

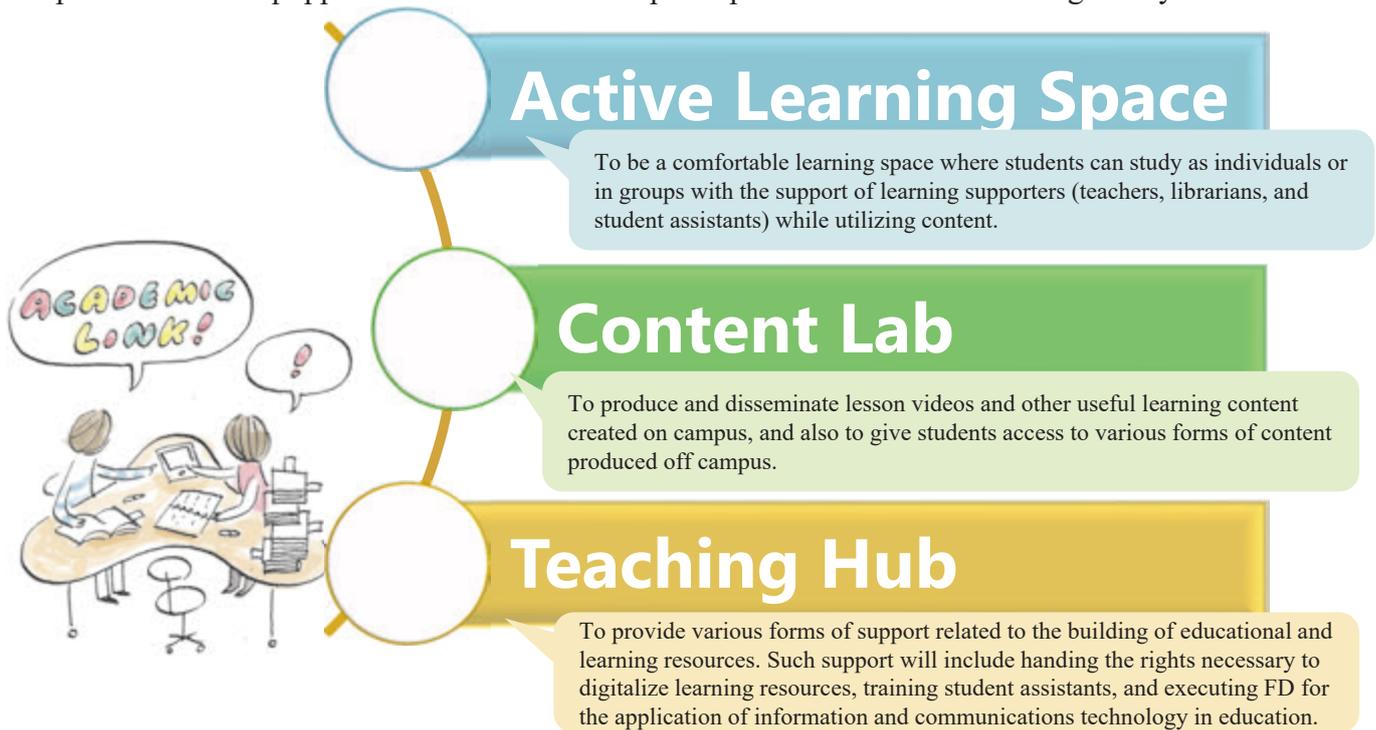
# Chiba University **ACADEMIC LINK**

Chiba University Library / Academic Link Center

# What is Academic Link?

“Academic Link” is a new educational concept at Chiba University, which is created by University Library, the Institute of Media and Information Technology (Current: the Institute of Management and Information Technologies), and the Center for General Education (Current: Center for the Promotion of Higher Education) in order to nurture students and graduate students with abilities to select, process, and utilize knowledge for their long-life learning.

In the years to come, the center will promote active learning based on the proximity of learning and content by fulfilling the following three functions. Its aim here will be to develop “knowledge professionals” equipped with even more in-depth expertise and overall thinking ability.



## Zoning plan in Academic Link

Chiba University Library, which is the core component Academic Link, is comprised of four buildings. Each of the buildings is designed as a learning space possessing its unique concept.

<b>L building:</b> Learning		<b>I building:</b> Investigation	
<b>N building:</b> Networking		<b>K building:</b> Knowledge	

# Buildings outline

## Address

1-33, Yayoi-cho, Inage-ku, Chiba-shi, 263-8522 Japan

## Basic design

Chiba U. Campus Planning Office, Chiba U. Dept. of Facilities and Environment

## Final design

Chiba U. Dept. of Facilities and Environment,  
AXS SATOW INC.

## Construction period

Nov. 2010 – Sep. 2014

## Buildings' name and structure

L building / 4 stories    I building / 4 stories  
N building / 4 stories    K building / 3 stories



## Building Space

15,808 m<sup>2</sup>

## Seats

1,496 Seats

## PCs for users

102

## Open Hours

**Weekday:** 8:30 - 22:30

**Weekend and Holiday:** 10:30 - 18:00

**Weekday:** 9:00 - 16:45

**Weekend and Holiday:** Closed

## Books

About 1,000,000 vols.

**Term  
1-2,4-5**

**Term  
3 and 6  
(Vacation)**

## Periodicals

About 15,000 titles

## E-journals

About 20,000 titles

\* As of Dec. 2018

## Websites

- ◆ **University Libraries** <https://www.ll.chiba-u.jp/English/index.html>
- ◆ **Academic Link Center** <https://alc.chiba-u.jp/> (Japanese only)
- ◆ **Academic Link Professional Staff Development Program for Educational and Learning Support**  
<https://alc.chiba-u.jp/ALPS/index.html> (Japanese only)



▲ I building



▼ N building

## Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/ALC.Chiba.Univ>

## Twitter



@ALC\_Chiba\_Univ



# Facilities



## N building 1<sup>st</sup> floor: Presentation Space

Lessons, lectures, and other events are held in this presentation space located near the library's entrance. It is designed to be an open space that allows passersby freely to participate if they hear a presentation that interests them.

A short seminar called "1210 ACA-LIN hour" is held every Tuesday and Friday during each academic term. It is highly popular for providing opportunities to hear lectures in various subjects by the university's faculty.



## N building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor: Communication Area

This space has plenty of moveable tables, chairs, and whiteboards. Students can often be seen moving the tables and chairs around and engaging in active group study and discussion.

Also on the same floor is a "learning assistance desk." Librarians, and student assistants can be found there during pre-established times. They are powerful allies for students who encounter obstacles in their studies.



## N building 3<sup>rd</sup> floor: Group Work Area

This space provides many personal computers for students to use. It also has large displays that allow multiple students to study together while looking at the same screen.

Reference books on computer applications and programming are on hand so students can quickly get the information they need to solve computer operating problems.



## N building 4<sup>th</sup> floor: Group Study Rooms

The glass-walled rooms—numbering four in all—provide the settings for active discussion. Those wishing to use a room must complete the necessary procedure at the counter.

The rooms are expected to motivate learners by allowing people outside to "see" group study inside and ensuring that those inside "are seen" by people outside.



## N building all floors: Book Trees

On all floors of the Networking Building are situated display-oriented bookshelves. One bookshelf is situated on the east side and one on the west side of each floor. On them are books organized along certain themes but not limited to particular classifications.

The Book Tree was built using the sides of two pillars that extend from the ground floor to the fourth floor of the Networking Building. Likened to the "Katarai no Mori" plaza in front of the library, it carries the image of a large tree.



## I building 1<sup>st</sup> floor: Seminar Room "Manabi"

This room is furnished with moveable tables and chairs and can be used for exercises and workshop-style lessons. Whiteboards extending over the entire wall are provided at both ends of the room. The whiteboard at the rear can also be used as a projector screen. This allows users to write on projected images and multiple groups to hold discussions using projectors simultaneously.



## I building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor: Content Production Room

This room is furnished with equipment useful in preparing teaching materials and performing lesson assignments. During room hours, staff members skilled in video editing and imaging are ready to provide helpful advice.

Students with questions concerning the Moodle system used by Chiba U. can ask them here.



## L building 2-4<sup>th</sup> floors: Silent Room

These glass-walled reading rooms are available for students wishing to do some quiet studying. A calm atmosphere is maintained, as talking and whispering are prohibited, as is the use of devices such as computers and calculators that produce typing noises.

\* As of Dec. 2018