



Outline of Hitotsubashi University

As a research university focusing comprehensively on the social sciences, Hitotsubashi University nurtures human resources with an international perspective who can contribute broadly to the economy and society.

Specialization in the Social Sciences

Hitotsubashi University's first distinctive characteristic is that it is Japan's oldest research university comprehensively specializing in the social sciences, with a long history and record of achievement in cutting-edge research. The University boasts a large and outstanding faculty who advance the development and elucidation of new problem areas across wide-ranging fields, including the humanities.

The University maintains low barriers among its four faculties—the Faculty of Commerce and Management, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law, and Faculty of Social Sciences—and students are free to take courses in faculties other than the one to which they belong.

Small-Group Education through Seminars

The University's second characteristic is its focus on small-group education through seminars. Hitotsubashi was the first university in Japan to introduce the seminar system. Unlike the approach at other universities, Hitotsubashi University seminars are compulsory courses, taught in small groups of approximately 7–8 students.

Production of Outstanding Human Resources—Captains of Industry

Thirdly, Hitotsubashi University has an exceptionally good record in relation to the employment of its graduates compared to other universities nationwide. This is because Hitotsubashi University graduates have always been active as business leaders, and the graduate employment record reflects its strong ties with its alumni.

The employment rate for undergraduate students graduating from Hitotsubashi University in FY2016 was 97.7%. Many Hitotsubashi University graduates pass national examinations such as the national civil servant (general position) examination. In the national bar examination in particular, Hitotsubashi University School of Law graduates performed extremely well in 2016, ranking first nationwide in the overall pass rate.

Vast Library Collection

The fourth feature is the University Library, which collects books, journals, and other materials through a central library system – a rare practice among national universities. This system provides far more convenient access compared to scattered library systems. The library provides access to approximately 1.99 million written volumes, 17,100 periodicals, 60 types of databases, 17,500 electronic journals, and 9,900 electronic books.

Beautiful Campus in a Natural Environment

The fifth feature is the beautiful campus in a natural environment. The Kunitachi Campus (300,000m²) is an area of abundant and lush greenery. Approximately 53 kinds of wild birds inhabit the trees of the Musashino grove, such as sawtooth oak trees, Japanese red pine trees, and konara oak trees. The campus spans across Daigaku-dori, which extends directly from Kunitachi Station.

Inside the main entrance is the central French-style garden. The

garden is surrounded by historical buildings more than 80 years old, including the University Library Clock Tower, Kanematsu Auditorium, and the Main Building, which all harmonize with the verdant nature in this unique setting.

To maintain the greenery, alumni, students and teaching staff work together once a month to ensure that today's attractive campus is passed on to future generations of students.

Graduate School Education Responding to Diverse Needs

The sixth characteristic is the University's extensive graduate school education. In contrast to conventional programs focused only on the preparation of a thesis, the master's degree programs at Hitotsubashi University also emphasize the completion of coursework, given its role as the first step in fostering researchers and the need to train high-level professionals as a response to sophisticated learning demands based on the diverse needs of citizens.

The doctoral programs are aimed at nurturing researchers with high creativity and superior research and development skills who can serve as the core of research and education facilities, either as researchers or teachers or both. In recent years, however, the University has been producing graduates who are expected to serve as core personnel not only at research and educational institutions, but also in corporate management, journalism, government agencies, and international organizations.

There are professional degree programs at the School of Law and School of International and Public Policy for MBA students. These are aimed at providing highly specialized knowledge and developing abilities to a level where they can be used internationally. By accepting a diverse set of students, including working people, the University aims to boost mobility and contribute to the overall invigoration of society.

Strong University Support from the Josuikai Alumni Association

The seventh feature is the extremely strong connection that the University has with its alumni. The Josuikai Alumni Association has brought together the alumni of Hitotsubashi University since its foundation in 1875 and built a strong bond between the University and its graduates. On account of its long history, the Josuikai Alumni Association is more than a simple alumni organization. As a body aiming to support its alma mater, it provides backing for the University's educational research activities in various forms. For example, the Hitotsubashi University Study Abroad Program was established in 1987 with the assistance of the Josuikai Alumni Association, and has enabled over 1,100 students to travel overseas to study since then. In addition, the repair and maintenance of campus facilities has been made possible through the cooperation of Josuikai, for example, the Kanematsu Auditorium and Josuikai Centennial Hall. Furthermore, by greatly expanding fund-raising activities in collaboration with the University, Josuikai has obtained support in the form of donations from many graduates. Josuikai has a number of branches in Japan and around the world, and supports both current students and alumni through its vast network. Thus, one of Hitotsubashi University's greatest strengths is the capacity to maintain alumni connections, mainly through Josuikai.

Hitotsubashi University (HU) at a Glance

* as of 2016 unless otherwise specified

History:

Established in **1875** as Commercial Training School

Became **the 6th Oldest** National University in **1920** (Tokyo University of Commerce)

Became HU in **1949**

Faculty:

4 Faculties

7 Graduate Schools &

Institute of Economic Research

Faculty Staff Members

full-time **323**

female **60**

international **21**

Top School in Japan:

- **53 PhDs** conferred in social sciences (2015)

- **JSPS grants-in-aid projects' adoption rate (51.6%)** for **12** consecutive years

- **Bar Examination** ratio of successful applicants **6** times in **11** years

- **Business Schools** Nikkei Shimbun Survey: GCM* and ICS* combined

*Graduate School of Commerce and Management/
International Corporate Strategy

- **HU Foundation**

ratio of donation to total revenue: **9.4%**

Students:

4,408 undergraduate

1,844 postgraduate

6,252 in total

Alumni:

JOSUIKAI: association with more than **30,000** active members

HU is **Second** only to **University of Tokyo** in ratio of listed company executives and CEOs per total number of students

International:

- **Student Exchange agreements**

with **107** student exchange agreements with universities and institutions around the world

- **Outbound: 109/12%** of undergraduate students sent for long-term (6 months / 1 year) study abroad program

355/37% of undergraduate students participating in long-term or short-term study abroad programs

- **Inbound: 793*** international students on campus (**12%** of all students) *as of May 1, 2017

Campuses:

Kunitachi:

Main campus

Kodaira:

International dormitories

Chiyoda:

Downtown campus

Executive Programs:

- **H-SEP** Senior Executive Program since **2002: 381** completed (**64%** are now in executive or higher positions)

- **H-FLP** Financial Leadership Program since **2016: 269** completed (for CFO and financial managers)

- HU/ICS to launch **Executive MBA** program in **September 2017**

Alliances:

- **Tokyo Consortium of Four Universities**

/w Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

- **SIGMA Societal Impact and Global Management Alliance**

/w Copenhagen Business School, Vienna University of Economics and Business, University of St. Gallen, Paris Dauphine University, ESADE Business School, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Singapore Management University, and Renmin University of China

- **GNAM Global Network for Advanced Management**

28 member strong global consortium of the world's leading business schools