

# A guide for the TOHOKU UNIVERSITY Natural Science Direct Enrollment Education Program (DEEP)

## - Special AUDITING student

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- I. Study
  - 1. Curriculum

Each semester consists of 15 weeks of classwork. Students discuss the content completed by students and the course schedule etc. with their academic advisors. Detailed information on courses will be obtained from each assigned faculty/school. **Students are required to take a total of 13 credits per semester.** Two credits are given for most of the lecture courses that meet once a week for 90 minutes. Accompanied by the above credits of Tohoku University, we will provide information regarding the student's academic performance in coursework. For further information on credit transfer, please see "4. Grading System, Transcription and Credit Transfer".

DEEP students can take [FGL courses](#).

- [Advanced Molecular Chemistry Course \(AMC\)](#) – Science
- [International Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Course \(IMAC-U\)](#) – Engineering
- [Applied Marine Biology Course \(AMB\)](#) - Agriculture
- **Intercultural Collaborative Learning Course:** We highly recommend the ICL course for its unique opportunity to enhance intercultural communication and teamwork in a global setting.

*For optional courses, students may audit courses in the Junior Year Program in English (JYPE), by permission of the instructor except for Japanese Language courses and Individual Research Training course of JYPE. However, students should not expect any special treatment in such courses.*

*Please find the Detailed Course Descriptions and updated Class Schedule on the website for JYPE students.*

**\*Attention!! JLPK course: The courses from JLPK are non-credit courses !**

## 2. Class Schedule

The updated Class Schedule is obtained at each assigned faculty/school. In order to obtain the maximum outcomes in Natural Science DEEP program, please discuss your course works with your academic advisor and get feedback frequently.

## 3. Registration for Courses

- Submit your Registration form to **Academic Affairs Section** of assigned faculty/school by the deadline accordingly. The deadline differs depending on each faculty/school.
- The school time for one class is 90 minutes
- 2 credits are given for most of the lecture courses.
- 1 Tohoku University credit is equivalent to 45 hours of study time
- **Basically, any course change requests are to be declined after the respective deadlines.**

**\* Students should ask the “Academic Affairs Section” of each assigned faculty/school and/or their academic advisors about the Class Schedule and detailed registration processes of each faculty/school.**

## **! IMPORTANT !**

**In general, DEEP students cannot take graduate classes.**

**Even if you attend a graduate class, it will be treated as an unregistered class.**

**Please note that DEEP students generally cannot officially register for graduate classes.**

## 4. Grading System, Transcription, and Credit Transfer

The respective faculties will certify course credits. The academic credits earned at Tohoku University should be acceptable at students' home institutions in accordance with the student exchange agreement.

- (1) Grades in the courses will be assigned as follows.

AA ...90-100% / A ...80-89% / B ...70-79% / C ...60-69% / D ...Failure

- (2) A copy of the academic transcript will be sent via email to each student's home university and the student approximately two months after classes end (April and/or October). Students are responsible for obtaining the credits at their home university on the basis of their transcript. Credits earned at Tohoku University can be transferred to a student's home university in accordance with its credit transfer policies

## 5. Certificate of Completion

A “Certificate of Completion” will be awarded to students who fulfilled the program requirements. The certificate will be sent via email to the student's home university and the student with their academic transcripts after the exchange period ends (April and/or October).

## 6. Period of Study in Exchange Programs

Program	Study Period	Program End:
JYPE	One Semester or One Year	Poster (Fall) / Oral (Spring)
COLABS		Oral Presentation
DEEP		Final Class

**【Important】 If you wish to shorten or extend the exchange period:**

1. Confirm with the home university about eligibility first. If the shortening or extension is approved by your home university, ask them to write an official request letter and submit to the student exchange division at Tohoku university.
2. Once the student exchange division receive the letter, we will contact your academic advisor about your request.
3. After the student exchange division has contacted your academic advisor, then you can discuss with your academic advisor for permission.
4. Share the email response from your academic advisor regarding the extension with the student exchange division.  
Deadline; **May 15 (Spring)** / Nov. 15 (Fall)

## 7. [Academic Calendar](#)

## II. JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Scholarship

(1) All JASSO Scholars are required to attend the "[JASSO Scholarship Classroom 20245S](#)", attend an orientation video, and submit a pledge and report.

(2) JASSO Scholarship procedures are as follows:

- **A monthly stipend of 80,000 yen** will be transferred to the student's bank account around the end of every month. (Except for April and October. The payment for April will be made around the end of May. The payment for October will be made in November. We will announce them via Google classroom).
  - JASSO scholars **must sign the confirmation form** at the Student Exchange Division during the signing period every month. You have to bring your residence card.
  - JASSO scholars will be disqualified from receiving the stipend for the month if they missed the signing period, regardless of the reason.
  - Contact the Student Exchange Division for any questions regarding the JASSO scholarship [via Google classroom](#). (Classrooms are available to join from April 1st )
- \* We send the invitation mail of Google classroom for JASSO awardees, please check your Tohoku DC mail.)

(3) Period of Scholarship - The scholarship period is as follows:

Period of Stay	From:	To:
Spring semester only	April	July
Spring and fall semester		January
Fall semester only	October	January
Fall and spring semester		July

\* JASSO scholars, in principle, cannot change their scholarship period. \*

(4) Requirements to receive the scholarship

There are several tasks that must be performed to receive the JASSO scholarship. Students are required to fill in and submit the designated forms by the end of the scholarship period. The designated forms will be sent by the Student Exchange Division. Please check the Classroom for more information.

## III. Contact information

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[General Issues]

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[Useful Link]

- [Tohoku University Information for Incoming Exchange Students](#)
- [Tohoku University International Support Office](#)
- [Google Classroom for DEEP student](#) (Activate from April 1st)

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