

Canada House (1. Photo 2. Invitation to Canada House)



Social Room



Canada House Bath



Kitchenette



Canada House All Members

Double Room

Single Room



Canada House

An Introduction:

Congratulations on your acceptance to ICU!!! As members of the one and only Canada House, we would like to humbly welcome you to ICU, and provide you with all the support and information you need to choose the ideal dormitory for you!

Choosing which dormitory to live in is a crucial and yet one of the toughest decisions to make for all of us entering ICU for the first time. So, in this short introduction document, we will be sharing to you some of the basic information about just how much Canada House truly stands out from all the other dorms on campus, and what makes it such a unique and incredible dorm to live in. We hope that this would help you better choose the dorm that you want to live in!

The Environment:

Being one of the oldest dormitories on campus comes with great advantages when compared to other dormitories on campus. That is, the environment is much more friendly and communicative than other dorms, with great interaction between all dorm members, and a comfortable atmosphere filled with diversity. Lots of students from numerous countries gather here in Canada House, making it greatly international and diverse. The “social room” on the first floor is mainly where not only dorm members, but also some friends from outside the dorm gather to chat, play games, and eat lunch and dinner together. This is one of the many distinctive characteristics that Canada House proudly has, making it easier for dorm members to spend time with other fellow dorm members, learn from each other, play games, and communicate. The best part is, you don't have to look far to socialize in this dorm.

We also work together to keep the dorm clean. That is, we have weekly shifts that requires every student to clean certain areas of the dorm, such as the entrance or the bath. This rotates on a weekly event, and is always done in pairs. Once completed, we must always get it checked by another dorm student that was not assigned that clean up duty. This is taken very seriously in the dorm, so as to keep the area as clean as possible for everyone to use.

Student Rooms:

All new comers are placed together with a local student in a double room. Therefore, you can ask whatever you want to know from your roommate. Canada House has single rooms reserved for junior and senior year students. If you're going to live here for 4 years, you will get a single room starting from your junior year. We also have a tradition of changing roommates and rooms halfway through each year, so you'll get a chance to be with two different people in the course of a year. We also have different rooms like: a study room where we keep quiet for students to study, social room where everyone gathers to share their times together, and a Tatami Room, which is a Japanese traditional floor room for games and gatherings of dorm members. We all do our best to keep those rooms clean for others to use, and all follow rules and guidelines agreed upon by dorm members before and after using those rooms.

Events:

A lot of events take place here at Canada House: from official events to unofficial outings, you'll have plenty of opportunities to choose to participate in, and experience the best part of Canada House's dormitory life. Some of the main events include, September Bakayama event, dorm plays during dorm festival week, the Okada Cup Football (Soccer) Tournament, Sports Day, Christmas Caroling, and many more! Each of these events are organized by members of the dorm, and has been passed on for many generations. Fortunately, as of 2022, we have been able to restart many of these

events once again. It is truly a way to bring us all together, and understand why we choose to live in Canada House. All of these events are conducted by us, and thus, makes us one of the most active dorms across campus! With these events, new friendships and bonds can be made, strengthening relations across the dorm without the need to worry about performance. It's all about having the greatest time of your life in university.

We also have several unofficial events like, the smash bros and Mario kart competitions, which sometimes invites other dormitory students to increase its competitiveness. We also have Takoyaki and Okonomiyaki parties, which take place spontaneously in the dorm, so don't miss it! They are just delicious, and a great way to get to know each other, and even learn some cooking tips. We can also have Christmas parties in collaboration with other dorms, and celebrate new year's together! These are just some of the many events that we maintain and conduct in Canada House throughout each and every academic year. Whether you want to participate or not is completely up to you. But trust me, after entering the dorm, everyone would want to participate in all of these dorm events. These events are what brings excitement to dormitory life, making each and every day here an unforgettable experience

Messages from International Students of Canada House:

Last but not least, we would like to share with you a few messages from international Canada House members, so as to better express all the great things about Canada House from different perspectives.

"When it was first decided that I was coming to Canada house I was slightly worried that it would be a messy uncomfortable place to live. However, when I got here it was a comfortable environment that was easy to live in. The people here are all unique friendly and willing to help each other out. I have made many great friends and this is without a doubt the best dorm at ICU and I say that without any bias whatsoever. So if you are considering staying at a dorm at ICU Canada house is your best option."

Daisuke Lull (Oregon, United States)

Former Vice President of Canada House

"From my perspective, Canada House is one of the very few places left in ICU that actually feels like a dorm. Everything is being rebuilt, and so many new dorms have formed in the past decade. They've all changed towards modernizing dorm life, which seems a bit too much. Canada House has been around for longer than 50 years, and has maintained so many of the Japanese dorm customs and traditions, making it so incredibly fun and enjoyable. There are always people that you can spend time with, and never a time where you find yourself unable to socialize with others in the dorm. If you are looking for a place where you can really enjoy every aspect of dorm life, Canada House is the one."

Jotaro Hagiwara (Beirut, Lebanon)

Former President of Canada House