



Academic activities

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Goals for IPLA

IPLA, designed to enhance your **global competence**, offers;

- Intercultural Collaborative Learning (ICL) classes where students with diverse cultural backgrounds work on joint projects or discussions in groups.
- a variety of liberal arts classes taught in English
- comprehensive and practical Japanese language/culture classes
- advanced graduate level classes
- extra-curricular activities/field trips designed to enhance your experiences at Tohoku University
- extensive support



Academic Calendar

- Class starts: October 1
- Academic counseling: October 3 ~ 10 (See the slide 14)
- **Course registration deadline: Oct. 14**
- Deadline for class withdrawal: Oct. 31
- **Mandatory IPLA overnight field trip: Nov. 16-17**
- University festival: Oct. 25, 26, 27
- Deadline for extension: Nov. 15
- Winter holidays: Dec. 27 ~ Jan. 3
- Class ends: Feb. 3
- **IPLA final presentation: Feb. 3**
- Farewell party: Feb. 3
- Dormitory move-out for fall only participants: Feb. 28
- Spring break for one-year participants: Feb. 4 ~ Early Apr.



IPLA Completion Requirement

1. Earn required number of credits
15 Credits/Semester 30 Credits/Year
2. Present your achievement at the IPLA final presentation → Please see the slide#15



IPLA Certificate of Completion



IPLA Curriculum & Requirement

15 Credits/Semester **30** Credits/Year

ICL Classes
(At least 4 credits)

+

Liberal arts classes

And / Or

Japanese
language classes

And / Or

IPLA graduate level
classes

Check here for classes 
[Class Schedule of AY2024](#)



FAQ

Q-A1. Why is this requirement set?

→ The requirement is set by the IPLA committee to maximize your learning outcome as an exchange student and also to satisfy **10 hours/week requirement** regulated by the law. If you struggle with this requirement, your academic advisor will request a meeting where your continuation with IPLA will be discussed.

Q - A2. Should I register for 15 credits per semester then?

→ We **strongly recommend** that you register for more than 15 since some students **fail or decide to drop** a class/classes.



FAQ

Q-A3. What if I want to take classes outside the IPLA curriculum?

→ You are allowed to take non-IPLA classes only after meeting the 15 credit requirement. Non-IPLA graduate level classes are **auditing only**. You **cannot earn credits**.

Q-A4. What if I don't complete IPLA?

→ We expect all students admitted to IPLA to complete the program. Extensive support will be provided to navigate you to success. So stay connected to your academic advisor.



Characteristics of IPLA classes

ICL classes: Students are expected to be active in group projects/discussions and be good team-workers.

Liberal Arts classes: These are offered by departments of Social Science and Humanities. An instructor may ask if you have adequate language proficiency

Japanese language classes: They are designed to help you acquire Japanese with a systematic curriculum. The classes advance faster than what you are used to.

IPLA graduate level classes: Permission from the class instructor is required. The instructor may ask you about your prerequisite info. Some classes have quota for IPLA.



Expectation as students

Active engagement in learning community:

Most of the classes, especially ICL and Japanese language classes, **require you to be present in class**. If your health condition prevents you from attending a class, **let your instructor know before the class begins**. For students who have been in poor academic performance for a certain period of time, we will consult with the home institution and work together with them to find a solution.

Academic honesty and misconduct:

Tohoku University expects all students to uphold **academic honesty**. We have **strict penalties for cheating on tests and plagiarism** in the preparation of reports and presentations.

Consultation with academic advisors:

If some unexpected situations or circumstances keep you away from attending classes, **talk to your academic advisor immediately**.



FAQ

Q-A5. What if the class I registered is not for me?

→ You can withdraw it if it's before the withdrawal deadline.
If it's after the deadline, you will receive "D", a failing grade.
Make sure not to go lower than 15 credits.

Q - A6. Should I register for 15 credits per semester then?

→ We **strongly recommend** to register for more than 15
since some students **fail or decide to drop** a
class/classes.

Q-A7. What if I want to take classes outside the IPLA curriculum?

→ You are allowed to take non-IPLA classes only after
meeting the 15 credit requirement. Non-IPLA graduate level



Grading and Transcript

- Grading scale used at TU: AA, A, B, C, D (failing) & E (withdrawal)
- Your grades in the fall semester will be available online by **end/February**.
- You need your Tohoku Univ. ID/Password to check your grade [online](#). Make sure to keep the ID.
- Your transcript will be sent out by **mid/April** for the fall only students, and by **mid/October** for the one year students. **If you need it earlier than that, let us know as soon as possible.**



How to find/choose classes

Step 1: Check classes offered this semester

→ <https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/ipla-course-information-2024-fall/>

Step 2: Go to IPLA classroom (code: gr6elyk) to see class descriptions of some ICL classes or the Google classroom of each class by using the classroom code.

Step 3: Visit classes from Oct.1 to Oct. 14. Some classes such as Japanese traditional culture fills quickly. Since a lottery will be used to select students, you need be in the first class.

Step 4: Meet with your academic advisor and ask questions.

Important: If you want to change your level of your Japanese language class, submit the form **by Oct. 7.**

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/jg9pz2Y7s4FvB4mo7>



How to register for/drop classes

Academic Counselling

Academic advisor will go over your study goals and credits to take this semester. The registration must be approved in advance by your advisor.



Online Registration by Oct. 14

Register classes by yourself

Course Registration Form (Google Form) will be available by Early Oct.



Withdrawal by Oct. 31

Obtain approval from the class instructor then submit the cancelation form to the Student Exchange Division.

Make sure to keep at least **15** credits



Academic advising

Things to bring: Personal Timetable (Excel File), Project Sheet



SUEMATSU Kazuko

Room 320 at Education and Student Support Center

- 1) Oct. 3 (Thu.) 11:00 - 14:00
- 2) Oct. 8 (Tue.) 14:00 - 17:00
- 3) Oct. 10 (Thu.) 10:00 - 14:30

Reservation to be made here↓

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12x83ULUQvAu0KlIehX4YQU5TKev7oIaf5ROxvIHWUA/edit?gid=0#gid=0>



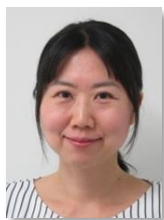
WATANABE Rumi

Room 305 at Education and Student Support Center

- 1) Oct. 3 (Thu.) 16:00 - 18:00
- 2) Oct. 4 (Fri.) 10:00 - 11:00, 16:00-18:00
- 3) Oct. 8 (Tue.) 14:00 - 17:00
- 4) Oct. 10(Thu.) 10:00 -11:00、 13:00- 14:00

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SHIMMI Yukiko

Room 303 at Education and Student Support Center

- 1) Oct. 3 (Thu.) 12:00 - 15:00
- 2) Oct. 4 (Fri.) 15:00 - 17:00
- 3) Oct. 8 (Tue.) 12:00 - 17:00
- 4) Oct. 10(Thu.) 12:00 - 15:00

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IPLA Final Presentation

Feb. 3 for all fall-only students

You will select one of the following and present your accomplishments:

- Outcome of your class project at Tohoku Univ. and your reflection on learning.
- Result of your research/project you were engaged during your stay at Tohoku Univ.
- If you are partially “borrowing” presentation materials from your group project, make sure to obtain permission from the group members.
- If you are unable to attend for academic reasons, please ask a coordinator of your home university to email the Student Exchange Office by Jan.5

Learning Management System at TU



Learning Communication Tools



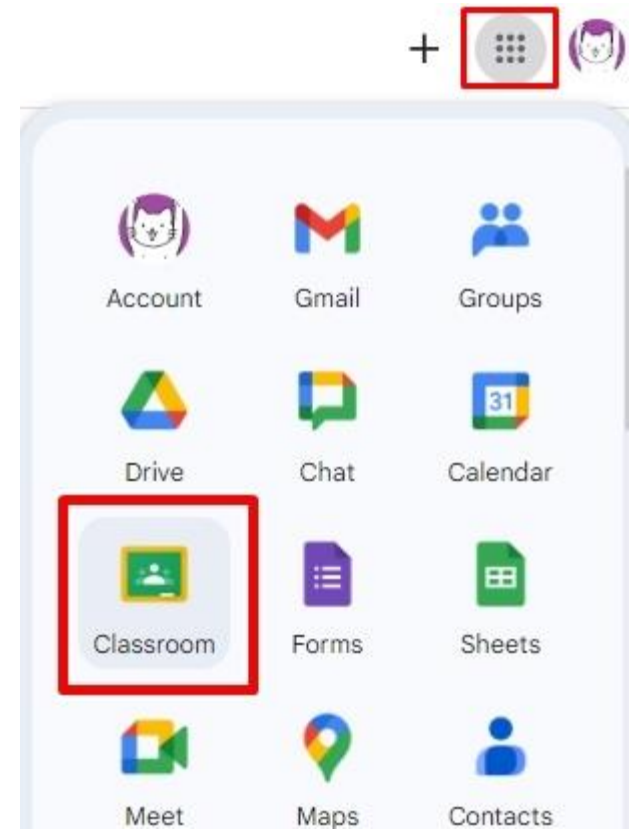
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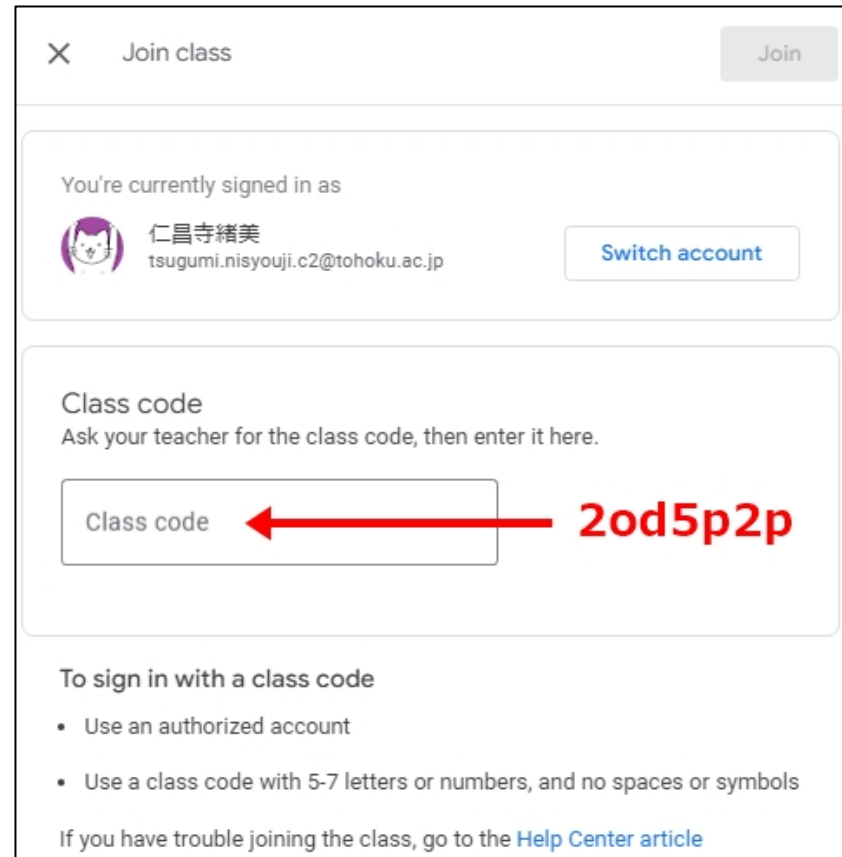
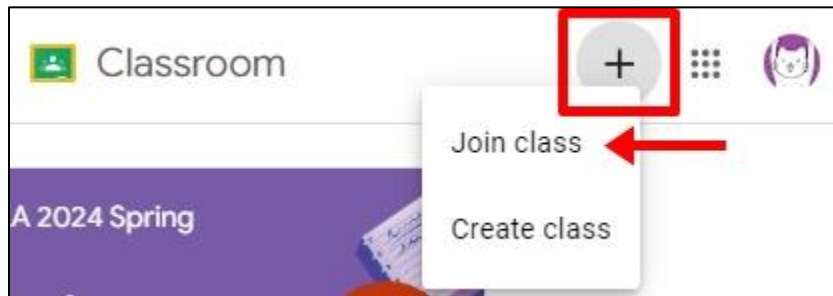
How to enter the IPLA Classroom

1. Log into Google with your Tohoku University DC mail address.

2. You can find the “Classroom” icon in the Google menu.



3. Select a Classroom from “+” and enter the class code “gr6elyk”.



Join class

You're currently signed in as

仁昌寺緒美
tsugumi.nisyouji.c2@tohoku.ac.jp

[Switch account](#)

Class code

Ask your teacher for the class code, then enter it here.

Class code **2od5p2p**

To sign in with a class code

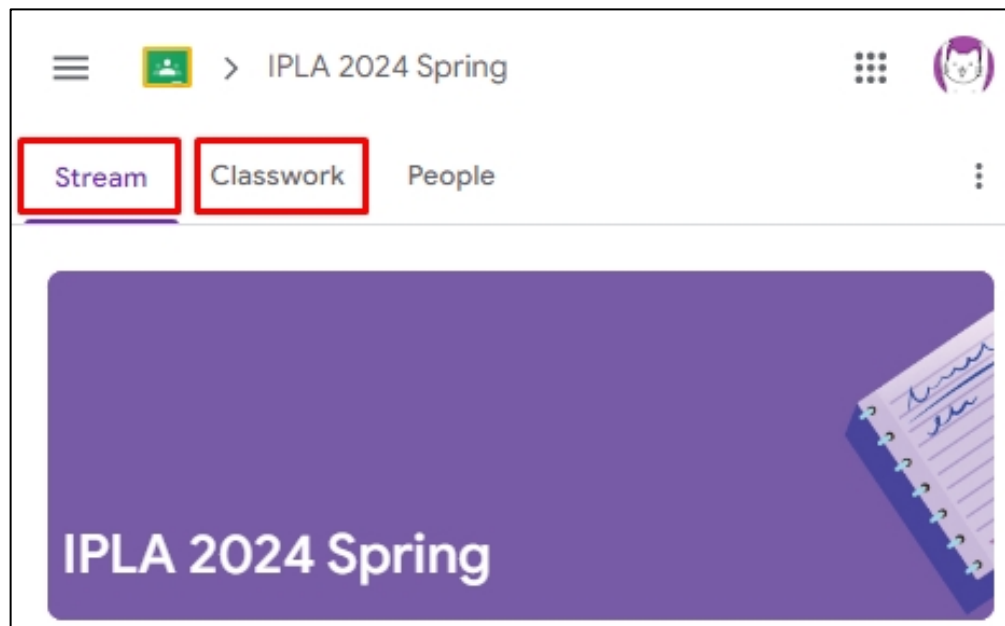
- Use an authorized account
- Use a class code with 5-7 letters or numbers, and no spaces or symbols

If you have trouble joining the class, go to the [Help Center article](#)

4. Alternatively, you can join the IPLA Classroom through the email invitation you received in your DC email.



5. In the Classroom, please check the “Stream (ストリーム)” and “Classwork (授業)” in the images below carefully.



Tohokudai* ID & Password

✓Forgot ID/Password?

*Tohokudai=Tohoku University
Please check the below:

▪ Technical Assistant information

▪ FAQ (Tohokudai ID ▪ Online Class ▪
VPN ▪ Others)

DCMail

Start using university-
wide email (student
email, DCmail)

*Click an image for
more information.

Access to Center for Data-driven Science and Artificial Intelligence, Tohoku University

Location / Postal Address

Multimedia Education and Research Complex, Tohoku University

Kawauchi 41, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Japan, 980-8576



If the above does not resolve the issue, please contact your Program Coordinator: studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

- ✓Instructions/guidelines provided by Tohoku University and academic advisors.
- ✓Checking DCMail and Websites

Getting Started in Japan



Things to do



To start the semester

Current Students



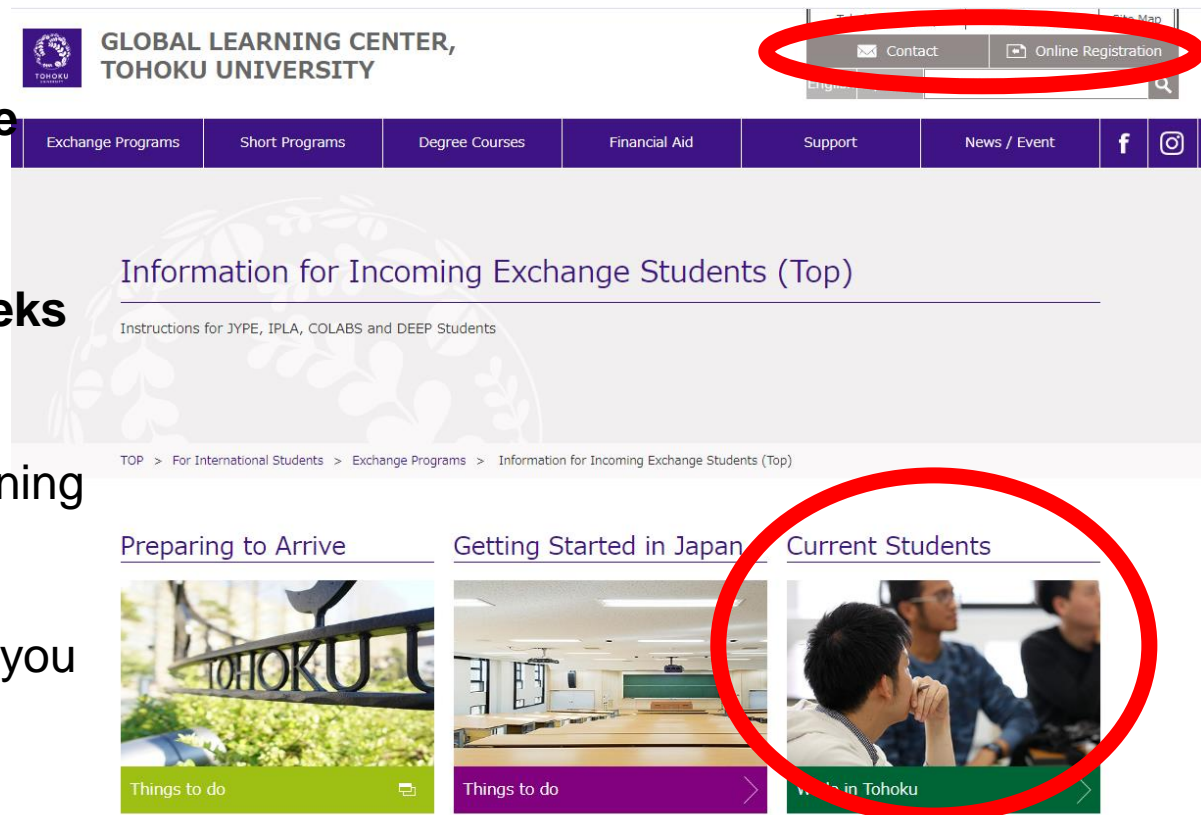
While in Tohoku



While in Japan

*Click the image for more information.

- Contact Form
- Certificate Request



When you send the Certificate Request...

*Please **allow at most two weeks** for the certificate to be issued.

*In case you are urgent in obtaining the certificate, please state **the reason and the date** on which you wish them to be issued in the "Special Request" field on the form.

