

Overview of Education and Research at Nagoya University

Throughout its long and distinguished history, Nagoya University (NU) has contributed to cultural enrichment and the development of science and technology by placing creativity at the center of its educational and research activities. NU is a leading university with a strong focus on research, and aims to pursue truth in diverse academic disciplines through innovative research activities, an aspiration reflected in the university's Academic Charter. As a seat of learning, NU's basic philosophy calls for the cultivation of "Yuuki-arū Chishiki-jin" – individuals who not only excel in logical thinking, but also embrace the power of the imagination – by applying an educational framework grounded in student initiative. Based on a tradition of open-mindedness that transcends existing boundaries, NU's academic culture encourages (1) the development of actual products via the application of technologies, (2) the design of practical systems and novel structures, and (3) the nurturing of young minds and original talents that will go on to establish new academic disciplines and global industries. Our overarching aim is to cultivate future leaders who are endowed with true courage and intellect.

Diploma Policy

NU degrees are awarded upon fulfillment of two conditions: 1) students must have been enrolled for the entire duration of their program, 2) students must have acquired the requisite academic knowledge and capabilities for graduation, in line with the objectives and criteria outlined by their affiliated School, which in turn reflect the educational aims as stipulated in the NU academic philosophy and General Rules.

The School of Letters seeks to develop individuals with a profound insight into their fellow human beings and a keen interest in language, as well as an understanding of the human mind and behavior, and a logical approach to the humanities.

The School of Education seeks to develop individuals who can identify problems surrounding education and personal growth, and address these using various approaches derived from the principles of pedagogy and psychology.

The School of Law seeks to develop individuals who are able to address the problems of modern society forming precise yet comprehensive judgments based on legal and political expertise.

The School of Economics seeks to develop individuals who, having acquired relevant knowledge of economics and leadership abilities, can respond to and help solve the economic challenges of our time.

Harmonious Development of Human Nature and Science

Outstanding Research Accomplishments

Nobel Prize
2001 Chemistry
2008 Physics & Chemistry

Koto
(Frameworks)

Mono
(Products)

Tsukuri
(Development)

Hito
(Leaders)

Educational Aims

Yuuki-arū Chishiki-jin®
Leaders with True Courage and Intellect



Seize opportunities

Undertake difficult challenges

Nurture autonomy and initiative

Proactive and Creative Minds

Spirit of Scientific Inquiry

Well-rounded Personality

Admissions Policy

NU regards the cultivation of logical thought and imagination as of paramount importance. These two qualities are essential to help students grow and behave in accordance with the Guiding Principles for Yuuki-arū Chishiki-jin:

- Seize Opportunities,
- Undertake Difficult Challenges,
- Nurture Autonomy and Initiative.

Accordingly, NU welcomes individuals from all over the world who, in addition to a solid basis of academic skills, possess a "well-rounded personality" that expresses itself through a "proactive and creative minds" or "spirit of scientific inquiry."

Curriculum Policy

By taking advantage of being a leading university with a wide discipline base, NU's unique and varied curricula have been systematically designed to support its aim of furthering the university goals.

Education at NU is built around the distinguishing characteristics of each particular academic discipline and underpinned by appropriate faculty support. The forward-looking curricula and active learning facilities are further enhanced with a diverse blend of class formats.

The School of Agricultural Sciences seeks to develop individuals with knowledge and training in agricultural sciences, who are able to contribute to society through their humane attitude toward all living organisms, comprehensive decision-making abilities, and creative problem-solving skills.

The School of Engineering develops individuals who acquire the academic knowledge and capabilities necessary to make breakthroughs in new fields of engineering and convert their interest in the sciences into tangible social contributions.

The School of Medicine seeks to develop individuals with a logical mindset, strong ethics, and a profoundly humane character, who can utilize their creativity and sense of personal mission to help advance the fields of medical treatment and research.

The School of Science aims to develop individuals capable of original and flexible thoughts, with an inquiring mind that seeks to understand the fundamental principles of nature.

The School of Informatics and Sciences aims to develop individuals who are well-versed in information literacy and able to shape solutions based on systems thinking to help solve the problems mankind faces today.