

## 7-5 Welfare Facilities

### Student Commons

The Student Commons is not merely intended to be a place for meetings, but it is also a place for students to interact with other students and members of the teaching staff, thereby deepening their friendship and enhancing their education, invigorate extracurricular activities, and make university life richer.

The facility in which the Student Commons is located is a two-story building with a total of 928 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space. On the first floor are a lounge, the office, a workroom (printing), a kitchen, a vending machine (beverages) area, studios 1 through 3, a Japanese-style room, and the Kiinsai Festival Executive Committee room. On the second floor are Multipurpose Room 1 (large meeting room) and Multipurpose Room 2 (medium-sized meeting room) where dance and mini-lectures can be held. Studios 1 and 2 (soundproof rooms) are also available for students to enjoy music, and there is Internet access available throughout the facility.

Use of certain rooms requires the stipulated request form to be submitted to the Student Commons Office, but other rooms can be used freely.

Keys can be obtained/returned at the following locations according to the time.

Day and Time	Locations
Weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.	Student and Career Support Office
10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Closes at 4:00 P.M. on Mondays)	Student Commons Office
After 5:00 P.M. and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays	Main Gate Security Office

Please contact the Student Commons Office for details.

As a rule, the Student Commons is open and closed on the following days.

- Open 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Monday through Sunday
- Closed on
  - entrance examination days and the preceding day
  - December 28 to January 4;
  - Founder's Day (November 29)
  - Summer Recess
  - days on which it is necessary to close for cleaning, etc.

### Cafeteria/Store

As one of the benefit facilities for students, faculty, and staff, the University commissions the university co-op to meet demand at a below-market price. Marche, with its menu of everything from noodle dishes to combination meals, is located on the second floor. Spaghetti and other light meals are available at Limone, located on the first floor. In addition, office materials, books, and other daily necessities can be purchased at a store on the first floor.

#### ■ Business hours

Shop name	Weekdays	Saturday, Sunday, holidays
Headquarters	10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Closed
University store	9:50 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. The service counter closes at 5:00 P.M.	Closed

Cafeteria “Marche”	Lunch 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Dinner 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	Closed
Limone	10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.	Closed

### **Cafeteria**

A self-service dining hall. The menu includes hot and cold main dishes and side dishes, rice, miso soup, rice bowl dishes, curry, noodle dishes, and a variety of other dishes. Beverages, desserts, and other such items are also available.

### **University store**

The University store provides broad support for students by offering food and sundries essential to daily life, school supplies, books (including textbooks), computers, and electronic dictionaries. It also handles applications for driving schools and accepts travel reservations. Students who become Co-op members receive a 10% discount on books by showing their member ID cards.

### **Outdoor Education Facilities**

#### **Shiga Heights Villa**

The Shiga Highlands are located at an altitude of over 1,500 meters. The area is home to a variety of ski resorts both large and small, where, in the winter and into spring, skiing and snowboarding can be enjoyed by everyone from beginner to advanced. Nishidate Ski Area comes into immediate view as one exits through the main entrance, making the environment ideal. In addition, the villa is located at Hoppo Hot Spring, the Shiga Highlands’ oldest hot spring. The bathing area in the facility is an uncommon steam spring, with water flowing directly from the source.

The area is known as a treasure trove of alpine flora from spring through summer. Around the end of the May holidays, visitors can see Asian skunk cabbage (or “water banana” from the Japanese name), Japanese fireflies in the summer, and splendid crimson foliage spreading widely in autumn, allowing deep enjoyment of the natural environment of each season.

#### **Tateyama Outdoor Educational Facility**

Tateyama is located in the southern part of the Boso Peninsula, only a short trip from downtown Tokyo. It is a tourist region blessed with a mild climate, even in winter.

The ocean at Tateyama, located in Minami Boso Quasi-National Park, is extremely clear. In front of the facility, Kagamigaura Beach forms a bay in which waves break quietly on the shoals. It is known as one of Japan’s foremost habitats of the sea firefly. It is a bustling seaside resort in the summer. Visitors can also enjoy observing nature while exploring the shore. With Tateyama’s traditional “Nanso Satomi Festival” in autumn, and strawberry picking in winter, there is something to enjoy in every season.