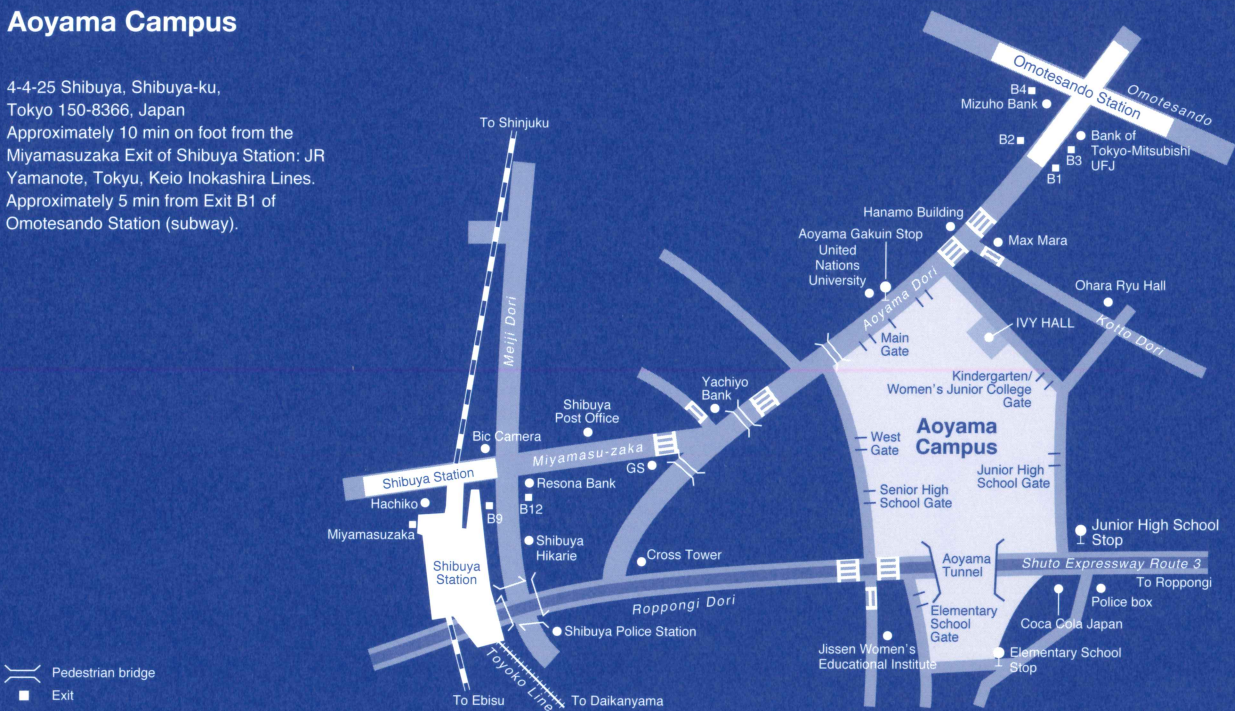
Route Map

Route map to the Aoyama and Sagamihara Campuses from various stations



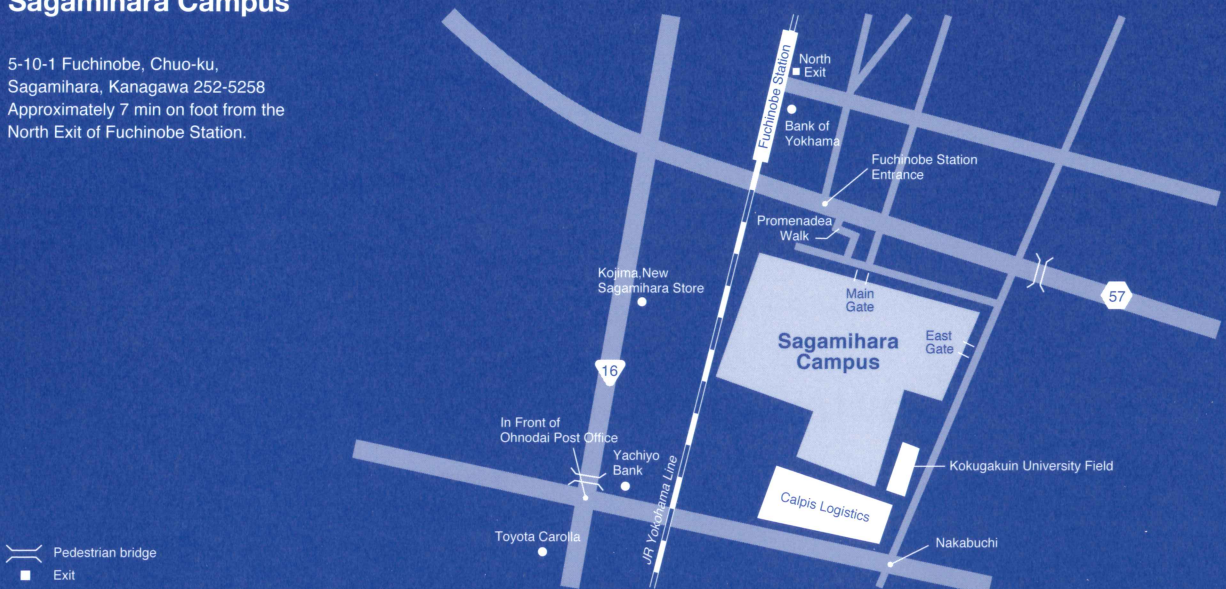
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4-4-25 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku,
Tokyo 150-8366, Japan
Approximately 10 min on foot from the Miyamasuzaka Exit of Shibuya Station: JR Yamanote, Tokyu, Keio Inokashira Lines.
Approximately 5 min from Exit B1 of Omotesando Station (subway).



Sagamihara Campus

5-10-1 Fuchinobe, Chuo-ku,
Sagamihara, Kanagawa 252-5258
Approximately 7 min on foot from the North Exit of Fuchinobe Station.



<http://www.aoyama.ac.jp>

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