The spirit of the founding
The founding spirit of Aoyama Gakuin, which is based on the Christian faith, has succeeded in becoming a living tradition.

The Educational Policy of Aoyama Gakuin
Aoyama Gakuin has as its aim education based upon the Christian faith and as its purpose the building up of persons who live in sincerity before God, who seek for truth with humility, and who actively take responsibility for all people and for society in a spirit of love and service.

AOYAMA GAKUIN
School motto
The Salt of the Earth, The Light of the World
—Matthew 5:13-16—

The Founders of Aoyama Gakuin
Aoyama Gakuin started out as three schools opened by three missionaries from the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States: The Girls’ Elementary School opened by Dora E. Schoonmaker in 1874, the founding year of Aoyama Gakuin, the Kokyo Gakusha Boy’s School, opened by Julius Soper in 1878 and the Mikai Shingakko (Methodist Mission Seminary) opened by Robert S. Maclay in 1879. It is one of the oldest schools in Japan and has firmly maintained a path of Christian education.

Dora E. Schoonmaker
Julius Soper
Robert S. Maclay
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Aoyama Campus

Located on the 2nd floor of Majima Memorial Hall, and archives the Aoyama Gakuin’s historical documents which can be viewed here. There is a permanent exhibition in the exhibition hall.

Registered tangible cultural property

Built in 1931 as the Theological School Building, the building currently serves as the Foundation Administration.

Built in 1929 as the library, this building is a neo-Renaissance style architecture with Corinthian columns and a pediment at the front.

Located on the 1st floor of Building 7. The book café offers a wide selection of international books as well as coffee and snacks.

AGU Book Café

Located in the basement of Building 7 and the 1st floor of Building 17. It provides a wide variety of menu including the popular plate “meal of the day”.

Student Dining Hall and Cafeteria

(Majima Memorial Hall 2F)

Built in 2001 to commemorate John F. Goucher, a missionary who supported Aoyama Gakuin. There are chapels on the 1st and 2nd floor.

Goucher Memorial Hall

(University Building 15)

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Berry Hall

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Majima Memorial Hall

Aoyama Gakuin Archives

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