

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	Tohoku University http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/english/
B. Country	Japan
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>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 universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: Early April to Early August Semester 2: Early October to Mid-February</p> <p>http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/en/academics/academic_calendar.html</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester or Full year
iv) Examination	Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.
v) Curriculum Structure	<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. - 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. <p>International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The programme offers opportunity for overseas undergraduate students to study a variety of Liberal Arts, Economics, Management, Education and Literature classes, taught in English. - The programme also offers Japanese language and culture classes to assist students in understanding Japanese language and customs. 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. <p>Direct Enrollment Education Program for Humanities/Social Science Faculties (DEEp-Bridge)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This programme is suitable for students who major in Humanities and Social Science who have a JLPT rating of N3 or higher. Participants can take Japanese language and co-learning classes that match their individual levels. Those with a JLPT rating of N1, or Level 6 on Tohoku University's Japanese Placement Test, can take General Education or Specialised Classes offered in Humanities/Social Science faculties together with Japanese students. - Participants must earn 13 credits per term, comprising of a research seminar for DEEP-Bridge students (2 credits), Japanese Language course (5-6 credits) and International co-learning classes, General Education or Specialised Classes. <p>Direct Enrollment Education Programs (DEEP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>Minimum and average workload per semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - IPLA: Students are required to take 13 credits or more per semester, including 4 credits in a Japanese language course, 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
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vi) Entry Requirements	Completed at least one year of study at NUS upon application with host university. CAP of 3.0 out of 5.0 with no grade below C.
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<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>Students who have Japanese proficiency equivalent to JLPT level N1 may take courses in Japanese offered by various faculties in U Tokyo.</p>
viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Letters • Education • Law • Economics • Science • Pharmaceutical Sciences • Engineering
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	Students are required to meet the pre-requisites (if applicable) in order to be enrolled into the respective courses.
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>Students can 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>Tohoku U will apply housing on behalf of exchange students. Students will be housed at the International House or the University House in Sanjo. The rate is about 25,000 JPY per month, including utilities.</p> <p>For more information about accommodation, please refer to http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/kaikan_en.html http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/uh_en.html</p>
ii) Private Accommodation	<p>Exchange students are required to stay at the university dormitories.</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> <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 http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html</p>
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 on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to</p>

	<p>http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to 'Insurance Cover for Official NUS Trips' through http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html</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

Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	Breakdown of Costs	Cost
	Accommodation	JP¥10,000 - JP¥60,000
	Food	JP¥30,000 - JP¥60,000
	Transport	JP¥8,000 - JP¥20,000
	Insurance	JP¥2,000 - JP¥3,000
	Others (Entertainment, clothes)	JP¥25,000
	Monthly Estimate	JP¥75,000 - JP¥168,000
	http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/tips/cost_en.html	
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