One of the distinctive features of the Faculty is the large number of academic exchange agreements that it has concluded with overseas universities. Students have ample opportunity to study abroad in their quest to better understand other cultures and communities.

Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

The Graduate School of Intercultural Studies is committed to opening new frontiers of cultural studies by focusing on the coexistence of diverse cultures, and by establishing a new paradigm for understanding human culture.

The Graduate School of Intercultural Studies has been organized into two main departments. The Department of Cultural Interaction fosters interdisciplinary studies of intercultural relationships based on the study of regional cultures, and the Department of Culture and Globalization conducts a broad range of research into languages and cultures in the context of accelerating globalization.

The Department of Cultural Interaction consists of two divisions. The Division of Area Studies carries out research on various regions, societies and cultures, while the Division of Intercultural Communication explores multiple dimensions of cross-cultural contact, conflict, and exchange. The department aims to:

1. Understand the cultures of various regions of the world;
2. Comprehend intercultural relationships and exchanges; and,
3. Cultivate intercultural communication skills.

The Department of Culture and Globalization consists of four divisions. The Division of Contemporary Culture and Society explores leading issues in modern society. The Division of Human Communication and Information Science explores verbal and non-verbal communication, and issues related to the use of a diverse range of information media. The Second Language Education Division promotes advanced research into foreign language pedagogy and aims to foster outstanding professionals in the field. The Advanced Communication Division is a joint research group along with the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR). Through this research, the department seeks to:

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I am a first-year master’s student in the Human Communication Course, in the Culture and Globalization Department. My research is focused on the differences between Thai and Japanese facial expressions in interpersonal situations. This school offers various seminars relevant to my research interest, such as interpersonal communication, nonverbal communication, and statistics for social studies. I am able to broaden and deepen my research perspective by discussing related issues with professors and friends from many countries. Moreover, I can get specific recommendations for my research through regular sessions with my professor. Professors, seniors and friends are really welcoming and supportive. They kindly help me with language and study problems. Studying in this international atmosphere really enhances my understanding of global communication and I believe that this experience will be invaluable in my future career.