

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY ARTS AND LETTERS SUMMER PROGRAM July 6 to July 13, 2012 Japan in the Global Context

About Tohoku University

Since its founding in 1907, Tohoku University has engaged in world-class education and research activities. Sendai city, where Tohoku University is located, has many cultural sites where you will have the chance to extensively experience Japanese culture.

TASP 2012

The Tohoku University Arts and Letters Summer Program (TASP) is a summer program which is designed for (but not restricted to) undergraduates majoring in liberal arts and social sciences. We will offer courses in the humanities that cross over into other areas, such as advanced science and engineering and the social sciences. The entire program is conducted in English.

Our aims are to provide students with comprehensive analytical skills, and to contribute to new growth and development in the areas of the humanities and social sciences. Students will choose 7 courses out of a selection of 9, allowing them to create a course of study suited to their own interests and academic goals. The program is an 8-day program, consisting of three components: lectures, laboratory visits, and field trips. Topics covered in the last year's program are given below:

- Practical Japanese · Time travel Tohoku University · Economic Development in Asia
- Communication with Japanese: Are they really polite ? · Reading Japanese Culture in Archaeology
- · Manga after the Catastrophe : A key to Understanding the Japanese Culture

 Inner Asia in the Modern Japan's Sight · Agent-based model on society · Business model and management · Game theory and law · Game theory for economy · Japanese architecture
*Above topics are subject to change.

Application Procedures

Students who wish to apply for this program must be nominated by their home institutions and submit the documents designated below through their home institutions. All the documents may be send via e-mail.

- 1. Application Form for TASP2012
- 2. Photo (4cm x 3cm) on the application form
- 3. Personal Statement (300-500 words)
- 4. Copy of applicant's passport

Application Deadline April 20, 2012

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs at one of the following institutions.

- South Korea Chonbuk National University Seoul National University Dong-eui University China Northeastern University Tsinghua University Zhejiang University Fudan University Chongqing University Tianjin University
- TaiwanNational Taiwan UniversityIndonesiaUniversity of IndonesiaSingaporeNational University of SingaporeFranceUniversity of Rennes 1University of Rennes 2FinlandAalto University
- Sweden Uppsala University United state of America University of California Berkeley University of California Davis University of California Los Angels University of California Santa Barbara Purdue University Germany The University of Göttingen Australia University of Sydney

* English proficiency is required for participation in the program.

Credits

Participating students are required to take at least 7 lectures, which is equal to 14 hours. On completing this requirement, TASP should be eligible for 1 ECTS*. These credits are not conferred at Tohoku University. Students who require credits for this program should inquire at their home universities.

*ECTS credits are a value allocated to course units to describe the student workload required to complete them. In ECTS, 60 credits represent one year of study (in terms of workload)

Number of Seats

26 students

Location

Tohoku University, Sendai, JAPAN

Accommodation

Off-campus accommodations will be ten-minutes away by bus from Kawauchi campus, where most activities are held during the program. Each student will be accommodated in a furnished individual bedroom with a unit bathroom. For your entire stay, it costs JPY 36,000 (JPY 4,000 per night).

Program Fee

Program, including tuition and field trips, is free. However, accommodation, travel and everyday expenses must be paid individually.

Scholarship (Students coming from Europe, Asia and North America)

Students who successfully complete the program will be granted a scholarship of JPY 80,000 from JASSO.

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