



Orientation for International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)



Tohoku University

Welcome

to

Tohoku University

Topics to be covered today

1. Introduction to the IPLA Support Team
2. Why is IPLA so special?
3. Important dates and events
4. Academic issues
 - Requirements
 - Grading System
5. On-campus Facilities & Support
6. Emergencies
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8. How to succeed in IPLA

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IPLANET Group of Tohoku University Students

Your Buddy (tutor) Tohoku University Student

Why is IPLA so special?

Undergraduate Programs at Tohoku Univ.

- ◆ **JYPE** (Taught in English, Engineering and Science)
- ◆ **IPLA** (Taught in English, Social Science and Humanities)
- ◆ **DEEP** (Taught in Japanese, Engineering and Science)
- ◆ **DEEp-Bridge** (Taught in Japanese, Social Science and Humanities)
- ◆ Department level programs

Why is IPLA so special?

- Program designed to enrich your study abroad experiences in Japan
- Semi-structured - some mandatory activities to assist your adjustment to Japan and enhance your Japan-exclusive learning
- Extensive support from the university
- Student-led support - IPLANET, Buddy, etc.

**Mutual respect & trust are
the key to **OUR** success.**



Important Dates & Events

Fall Semester

- Class starts: **Oct. 2**
- Orientation for International Students: **Oct. 3**
- Orientation for Japanese Program: **Oct. 4**
- Registration Workshop: **Oct. 12**
- Online Registration Deadline: **Oct. 16**
- IPLA Fieldtrip: **Nov. 11-12 (Overnight)**
- Final Presentation for fall semester students: **Feb. 5**
- Dormitory Move-out: **Feb. 28**

Very Important!

**Please do not plan to depart from
Sendai earlier than 5pm on Feb. 5**

Requirements: 13 credits/semester

Including

- 4 credits from Japanese Language Program**
- 4 credits from Compulsory Elective Courses**

- Register more than what is required.**
- Classes outside the IPLA curriculum can be added only if you fulfill the requirements.**
- Classes outside the IPLA curriculum can be taken only if approved.**

Registration Workshop

- Fill out registration check sheets and obtain approval from your academic advisor.
- Complete online registration by **Oct. 16**

Withdrawal

- If you want to withdraw from a class, you need to submit a cancellation form to Ms. Nakano by **Oct. 23.**
- **Make sure to keep at least 13 credits.**

Grading System

- Grades: AA, A, B, C, D (Fail)
- Your grades will be available online by the **end of March.**
- You need your Tohoku Univ. ID/Password to check your grade.

Official Certificates/Official Transcripts will be sent to your university in April. Make sure to keep the ID.

Characteristics of IPLA courses

- Active-learning: group-work, project-based classes, discussions, presentations
- Participation is very important
- Come to class on time and submit assignments on time.
- Be prepared to get busy in the end of semester.

Students are not expected to miss a class due to student club activities, personal trips, etc.

When to see your Academic Advisor

- At the Registration Workshop
- For class withdrawal
- Before leaving Japan temporarily or permanently
- Anytime you have a question or concern. Please email first to make an appointment

When to see the Japanese Program Coordinators

- During office hours for any questions or concerns about your Japanese studies

Facilities & Support on Campus

Campus Tour:

IPLANET will guide you through the campus facilities

Health Insurance and Medical Care

National Health Insurance is mandatory. 70% of any medical fees will be covered if you receive care. More information will be available at the Orientation on

Oct. 3

Emergency

110 Police

119 Ambulance & Fire Department

Earthquakes

Most of the earthquakes you will experience will be minor. However, caution is always needed.

★ Earthquake Drill: **Oct. 27**

© 9:00-17:00 on weekdays:

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© Other hours: suematsu@insc.tohoku.ac.jp

090-6452-2021 (Emergency Only)

Student Housing

- **Tohoku University is committed to providing housing to students from partner universities.**
- **Capacity is very limited.**
- **You cannot change rooms during your stay.**
- **Please respect the regulations and rules of your dormitory.**
- **Those who are asked to leave the dormitory will not be able to continue the program.**

How to succeed in IPLA

Do

1. Ask questions and come to see us.
2. Read IPLA-related email and respond.
3. Make a study plan ahead of time.
4. Interact with other students, especially
5. Japanese students (IPLANET, Buddy, etc.)
6. Participate in on-campus activities.
7. Respect rules & regulations.

How to succeed in IPLA

Don't

- 1. Violate customs law (possession of weapons, illegal drugs and substances, etc.)**
- 2. Drink under the age of 20.**
- 3. Cut classes unless you have an unavoidable incident such as sickness.**
- 4. Drive in Japan.**
- 5. Part-time work outside the university.**



Tohoku University values and encourages student-to-student support/interactions.

Past IPLA participants highly rated their involvement in IPLANET activities!

Global Café open!!



Join us!!