

Orientation for International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)



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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
- 7. Student Housing
- 8. How to succeed in IPLA



IPLA Support Team

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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



IPLA

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.



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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



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Facilities & Support on Campus

Campus Tour:

IPLANET will guide you through the campus facilities

Health Insurance and Medical Care

National Health Insurance is <u>mandatory</u>. 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: <u>studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp</u> 022-795-3745
 Other hours: <u>suematsu@insc.tohoku.ac.jp</u> 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.



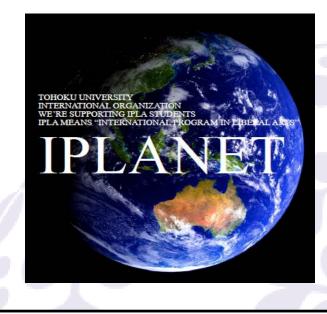
How to succeed in IPLA Don't

- 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.



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

Past IPLA participants highly rated their involvement in IPLANET activities!





Global Café open!! Joinus