



YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURAL UNIVERSITY

Welcome to YPU

Thinking about studying in Japan? Yamaguchi Prefectural University (YPU) offers a personalized academic experience in a welcoming, close-knit community. Nestled in a charming rural setting, YPU provides a unique opportunity to engage with Japanese culture and traditions. Our low student-to-teacher ratio ensures meaningful connections with faculty and peers, while international students enjoy hands-on cultural experiences. Join us at YPU to broaden your horizons, build lifelong connections, and become part of a supportive global community!



YPU Symbols



Symbol

Introduced in 2003, our university symbol features four petals representing our four educational principles. The design subtly forms a “Y” for Yamaguchi Prefectural University and evokes images of cherry blossoms, representing our campus in *Sakurabatake*.



Emblem

Our university emblem, created in 1975, features the kanji for "university" within the outline of the *Yata no Kagami*, a sacred mirror from Japanese mythology. The *dai* character symbolizes a soaring bird, representing the university's aspirations and future growth.



Mascot

Our mascot *Y-Piyo* is a Java sparrow with cherry blossom-shaped wings and a red bandana in our school colors. Born on May 15th, *Y-Piyo* loves Yamaguchi's famous *uirou* sweets. The name combines "YPU" (Yamaguchi Prefectural University) with "piyo," the chirping sound of a bird.



Accreditation

Yamaguchi Prefectural University has been evaluated and certified by the University Education Quality Assurance and Evaluation Center, an accredited evaluation body under Japan's School Education Law, meeting national university education quality standards.

Departments & Programs



Intercultural Studies Department

Educating students who can contribute to community culture with a global perspective



Culture and Creative Arts Department

Educating students to have deep cultural knowledge and cultivate a sense of self-expression



Information Society Studies Department

Educating students who can use digital technology to address community challenges



Social Welfare Department

Educating students to support others in their day-to-day lives



Nursing Department

Educating students to become specialists dedicated to health and well-being



Human Nutrition Department

Educating students to become food and nutrition professionals dedicated to health



Midwifery Division

Educating students to support childbirth and nurture the future of mothers and children



Intercultural Studies Master's Program

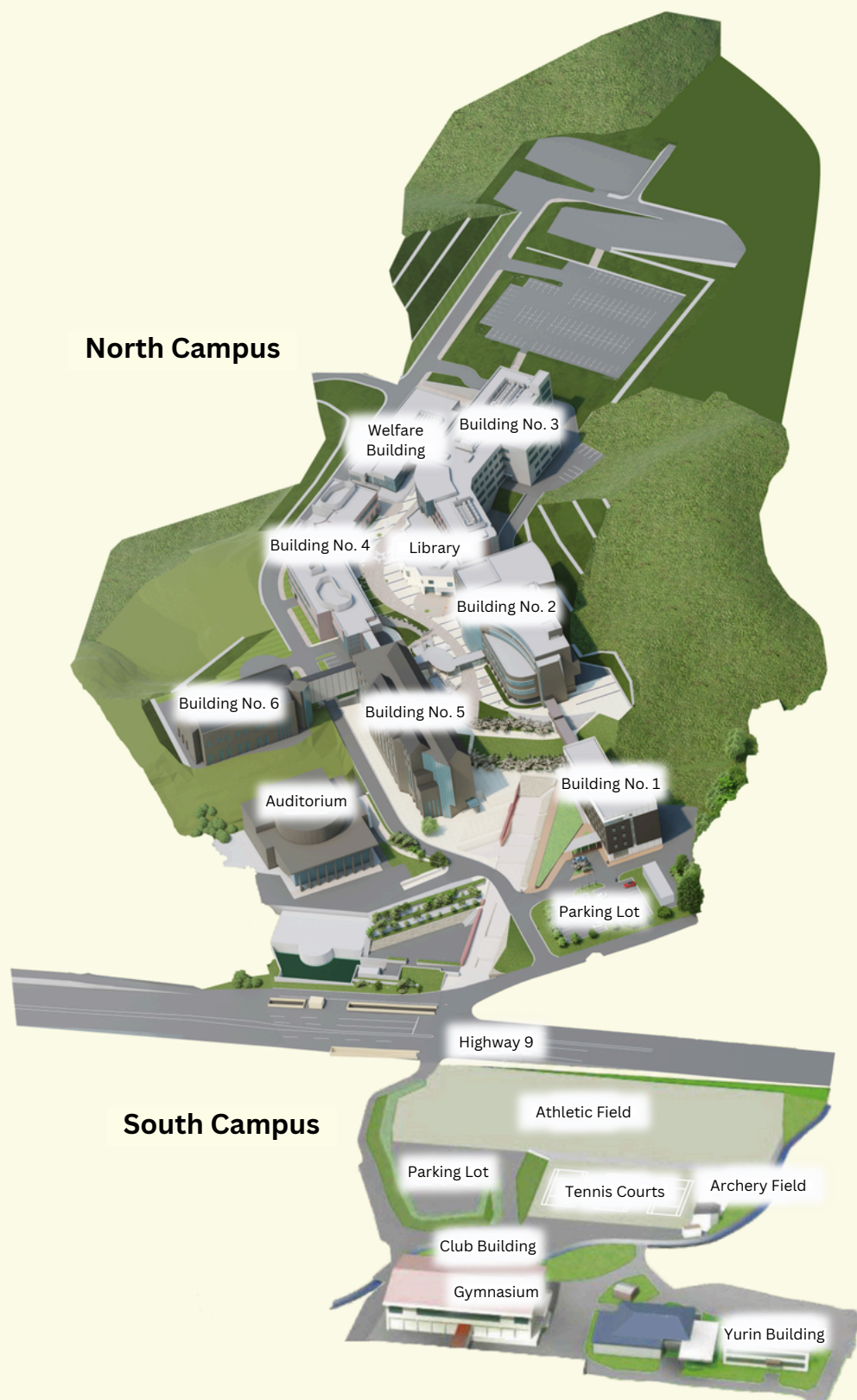
Educating students to explore cultures while fostering coexistence



Human Health Science and Welfare Master's and Doctoral Program

Educating students to analyze health and welfare from multiple perspectives





Campus Map

Annual School Events

Freshmen Orientation

The cherry blossoms welcome the freshmen entering YPU, who learn about college life and make friends through icebreaking events led by upperclassmen.



Minazuki Festival

A traditional university event for the arrival of summer, inter-departmental sports matches, stage performances, presentations, and snack booths are part of the festival.



Kazuki Festival

A two-day university event highlighting the autumn season, this festival has snack booths, exhibits, and performances by student groups enjoyed by everyone.



Graduation

As a synthesis of their four years at YPU, students present their research and projects in front of their peers and professors before embarking on their next journey.



History

1941

Foundation of Yamaguchi Prefectural Women's Vocational College

1950

Establishment of Yamaguchi Prefectural Women's Junior College in the Vocational College (Department of Japanese Literature and Department of Home Economics)

1975

Establishment of Yamaguchi Prefectural Women's College
(Faculty of Literature and Faculty of Home Economics)

1991

Reorganization of the Faculty of Home Economics

1994

Reorganization of the Faculty of Literature
(Faculty of Intercultural Studies and Faculty of Social Welfare Established)

1996

Name changed from Yamaguchi Women's College to Yamaguchi Prefectural University;
implementation of co-educational system; establishment of the Faculty of Nursing

1998

Faculty of Home Economics becomes Faculty of Life Sciences

1999

Establishment of the Graduate School
(Graduate Program in Intercultural Studies and Graduate Program in Social Welfare)

2006

Name Changed to Public University Corporation Yamaguchi Prefectural University;
establishment of the Health Welfare Department and the Graduate Program of
Health Welfare (Doctoral)

2007

Reorganization of the Faculty of Intercultural Studies, Faculty of Life Sciences, and
Faculty of Nursing; establishment of the Department of Culture and Creative Arts in the
Faculty of Intercultural Studies; establishment of the Faculty of Nursing and Nutrition

2012

Establishment of the Special Graduate Program of Midwifery

2025

Establishment of the Department of Information Society Studies
in the Faculty of Intercultural Studies



Student Experience

“My time at YPU was one of the most informative and impactful experiences of my young adult life. I was able to interact and communicate with students from a culture unknown to me, whilst being able to spread my culture to them.

The professors I interacted with every day had a passion for helping me spread my knowledge, along with lessons I could learn from them and their students. Using these lessons and experiences, I found new passions and goals to push forward my, at the time, uncertain ideas for the future. While doing all this, I was able to truly get the proper Japanese experience and have the most fun ever.”

2023 Fall/Winter Semester Exchange Student

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