## **Admissions Policies**

The founding principle of Showa Women's University is to prepare students to become "a light to the world," and our mission is to help students gain knowledge and skills, acquire independence and autonomy, and develop the spirit of corporation and harmony. To that end, we seek students with the ability and potential to complete our academic programs, recruiting applicants through a range of multi-faceted screening methods and comprehensive evaluation.

## Knowledge and skills

The student should demonstrate the prerequisite skills and knowledge necessary to pursue their intended course of study upon admission.

Independence and autonomy

The students should demonstrate the study habits necessary to pursue the course of study upon admission.

Spirit of cooperation and harmony

The students should demonstrate the willingness to work closely with others to achieve goals and solve problems.

The three pairs of student qualities defined by our admissions policies above ("knowledge and skills," "independence and autonomy," and "spirit of cooperation and harmony") correspond to the Three Components of Academic Competence laid out by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, as indicated below. "Knowledge and skills" correspond to ① solid acquisition of "knowledge and skills" as well as with ② "critical thinking, discerning judgment and self-expression" (based on ①). "Independence and autonomy," and "spirit of cooperation and harmony" correspond to ③ willingness to take initiative in working with a diverse group of people (initiative, diversity, spirit of cooperation).

Correspondence between our Admission Policies and "Three Components of Academic Competence"

Admissions Policies	Three Components of Academic Competence
knowledge and skills	①solid acquisition of "knowledge and skills"
independence and autonomy	2"critical thinking, discerning judgment and
	self-expression" (based on ①)
spirit of cooperation and harmony	③willingness to take initiative in working with
	a diverse group of people (initiative, diversity,
	spirit of cooperation)