President’s Message

In 1881, at the time when the Japanese government introduced the new school system under which everybody is entitled to an equal education, the college that later became Tokyo Kasei University was founded. It was originally called Wayo Saihou Denshujo (The School for Japanese and Western Seamstress Techniques). Since then, the school has been producing a large number of able female teachers.

The school was promoted to the status of university in 1949. The new university aimed at the enhancement of domestic life among ordinary people. It tried to contribute both to the society as a whole and to each student’s personal happiness. It now has nine departments in two faculties, in addition to a junior college and a graduate school.

Since its foundation, Tokyo Kasei University has taken as its creed “Independence and Autonomy for Women,” and its motto has been “Affection, Diligence, and Intelligence.” We are proud of our long tradition, and in 2011 we will celebrate the institution’s 130th anniversary.

The University’s educational philosophy is as follows:

1. To educate people so that they can walk the path of the school spirit of “Independence and Autonomy.”
2. To educate people so that they can practice the “Affection, Diligence, and Intelligence” principle in life.

The motto of our university, “Affection, Diligence, and Intelligence,” dates from 1951, when the President Shunro Watanabe adopted it in his belief that we should serve other people with the affection we would like to have shown to ourselves, and that this service to others should be pursued with constant effort and balanced judgment.

Since then, this guideline has continued to inspire the students and alumnae in daily life as well as on campus.

Tokyo Kasei University has long been educating students based on the foundation principles, originated by the founder, Tatsugoro Watanabe. “We try to breed able women who answer to the calls of the time, who will listen to the ordinary people’s needs, who will support women’s independence and autonomy, and who will become teachers adaptable to the changing times and excellent in both academic disciplines and techniques.” We are still educating students in this spirit, which is the utmost goal of Tokyo Kasei University.

The site of our university’s Itabashi campus in Jujo is only a five-minute train ride from Ikebukuro. Close to the campus is to the bustling center of downtown Tokyo life, its lush mixture of brick, plants, and flowers is a great help to those who wish to concentrate on their studies.

On the same campus are the university’s attached schools—a nursery, a kindergarten, a junior and senior high school for girls.

Close by is the Shikujii River, one of the main waterways to the Metropolis. The arch of cherry flowers over this canal presents a breathtaking spectacle, which attracts tens of thousands of people in spring. In 2008 and 2009, several new buildings were constructed, and our two faculties began to share Itabashi Campus.

A 45-minute ride on the Seibu Line from Ikebukuro will bring you to the Inariyama Koen Station, from which it is a five-minute walk to the Sayama Campus of our university.

Since the Faculty of Humanities moved from Sayama to Itabashi in April 2009, the Sayama campus has changed its functions.

While no longer the site of regular undergraduate classes, it provides an ideal setting and excellent facilities for various one-shot classes and short-term courses designed for local communities, as well as an intensive in-service recurrent education course for local teachers, other extended education programs, and also several extra-curriculum activities for regular students from the Itabashi campus.
Introducing the University

Tokyo Kasei University has nine departments in two faculties: six departments in the Faculty of Home Economics, and three departments in the Faculty of Humanities. In the Faculty of Home Economics, students can study practical techniques in addition to the specific fields of discipline. In the Faculty of Humanities, we try to imbue students with deep and varied knowledge and experience so that they can work actively in society after graduation.

In the Junior College, students can acquire both the specific knowledge and the expertise to prepare them for active roles in society. We also aim to enhance students’ intelligence through our general education courses. Junior College is for students who wish to acquire qualifications and practical knowledge in two years and work actively in society as early as possible.

The Graduate School of Tokyo Kasei University aims to contribute to the development of the culture of society through research and education, featuring highly specialized academic theories and applications, and to enhance students’ knowledge and research capabilities, building from their undergraduate education.

History

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    | (The School for Japanese and Western Seamstress Techniques) in Hongo Yushima, Tokyo.
1932 | Become Tokyo Joshi College (Tokyo Women’s College)
1946 | Moved to Itabashi, Tokyo because of Bombing of Tokyo.
1949 | Tokyo Kasei University, Faculty of Home Economics established. (Department of Life Science / Department of Clothing Science)
1950 | Tokyo Kasei Junior College established. (Food and Nutrition for Juvenile Major and Clothing Major)
1961 | 100th anniversary of foundation celebrated.
1968 | Faculty of Humanities established in Sayama campus. (Department of English Language and Literature)
1981 | 100th anniversary of foundation celebrated.
1985 | Master’s program established. (English Language and Literature, Psychology and Education)
2001 | 100th anniversary of foundation celebrated.
2002 | Department of Juvenile Education, Childcare Support Major established.
2003 | Faculty of Home Economics, Department of Art and Design established.
2006 | 100th anniversary of foundation celebrated.
2008 | Tokyo Kasei University (New System) started.

Faculty of Home Economics:
- Juvenile Science Major
- Child Rearing Support Major
- Department of Child Education
- Food and Nutrition Major
- Administrative Dietitian Major
- Department of Food and Nutrition
- Department of Costume and Clothing Science
- Department of Environmental Science and Education
- Department of Art and Design
- Department of Social Education and Welfare

Faculty of Humanities:
- English Communication
- Psychological Counseling
- Social Education and Welfare
- Department of Early Childhood Education
- Department of Food and Nutrition
- Doctoral Program in Human Life Science
- Master’s Program in Food and Nutrition
- Master’s Program in Textiles and Clothing
- Master’s Program in Juvenile Education
- Master’s Program in English Language and Literature
- Master’s Program in Psychology and Education
- Graduate School
- Study in Humanities
- Study in Home Economics
- Graduate School in Humanities
- Graduate School in Home Economics

School of Home Economics
- Master’s program established. (Food and Nutrition, Textiles and Clothing)

School of Humanities
- Master’s program established. (English Language and Literature, Psychology and Education)

Graduate School
- Master’s program established. (Juvenile Education)

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- Department of Costume and Clothing Science
- Department of Strategic Education
- Department of Social Education and Welfare
- Department of Early Childhood Education
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University

Faculty of Home Economics

With their unique sensitivity and delicacy, women nowadays have a bigger role to play in many aspects of life. Career opportunities for women are expanding. New approaches are being introduced in such branches of home science as children, food, clothing, fine arts, and environment.

Department of Juvenile Education

This department has two courses: the Juvenile Science major, in which students specialize in “understanding of children and child care,” and the Child Rearing Support major, in which the motto is “Parenting Partnership.”

Based on the five fields of developmental psychology, juvenile culture, child health, juvenile education, and child welfare, this department helps students to become people with deep moral values and practical knowledge, who can understand each child individually and see to their welfare and education, and who can also support families in raising their children.

In this department, students can earn licenses to work as a kindergarten and nursery-school teachers, and many of our graduates are working in the fields of welfare and education.

Department of Child Education

This new department was founded in 2009, based on 40 years of history and experience with training students in juvenile education in the original Department of Child Welfare.

Our aim is to help students become teachers who maximize the possibilities of each and every child, and who always work to enhance their own capability as teachers.

We have a new seminar room for child education which has many teaching materials and textbooks suitable for elementary school. Students can practice teaching there. We are trying to produce excellent teachers with practical skills and a caring spirit.

Department of Food and Nutrition

To know “not only what to eat, but when to eat” is vital for improving our Quality of Life in the 21st century.

The objectives of the department of food and nutrition are to meet its responsibility to society by providing training for professional dietitians, food specialists, and junior and senior high school teachers of domestic science or nutritional hygiene. The goal is to enable these professionals to analyze nutritional contents, to provide nutritional care for patients, and to promote health services by preventing illness. In keeping with the dynamic nature of modern science and technology, the department provides its students with the tools of a computerized educational system. In the classes for Registered Dietitian, the method and technique of nutritional care will be taught in relation to human health. This course aims to help students acquire the nutritional knowledge and skills of an administrative dietitian.

The department offers various courses of study pertaining to food, nutrition, health, and the inter-relationship between these areas. Earnest study in your major will lead to your becoming a qualified nutritionist or a junior or senior high school teacher of domestic science or hygiene.
With the progress in technology, globalization has advanced in every area of life, and the society has become much more complicated. Women who have a broad and intelligent view are now required to play active roles in various fields. The three departments of this faculty take both an academic and a pragmatic approach to their fields: English Communication, Psychological Counseling, and Social Education and Welfare.

Department of English Communication

The ability to communicate in English is indispensable in today’s world. Japan is an integral part of the global community. Capable women with cross-cultural training and a high level of English proficiency are needed in numerous fields. The department offers various courses in which you can acquire the practical skills needed to qualify in these fields through intensive training in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You can also broaden your understanding of the greater world by learning about other cultures, manners, and customs.

Department of Psychological Counseling

The objective of this department is to help you become a specialist in counseling with a good theoretical background and practical skills in communication so you can play an active role in a variety of fields, including medical services, education, and industry. During the course of study, you will deepen your understanding of human psychology and acquire the skills necessary to help people solve their problems. Earnest study and acquisition of psychological knowledge as well as practice can also lead you to a career as an excellent school nurse.

Department of Social Education and Welfare

The aim of this department is to foster specialists with wide understanding and thinking in education, welfare, and psychology – specialists who will be able to give social support to people ranging from infants to the aged, and help them lead a full life in their varying circumstances. You will deepen your knowledge in three domains: social education, social welfare, and psychology. You will also acquire an overall understanding of the human mind. Your study will orient you to a career as a specialist who can support people’s “learning,” “life,” and “mind.”
You are sure to benefit from an invaluable two years in our college.

What are you interested in? Food? Raising and nurturing a family? Would you like to acquire a broad view of things and various skills society requires of you? Would you like to give full play to your role as a woman and a member of society? You can choose your own major subject and even become an expert in it. These two years of campus life will provide you with a fine education and every facility you need to achieve your goals.

Department of Early Childhood Education

At the Department of Early Childhood Education, our motto is “Colorful expression and active nursing.” We aim to produce, in two years, teachers for nursery school and kindergarten who can actively work in the real situations of schools. Carefully selected courses in the Department include such Basic Specialized Subjects as developmental psychology, child welfare, child health, child-care principles; General Education Subjects to enhance culture and sophistication; Specialized Subjects to enrich the student’s speciality; Teacher Training Courses at the kindergartens and nurseries; and Subjects Related to Education in General. Through studying these subjects, students can get licenses to teach in kindergarten or nursery school, and a large number of our graduates are working in the education and welfare areas, utilizing their licenses and qualifications.

Department of Food and Nutrition

Practical knowledge of nutrition and applications.

One of the essentials in modern life is a basic knowledge of food and nutrition, both for the sake of health and for culinary pleasure. In this department you study food from the perspectives of nourishment, food chemistry, sanitation, and cuisine. You will gain the practical skills needed to play a role in improving living conditions in your society.
Graduate School

School of Home Economics

The goal of the Tokyo Kasei University Graduate School of Home Economics is to instill in promising researchers the profound and creative skills that will enable them to contribute to the development of the entire society.

The Master’s Programs in Food and Nutrition and in Textiles and Clothing began in 1989, followed by the Master’s Program in Juvenile Education in 1992.

For the sake of the cross-sectional study between these programs, the TKU Graduate School decided to start a doctoral program in 1993. Thus, the Doctorial Program in Human Life Science was created. It has been accepting highly competitive students since its start, and researchers with TKU degrees enjoy great popularity in Japanese society.

- Doctoral Program in Human Life Science
  
  This program of study, leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Home Economics, offers such major Human Life Science studies as:
  
  1. Human development from the viewpoint of health, nutrition, emotional evolution, and educational psychology.
  2. Advanced studies of environments pertaining to food, clothing and shelter, and their impact on human life.
  3. Materials and their functions in the modern age of advanced life science.
  4. Life management to systematize varied environments and conditions.

- Master’s Program in Food and Nutrition
  
  Food processing techniques have been highly developed. Food selection has been greatly refined and enormously diversified. At the same time, new problems have arisen. For example, oversaturation and unbalanced diets are known to be harmful.

  This program offers various courses in which students can approach the subject from points of view such as Food Science, Cookery, Food Hygiene, Public Nutrition, Clinical Nutrition, Nutritional Biochemistry, and Nutritional Physiology.

  Our goal is to demonstrate in varied circumstances what proper nutrition is and to provide an advanced education for future leaders, able to serve others in improving dietary habits and able to approach various problems flexibly and with highly developed skills.

- Master’s Program in Textiles and Clothing
  
  This advanced program is designed to cultivate real professionals who will contribute to the development of clothing culture, industry, and education.

  The program offers courses in textile materials, clothing care, clothing construction, clothing culture, fashion design, computer graphics, and handicrafts. Students can acquire the theoretical and technical knowledge to develop their research abilities and practical skills.
**Master’s Program in Juvenile Education**

This program mainly deals with how environments affect the growth and development of children. It will help solve problems confronting maternal and child health in such areas as genetics, reproductive health care, adolescence, and the care of disabled children, and also problems in juvenile education such as information overload, inappropriate television programs, video games, and the inability to adapt to school. Graduates of this Master’s program in Juvenile Education join on the senior level of research.

**School of Humanities**

The graduate course of humanities consists of two master’s programs: English Language and Literature, and Psychology and Education. It is devoted to the education of students advanced in specialized theories and application with the goal of enabling them to contribute to the society in various fields. In order to broaden the students’ horizons and enhance the flexibility of the system, the course is coeducational.

**Master’s Program in English Language and Literature**

This program offers courses in three areas of English: literature, linguistics, and pedagogy. While you have to choose one field as your major from these three areas, and pursue your own major, you can also take a broad selection of subjects in other areas. Students are expected to pursue a wide range of studies in English language and literature and to be skilled teachers of English at junior or senior high schools or other education institutions.

**Master’s Program in Psychology and Education**

This program offers two specialized courses: the Clinical Psychology Course and the Psychology and Education Course. Any graduate of the former course is qualified to take an examination for clinical psychologist, and any graduate of the latter is qualified to take an examination for school psychologist. Creative and practical approaches in these two-year courses enable students to be highly knowledgeable and skillful specialists.

**Library**

The library has about 380,000 volumes which include a large selection of general and technical books pertaining to Home Economics and Humanities. All collections are available for faculty and student use. There are many foreign books, as well as major scientific journals which are regularly updated. The library also possesses numerous audio-visual materials comprising CDs and DVDs. The library tries to obtain the latest information on presentations and research. Various kinds of user support is offered. Books can be located and checked out quickly by using the computer system. Please do not hesitate to ask attendants at the counter for advice.

**Museum**

The TKU museum has been opening its door to the public for about thirty years to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the university charter. The museum’s facilities are among the newest on the Itabashi campus. The museum owes its reputation to a significant number of historically important documents and books bound in Japanese style, which have been carefully collected since the school’s foundation. Moreover, the museum faithfully sews models, which represent miniature costumes and household utensils, and also keeps other traditional items such as Guatemalan costumes, native Taiwanese costumes, and the Indonesian dolls called wayang. Out of the 4000 sewing models, 2351, at last count, have been designated since December 2000 as significant tangible folk cultural assets of the country. The museum usually exhibits the materials on people’s lives with emphasis on food, clothing, and juvenile education. Special exhibitions are also open to the public twice a year.

**The Dormitory**

The dormitory houses 188 students. All the rooms are in Western style, with two or four beds. To ensure that new students get constant help about the life in Tokyo, every room is shared by senior students.
The Health Center

The Health Center aims at helping each student lead a healthy life, physically and mentally. To carry out this task, the center has a chief doctor, a sub-chief doctor, nurses, clinical psychologists, advisors, and counselors, as well as part-time gynecologists and psychiatrists as medical specialists. The center has school-doctor contracts with the departments of internal medicine and gynecology of several hospitals. It offers solutions, consultation, and advice to each student and staff member of Tokyo Kasei University in social, psychological, and health problems of all kinds. It also offers advice on preventive medicine and physical exercise.

The Lifelong Study Center

The Lifelong Study Center was created in 1997 in order to meet the demands of office workers and local people who want to continue studying throughout their lives. It offers more than 80 courses over a wide range of fields such as Language Learning, Health Care, Sports, and Living. Courses are also offered in general and recurrent education and some qualification-obtaining fields. Around 2,000 people, young and old, have studied here.

Clinical Consultation Center

The Clinical Consultation Center is open to the public, from children to adults, as a mental clinic for the local area of Itabashi. It offers counseling by specialists in clinical psychology. The center is also an educational training place for postgraduate students aiming to become clinical psychologists. Most students graduate to obtain such responsible positions as school counselor and hospital psychologist.

Research Institute of Domestic Science

The Research Institute of Domestic Science, founded in 1949, consists of five divisions: Juvenile Science, Food and Nutrition, Clothing Science & Costume, Environmental Information, and Art & Design. The institute is devoted to the further study and teaching of the theory of domestic science and its applications to actual housekeeping. Through its activities the institute is expected to make substantial contributions to every field of domestic science in Japan. The institute has its own staff, and researchers from outside the university may join specified research projects.

The research Institute for Human Culture

The research Institute for Human Culture has expanded its goals since its organization on the Sayama Campus in 1999. When the institute was founded, it focused on the liberation of women, with the goal of improving their quality of life. Currently, however, its activities have expanded to include investigations into the quality of life of the people in the Kanto area. We want to share our academic resources with the people in the area. The institute disseminates the results of its work through published journals, open seminars, and lectures. The main purpose of the institute is to study how people's lives interact with the social, cultural, and natural environment.

Human Life Plaza

The main purpose of Human Life Plaza is to re-discover and re-construct university achievements through an interdisciplinary approach. This should be helpful in coping with the various problems of this century. We are concerned not only with students and alumni but with our surrounding communities. Through our relationship with and contribution to these groups, we would like to develop ideal ties between education and the society. Hulip (as we call Human Life Plaza) offers its life-based art and information in support of local life by offering the place and opportunity for intellectual communication among students, alumni, and local people. It also aims to contribute to the university through its activities and studies.

International Studies Center

In keeping with the increasingly acute need for international education, the International Studies Center (ISC) opened in April 1993 in order to manage the international activities of Tokyo Kasei University, Junior College, and High School. Since then, the ISC has developed a global network of working relationships with some ten universities and colleges in the U.S.A., Canada, the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, and Korea for the sake of language and cultural exchanges. Besides this, increasing attention is being focused on the need to promote the welfare and convenience of students from abroad. The ISC, together with the Education and Students’ Support Center, offers assistance and advice to these students with the goal of making their life at Tokyo Kasei University a pleasant and rewarding one.

Community Cooperation Developing Center

The Community Cooperation Developing Center was established on the Sayama campus in 2005. The purpose of the Center is to open Sayama Campus’s educational facilities and functions to the local communities. Also, through both practical and educational activities, we aim at developing a cooperative relationship with the communities, both through research and through working with local people to solve local problems and to expand university education to the communities. To attain these goals, we build councils with the cities of Sayama and Iruma, provide the communities with pertinent information, give consultations, assign volunteer activities in the communities to our students, engage in activities to develop the communities, and offer various extension courses and other activities for the university and the communities to cooperate in.
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