



# 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

- Academic guidance and Program meeting: **Apr. 7**
- Class starts: **Apr. 8**
- **Academic Counseling: See the slide (page 13)**
- **Mandatory IPLA field trip: Apr. 19**
- **Course registration deadline: Apr. 21**
- GW (Long Holiday): **Apr. 29, May 3-6**
- Deadline for Withdrawal: **May. 9**
- International Exchange Activity: **May. 12**
- Graduate School Guidance: **Early July**
- Class ends: **Aug. 5**
- **IPLA Final Presentation: Aug. 5**
- Dormitory Move-out: **Aug. 6-29**

Check the [Class Schedule of AY2025](#)



# 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 #14,15



**IPLA Certificate of Completion**



# IPLA Curriculum & Requirement

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

Liberal arts classes

And / Or

ICL Classes  
(At least 4 credits )

+

Japanese  
language classes

And / Or

IPLA graduate  
level classes

Check here for classes   
[Class Schedule of AY2025](#)



# 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-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.



# 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?**

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since some students **fail or decide to drop** a class/classes.

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

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meeting the 15 credit requirement. Non-IPLA graduate level  
classes are **auditing only**. You **cannot earn credits**.



# How to find/choose classes

**Step 1:** Check classes offered this semester

→ <https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/ipla-course-information-2025-spring/>

**Step 2:** Go to IPLA classroom (code: 7szagm2) 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 Apr. 8 to Apr. 21. 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 Apr. 14.**

Google Form: <https://x.gd/0Odw3>



# 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 Apr. 21

### Register classes by yourself

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



## Withdrawal by May 9

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) April 11 (Fri) 12:00 - 16:00
- 2) April 14 (Mon) 16:00 - 18:00
- 3) April 15 (Tue) 11:30 - 13:00
- 4) April 17 (Thurs) 12:30-14:30 \*Back-up for those who could not make it for the dates above

**Reservation to be made here↓**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cdBtg09Vm3Tea60Stzokl0l1XVr5sXSYoM61iokiSco/edit?gid=0#gid=0>



WATANABE Rumi

**Room 305** at Education and Student Support Center

- 1) April 11 (Fri.) 15:00 - 17:00
- 2) April 15 (Tue.) 12:30 - 15:00
- 3) April. 18 (Fri.) 11:00-13:00, 15:00 - 17:00
- 4) April. 21 (Mon.) 10:00 - 12:00

**Reservation to be made here↓**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A0SOmb74wn1xvOVq7CK0p-NM6FOtVOISR3um04\\_mWUw/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A0SOmb74wn1xvOVq7CK0p-NM6FOtVOISR3um04_mWUw/edit?gid=0#gid=0)



SHIMMI Yukiko

**Room 303** at Education and Student Support Center

- 1) April 11 (Fri.) 15:00 - 17:00
- 2) April 14 (Mon.) 12:00 - 17:00
- 3) April 15 (Tue.) 12:00 - 15:00
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# IPLA Final Presentation

## **Aug. 5** for all 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 Jul. 5



# IPLA Final Presentation Screening Criteria

## 1. Achievement of academic goals/留学の目的と設定した課題の目標達成

Is the student able to state clearly and concretely the achievement of the objectives set at the start of the study abroad and the documents that provide evidence of the learning outcomes?

“Is the student able to explain the acquisition of specialized knowledge and the development of intercultural competence?”

## 2. Self-development through study-abroad experience/留学を通じた自己成長

“Are the students able to explain how they were able to overcome the difficulties they faced during their study abroad and how they were able to grow, as well as their future prospects, in relation to their study abroad experience?”

## 3. Concreteness and clarity of presentation materials/発表資料の具体性および明瞭さ

“Are students able to present their presentation in a way that is understandable to those who were not able to attend the screening session?”

## Learning Management System at TU



## Learning Communication Tools



Google Meet

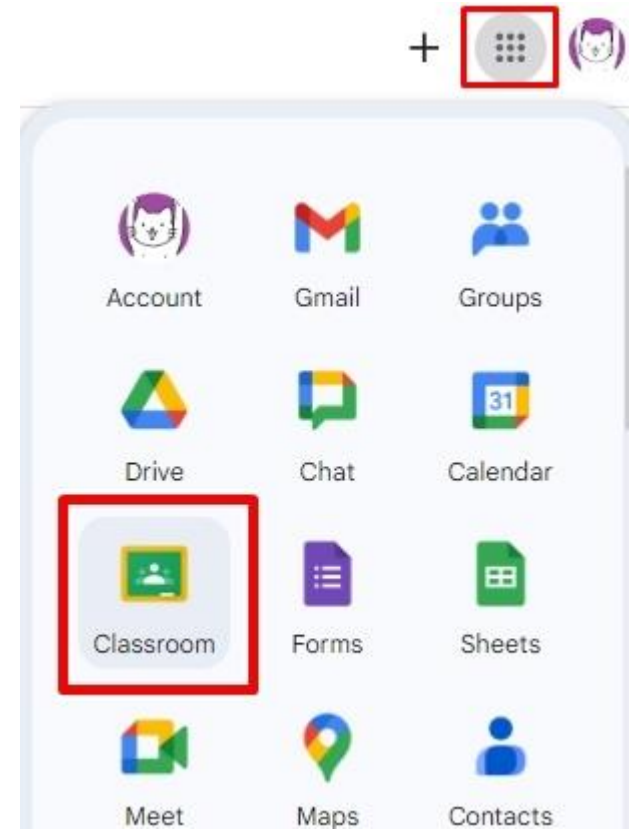
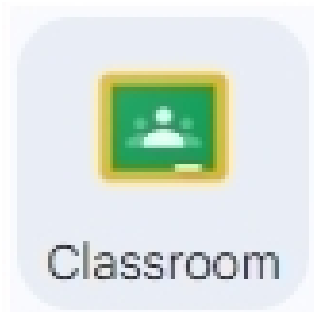




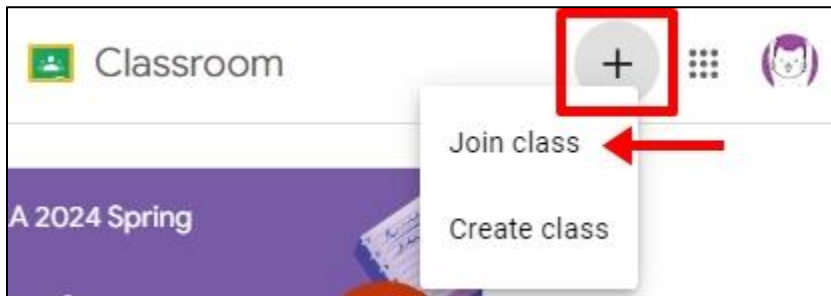
## How to enter the IPLA Classroom

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 “7szagm2”.




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Join class

Join

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

7szagm2

To sign in with a class code

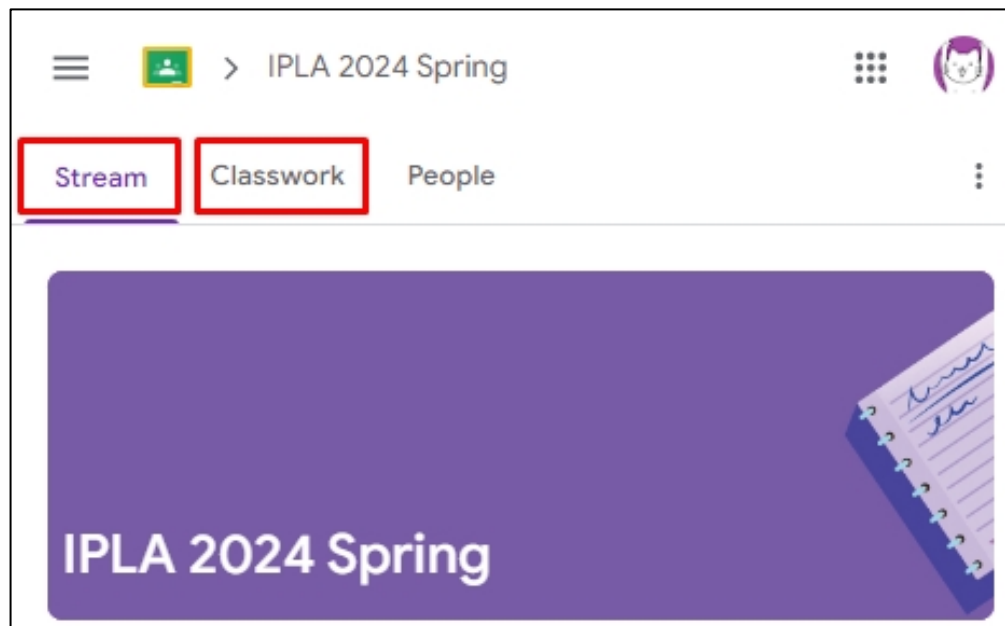
- Use an authorized account
- Use a class code with 5-7 letters or numbers, and no spaces or symbols

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.





## IPLANET

- Help IPLA students adjust to the Tohoku University community
- Organize events/activities for IPLA and TU students

8 Leaders



Over 100 TU students



## Global Café



- Volunteer opportunities
- Share your language & culture as a facilitator
- Great chance to meet new friends
- A certificate will be awarded if you meet certain requirements.

## IPLA Field Trip

**Activity fees**  
to be collected today



Field trips and activities coordinated by IPLANET will be covered.



## Tutor

Every student is assigned to a buddy, who will help you adjust to campus life at Tohoku University and be **your friend.**

★You can:

- Practice your Japanese /review lessons together
- Ask for assistance when settling down
- Continue getting to know each other and hang out as a friend



## To maintain good friendship

- Meet your partner regularly. In order to do so, you both need to make the meeting as part of your routine. Ex) Set up a “fixed time” to meet.
- Be on time when you meet. If you will be late for an appointment, notify your partner right away. Avoid a last minute cancelation.
- Be reminded that you two do not share a mother tongue. In order to avoid misunderstanding, ask for clarification and be patient.
- Use writing to confirm your next meeting day and time to avoid miscommunication.
- Your tutor may not be able to help you every time you need help because the tutor is also a student. Respect each other's schedule and priority.