

Orientation for International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)



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
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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.







Important Dates & Events

Spring Semester

- Orientation for Japanese Program: Apr. 6
- Class starts: Apr. 9
- Registration Workshop: Apr. 18
- Online Registration Deadline: 17:00, Apr. 20
- IPLA Fieldtrip: TBA
- Final Presentation: Aug. 6
- Dormitory Move-out: Aug. 31



Very Important!

Please do not plan to depart from Sendai earlier than 5pm on Aug 6



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 (Apr.18)

- Fill out registration check sheets and obtain approval from Assoc. Prof. Takahashi.
- Complete online registration by 17:00, Apr. 20

Withdrawal

- If you want to withdraw from a class, you need to submit a cancellation form to Ms. Nakano by Apr. 27
- 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 September.
- 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 (April 18)
- 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 <u>mandatory</u>. 70% of any medical fees will be covered if you receive care. (More information will be available at the Orientation on)



Emergency

110 Police

119 Ambulance & Fire Department

Earthquakes

Most of the earthquakes you will experience will be minor. However, caution is always needed. ★ Safety Confirmation Drill: April 25

 9:00-17:00 on weekdays: <u>studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp</u> 022-795-3745
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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.
- Residents must pay the rent and other fees by the due date.
- Please respect the regulations and rules.
- Those who are asked to leave the dormitory will not be able to continue the program.



Student Housing Basic Rules

The following conduct is prohibited:

- Subletting one's room to other individuals or changing the assignment of rooms.
- Removing or changing the placement of the furnishings or equipment in one's room.
- Possessing, consuming, supplying, or distributing any illegal substances.
- Possession or use of any weapon.
- Smoking in the dormitory.
- Engaging in noisy, disorderly, disruptive, or disrespectful behavior which interferes with the activities of others.
- Hosting overnight guests. (Visiting hours vary by each dorm)
- Keeping pets.
- Vandalizing rooms or common spaces.
- Use of kerosene heaters.



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 Japanese students (IPLANET, Buddy, etc.)
- 5. Participate in on-campus activities.
- 6. Respect rules & regulations.

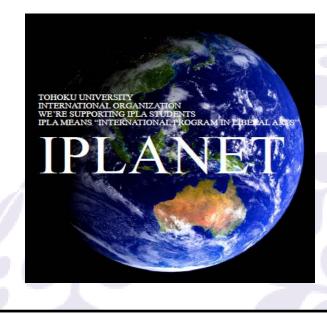


How to succeed in IPLA Don't

- Violate customs law (possession of weapons, illegal drugs and substances, etc.) → Absolutely 0 tolerance!
 - 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.



IPLANET



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

Past IPLA participants highly rated their involvement in IPLANET activities!





Global Café open!! Joinus