

Campus Life

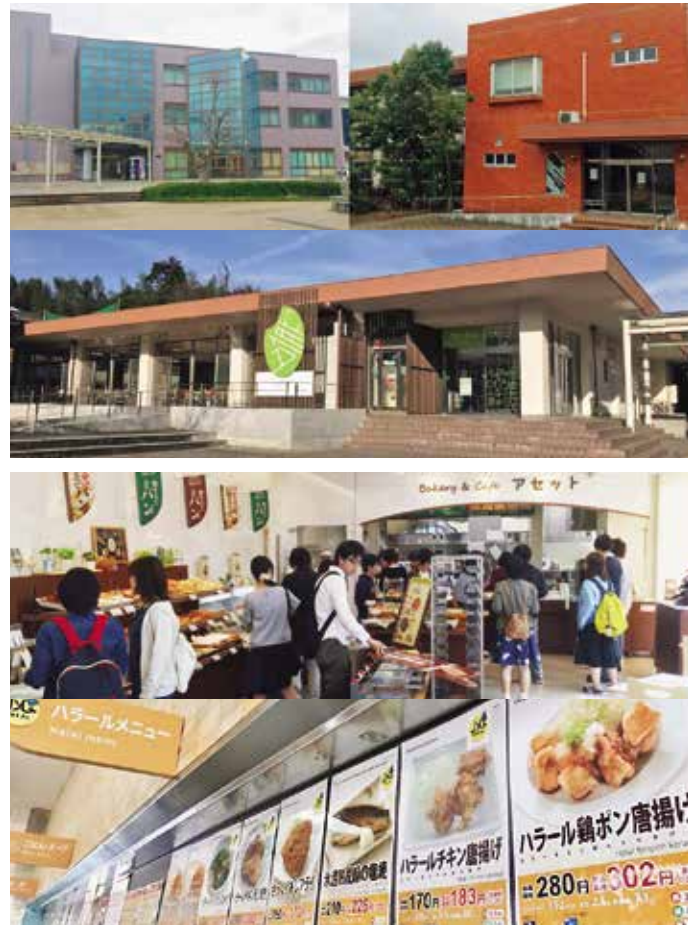
University Union

Located in the center of campus, the University Union (daigakukaikan) is a multi-functional building that provides gathering space for club events, parties, and other activities. In addition to eight meeting rooms, there is a stationery store, a bookstore and a bakery cafe.

The University Union is a place where students can interact with each other and organize activities outside of the classroom.

Academic Calendar

April	Academic Year begins First Semester begins Spring Entrance Ceremony New Student Orientation Classes begin Course Registration for the 1st Semester
July	Semester Examinations
August	Summer Vacation
September	Intensive Seminars begin Intensive Seminars end First Semester ends Field Trip for International Students
October	University Founding Anniversary Day Second Semester begins Fall Entrance Ceremony New Student Orientation Classes begin Course Registration for the 2nd Semester University Festival
December	Shimadai International Party Winter Vacation
January	Classes Resume
February	Semester Examinations Ski Trip for International Students
March	Academic Year-End Vacation Graduation Ceremony Field Trip for International Students Second Semester ends



Shimane University CO-OP

Shimane University CO-OP is the organization in charge of university welfare. CO-OP supports students' campus life in various aspects, housing, dining, studying and more.

Shop

The shop sells and deals with stationeries, books, personal computers, foods, snacks and drinks, and domestic travel tickets.

Housing

The shop provides housing information around the campus. The shop looks for apartment which satisfies your requests and supports making a contract.

Cafeterias

There are three cafeterias in Shimane University Matsue campus

Main cafeteria:sogno

Standard popular menus as well as special menus by seasons are provided.

Second cafeteria:Nicora1st Floor

This cafeteria is specialized in rice bowl menus.

Third cafeteria:Nicora2nd Floor

In addition to standard menus, Halal-friendly menus are available. Based on the request from Muslim students, CO-OP developed the original Halal-friendly menus for safe and secure dining environment for those students.

Bakery & Cafe ASSET

ASSET serves bread fresh from the oven inside the shop. In the relaxing atmosphere at the bakery, students can enjoy fresh bread as well as other menus such as pasta, light meals and fresh coffee.

Extracurricular Activities and Events

International students can add to their study abroad experience in Japan by taking part in field trips provided by Shimane University. You have a chance to visit places which enable you to experience cultural traditions, beauty of nature and historical heritages. Our destinations may change every year, for examples to Tokyo, Kansai area or historically distinct countryside in Shimane Pref. where you can experience the traditional Japanese lifestyles.

You also can enjoy the International party to share your culture with not only international students but also a lot of domestic students or staffs. Please make full use of these events to enrich your stay in Japan.



Clubs & Circles

With 83 athletic and 62 culture and hobby-related teams and clubs at Shimane University, over 3000 students participate in extracurricular activities. These activities provide the opportunity for the students to develop their bodies and minds, to make friends, and to respect each other in ways that would otherwise be impossible in the classroom and are thus believed to have an important role in students' lives.

Brief Introduction to Matsue City and Izumo City

Matsue City, with a population of about 206,000, located in the eastern part of Shimane Prefecture, is the seat of the prefectural government and serves as the political, economic and cultural center of the region.



Sunset over Lake Shinji

It is a beautiful city, well-known from ancient times as the “city of water”, with the large lakes of “Lake Nakaumi” and “Lake Shinji” respectively on the eastern and the western borders of the city. This region, which is traditionally called the “Province of Izumo”, was one of the most prosperous cultural centers in ancient Japan, with its local government established in Matsue as far back as the sixth century. Many relics of the old town have been found in and around the city.



Horikawa Sightseeing Boat

Since Matsue Castle was built in 1611, Matsue has enjoyed prosperity as a castle town. Even today, you can still see many structures and moats remaining just as they used to be, including Matsue Castle, which was designated as a National Treasure in 2015, the Samurai Houses and the waterways running through the city.

In 1951, the city was designated as an “International Cultural and Sightseeing City”, together with Kyoto and Nara, and has attracted many tourists from abroad as well as from various parts of Japan.



Matsue Castle

Izumo City is located 40 kilometers west of Matsue, and can be reached in an hour by car, or in 40 minutes by rail. The Izumo region is surrounded by a natural landscape, including “Lake Shinji” and the extensive Izumo plains, and is well known as a tourist area. Izumo City has become a core center in Shimane Prefecture, and its population of about 171,000 ranks second only to Matsue City.

Izumo has been known as “The Land of the Gods” since ancient times, and is famous for the legends of the Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine and the eight-headed serpent (Yamata no Orochi). It is said that for one month, in the 10th month of the lunar calendar, the rest of Japan becomes the “Land Without Gods”, because all of Gods come home to Izumo. The discovery of many ancient burial mounds and monuments throughout the Izumo district confirms that an advanced culture was well-established here centuries ago.

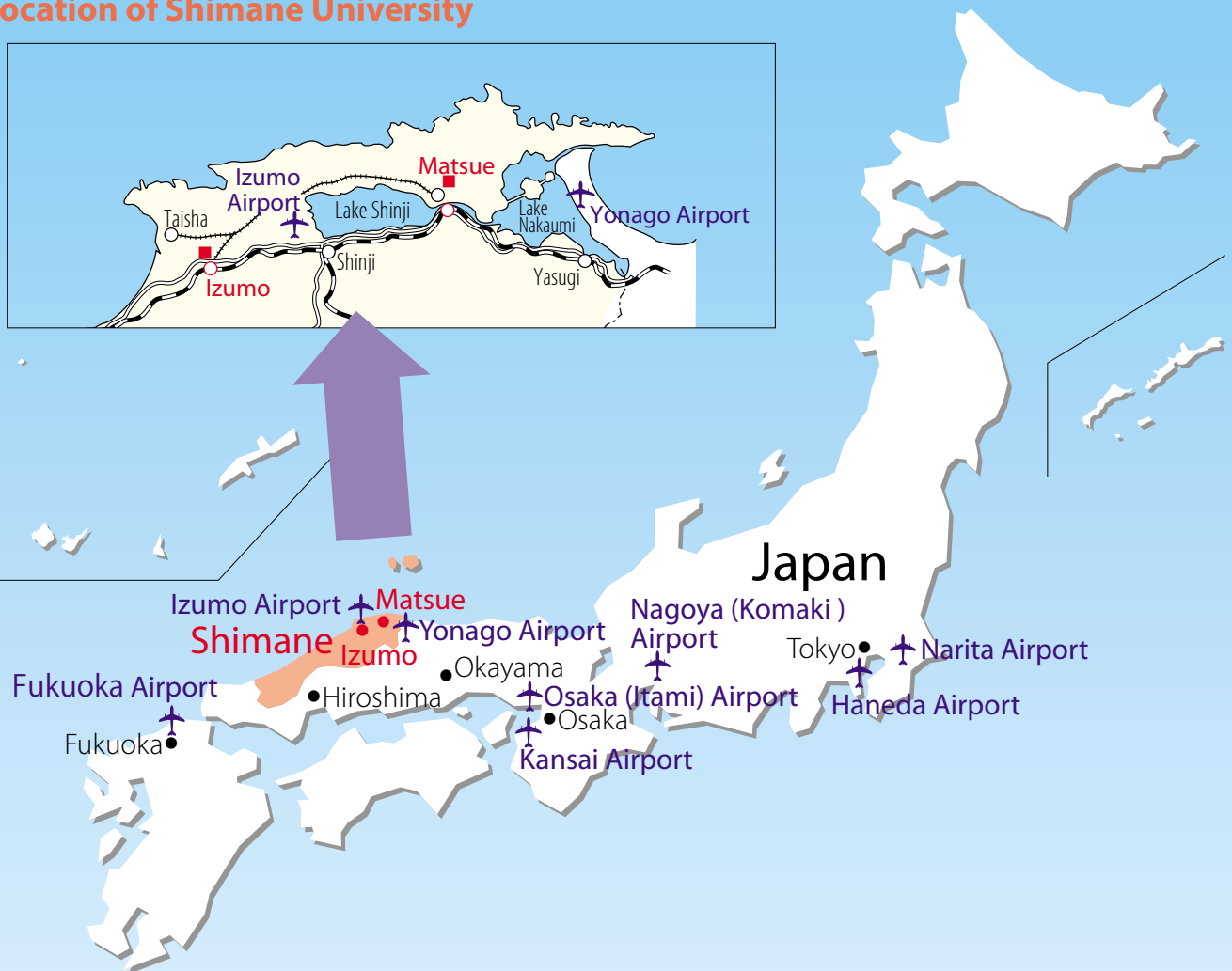
As many places in Japan, four seasons are very clear and each has characteristic beauties. You may be overwhelmed by the traditional and natural riches we have in our sacred region.



Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine

Access to Shimane University

Location of Shimane University



Campus Transportation

Matsue Campus

By AIR



Tokyo(Haneda) → Izumo	1h25m
Fukuoka → Izumo	1h5m
Nagoya(Komaki) → Izumo	1h
Osaka(Itami) → Izumo	55m
Tokyo(Haneda) → Yonago	1h20m

Shuttle bus from airport to Matsue station

Izumo Airport → JR Matsue station	30m
Yonago Airport → JR Matsue station	45m

J R



Tokyo - Okayama - Matsue	6h10m
Fukuoka - Okayama - Matsue	4h30m
Osaka - Okayama - Matsue	3h40m

Transportation from JR Matsue station to Matsue campus

By local bus → Matsue campus	15-20m
By taxi → Matsue campus	10m

Izumo Campus

By AIR



Tokyo(Haneda) → Izumo	1h25m
Fukuoka → Izumo	1h5m
Nagoya(Komaki) → Izumo	1h
Osaka(Itami) → Izumo	55m

Shuttle bus from airport to Izumoshi station

Izumo Airport → JR Izumoshi station	25m
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J R



Tokyo - Okayama - Izumoshi	6h40m
Fukuoka - Okayama - Izumoshi	5h
Osaka - Okayama - Izumoshi	4h10m

Transportation from JR Izumoshi station to Izumo campus

By local bus → Izumo campus	5-10m
By taxi → Izumo campus	10m