

Gifu International Academy of Horticulture



School Guidance

To those who aspire to become professional horticulturists... sharing the joy of working with flowers and greenery...

President / Imanishi Yoshitomo

The Gifu International Academy of Horticulture was established with the purpose of creating highly skilled professionals in the fields of flowers and greenery. We offer students a specialized curriculum focused around practical training, and many of our graduates are playing an active role in related fields, such as cultivating, selling and distributing flowers, landscape gardening, and the maintenance of parks and gardens. As a school that can provide "education directly related to the field," which is demanded by the industry, we also aim to offer students an opportunity to acquire practical skills, as well as to deepen their knowledge in various fields such as the cultivation and decoration of flowers, landscape gardening and greening. By creating spaces for flowers and greenery, people can cultivate healthy and spiritually rich lives. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, people are reminded that it is in times of anxiety that the heart seeks flowers, pleasant green spaces, human kindness, connections, and gratitude. We must recognize that the battle against the invisible opponent COVID-19 is demanding historical change from human beings. We assume that flowers and greenery are inexhaustible resources that people can use at will, but they must be kept in good condition as an indispensable infrastructure (base) for human life. Our mission is to foster within our students a rich sensibility demanded by the times and a flexible way of thinking. Our door is open for anyone who has a great deal of passion and interest in flowers and greenery Basic Principle: "To promote the development of flowers, industry and culture, and to create healthy and spiritually rich lives by fostering human resources with specialized and comprehensive knowledge and skills related to flowers and greenery." Basic Policy: "A school that contributes to the flower and greenery industry in Gifu Prefecture." - A school that fosters professionals who have mastered the practical skills in flowers and greenery. - A school that focuses on practice in cooperation with the flower and greenery industry. Educational Objective: "To foster professionals (meisters) who have advanced knowledge and skills in flowers and greenery and will play an active role in supporting the industry in the field

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Meister Course

Course: Flower Cultivation Course

Floral Design Course

Landscape Gardening and Greening Course

Applicant eligibility: Applicants should have graduated from high school, or should have an equivalent academic attainment.

Period: 2 years

Degree: Diploma

Enrollment limit: 40 students (20 per year)

Students gain a comprehensive education through classes taken from 3 different courses, Flower Cultivation, Floral Design and Landscape Gardening and Greening, in order to play an active role in the flowers and greenery field with the knowledge and skills which they learned at our academy.

*The first semester of Year 1: Students learn about basic knowledge and skills related to flowers and greenery in a comprehensive and cross-sectional way by taking various classes from each course.

*The second semester of Year 1: Students enhance and deepen their knowledge and skills by taking classes from their major field. Then, in their second year, they work on their graduation research/projects



Flower Cultivation Course



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10 Areas of Study at the Gifu International Academy of Horticulture

1. Plant Management

Basic Plant Management Practicum I, II, III

2. Flower Cultivation and Distribution

Cultivation/Production Theory

Plant Physiology

Practical training in flower production

Introduction to horticultural distribution

Sales Practicum at Events

Production Management Practicum I, II

Exercise in Production Problem Solving I, II

Basic Breeding Science

3. Flower Decoration

Horticulture Decoration Practicum I, II

Flower Design Practicum I, II

Practicum for preparation for the Level 2 and 3 Horticultural Decorating Skills Test

Practicum for preparation for the Level 2 and 3 Flower Decorating Skills Test

Flower Decoration Practicum

Wedding Decoration Practicum

Funeral Decoration Practicum

Decorating Skills Practicum

4. Landscaping and Greenery

Introduction to Landscaping

Practicum for Landscaping with Flowers I, II, III

Landscaping Construction and Management Practicum I, II, III

Practicum for the Level 2 and 3 Landscaping Skills Test

Surveying Practicum

Drafting Practicum

CAD Drafting Practicum

Comprehensive Landscaping Practicum

Landscaping Engineering/Construction Theory

Landscaping Measurement/ Landscaping Construction and Management Practicum

Park and Greenery Theory

5. Work Experience

Internships I, II, III

6. Internationality

Global Communication in Horticulture I, II

Overseas Study Tours

7. Management

Career Design I, II

Simulation of Business Start-Up and Management

Basic Booking

Plants business Theory

8. Marketing

Product Trend Research I, II

Product Development Exercise

Promotion through SNS

9. Culture and Utilization

Horticultural Color Science

Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement)

Horticultural well-being Theory and Practicum

Bonsai (Miniature Potted Tree) Practicum

Training in Horticultural Culture

10. Problem Solving

Research and Production for Graduation

Teaching Staff

Course: Flower Cultivation

< Usuda Hiromichi > Professor

Graduated from the Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, Tokyo University of Agriculture. After joining the Gifu Prefectural Government, Professor Usuda has been involved with the promotion of flower production as a promotion adviser, a person in charge of training at the Flower General Instruction Center, a specialist supporting innovation in agriculture (in charge of flowers), as well as the head of the team in charge of flowers in the Agriculture and Horticulture Division. He then moved to his current position after working as the Manager of the Agricultural Knowledge Promotion Division at the Ena Region Agriculture & Forestry Office.

< Inoue Mamoru > Associate Professor and Doctor of Agriculture

Graduated with a Doctorate from the School of Agricultural Sciences, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, University of Nagoya. He moved to his current position after working as a board member for Fukukaen Flower Distribution Center Ltd., as well as his positions at Toyoake Kaki Co.,Ltd. as head of the Corporate Planning Division, and as company manager at Toyoake Butsuryu Co., ltd. He is also the chairman of the school council of Ena Agricultural High School and a part-time lecturer in agricultural economics at the Nagoya City Graduate School.

< Maeda Takahide > Associate Professor and Doctor of Agriculture

Graduated with a Doctorate from the School of Agricultural Sciences, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, University of Nagoya. He moved to his current position after researching the flower bud formation of the Japanese Morning Glory. He serves as a judge at the Tokai Potted Plant Fair sponsored by the Tokai Regional Council for the Promotion of Flowers and the Aichi Toyoake Potted Plant Distribution Improvement Council.

Floral Design

< Yoshida Kumiko > Associate Professor

Graduated from the Keisen Junior College of Horticulture. She moved to her current position after working at U. Goto Florist Ltd., Hakuraku Kaen Co.,Ltd. as Manager, Tokoem Ltd. as Head of the Sales, (currently trading as Green Wise Co., Ltd.) and finally acting as chairperson of the organic horticulture shop Taproot. She has qualifications such as a Certified Floral Decorator, etc.

< Hayashi Makoto > Lecturer

Graduated from the Department of Design, Nagoya Zokei University of Art & Design. He worked at Aoyama Flower Market, where he was engaged with product creation, store operation, and event planning, as well as other management jobs. After working as a store manager, he was in charge of training store managers and providing guidance on store operations as a purchasing manager at the

headquarters before assuming his current position.

Landscape Gardening and Greening

< Imanishi Yoshitomo > President

Graduated from the Department of Environmental Studies for Open Space, Faculty of Horticulture, Chiba University. He was involved in the operation and management of public parks and green spaces after joining Nagoya City Hall, and assumed his current position after resignation. He is a certified park management operator and a 1st class landscape architecture construction management engineer. He has served as a part-time lecturer at universities and as a member of national and local government councils.

< Aida Akira > Professor and Doctor of Landscape Architecture

Graduated with a Doctorate from the Department of Agricultural Science, Graduate School of Agriculture, Tokyo University of Agriculture. Having worked as an assistant in the Department of Landscape Architecture Science of the same university, he came to work at the Academy. He is Chairman of the Kakamigahara City Green Council and member of the Landscape Council, President of the Chubu Branch of the Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture, Vice President of the Tokai Branch of the Japanese Society of Landscape Architects, as well as the auditor secretary of the Japan Horticultural Wellbeing Association, which is a non-profit organization.

< Arai Toshihiro > Associate Professor

Graduated from the Department of Landscaping, Faculty of Agriculture, Tokyo University of Agriculture. He joined the Gifu Prefectural Government after having worked at Ark Landscaping Design Office Co., Ltd. He then worked in divisions including the Urban Park Division as well as the Flower Festival Commemorative Park, etc. before assuming his current position. His qualifications include First-class Landscape Gardening Work Operation and Management Engineer, First-class Construction Managing Engineer, 1st Class Landscaping Engineer, and Associate Professional Engineer (for Construction Department), etc.

Management

< Sato Tomoshige > Associate Professor and Master of Law

Graduated with a Master's degree from the Graduate School of Law, Meijo University. He moved to his current position after working at a certified public tax accounting firm. In his previous job, he was engaged in various tax filing and management support services for both corporations and individuals.