

August 23, 2021

To all students

Executive Director and Vice President for Education and International Affairs

Notice Regarding First-Semester Classes from September 1

Although the university previously announced instructions for classes and campus access restrictions for students until August 31, we have reconsidered our response in light of factors such as the Japanese government's extension of the state of emergency until September 12, along with a sharp rise in infections at the university. As a result, the current measures will be extended until the end of September during the first semester (including the second quarter), and students will generally be prohibited from entering university campuses. Campus access will be limited to cases such as fourth-year undergraduates and graduate students attending certain in-person classes or regular examinations or conducting thesis research. Please follow the guidance of your instructor.

Also, please bring your student ID card when you go on campus as it is required for access.

Furthermore, we ask that you continue to monitor your email account registered in the Live Campus academic system or other means of contact attentively for news of any changes in how classes or regular examinations will be conducted.

Since the spread of variant strains such as the delta variant and other recent developments, there have been reports of young people becoming infected and seriously ill, as well as cases of infection outdoors and in places where only one of the "3C" conditions exists. This calls for the utmost vigilance at the university. Please avoid becoming complacent and continue to be very careful about preventing infection, not only when you are studying, taking examinations, or researching on campus, but also while commuting or returning home before and after you come on campus. In particular, please make extra efforts to thoroughly comply with the following four points.

- ① Always wear a mask properly. (A nonwoven mask is recommended.)
- ② Thoroughly sanitize your hands.
- ③ When conversing with others before or after classes, absolutely avoid crowding and close contact and maintain appropriate distancing (at least one meter).
- ④ Refrain from eating with others before or after classes and other activities and return home promptly after the activity is finished.

In case of any changes in response to expanded infection, the university will issue additional notices.