

History and Development

1882	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tokyo Senmon Gakko (College) founded by Shigenobu Okuma with the Departments of Political Science, Law, English, and Physical Science.
1890	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department of Literature established.
1893	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate courses launched in the Department of Literature.
1900	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty members sent to Europe and America for the first time under the newly-established Foreign Travel Scholarships for faculty members.
1902	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University Library building completed. Acquisition of university status. Renamed Waseda University, the institution comprised Schools of Political Science & Economics, Law, and Literature, seven senmon-bu (junior colleges), and a single graduate school.
1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School of Education established.
1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University status acquired under Senmon Gakko School Act. School of Commerce established.
1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School for Chinese students established (closed in 1910).
1909	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School of Science and Engineering established.
1920	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chartered under the newly enacted University Act comprising five undergraduate schools of Political Science and Economics, Law, Literature, Commerce, and Science and Engineering; Department of Commerce added in senmon-bu (junior college).• First Higher School (3-year course) newly launched.
1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Death of Shigenobu Okuma, founder of the University.
1925	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New University Library and Student Hall completed.
1927	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Okuma Auditorium completed.
1928	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tsubouchi Memorial Theatre Museum completed.
1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration Building, Gymnasium, and Television Laboratory completed.
1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kagami Memorial Laboratory for Materials Science and Technology established.
1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coeducation introduced.
1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science and Engineering Research Laboratory established.• Institute of Social Sciences established.
1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imperial-Gift Memorial Hall, Okuma-Kaikan faculty club, First Higher School Building, and Science and Engineering Research Laboratory Building destroyed by fire as a result of air-raids.• Reconstruction and renovation started.
1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four-year college curricula established, with eleven schools, in accordance with the new education law.• Waseda Senior High School started as an affiliated school.
1951	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Schools (master's degree programs) under the new educational program established, with six Schools.• Two new graduate school buildings, one for Humanities and Social Sciences and the other for Science and Engineering, completed.

1953	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Schools (doctoral degree programs) established.
1956	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems Science Institute established.
1958	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Teacher's Training Course established. Institute of Comparative Law established.
1959	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Informatics established.
1962	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute of Language Teaching established.
1963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Division established.
1966	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Social Sciences (Evening Division only) established.
1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Division of the School of Science and Engineering abolished.
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Divisions of the Schools of Political Science and Economics, Law, and Commerce abolished.
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute for Research in Business Administration established.
1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute for Research in Contemporary Political & Economic Affairs established.
1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension Center established.
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waseda Honjo Senior High School started as an affiliated school. First centennial anniversary of the founding celebrated.
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Human Sciences established. • Advanced Research Center for Human Sciences established.
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Japanese Language established.
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Education established. • Center for Scholarly Information established.
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Human Sciences established.
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Research Center for Science and Engineering established.
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Social Sciences founded.
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Network Center established to allow integration of Center for Informatics and other units working on information systems.
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies established as successor to the former Institute of Social Science and the Systems Science Institute.
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies established. • Aizu Museum founded. • Global Information and Telecommunication Institute established. • Institute for Advanced Studies in Education established.
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1999 Human Service Center established.

2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Global Information and Telecommunication Studies established. • Open Education Center established. • Kyushu Laboratory, Advanced Research Institute for Science and Engineering established.
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Japanese Applied Linguistics established. • Art and Architecture School replaced College of Technology. • Student Union Building (Toyama Campus) completed. • Comprehensive Research Organization established. • Research and Development Center established.
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance Learning Center established. • Hirayama Ikuo Memorial Volunteer Center established.
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Sport Sciences established. • Graduate School of Information, Production and Systems established. • Okuma School of Public Management, Graduate School of Information, Production and Systems established. • Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (MOT) Established. • e-school within School of Human Sciences established. • Kawaguchi Art School established.
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of International Liberal Studies established. • Department of Global Political Economy established within the Faculty of Political Science and Economics. • Waseda Law School established. • Graduate School of Finance, Accounting and Law established.
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Accountancy established.
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Sport Sciences established.
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools of Letters, Arts and Sciences I and II were reorganized into School of Culture, Media and Society and School of Humanities and Social Sciences. • School of Science and Engineering was reorganized into School of Fundamental Science and Engineering, School of Creative Science and Engineering, and School of Advanced Science and Engineering. • Graduate School of Science and Engineering was reorganized into Graduate School of Creative Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering, and Graduate School of Environment and Energy Engineering. • 125th anniversary
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Teacher Education established.