

Sophia University Global Initiative

Sophia University (*Jochi Daigaku*) in Tokyo was established in 1913 by the Society of Jesus as an international university with educational and research missions bringing together the best of the Western and Asian intellectual traditions. The Sophia Global Initiative builds on Sophia's century-long experience in offering high quality international education.

Goals: Attaining "Global Competency" throughout the university:

Educating graduates with the knowledge, skills, and commitment to play active roles in global society; developing faculty and staff programs to promote global competency.

Characteristics of the Sophia University Global Initiative:

(Targets by 2020: 2600 international students at Sophia; 1000 Sophia students studying overseas)

1) Degree programs in English

- **Faculty of Liberal Arts:** 60 years of experience providing degree programs in English in the social sciences, humanities, and business and economics
- **Graduate Program in Global Studies:** Offering graduate degrees in English for more than 30 years
- **New Faculty of Science and Technology:** Two new degree programs focused on environmental science and engineering; will start in 2012
- **New Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies:** MA and PhD programs in English; will start in 2011

2) Japanese Language Center: Building on half a century of experience in teaching Japanese to international students, the Japanese language center will provide classes for Sophia students, as well as for others who want to study Japanese language.

3) Summer Sessions and On-Demand Programs: These sessions will build on our long-experience in running short-term programs for international students.

4) Increase in opportunities for Japanese students to study overseas: New short- and long-term programs offering opportunities for international experience to Sophia students as part of their educational program.

5) Strengthening foreign language education and increasing the number of classes taught in English and other foreign languages

Support Systems for International Students:

University-wide support for entrance, housing, scholarships, internships, counseling, and career planning.

International Recruiting:

Developing a world-wide recruiting strategy building on our international network of 140 partner universities; developing links with overseas Jesuit and international high schools; and utilizing the world-wide network of Sophia alumni.

Establishment of benchmarks and annual review by internal and external reviewers

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