

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

Student Exchange with Partner Universities

Fact Sheet (2015-2016)

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B. Student Exchange Programs**1. Junior Year Program in English (JYPE) *Approx. 30 students will be accepted.**

JYPE is an exchange program that provides an opportunity for overseas undergraduate students to take natural science, engineering, and agricultural courses at Tohoku University, without having to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese. All lectures are given in English and course credits will be given as per the standards of the equivalent courses offered in Japanese.

Further information: <https://www.cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/JYPE/index.html>

2. International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA) * Approx. 30 students will be accepted.

IPLA is an exchange program that provides an opportunity for overseas undergraduate students to study a variety of liberal arts, economics, management, education and literature classes at Tohoku University, without having to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese.

All lectures are given in English and course credits will be given as per the standards of the equivalent courses offered in Japanese.

Only students from partner universities that have university level agreements are able to join this program.

Further information: <http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/cms/ipla/index.html>

3. Cooperative Laboratory Study Program (COLABS) *Approx. 20 students will be accepted.

The main purpose of this program is to offer an opportunity for overseas graduate students to conduct research activities on natural science, medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical science, engineering and agriculture in an assigned laboratory. Students will also take basic education courses taught in English at Tohoku University in order to increase their abilities and expand their knowledge into new scientific fields. Students will not have to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese.

Further information: <https://www.cefex.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/COLABS/index.html>

4. Direct Enrollment Education Programs (DEEP)

This program allows international students to take classes and perform research alongside Japanese students. Students can apply to all undergraduate and graduate departments. Only students from partner universities that have university level agreements are able to join this program.

Undergraduates will be able to experience the wide range of fields and highly specialized courses Tohoku University has to offer through taking Liberal Education and specialized subjects. Undergraduate students are required to have a high proficiency of Japanese language, sufficient to understand classes taught in Japanese. JLPT (<http://www.ilpt.jp/>) N1 or equivalent is required.

Graduate students will participate in world-class research through their departments' activities in addition to attending lectures.

Links to class, course, and syllabus information are available at the website below. However, many of the pages are available only in Japanese. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

<http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/english/studentinfo/education/01/education0103/>

Further information: <http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/cms/index-e.cgi?pg=100915122927=p#Deep>

Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules?	Yes, subject to approval from the host faculty.
Restricted Subjects for Exchange Students (Not open to exchange students)	None. However, almost all subjects, except JYPE, IPLA and some international programs for degree seeking students, are taught in Japanese. So students must have high Japanese proficiency if they wish to attend.
When will the official transcripts be ready?	Approximately two months after completion of the program.

C. Academic Calendar

<2015 Fall semester>

Orientation	September 28, 2015
Classes begin	September 29, 2015
Classes end	February 5, 2016

*The schedule is subject to change without notice.

<2016 Spring semester>

Orientation	April 4, 2016
Classes begin	April 6, 2016
Closing Ceremony (Mandatory)	August 8, 2016
Classes end	August 12, 2016

*The schedule is subject to change without notice.

D. Admission

Number of students accepted	Depends on the MOU *The maximum number under the MOU is not always guaranteed, due to the capacity of each program, or if we are unable to find suitable academic advisor for the prospective student etc.
Application Period	For Fall Semester: Begins on January 10 and ends on March 10. For Spring Semester: Begins on October 1 and ends on December 1. (Except JYPE)
Minimum GPA Requirement	N/A
Minimum Language Requirement	JYPE, IPLA, and COLABS require high English proficiency, although we do not require a specific test score. Special Auditing Students in DEEP are required to have Japanese language proficiency (JLPT N1 Level).
How to apply	The home university selects and nominates the candidates on our online application website. The home university fills out the online application form and uploads supporting documents.
Application form and supporting documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement of purpose/Study plan (one A4 size page) 2. Official Academic Transcript 3. Letter of recommendation by applicant's advising professor 4. Certificate of Enrollment at applicant's home university 5. Certificate of Health 6. Application for Certificate of Eligibility 7. Photocopy of Passport (identification page with applicant's photo and name) 8. Optional: Application for JASSO scholarship (See "G. JASSO Scholarship") 9. A copy of a certificate of language proficiency
Application outcome (When and how will students be notified?)	2015 Fall: By the end of June. The final result will be sent to applicants' home university by e-mail.
	2016 Spring: By the last week of January. The final result will be sent to applicants' home university by e-mail.

E. Japanese Language Courses

Japanese language courses	The Special Japanese Language Program will be provided (No credit). Further information: http://www.he.tohoku.ac.jp/SJLE/JLPK/index-e.html *JYPE and IPLA offer their own Japanese language courses for credit.
Tuition and fees	Free

F. Accommodation

Dormitories for exchange students	Tohoku University International House and University House Sanjo are available at reasonable rates (6,900-23,800 JPY/month, including utilities). For further information, see: http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/cms/index-e.cgi?pg=130527113858
How to apply	Tohoku University will apply for rooms on behalf of students.
Availability of dormitories during long vacations	Students can use their dorm rooms during long vacations.
Home stay arrangement	N/A

G. JASSO Scholarship

About the JASSO Scholarship	The JASSO scholarship is available for a limited number of qualified international students accepted by Japanese universities under the student exchange agreement.
Scholarship conditions	80,000 JPY per month
Scholarship application deadline	Same as student exchange program application deadline
Scholarship application form	Available on our online application website

H. Visa Procedures

Visa procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students are required to submit an application for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) along with the other required documents by the exchange program application deadline.2. Tohoku University will then apply to the Immigration Bureau for the CoE on behalf of students. It takes 2 months to get the certificate.3. Then, the CoE will be sent to the partner universities/students.4. Students must apply for the VISA using the CoE at the Japanese embassy/consular office in their country before departure for Japan.
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I. Insurance

Required insurance	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students are required to enroll in "<u>National Health Insurance</u>". This insurance will cover 70 % of the medical cost that you pay at clinics or hospitals. The fee is approximately 1,700 JPY/ month. Foreign residents, except those on temporary stays, must enroll in this insurance.2. "<u>Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research</u>" is also mandatory. The fee is 1,000 JPY (for 1 year). Without it, students will not be able to participate in some of the practical training courses. It covers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cases where the insured suffers a physical injury as a result of sudden and unforeseen accidents of an external origin while engaged in educational and research activities at this university- Cases where the insured sustains a physical injury while commuting to school or in transit between school facilities.3. Students are also required to enroll in "<u>Personal Liability Insurance for Students</u>". This insurance will cover liability in the event of bodily injury and/or property damage caused by the insured students to third parties in the course of daily life. The cost is 1,040 JPY (for 1 semester) or 2,570 JPY (for 2 semesters) plus a 5,000 JPY membership fee for UNIV. CO-OP (Refundable). Without it, students will not be able to participate in some of the practical training courses. <p>To prepare for any emergencies that may arise, we strongly recommend students also purchase "<u>Overseas Travelers' Personal Accident Insurance</u>" for incoming exchange students before leaving their countries.</p>
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J. Others

Pick-up service	There is no pick-up service. Students need to come to their university dormitory by themselves. Detailed information, including directions, is available in the welcome package.
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K. Useful Information

Tohoku University Handbook for International Students	http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/handbook/handbook_e/index.html
Sendai travel information	http://www.sentabi.jp/
Radiation level Information in Miyagi Prefecture (where Tohoku University is located)	http://www.r-info-miyagi.jp/r-info/en