

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

**Information for Students on Exchange**

<b>A. University</b>	Tohoku University
<b>B. Country</b>	Japan
<b>C. Academic Calendar</b>	Fall Semester: Late September to Early February Spring Semester: Early April to Early August
<b>D. Exchange Duration</b>	One semester or full-year
<b>E. GPA Requirement</b>	There is no GPA requirement for participation in exchange programmes, but students with a GPA of 2.3/3.0 (equivalent to NUS GPA of 3.85/5.0) or higher are eligible to apply for the JASSO Scholarship.
<b>F. Language Proficiency Requirement</b>	<p>Japanese language proficiency is not required for the Junior Year Program in English (JYPE) and the International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA) if only taking courses in English. However, it is recommended that students have basic Japanese language knowledge.</p> <p>JLPT N1 is required for the Direct Enrollment Education Program for Natural Science Students (DEEP) as exchange students will be taking classes alongside Japanese students.</p>
<b>G. Course Load</b>	<p>JYPE: Students are required to take a total of 13 credits or more, including 5 or 10 credits from Individual Research Training (IRT) courses each semester</p> <p>ILPA: Students must earn 15 credits per term</p> <p>DEEP: 13 credits or more for one semester for completion</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Tohoku University credits (TU credits) are given per course (90 minutes) in general. 1 TU credit is awarded for 45 hours of school work.</li> <li>In general, undergraduate exchange students cannot take graduate classes. Some postgraduate courses are offered specifically for the exchange programme, and exchange students can take them.</li> </ol>
<b>H. Accommodation</b>	Exchange students are required to live in the university dormitories. Information on dormitory application will be sent to all successful applicants. Dormitory preferences cannot be guaranteed due to the limited number of rooms.
<b>I. Visa</b>	A Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is required to obtain a student visa before coming to Japan. You will need to submit a COE application to Tohoku University, following which Tohoku University will apply for your COE on your behalf at the Sendai Regional Immigration Bureau. Sendai Immigration

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	<p>Bureau will send your COE electronically by email once it is issued. As soon as you receive the COE, apply for a student visa at your nearest Japanese embassy/consulate general. It may take longer to issue the COE in some cases, but Tohoku University has no control over the process.</p>
<p><b>J. Insurance</b></p>	<p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university’s Student Group Personal Accident &amp; Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a>.</p> <p>It is compulsory for exchange students in Japan to join the National Health Insurance program. The insurance fee is around 1,500 JPY each month and you will only need to pay 30% of the medical costs when seeing doctors.</p> <p>All Tohoku University international students are required to enrol in Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research “GAKKENSAI”, as well as Comprehensive Insurance for Student Lives Coupled with “GAKKENSAI” for International Students (“Inbound futai-gakuso”).</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within Japan. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to access the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
<p><b>K. Useful Links</b></p>	<p>Student Exchange Information: <a href="https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/">https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/</a></p> <p>Course Information: JYPE: <a href="https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/jype/2-course-description/">https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/jype/2-course-description/</a> IPLA: <a href="https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/ipla/ipla_curriculum_1/">https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/ipla/ipla_curriculum_1/</a></p> <p>Cost of Living: <a href="https://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/en/life-e/cost-e/">https://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/en/life-e/cost-e/</a></p> <p>Preparing for Arrival: <a href="https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/preparing-to-arrive/">https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/preparing-to-arrive/</a></p> <p>Information for Incoming Exchange Students: <a href="https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/incomingstudents_information/">https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/incomingstudents_information/</a></p>