

UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

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Outline of Topics

- Student Housing
- Religion
- Library
- Recreation
- Dining
- Study Space
- Student Support
- Health/Wellbeing

Student Housing

Present

□ Far from Campus

□ Solitary living environment

□ Competitive selection process

□ Limited childcare at affordable prices – inconvenient locations.

□ International students segregated from Japanese students.

Expected

• Live reasonable distance from university

• **Shared housing options** for students with communal space.

• Student housing available for all.

• Easy access to childcare for students and staff.

• International students live with Japanese students.

Actions

• University leases apartments close to university

• Housing fair for students moving off campus

• Subsidize childcare services for students

• University promotes diversity during housing assignment.

Library/Information Resources

Present

□ Good access to international scientific journals.

□ Powerful database tools

□ Limited study materials in English

□ Limited English-speaking staff.

□ Limited hours of access

□ Inconsistency between Faculty Library and Main/Center library

Expected

• Expectations met.

• Adequate study materials in English

• Ease of use for library services

• Library hours reflect student needs.

• English language tools in all library

Actions

• Increase English Collections

• Volunteer library staff program to assist students

• Extend library hours

• Synchronize tools

Dinning

Present

- Limited Menu – low diversity

- Lack of special dietary and vegetarian options.

- Limited Opening Hours

- Limited information about food content

Expected

- Greater variety of menu items

- Options for students with specific diets

- After hours food options.

- Information about food content in English

Actions

- Rotational weekly menu

- Food fare celebrating international cuisine

- Provide food vending machines.

- Clear labels on all menu items

Student Support

Present

- Some Universities provide International lounge space
- Tutor system for incoming students
- International student help desks

Expected

- Expectations met.
- Streamlined process and location for administrative activities

Actions

- Promote services to more students, increase awareness
- Centralized web portal
- Consolidate administrative offices and procedures

Religion

Present

- Limited facilities for religious activities and prayer

- Lack of information about religious services

Expected

- **Adequate space** for religious activities and prayer

- Easier access to information about religious services

Actions

- Provide space for these activities

- Information provided in international lounge.

Recreation

Present

- Limited facilities for music practice
- Some sports facilities limited to club use only.
- Limited access hours to sporting equipment and sports fields.
- Challenges for international students to join clubs

Expected

- Opportunities for musical practice
- **Equal access** and availability to sporting facilities
- English language directory for club activities

Actions

- Establish spaces for music rehearsal
- Change access regulations
- Create directory in English on main university website

Study/Research Space

Present

- Adequate laboratory equipment and facilities.

Expected

- Expectations met

Actions

- Limited interaction between neighboring laboratories.

- Basic communication and interaction between neighboring laboratories

- Organize occasional get-togethers to discuss and share current research agenda to promote collaboration.

Health and Wellbeing

Present

- Adequate counseling and medical services

Expected

- Expectations met

Actions

- Limited English speaking clinical/hospital staff

- **Medical staff who can communicate with non-Japanese speakers**

- Medical buddy system to assist foreign students during emergencies and health consultations.

Conclusion

- Japanese Universities provide excellent benefits and facilities to students. These are simply a few conditions that we think can be improved, to better promote internalization.

Thank you for your attention and interest in promoting better learning opportunities for foreign students in Japan.