

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

<p>A. University</p>	<p>Tohoku University</p> <p>http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/english/</p>
<p>B. Country</p>	<p>Sendai, Miyagi, Japan</p>
<p>C. Academics</p>	
<p>i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer</p>	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>After you have accepted the SEP offer from your faculty, you will be able to access the module mapping worksheet on myEduRec. You are encouraged to map some spare modules in the event that your preferred modules are not offered in that semester, unavailable or cancelled. Module mapping request is subjected to approval from the Faculties. Please ensure that your module mappings are approved by the relevant departments in NUS before you depart for the exchange.</p> <p>Do note that modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p> <p>Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.</p>
<p>ii) Academic Calendar</p>	<p>Semester 1: Early April to Early August</p> <p>Semester 2: Early October to Mid-February</p> <p>http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/en/academics/academic_calendar.html</p>
<p>iii) Exchange Duration</p>	<p>One semester or Full year</p>
<p>iv) Examination</p>	<p>Students are expected to attend all mandatory examinations at the host university.</p>
<p>v) Curriculum Structure</p>	<p>Tohoku U offers the following programmes to exchange students.</p> <p>Junior Year Program in English (JYPE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The programme offers opportunity for overseas undergraduate students to take Natural Science, Engineering and Agricultural courses, taught in English.

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- The core course for this programme is the Individual Research Training course, where students will research, with the support of research groups to which the students are assigned, in a current topic that is related to their field of studies. The programme also offers courses on Japanese language, culture, and society which aim to promote the understanding of Japanese language and social customs.
- Applicants are recommended to take the one-year course as some classes are designed for a whole year.

International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)

- The programme offers opportunity for overseas undergraduate students to study a variety of Liberal Arts, Economics, Management, Education, Law, History and Literature classes, taught in English.
- The programme also offers Japanese language and culture classes to assist students in understanding Japanese language and customs. Students who have attained adequate Japanese proficiency may take advanced Japanese language classes or regular classes with Japanese students.
- Along with these classes, participating students will take independent Study where they carry out their studies and write reports under the supervision of the assigned supervisors.
- Cultural and intellectual exchange with Japanese students is an important part of the program and is achieved through group activities and interaction with local Japanese students, both in classes and in extracurricular activities.

Direct Enrollment Education Programs (DEEP)

- Under this programme, undergraduate students will be admitted as "Special Auditing Students". Students will take regular courses offered in each department where classes are generally conducted in Japanese.
- Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level 1 or equivalent certification of Japanese proficiency issued by home university is required for students taking Japanese modules.

Minimum and average workload per semester:

- JYPE: Students are required to take a total of 13 credits or more including 5 credits from their faculty's Individual Research Training course per semester. The average workload is 17 credits. The Japanese language and Japanese culture courses carry 4 credits and 2 credits respectively. The faculty courses carry 2 credits each.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPLA: Students are required to take 15 credits or more per semester, including 4 credits in a Japanese language course (according to your level), 2 credits in a Japanese Culture course and 2 credits in the Independent Study of the IPLA Seminar <p>Research Strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spintronics - Materials Science - Cosmological Physics - Earth Science - Data Science - Life Science - Disaster Reduction / Safety Science - Japanese Studies <p>Course information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JYPE: http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/jype/ - IPLA: http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/ipla/ - DEEP: http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/deep-u/
<p>vi) Entry Requirements</p>	<p>Completed at least one year of study at NUS upon application with host university. Minimum CAP of 3.0 out of 5.0 and no grade below C.</p> <p>Check here for other eligibility criteria.</p>
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>Japanese language proficiency may not be required for JYPE and IPLA. However, it is recommended that students have basic Japanese language knowledge.</p> <p>JLPT N1 is required for DEEP.</p> <p>The medium of instruction for classes is Japanese.</p> <p>Generally, JLPT Level 1 or N1 is required for courses conducted in Japanese.</p>
<p>viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Letters • Education • Law • Economics • Science • Pharmaceutical Sciences • Engineering • Agriculture
<p>ix) Module restrictions</p>	<p>Students are required to meet the pre-requisites (if applicable) in order to be enrolled into the respective courses.</p>

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and pre-requisites	
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>Students may apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty's announcement regarding the application period.</p> <p>Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.</p>
ii) Deadlines	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
E. Accommodations	
i) University Accommodation	<p>Exchange students are required to live in the university dormitories. Tohoku University International House (1&2), University House Aobayama, and University House Sanjo (A/B/II/III) are available for exchange students. Information on the dormitory application will be sent to all successful applicants. Dorm preferences are not guaranteed due to the limited number of rooms.</p> <p>For more information about accommodation, please refer to http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/kaikan_en.html</p> <p>http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/uh_en.html</p>
F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	<p>Upon acceptance, Tohoku U will apply for a Certificate of Eligibility on your behalf with the Japanese Ministry of Justice, and send it to you when issued. The certificate is required for you to apply for a study visa. Exchange students must obtain a "College Student" visa for the duration of their study in Japan. Please visit the Japan Embassy website for the required supporting documents for your visa application.</p>

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	<p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. This is to ensure that you can obtain your visa in time before the start of your exchange term. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>For more information on visa applications, please refer to http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/visa/index_en.html</p> <p>http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html</p>
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G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>Foreign nationals living in Japan for more than three months are required to join the National Health Insurance.</p> <p>In addition, it is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Japan. Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students can purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p> <p>For more information on health and insurance, please refer to http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/health/insurance_en.html</p>
ii) Emergency Number at host university	+81-22-795-3745

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Breakdown of Costs</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Accommodation</td> <td>JP¥13,000 - JP¥40,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food</td> <td>JP¥40,000 - JP¥50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transport</td> <td>JP¥5,000 - JP¥15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td>JP¥2,000 - JP¥3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Others (Entertainment, clothes)</td> <td>~ JP¥30,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monthly Estimate</td> <td>JP¥90,000 - JP¥138,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/tips/cost_en.html</p> <p>For more student exchange information, please refer to http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/</p>	Breakdown of Costs	Cost	Accommodation	JP¥13,000 - JP¥40,000	Food	JP¥40,000 - JP¥50,000	Transport	JP¥5,000 - JP¥15,000	Insurance	JP¥2,000 - JP¥3,000	Others (Entertainment, clothes)	~ JP¥30,000	Monthly Estimate	JP¥90,000 - JP¥138,000
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