

International Budo University

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

1984. 04	The inauguration ceremony and entrance ceremony of IBU, Physical Education Faculty were held at IBU's Gymnasium 1 to welcome new students.
1994. 04	Inauguration of International Budo University, Special Course, Budo Specialization Program.
1994. 09	The construction of the Matsumae International Exchange Hall to commemorate the achievements of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae was completed.
1996. 04	The Budo and Sports Research Course in the Graduate School was inaugurated.
2000. 12	Academic exchange with Yong-In University, Korea, was initiated.
2001. 04	Department of Sports Trainer and Department of International Sports Culture were added to the Faculty of Physical Education.
2003. 10	The Commemoration and Celebration for the 20th Anniversary of the Foundation of International Budo University were held. Academic exchanges with Concordia University Portland, U.S.A., Hawaii Tokai International College, Lomonosov Moscow State University and Tianjin University of Sport, China, were initiated.
2005. 11	Academic exchange with Far Eastern Federal University, Russia, was initiated.
2009. 06	Academic exchange with National Taiwan Sport University initiated.
2011. 11	Academic exchange with Luleå University of Technology, Sweden, initiated.
2013. 04	The four departments in the faculty of Physical Education were consolidated into two departments, Budo and Physical Education.
2013. 10	The Commemoration and Celebration for the 30th Anniversary of the Foundation of International Budo University were held.
2017. 12	Academic exchange with University of Physical Education, Hungary, was initiated.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The Spring Semester	
April	Orientation Entrance Ceremony Medical Examination Beginning of Study Term
July	End of Study Term
August	Supplementary Lectures & Term-End Examination Beginning of Summer Holidays
September	End of Summer Holidays (Intensive Lectures)
The Fall Semester	
September	Beginning of Study Term
October	Foundation Day
November	School Festival
December	End of Studies before Winter Holidays Beginning of Winter Holidays
January	End of Winter Holidays Recommencement of Studies End of Study Term
	Supplementary Lectures & Term-End Examination (Intensive Lectures)
March	Course Completion Ceremony



Entrance Ceremony



International Students

Special Course, Budo Specialization Program

Mission

Special Course, Budo Specialization Program is intended that, with Budo as a pillar of the course, international students who wish to learn Japanese language and culture will master basic Budo practice and receive instruction of Japanese enough to be able to understand lectures in undergraduate school, and consequently we will contribute to international exchanges through promoting rightly the Budo Spirit advocated by Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, the founder of IBU, and sending good instructors to the world.

The Curriculum

The program identifies three areas of study: Budo, Japanese culture, and Japanese language.

The Budo curriculum combines basic practice skills and theory taught in classroom-style instruction supported by the practical experience gained in the university's Budo clubs.

Fundamental to the study of Budo, useful for daily life in Japan, and essential for an understanding of the culturally rich and complex Japanese society, Japanese culture is taught in the Budo and language classes. Elective classes specializing in this topic are available for those interested in a more in-depth study.

Budo and Japanese culture encompass many abstract concepts. There is as well a practical issue of explaining intrinsically Japanese terms and their usage. To facilitate the transmission of information and to provide for bilateral discussion, the Budo Specialization Program stresses Japanese language.



Kendo Class

Total Enrollment

Budo Specialization Program is limited to twenty students each year. (Based on 2023 School Year policy. Course capacity is subject to change.)

Schedule

Students are admitted to the program on April 1 of each year for a period of study of one year concluding on March 31 of the following year.

The academic year consists of two semesters: the Spring Semester (April through September); the Fall Semester (September through March).

Lessons are conducted from 09:10 to 16:20 Monday through Friday.

Holidays include Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and other holidays determined by the university calendar.

Budo club practices are conducted independently of the formal school schedule. Basically, practices are conducted daily in the morning and afternoon on weekdays.



Judo Class

Course Offerings and Requirements

Seven special curricula are available: Judo, Kendo, Kyudo, Karatedo, Naginata, Shorinji Kempo, and Aikido. One of them is compulsory.

In addition to the Budo curricula, the basic Japanese language curriculum is required to all students.

Aside from the basic studies, some elective classes are available for students who have interests. Some classes are designed to relate directly to the required Budo or Japanese language courses, while others such as "Japanese Culture" or "English" are offered to support the special needs or interests of the students.

Qualification for Program Completion

Students who have successfully completed a minimum of 26 units, including all required classes, maintained appropriate conduct throughout their residence, and satisfied all accounts with the university will be awarded the Certificate of Completion.



Japanese Language Seminar



Karatedo Club Activity



Kendo Club Activity

Course Listings

Classes of Budo special curricula are offered in combination with undergraduate program of the university, which consist of Judo, Kendo, Kyudo, Karatedo, Naginata, Shorinji Kempo, and Aikido.

One of those Budo should be selected.

Basic Japanese Curriculum is offered to the Special Course students.

Budo Curriculum	(Compulsory Elective Classes)	Total Credit
Judo I -1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Judo I -2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Judo II-1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Judo II-2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Judo Seminar I	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Judo Seminar II	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Kendo I -1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kendo I -2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kendo II-1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kendo II-2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kendo Seminar I	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Kendo Seminar II	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Kyudo I -1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kyudo I -2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kyudo II-1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kyudo II-2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Kyudo Seminar I	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Kyudo Seminar II	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Karatedo I -1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Karatedo I -2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Karatedo II-1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Karatedo II-2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Karatedo Seminar I	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Karatedo Seminar II	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Naginata I -1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Naginata I -2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Naginata II-1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Naginata II-2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Naginata Seminar I	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Naginata Seminar II	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Shorinji Kempo I -1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Shorinji Kempo I -2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Shorinji Kempo II-1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Shorinji Kempo II-2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Shorinji Kempo Seminar I	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Shorinji Kempo Seminar II	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Aikido I -1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Aikido I -2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Aikido II-1	Basic Practice	1 credit
Aikido II-2	Basic Practice	1 credit
Aikido Seminar I	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit
Aikido Seminar II	Theory and Applied Practice	1 credit

Budo Curriculum	(Elective Classes)	Total Credit
Introduction to Budo	Basic Practice · Judo	1 credit
Introduction to Budo	Basic Practice · Kendo	1 credit
Introduction to Budo	Basic Practice · Kyudo	1 credit
Introduction to Budo	Basic Practice · Karatedo	1 credit
Introduction to Budo	Basic Practice · Naginata	1 credit
Introduction to Budo	Basic Practice · Shorinji Kempo	1 credit
Introduction to Budo	Basic Practice · Aikido	1 credit
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Japanese Language Curriculum	(Required Classes)	Total Credit
Japanese Language Seminar I -1	Conversation	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar I -2	Conversation	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar I -3	Conversation	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar I -4	Conversation	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar II -1	Grammar & Composition	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar II -2	Grammar & Composition	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar II -3	Grammar & Composition	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar II -4	Grammar & Composition	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar III -1	Reading Comprehension	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar III -2	Reading Comprehension	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar III -3	Reading Comprehension	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar III -4	Reading Comprehension	1 credit
(Elective Classes)		
Japanese Language Seminar IV -1	Special Lecture	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar IV -2	Special Lecture	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar IV -3	Special Lecture	1 credit
Japanese Language Seminar IV -4	Special Lecture	1 credit

Japanese Culture Curriculum	(Required Classes)	Total Credit
Japanese Culture I	Facts about Japan	2 credits
Japanese Culture II	Facts about Japan	2 credits
Japanese Culture III	Mentality & Lifestyle	2 credits
Japanese Culture IV	Mentality & Lifestyle	2 credits

Comparative Language Curriculum	(Elective Classes)	Total Credit
English I	Comparison with Japanese	1 credit
English II	Comparison with Japanese	1 credit

※ This curriculum accords to 2023 school year.

List of Academic Staff

Director of Special Course, Budo Specialization Program

KIMURA, Toshikazu Professor

Judo Program

ISHII, Kensuke Professor
YAZAKI, Rika Associate Professor
KOSHINO, Tadanori Assistant Professor
KUMASHIRO, Yusuke Specially-appointed Professor

Kendo Program

MARUBASHI, Toshio Professor
IWAKIRI, Kimiharu Professor
KAMIUTO, Teshu Assistant Professor

Kyudo Program

HARADA, Ryuji Assistant Professor

Karatado Program

ARAKAWA, Takamasa Specially- appointed Professor
TOYODA, Hiroshi Lecturer (Non-Full-time)

Naginata Program

SHISEKI, Yoshiko Lecturer (Non-Full-time)

Shorinji Kempo Program

KOSAKA, Masaharu Professor
INOUE, Hiromu Lecturer (Non-Full-time)

Aikido Program

TATSUGI, Yukitoshi Professor
KURIBAYASHI, Takanori Lecturer (Non-Full-time)
KANAZAWA, Takeshi Lecturer (Non-Full-time)

Iaido

KANEDA, Kazuhisa Lecturer (Non-Full-time)

Japanese Language

KUDO, Akiko Associate Professor

Japanese Culture

MATSUI, Kantaro Professor
KIMURA, Toshikazu Professor
KUDO, Akiko Associate Professor

English

MOCHIZUKI, Yoshie Professor

The home countries and regions of the former Special Course students

The Budo Specialization Program's charter class was initiated in 1994 and has continued to grow in popularity, attracting students from throughout the world. Some of them are national team members, and Olympians.

EUROPE					AFRICA	ASIA			OCEANIA	AMERICA		
•Austria	•Finland	•Italy	•Poland	•Sweden	•Egypt	•China	•Macau	•Philippines	•Australia	•Argentina	•Colombia	•USA
•Belgium	•France	•Latvia	•Romania	•Switzerland	•Madagascar	•Hong Kong	•Malaysia	•Taiwan	•Fiji	•Barbados	•Ecuador	
•Bulgaria	•Germany	•Lithuania	•Russia	•Tajikistan		•Korea	•Mongolia	•Thailand	•New Zealand	•Brazil	•Peru	
•Czech	•Greece	•Netherlands	•Slovakia	•Turkey		•Jordan	•Nepal		•Tonga	•Canada	•Puerto Rico	
•Denmark	•Hungary	•Norway	•Spain	•UK						•Chile	•Mexico	

Health and Medical Requirements

The university maintains a health center and rehabilitation clinic which are available to all students. The Health Center is staffed by nurses, and is open during regular school hours. Adjacent to the university there is a small full service hospital. In the event of serious medical situations, located in the adjacent town, there is one of Japan's largest hospitals. In each case above, Japanese National Health Insurance is accepted.

Subscription to the Japanese National Health Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance "Gakkensai" are required for all Special Course students. The cost of the former insurance is approximately JPY20000 per year which will be collected at the orientation and paid to the City Hall in April. The latter covers injuries that occur during classes and school events, and the premium is included in the school fees.

The students are also required to undergo a medical examination (the cost is included in the school fees) after enrolment. Please note that students who are notified that they need to have a re-examination should have a second examination at their own expense.

University Regulations and Japanese Law

Students are required to abide by university regulations and Japanese law throughout their term in Japan. At the time of notification of admission, the student will be required to file an oath and pledge of good behavior and promise to maintain residence in the university until completion of their studies.

Academic and Extracurricular Life

The course comprises a full schedule of classes, club practices, and home study resulting in an extremely busy lifestyle for the student.

All classes and regular club activities are conducted within the university; however, there are occasional field study trips, practical study tours, and several tournament viewing excursions that require the student to travel outside of the school. The expense for such activities will be the student's responsibility.

For most part, the books and study materials required in classes will be provided by the Special Course; however, personal dictionaries, reference materials and books, and stationery are responsibility of the student.



Kyudo Class



Aikido Class

Residence

Matsumae Memorial International Exchange Hall (dormitory facility) is available to all Special Course students. The Exchange Hall is a fully functional residence which includes double occupancy rooms with private bath, toilet, refrigerator and individual televisions, a common use kitchen, laundry facility, and lounge area. The Hall is administered by the International Office.

After hours, the Hall is patrolled on a regular basis and closed and locked daily at 23:00. Residence fee in the Hall is based on ¥ 1,000/day, or ¥ 30,000/full month. Basic services include linen service and cleaning of common areas.

Meal Expense

Students are responsible for their own meals. During the regular session meals can be purchased at the university cafeteria. During the summer break the cafeteria has reduced hours, and is closed on Sundays and holidays. The students may also prepare their own meals in the Hall's common use kitchen.

Katsuura City

The university is located in Katsuura City, Chiba Prefecture, in Japan. Facing the Pacific Ocean, the campus is backed by the mountains of the lower Boso Peninsula. The capital city Tokyo is only one and a half hours away by a limited express train from Katsuura station. Katsuura's climate is generally mild; however, it does enjoy four distinct seasons. One can expect plenty of rain in Spring and Fall, Summers can be hot and humid with temperatures up to the mid-30's(°C), and the Winter may have a few days of snow. The summer season is invariably crowded with many tourists.

Katsuura City HP:
<https://www.city.katsuura.lg.jp/>

Katsuura Tourist Association (YouTube):
<https://www.youtube.com/@user-fp9dr4dh7j/videos>



Judo Club Activity



Shared Room



Japanese Culture Class



Matsumae Memorial International Exchange Hall



Cafeteria