

History

- 1868 • Established an organization for lecturing and studying Buddhism in Genkoin in the premise of Chion-in Temple
- 1870 (Jan.) • Opened a temporary Kangakujo (Study-Encouraging Hall) in Genkoin in the premise of Chion-in Temple
- 1876 (Mar.) • Changed the name to Shugakko Seibu Honko at the occasion of enactment of the Jodo-Sect Buddhism School System.
- 1879 (Jul.) • Changed the name to Jodo-Shu Sohonzan Shugakko under the jurisdiction of Chion-in Temple at the occasion of separation of Jodo sect into the western and the eastern Jodo sects.
- 1882 (Mar.) • Completed the construction of a new school building.
- 1884 (Jul.) • Changed the name to Jodo-Shu Seibu Daigakurin with the revision of the Jodo-sect Buddhism learning system.
- 1887 (Sep.) • Changed the name of Tozai Ryobu Daigakurin to Jodo-Shu-Gaku Shiko (Kyoto and Tokyo).
- 1898 (Aug.) • Changed the name of the advanced special department of Jodo-Shu -Gaku Head School to Jodo-Shu Senmon Gakuin with the modification of the Jodo-sect system and established a temporary school building in Daihonzan Hyakumanben Chion Temple.
- 1904 (May) • Changed the name in consolidation with Dendo-Koshuin in Shiba to Jodo-Sect Buddhism Graduate School in compliance with the Vocational School Regulations in 1904, and established the special department of Jodo-Sect Buddhism Graduate School (branch school) in Kyoto.
- (Oct.) • Changed the name of Jodo-Sect Buddhism Graduate School to Jodo-Sect Buddhism University, and changed the name of the special department of Jodo-Sect Buddhism Graduate School (branch school) to the special department of Jodo-Sect Buddhism University (branch school).
- 1907 (Apr.) • Changed the name of Jodo-Sect Buddhism University to Shukyo University with the reformation of Jodo-Sect Buddhism School System.
Changed the name of the special department of Jodo-Sect Buddhism University (branch school) to the special department of Shukyo University (branch school).
- 1912 (Apr.) • Established the juridical foundation of Jodo-Sect Buddhism Educational Capital Foundation.
- (May) • [Start of Education] Gained independence from Shukyo University. Established Koto Gakuin in compliance with the Vocational School Regulations, abolishing branch schools.
- 1913 (Apr.) • Changed the name of Koto Gakuin to Bukkyo Vocational School.
- 1949 (Apr.) • Founded Bukkyo University under the government's educational policy reform and established the school of Buddhism. Established Department of Buddhist Studies with the School of Buddhism.
- 1951 (Mar.) • Founded the Incorporated Educational Institution of Jodo-Sect Buddhism Educational Capital Foundation with the change of the organization.
- 1953 (Apr.) • Newly established the Correspondence Division. Newly established Department of Buddhist Studies with the School of Buddhism.
- 1957 (Apr.) • Established Buddhist Studies Program.
- 1962 (Apr.) • Established Department of Buddhist Welfare with the School of Buddhism.
- 1963 (Apr.) • Newly established Department of Buddhist Welfare with the School of Buddhism in the Correspondence Division.
- 1965 (Apr.) • Established School of Literature. Newly established Department of Buddhist Studies, Department of Japanese Literature, and Department of Social Welfare with the School of Literature.
• Established School of Literature in the Correspondence Division. Newly established Department of Buddhist Studies, Department of Japanese Literature, and Department of Social Welfare with the School of Literature.
- 1966 (Apr.) • Established Department of History with the School of Literature.
• Newly established Department of History with the School of Literature in the Correspondence Division.
- 1967 (Apr.) • Established School of Sociology. Established Department of Sociology and Department of Social Welfare with the School of Sociology.
• Established School of Sociology in the Correspondence Division. Newly established Department of Sociology and Department of Social Welfare with the School of Sociology.
• Established Buddhist Studies Program (M.A.) and Jodo Buddhism Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature.
- 1968 (Apr.) • Established Department of Education with the School of Literature.
• Newly established Department of Education with the School of Literature in the Correspondence Division.
- 1969 (Apr.) • Established Buddhist Studies Program (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Literature.
- 1971 (Apr.) • Established Japanese History Program (M.A.) and Oriental History Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature, and Social Welfare Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Sociology.
• Newly established Buddhist Studies Program in the Correspondence Division.
- 1975 (Apr.) • Established Department of English Literature with the School of Literature.
- 1976 (Apr.) • Established Attached Kindergarten.
• Established Psychology Research Institute.
- 1977 (Apr.) • Established Japanese History Program (Ph.D.) and Oriental History Program (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Literature, and Sociology Welfare Program (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Sociology.
• Newly established Training Program for the Jodo Priesthood (Jozen Dojo).
- 1981 (Apr.) • Newly established Department of English Literature with the School of Literature in the Correspondence Division.
• Established Japanese Literature Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature.



Jodo Buddhism Senmon Gakuin (1901)



Rokkei School Building before reconstruction (1901)



Western-style Rokkei School Building newly built (1924)



Gate to the newly-built Rokkei School Building



Kurodani Dojo newly established (1980)



Monument of Foundation of School built (1980)



Ouryokan completed (1984)



Building No. 5 completed (1987)



Building No. 6 completed (1989)

- Established Educational Round-Table (educational supporters' association).
- 1986 (Apr.) • Established Department of Chinese Literature with the School of Literature.
- 1987 (Apr.) • Established British/American Literature Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature.
- 1989 (Apr.) • Established School of Education. Established Department of Education and Department of Social Education with the School of Literature, and Department of Applied Sociology with the School of Sociology.
- 1991 (Apr.) • Newly established Department of Chinese Literature with the School of Literature in the Correspondence Division.
- Established Japanese Literature Program (Ph.D.) and Buddhist Culture Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature.
- 1993 (Apr.) • Established Chinese Literature Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature and Life-Long Education Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Education.
- 1995 (Apr.) • Newly established Department of Applied Sociology with the School of Sociology in the Correspondence Division.
- Established British/American Literature Program (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Literature.
- 1996 (Apr.) • Newly established School of Education in the Correspondence Division. Newly established Department of Education with the School of Education.
- 1998 (Apr.) • Established Jodo Buddhism Program (Ph.D.), Buddhist Culture Program (Ph.D.), and Chinese Literature Program (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Literature.
- 1999 (Apr.) • Renamed Department of Social Education, School of Education into Department of Lifelong Education.
- Newly established Graduate Schools in the Correspondence Division. Newly established Jodo Buddhism Program, Buddhist Studies Program, Buddhist Culture program, Japanese History Program, Oriental History Program, Chinese Literature Program, and British/American Literature Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature, Lifelong Education Program with the Graduate School of Education (M.A.), and Social Welfare Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Sociology.
- 2000 (Apr.) • Established Department of Clinical Psychology with the School of Education and Department of Health and Welfare with the School of Sociology.
- Established Welfare Education Development Center.
- 2001 (Apr.) • Renamed in the School of Literature, Department of Japanese Literature into Department of Japanese Language and Literature, Department of Chinese Literature into Department of Chinese Language and Literature, and Department of English Literature into Department of English Language and British/American Literature (both in the Regular Courses and in the Correspondence Division).
- Established Lifelong Education Program with the Graduate School of Education (Ph.D.).
- Newly established Japanese Literature Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Literature and Sociology Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Sociology in the Correspondence Division.
- 2002 (Apr.) • Established Clinical Psychology Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Education.
- 2003 (Apr.) • Newly established in the Correspondence Division, Buddhist Studies Program (Ph.D.) and Japanese History (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Literature, and Clinical Psychology Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Education.
- 2004 (Apr.) • Established School of Social Welfare. Established Department of Humanities with the School of Literature, Department of Contemporary Sociology and Department of Public Policy with the School of Sociology, and Department of Social Welfare with the School of Social Welfare.
- Newly established in the Correspondence Division, School of Social Welfare in the Correspondence Division. Newly established Department of Humanities with the School of Literature, Department of Contemporary Sociology and Department of Public Policy with the School of Sociology, and Department of Social Welfare with the School of Social Welfare.
- Renamed Department of Chinese Language/Literature into Chinese Studies, and Department of English Language and British/American Literature into Department of British and American Literature in the School of Literature (both in Regular Courses and in Correspondence Division).
- 2005 (Apr.) • Established Clinical Psychology Program (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Education.
- 2006 (Apr.) • Established School of Health Sciences. Established Department of Physical Therapy and Department of Occupational Therapy with the School of Health Sciences.
- Established Sociology Program (Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Sociology.
- Established Social Welfare Program (M.A., Ph.D.) with the Graduate School of Social Welfare.
- Newly established Social Welfare Program (M.A.) with the Graduate School of Social Welfare in the Correspondence Division.
- 2010 (Apr.) • Established School of Buddhist Studies and School of History. Established Department of Buddhist Studies with the School of Buddhist Studies, Department of History and Department of History and Culture with the School of History, and Department of Japanese Literature with the School of Literature.
- Established School of Buddhist Studies and School of History in the Correspondence Division. Established Department of Buddhist Studies with the School of Buddhist Studies, Department of History and Department of History and Culture with the School of History, and Department of Japanese Literature with the School of Literature.
- 2011 (Apr.) • Nijo Campus was opened.
- 2012 (Apr.) • Established the Department of Nursing with the School of Health Sciences.



Bukkyo University Los Angeles Extension opened (1992)



Rokkeikan completed (1992)



Building No. 7 completed (1993)



Seitoku-Joshokan completed (1997)



Building No. 8 completed (1997)



Attached Kindergarten completed (1997)



International Exchange Hall renewed (1998)



Building No. 10 completed (2000)



Iwakura Ground Seminar House "Koshu" completed (2000)



Building No. 11 completed (2002)



Welfare Education Development Center completed (2003)



Special Elderly Nursing Home "Wajun no Sato" completed (2003)



Asian Religious Culture Information Research Institute completed (2004)



Sonobe Campus Seminar House "Wajun" completed (2004)



Bukkyo University Miyamaso opened (2005)



Building No. 12 completed (2006)



Building Nijo Campus No. 1 completed (2011)