

Library and Information Commons

- Central Library and Information Commons
- Tsurukawa Library and Information Commons
- Tama Library and Information Commons

Aiming to upgrade academic information services and strength study support

The affiliated libraries that make up the Kokushikan University Library and Information Commons are the Central Library and Information Commons (Setagaya Campus), the Tsurukawa Library and Information Commons (Machida Campus), and the Tama Library and Information Commons (Tama Campus). These are future-oriented facilities that provide an integrated study environment and to upgrade academic information services so as to foster the information literacy required by the times—namely, the ability to understand, collect, analyze, and transmit information necessary for oneself and one's organization.

The libraries stock around 890,000 books and journals and there are 99 information terminals in the Central Library, 80 in the Tsurukawa Library, and 15 in the Tama Library. There are also 13 computer



rooms on the campuses (3 on Setagaya, 7 on Umegaoka, 2 on Machida, and 1 on Tama), with more than 800 computer terminals available for educational use. About half of these computers run on thin-client systems connected to the Internet. They enable the viewing and retrieval of university and external databases, e-journals, the KISS (Knowledge Integrated Service Systems) academic repository, and other information services. Moreover, the libraries make efforts to further improve the use of information resources: for example, extending opening hours, allowing local residents to use library services, promoting open use of the computer terminal rooms for educational purposes, and installing information terminals that can be used 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In order to upgrade academic information services, OPAC, a search system for academic materials stored at Kokushikan University, and the KISS repository, which stores around 8,000 academic papers, lecture materials, and other information, have been transferred to cloud systems, thereby enabling their convenient use on mobile devices and also guaranteeing the continuity of educational

and research support at times of disaster. To provide conditions for creating intellectual property, the libraries have realized quiet viewing environments, group study space, audiovisual environments, and refresh environments. In addition, efforts are made to increase intellectual productivity by introducing content production equipment, such as scanners, large color printers, and image editing equipment, and assigning staff to assist in their use.

Besides these activities, the libraries have built and operate the KAEDE Net, the basic network of Kokushikan University. The KAEDE Net connects the Setagaya and Machida campuses and the Setagaya and Tama campuses by means of 10 GBit high-speed dedicated lines and links campus buildings by 1 GBit network lines, thereby giving powerful backup to education and research. Our many-sided support for education and research also includes the establishment of more than 70 wireless LAN access points.

Number of Books and Magazines

Books: 883,231
Magazines: 9,058



International Center

Hub for academic exchange, studying abroad, and accepting international students

Ever since its establishment, the International Center has proactively carried out academic exchanges through education and research activities directed toward the international community, sending students abroad for study and training and accepting international students. Currently there are about 800 international students studying at Kokushikan. The center consists of the International Relations Section and the International Student Service Section. The International Relations Section carries out academic exchange with 40 foreign universities and one research institute that Kokushikan has formed agreements with and exchanges trainees with. This section also serves as the gateway for exchange with overseas education and research institutes, and when Kokushikan students



study abroad, it provides comprehensive support so that their time living abroad can be safe and secure. The International Student Service Section is directed toward international students. It provides information, advisory services, and

procedural support in regard to visas, housing, medical needs, and scholarships. It also gives support so that international students can feel secure and concentrate on their studies.

Lifelong Learning Center

Upgrading the skills of students and offering lectures for citizens

The Lifelong Learning Center provides research results and education functions to a wide range of society. It was launched with the objective of contributing to the development of education, art, academics, and culture for ordinary citizens in addition to students. The center carries out various projects and

has offices on the three campuses of Setagaya, Machida, and Tama. The Lifelong Learning Center offers "certification courses" for upgrading the skills of students in regard to employment and so on and "university extension courses" for making a social contribution to the region. The center also provides the "Setagaya e-College" e-learning system-type lifelong learning course in cooperation with three other universities in Setagaya Ward and the Setagaya Ward Board of Education.



Educational Activities

Certification Courses

● To improve students' skills and to help in their search for jobs, Kokushikan maintains collaborative relations with professional schools and offers various certification courses. Certification courses cover a wide range, including bookkeeping, computer skills, notary public services, and the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC). Every year many students completing these courses successfully pass the certification exams.

University Extension Courses

● Kokushikan University offers three seasonal University Extension Courses per year. Open to persons of various age groups ranging from children to senior citizens, the spring, fall and winter programs start in April, September and January, and cover major subject areas: liberal arts, languages, history, computer skills, arts, health, sports and martial arts.

Setagaya e-College

● This e-learning system of lifelong-study support services is jointly operated by four universities located in the Setagaya ward and the Setagaya Board of Education. The service aims to create an environment for "enjoying learning at anytime and anywhere."