



Orientation for International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)



Tohoku University

Welcome

to

Tohoku University

Topics to be covered today

1. Introduction of the 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



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IPLANET Group of Tohoku University Students

Your Buddy (tutor) Tohoku University Student

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. 1**
- Orientation for International Students: **Oct. 2**
- Orientation for Japanese Program: **Oct. 3**
- Registration Workshop: **12:00, Oct. 12**
- Online Registration Deadline: **17:00, Oct. 15**
- Individual Session with Director: **Oct. 15 - 19**
- IPLA Fieldtrip: **Nov. 10-11**
- Final Presentation for fall semester students: **Feb. 5**
- Dormitory Move-out: **Feb. 28** (For semester students only)

Very Important!

**Please do not plan to depart from
Sendai earlier than 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 (Oct.12)

- Fill out a registration check sheet and obtain approval from your academic advisor.
- Complete online registration by **17:00, Oct. 15**

Withdrawal

- If you want to withdraw from a class, you need to submit a cancellation form to Ms. Nakano by **Oct. 26**
- **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, reflection papers, presentations
- Intercultural learning: classes with domestic students
- Research project class: for those interested in more academic-oriented experiences

Extra-curricular opportunities

- Volunteer
- Internship (without pay/pay)

★ Be prepared to get busy in the end of semester !

- Participation and attendances are very important, especially in language classes
- Come to class on time and submit assignments on time.
- 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 (Oct 12)
- 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

Support

Tutor (Buddy) System

Your tutor will support you on your study and daily life throughout the semester(s).

If you have trouble meeting your tutor regularly, please report to the Student Exchange Division as soon as possible.

Insurances **Mandatory**

1. National Health Insurance

70% of the medical fees will be covered at the time of treatment.

2. Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS “GAKKENSAI”)

This is an aid plan covering injuries to students in case of accidents while they are engaged in research and educational activities at the university, including lectures, experiments, the participation of school event, etc. The insured students will be paid benefits according to the degree of injuries.

3. Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with PAS (“GAKKENSAI”) for International Students (“Inbound futai-gakuso”)

This is a comprehensive insurance policy covering liability (with out-of-court settlement negotiation service), injury, illness, hospitalization, rescuer expenses, death and residual disability. All services are available in English.

Emergency

110 Police

119 Ambulance & Fire Department

Earthquakes

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

Read this thoroughly:

http://int.sentia-sendai.jp/saigai/download/bousai_e.pdf

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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. **3 month delay will result in a cancellation of the contract.→Those who are asked to leave the dormitory will not be able to continue the program.**
- **Please respect the regulations and rules.**

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 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

1. 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.



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!!