

## UWC MISSION

United World Colleges (UWC) is a global movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations, and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. At UWC, we inspire young people to put their talents and energy into social change, no matter which future path they choose. We select promising, passionate students from all over the world, and give them the knowledge, skills and confidence to make a difference. Our school motto echoes this: **One Life. Realize Your Potential. Be a Catalyst for Positive Change.**

Japanese

56

International

144



**80** Nationalities

**45** Languages spoken on campus

**200** Students

**89** Grade 12

**76** Grade 11

**35** Grade 10

**70%** Of students receive financial aid

**32,681 USD** Average aid per student



There are 18 UWC member schools across the globe

## WHO WE ARE

In 2014, UWC ISAK Japan was established as the International School of Asia Karuizawa (ISAK). It embraced the UWC ethos in 2017 when it transitioned into a coeducational boarding school, catering to students from grades 10 to 12. Our boarding school experience nurtures well-rounded individuals, while our transformative university advising program empowers students to realize their aspirations. Here, students learn the art of discerning priorities and responding resiliently to challenges, harnessing the strength of diversity, and actively supporting others. Our distinctive educational approach seamlessly melds academics and leadership development within the tranquil confines of a picturesque mountain town.

## OUR CURRICULUM

In addition to the Japanese High School Diploma, we offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP), where students can pursue a number of IB Certificates (2 year courses) in selected subjects and the IBDP core elements.

## IN THE CLASSROOM

### Pre-IB (Grade 10) & Japanese High School Diploma

All students take eleven subjects which prepare them for the IB Diploma Program. The core subjects include courses in English, Science, Mathematics, Humanities, Visual Arts, Film, Japanese, and Physical Education.

### IB Diploma Program (Grades 11 and 12)

Students study six subjects, three at higher level and three at standard level, plus Physical Education. Students are required to take Theory of Knowledge (TOK), submit an Extended Essay (EE) and participate in Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS).

## OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

### Stop and Clean

Like other Japanese schools, students, faculty, and staff clean every room, floor, and surface on campus each and every day.

### CAS Leadership Projects

In addition to clubs and organizations, students develop, plan and put into action personal and group projects. Students devote 2 full weeks each year to traveling all over Japan and the globe to further their projects.

### Student Agency

Students run hundreds of events on campus. Faculty play a purposefully small role in organizing these events, giving students the chance to practice leadership and organizational skills.

### Outdoor Education

OEd is a core aspect of our unique educational experience. Students engage in hands-on learning through diverse outdoor activities and foster a connection with the natural environment.

## ADMINISTRATION

**Malcolm McKenzie**  
Head of School  
**Kyle Morgan Thomas**  
Deputy Head of School

## UNIVERSITY ADVISORS

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## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

IB World School  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology - Japan  
National Association of College Admission Counseling  
International Association of College Admission Counseling  
Council of International Schools Member School

## COURSES OFFERED TO THE CLASS OF 2024

### Group 1

English A: Literature  
English A: Language and Literature  
Chinese A: Literature  
Japanese A: Language and Literature  
Self Taught A

### Group 2

Japanese ab initio  
Mandarin ab initio  
Spanish ab initio  
Japanese B  
English B  
Spanish B (HL)  
Chinese B

### Group 3

History  
Global Politics  
Economics

### Group 4

Physics  
Chemistry  
Biology  
Computer Science  
ESS (SL)

### Group 5

Math AA  
Math A&I (SL)

### Group 6

Visual Art  
Film  
Theater

All courses offered at both Standard Level and Higher Level unless otherwise noted.

In accordance with IBDP, all courses are graded 1-7, except for TOK and EE, which are graded A-E.

## IB RESULTS IN 2022, 2021 & 2020

	2023	2022	2021
Number of Candidates	35	71	71
Average Pass Rate (%)	94.5	98.5	100
Average Pass Score	33.3	36.0	36.6
World Average Pass Score	32.6	33.8	34.4



## UNIVERSITY ADVISING POLICIES

- Students are limited to ten applications worldwide.
- We do not rank students, weight courses or calculate GPA.
- All students waive their right to review letters of recommendation.
- If requested, UWC ISAK Japan reports academic disciplinary infractions and any changes in the student's enrollment status.

## NO AWARDS POLICY

UWC ISAK Japan does not give awards in the academic or co-curricular area with the aim of nurturing a culture that fosters unity among students and cultivates communal bonds.

## UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT OF UWC ISAK JAPAN GRADUATES 2023, 2022, 2021

Arts University  
Bournemouth  
Australian National University  
Bates College  
Bentley University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Case Western Reserve University  
CEU Cardenal Herrera University  
Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Colby University  
College of the Atlantic  
Columbia University  
Concordia College at Moorhead  
Cornell University  
Davidson College  
Delft University of Technology

Duke University  
Earlham College  
Erasmus University  
Rotterdam  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Fulbright University  
Furman University  
IE University  
International Christian University  
Kalamazoo College  
Keio University  
King's College London  
Laguna College of Art and Design  
Lake Forest College  
Leiden University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Luther College  
Macalester College  
Methodist University  
Minerva Schools at KGI  
Mount Allison University

Mount Holyoke College  
Nagoya University of Commerce and Business  
National University of Singapore  
Oberlin College  
Pace University  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College  
Princess Srisavangavadhana College of Medicine  
Princeton University  
Queen Mary University of London  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Ritsumeikan APU  
Ritsumeikan University  
Royal Northern College of Music

Rutgers University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Skidmore College  
Sophia University  
St Lawrence University  
St Olaf College  
Swarthmore College  
Temple University Japan  
The New School, Parsons School of Design  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Bath  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Chicago  
University of Edinburgh

University of Florida  
University of Hawaii, Manoa  
University of Melbourne  
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of the Arts London  
University of Tokyo  
University of Toronto  
University of Twente  
University of Virginia  
Utrecht University  
Wake Forest University  
Wartburg College  
Waseda University  
Washington University in St Louis  
Wellesley College  
Whitman College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute