

About Okayama

Okayama is one hour from Tokyo by airplane and one hour from the Kyoto and Osaka area by train. This sunniest city is blessed with fertile land, the tranquil Inland Sea, and mild climate all year round.



Bitchu Kokubunji Temple

Framed by seasonal flowers, Bitchu Kokubunji stands since 741 as a prayer for protection from disasters and famine.

Osafune Swords

Osafune is a town famous for making Japanese swords, called katana, since the 13th century. You can witness traditional forging techniques and the most beautiful blade patterns.



Old Shizutani School

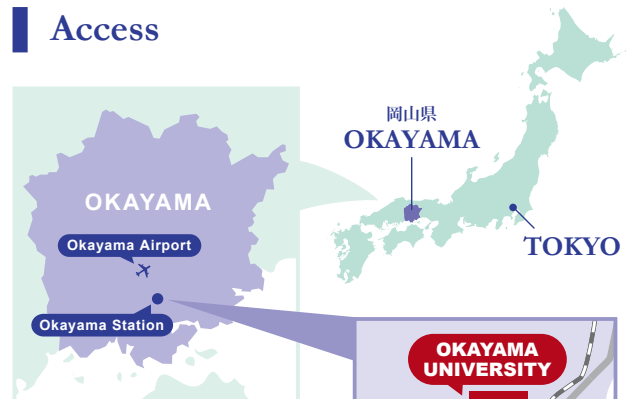
After Okayama castle town was developed, Old Shizutani School was built in 1670 by the Lord of Okayama province at that time as the

first public school open to all people, regardless of class or social rank.

Setouchi Triennale

Okayama offers wonderful platforms for art and music. Setouchi Triennale is an international contemporary art festival held in collaboration with residents on many small islands in the Seto Island Sea. The Okayama International Music Festival and Okayama Art Summit are held every autumn.

Access



From Okayama Airport

Take an Okaden or Chutetsu bus to Okayama-eki Nishiguchi (West Gate of Okayama Station) at bus stop No. 2, and get off at the terminal. Use public transportation from the station (see below).

From Okayama Station

[By bus]

At Okayama-eki Nishiguchi (West Gate of Okayama Station), take an Okaden bus No. 47 for Okayama Rika Daigaku and get off at Okadai Nishimon.

[By taxi]

About 7 minutes from Okayama-eki Nishiguchi.



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About Okayama Law

Founded in 1949, Okayama Law originated in the Dairoku public higher education school established in 1900. It was the first law institute in the Chugoku and Shikoku regions of Japan. It is a respected and responsible regional pillar for research and education on law and political science. With its open and vibrant academic culture, Okayama Law has significantly contributed to local, national, and international communities. What makes it stand out is the quality and passion of its students. We produce more than 200 brilliant students every year who are ready to take on the challenges of society.



OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Program

The aim of our undergraduate education is to cultivate students' legal mind, ability to look into current social issues from various perspectives, and communicative competence to survive in a globalized world. The faculty provides seminars on a variety of subjects throughout the four years of study in order to nurture students' independence.

First-year students take introductory courses in law and politics along with liberal arts subjects offered by other departments. In the second year, students start learning fundamental subjects of law such as Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Civil Law.

Third- and fourth-year students study along one of three tracks. Students preparing for a future career as civil servants or in the world of politics choose the Public Law and Policy track and study Public Policy, Administrative Law, Tax Law and related topics. The Business Law track offers an opportunity to go into advanced legal subjects relating to business activities such as Company Law, Law of Business Transactions, Labor Law and Competition Law. The Legal Services track targets students who aim to pursue a career in the legal profession or other paralegal services. Civil Procedure Law and Criminal Procedure Law are its core subjects. All third- and fourth-year students are encouraged to take courses relating to international legal and/or political issues.

International Exchange

Law students can join the international exchange program offered by Okayama University (EPOK: Exchange Program Okayama). Students interested in an international career can enroll in the special program provided by the Institute of Global Human Resource Development of Okayama University, where the students are required to take academic English courses and courses taught in English, and to take part in overseas study tours. Each year, several law students study at some of the overseas universities having an exchange agreement with Okayama University, among which are the University of Kent (UK), California State University at Monterey Bay (U.S.), Bishop's University (Canada), and the University of South Australia (AU), Jilin University (China), Sungkyunkwan University (South Korea).

Graduate Studies

Students can continue studying law or politics in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences where faculty staff provide courses as members of the School, or continue studying in our School of Law to become a lawyer.

The Faculty of Law is Committed to Community Engagement as a Regional Centre of Research and Education

Research

— Collaboration of Fundamental and Clinical Studies

The Faculty of Law has been prominent in the areas of fundamental jurisprudence as well as interdisciplinary, comparative studies of law and politics. In recent years, this academic strength of our faculty has been reinforced by the frontline work of younger members distinguished in empirical and clinical studies. Many faculty members are engaged in joint research projects with municipal governments as well as the legal profession in Okayama, which has created a larger intellectual community of academics, practitioners, and citizens. Through its faculty-run publication, *Okayama Law Journal*, founded in 1951, we publish recent research results and new theoretical and policy proposals.

Education

— A Top Global University in Japan

The Faculty of Law prepares students for a variety of careers in the regional, national and international communities, including as government officials, in the legal profession and as legal staff in companies. Chosen in 2014 as one of the institutions in the Top



Global University Project by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Okayama University and our faculty provide students with a variety of courses taught in English that build the intellectual and linguistic foundations for thriving in contemporary global society.

Academic Seminars and Workshops

- ◆ **International Research Seminars with Beijing University (China) and National University of Kaohsiung (Taiwan)** provide the opportunity to explore contemporary legal and political issues among Asian countries.
- ◆ **Workshop on Fundamental Jurisprudence** develops research agendas on historical studies of legal principles and institutions, philosophy of law, and socio-legal theories.
- ◆ **Workshops on Public Law and Private Law** serve as intellectual communities in the region through which professors, judges, lawyers and graduate students collaboratively study the current issues on Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Property Law, Contract Law, Business Law, Tax Law and other areas.
- ◆ **Workshop on Law-related Education** is the regional center and joint effort of our faculty and the Okayama Bar Association for teaching citizens basic ideas of law and politics.

