NUCB Undergraduate School

International Programs

NUCB Undergraduate School was founded by Dr. Yuichi Kurimoto in 1953 and is recognized by the motto 'Frontier Spirit', symbolizing the strong spirit of being at the frontier of knowledge and communications. It is a private university established by the Kurimoto Educational Institute and situated in Nisshin, just outside Japan's third-largest city, Nagoya. NUCB Undergraduate School has approximately 3,000 students, and 100 professors. The university has a strong commitment to excellence in case method teaching and research, and has developed alliances with international institutions in Asia, Europe, North America, and Latin America.

In 2006, NUCB Undergraduate School became the first AACSB-accredited undergraduate institution in Japan and has maintained it to date through high standards and continuous improvement. AACSB-accredited schools have better programs, better faculty, better students with higher overall GPAs, more international students, more employers that recruit from them, and graduates that receive better salaries. NUCB Business School, our Graduate School of Management, is the first and only Japanese business school to be accredited by AACSB, AMBA, and EQUIS, and thus, achieving the renowned Triple Crown.

Undergraduate Programs:

- Global BBA - EN
- BBA - JP
- BSc in Management - JP
- BSc in Economics - JP
- BSc in Commerce - JP
- BA in International Studies - JP
- BA in Foreign Language - EN

NUCB Undergraduate School has a global network of 156 leading international business schools across 59 countries, and it is the 68th member of the Partnership in International Management (PIM) Network with more than 35% of PIM members being our partner schools. 86% of our partner schools are accredited by at least one of the three international accreditation bodies: AACSB, AMBA, and EQUIS and over 100 students from leading business schools around the world select NUCB Undergraduate School each year for their study exchange program. These include students from EDHEC Business School, RSM, University of St. Gallen, Monash University, among others. As part of our commitment to excellence and ongoing contribution to international management education, we are actively engaged with our partner schools through various types of programs and initiatives. Agreements with our partner schools include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Student Exchange
- Double Degree Programs
- Faculty Exchange
- Joint Research Projects

Core academics from top international schools, including Harvard Business School, MIT Sloan School of Management, Saïd Business School, Warwick Business School, etc., have taught at NUCB Undergraduate School.

Global BBA

Semester and Terms

The academic year is separated into Spring Semester and Fall Semester, and each semester is split into 2 Terms.

- 14 weeks per Semester
- 7 weeks per Term
- Each course: 200 mins. x 7 weeks

Case Method Learning

The case method is at the core of our academic experience, which is an MBA-style learning methodology built on participant-centered learning aiming to prepare students for strategic decision-making through the practice of real business. This practical learning approach prepares students for the real world as a business leader better than any lecture-based program ever could. Course materials consist of the latest business cases from renowned case publication houses, such as Harvard Business Publishing, INSEAD, and Ivey Publishing.

Nagoya - The Most Dynamic Area in Japan

NUCB Undergraduate School is situated in Nisshin, with a rural background just east of Japan's central city of Nagoya which provides fast and convenient access to both Kyoto and Tokyo. We offer an all-English degree program at the Bachelor level for undergraduate students through our Global BBA program. The goal of our program is to cultivate highly skilled professionals who develop a global perspective, a strong sense of ethics, and the ability to contribute positively to the international business community.

Nagoya is a center of manufacturing craftsmanship, with strong connections to the automotive, aircraft, and industrial robot industries. A distinctive food culture exists full of local delicacies such as Kishimen (noodles), Tebasaki (chicken wings), Miso-nikomi udon (miso boiled udon), and much more. Nagoya's population density is only one-third of that of Tokyo or Osaka. The city has many lush parks that are great for enjoying the weather, jogging, or taking part in the many seasonal events that are held in the city, with a well-developed public transportation network of subway and bus lines that make commuting or shopping very easy.

Application Procedures

Nomination periods

- Spring 2027 Oct. 2026 - Nov. 2026
- Fall 2027 Feb. 2027 - Apr. 2027

Application deadlines

- Spring 2027 Dec. 5th, 2026
- Fall 2027 May 5th, 2026

Application steps

- Student nominations by partner university to NUCB
- Students submit their application package to NUCB
- NUCB sends a digital copy of the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) and Acceptance Letter to each student after being issued by Immigration
- Students apply for a Student Visa at the Japanese Embassy in their home country with the digital CoE and Acceptance Letter

Academic Calendar

*Exchange students are required to stay until the official end of the semester to fulfill the program requirements.

Spring Semester 2026

- Term 1 Apr. - May
- Term 2 Jun. - Jul.

Dormitory check-in Mar. 23rd & 24th
Orientation days Mar. 25th & 26th
Class starts Apr. 6th
Class ends (GBBA) Jul. 22nd
(Adv.JP) Jul. 31st

Fall Semester 2026

- Term 3 Sep. - Oct.
- Term 4 Nov. - Dec./Jan.

Dormitory check-in Sep. 3rd & 4th
Orientation days Sep. 7th & 8th
Class starts Sep. 14th
Class ends (GBBA) Dec. 25th
(Adv.JP) Jan. 31st

*AY2026's calendar will be posted once available.
*Aforementioned dates are tentative, and are subject to change.
*Semester end dates differ for GBBA program and Adv. Japanese language courses. The majority of exchange students do not take Adv. Japanese courses. Contact us for more information.
*For the fall semester, GBBA classes are scheduled on Christmas Day.

Office Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition is waived for incoming students to NUCB. However, we require all students from our partner institutions to pay a separate fee of 35,000 JPY per semester that covers the casebooks (used in Global BBA), registration and administrative handling fees. Please note that this fee is subject to change.

Programs, Courses and Credits

Course registration

Students are contacted before their arrival for the course registration. All courses must be approved by the home institution before the students submit their choice as there will be no changes after arrival. Hence, the choice of courses must be final.
*Mainly 3rd- and 4th-year courses are available. Note that students are unable to take 1st-year courses.

Course load

Minimum: 12 NUCB credits (6 courses)
Maximum: 20 NUCB credits (10 courses)
The exact number of credits required depends on the student's home institution.

Grading

Grades	Definition	Points
S	Excellent	4
A	Good	3
B	Passable	2
C	Lowest	1
F-Re* / F	Failure	0
IN**	Incomplete	-1

*F-Re is a temporary fail grade but the student has the option to submit a makeup report to have a chance to pass the course with a C grade, whereas F is a direct fail grade.
**IN is a result of having insufficient attendance.

Credit calculation

- 2 NUCB credits = 3 ECTS credits
- 2 NUCB credits = 90 hours of study
- 90 hours = 23.3 class hours + 66.7 hours of self-study
- Class hours = 200 mins. x 7 lectures

Students are strictly required to attend all classes, and class participation is part of the final grade.

Double Degree Program (2+2)

- 2 years of study must be completed before the Double Degree period at NUCB
- Students are required to study for 2 years (4 semesters) at NUCB
- 64 NUCB credits must be acquired
- Completion of an Original Case
- Click here for more details

Short-term Programs

In addition to exchange and double degree programs, we also offer seasonal short-term programs: study tours, summer and winter programs. Study tours are carefully tailored for each partner school's needs and demands depending on the seasons, and summer/winter programs will be announced when organized.

English requirements

- TOEFL iBT 4 or 80
(with a min. of 3.5 in all four components)
(Test scores obtained more than two years ago are accepted; however, TOEFL Home Edition scores are not accepted.)
- TOEFL PBT 550
- TOEIC 750
- IELTS 6.0
(with a min. of 5.5 in all four components)
- Cambridge English (First and Business Vantage with Grade B or above)
- Cambridge English (Advanced, Business Higher, Proficiency with pass Grade)

Native English speakers and students from fully English-taught programs are exempt from test scores but must submit a recommendation letter from their academic advisor.

Transcripts

E-transcripts are emailed to the home institution two months after the semester ends. Paper transcripts are available upon request.

Visa requirements

NUCB assists students in obtaining a student visa. Students cannot enroll under a tourist visa.

Health insurance

Regardless of students having private or other insurance outside of Japan, if staying more than three months in Japan, it is legally required to enroll in the National Health Insurance (NHI) in Japan.

Travel insurance

Obtaining travel insurance before coming to Japan is strongly recommended, as it may cover situations not covered by the NHI (luggage, flight, personal liabilities and other travel-related incidents).

Important Policies

NUCB exchange students are strictly prohibited from operating any motor vehicle in Japan during their exchange period. This prohibition applies to all motor vehicles, including rental cars, privately owned vehicles, motorcycles, and motor scooters.

Accommodation

**Room availability depends on the semester.*

Hiroshi Hall Dormitory

(For 1-semester exchange)

4-4 Sagamine, Komenoki, Nisshin-shi, Aichi-ken

On-campus accommodation. Hiroshi Hall is exclusively for exchange students. Rooms are shared, with communal areas provided.

Koryo Hall Dormitory

(For 1-semester exchange)

4-4 Sagamine, Komenoki, Nisshin-shi, Aichi-ken

Our new on-campus accommodation option. Koryo Hall is also exclusively for exchange students. Rooms are shared, with communal areas provided.

Meito Dormitory

543 Takama-cho, Meito-ku, Nagoya-shi

198 fully-furnished rooms for NUCB students with a mix of Japanese and international students, located in eastern Nagoya.

Higashiyama Annex Dormitory (Female Only)

3-19-5 Higashiyama Motomachi, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya-shi

A sharehouse for women with a mix of exchange/DDP and Japanese students. Individual rooms for residents with common living facilities, located in eastern Nagoya.

Sanbongi Campus Dormitory

492-1 Fukuike, Sanbongi-cho, Nisshin-shi

101 fully-furnished rooms, newly renovated, common area at the entrance, located near the campus in Nisshin city.

Sanbongi Dormitory (Female Only)

17 Ichibanwari, Sanbongi-cho, Nisshin-shi

Traditional style, fully furnished dormitory for women, common area at the entrance, located near the campus in Nisshin city.

Contacts

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Important links

- Partner schools
- Nisshin Campus
- Double degree program
- Exchange program
- Global BBA
- FAQ for incoming students
- Nagoya City Guide
- Guide to Life in Japan

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