

A GUIDE FOR THE TOHOKU UNIVERSITY JUNIOR YEAR PROGRAM IN ENGLISH (JYPE)

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1. Study

(1) Curriculum

Course Description

The Tohoku University JYPE program consists of;

■ **Core Course (Required):**

- **Individual Research Training Senior A/B*** (IRT Senior A/B*)
- **Individual Research Training A/B*** (IRT A/B*)

(*A = Fall Semester / B = Spring Semester)

■ **Elective Courses** of your choice offered in English.

Core Course (Required)

There are 2 types of Individual Research Training (IRT);

Type	Semester	Classes per week	Total School Hours per semester	IRT Course Credits per semester	Credits* of Elective Courses per semester
IRT Senior A/B	A=Fall	20	550	10	3 or more
IRT A/B	B=Spring	10	300	5	8 or more

*Necessary for completion (to make a total credit of 13 or more per semester, including the credits of the IRT course)

Individual Research Training Senior A / B (IRT Senior A/B)

Consult with your supervisor prior to course registration and discuss their requirements for IRT Senior and for courses other than IRT Senior.

The enrollment conditions for IRT Senior are as follows:

1. The student has finished the necessary courses for graduation and obtained excellent grades.
2. The student's academic advisor judges the student to have sufficient ability to take and understand graduate-level classes.
3. The student has a strong desire to undergo research training (IRT).
4. The student will obtain three or more Tohoku University credits in subjects other than research training (IRT Senior) and will be able to complete the JYPE program.

Note:

- Students who feel that they were not assigned to suitable laboratories for Individual Research Training / Individual Research Training Senior should contact the Incoming Student Exchange Section as soon as possible.
- In order to obtain the maximum outcome in the Individual Research Training course, please discuss your results with your academic advisor and get feedback frequently.
- Since JYPE students are not degree candidates at Tohoku University, the Individual Research Training course does not take the place of a graduation thesis.

Elective Courses

● JYPE Courses

Information on the courses offered in this academic year (including some advanced-level courses) is available on the website.

● Other Courses

Students in this program can also take* courses from the Future Global Leadership (FGL) program.

- Science: Advanced Molecular Chemistry Course (AMC) (Chemistry, Science)
- Engineering: International Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Course Undergraduate (IMAC-U) (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Engineering)
- Agriculture: Applied Marine Biology Course (AMB) (Applied Biosciences, Agriculture)

Also, some General Education Subjects for the FGL program are available* to JYPE students.

- Intercultural Collaborative Learning Course: We highly recommend the ICL course for its unique opportunity to enhance intercultural communication and teamwork in a global setting.

*Upon the approval of their academic advisors and course instructors.

! IMPORTANT !

In general, JYPE students cannot take graduate classes.

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

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

Course Requirement

- Take a total of **13 credits** or more per semester (including the credits for IRT / IRT Senior)
- Submit required documents and attend mandatory event(s).

The following will be required to complete the IRT/IRT Senior course.

Assignments	Applicable Students
(1) Summary (template available)	All Students
(2) Abstract (A4 size / 1 page)	
(3) IRT Oral presentation (approx. 10min. incl. Q&A time)	All Students (Spring semester)
(4) Research Paper (A4 size / 20-30 pages (suggested length))	IRT Senior Students (at the end of their exchange period)

Note:

- All JYPE students are obliged to attend the 1-2day IRT presentation event(s). ***MANDATORY***
- All the assignments mentioned above must be:
 - approved by your academic advisor before submission.
 - written in English.
- The summary which is shared with other participants is an important outline of the abstract, therefore, any confidential information must be excluded due to the university's Intellectual Property Protection policies.
- Avoid setting up a dormitory move-out inspection on the presentation dates.

Important Notes

- Each class is **90 minutes** long (except for Japanese Language Program classes)
- **2 credits** are given for most of the lecture courses
- **1 Tohoku University credit** is equivalent to **45 hours** of study time

(2) Class Schedule

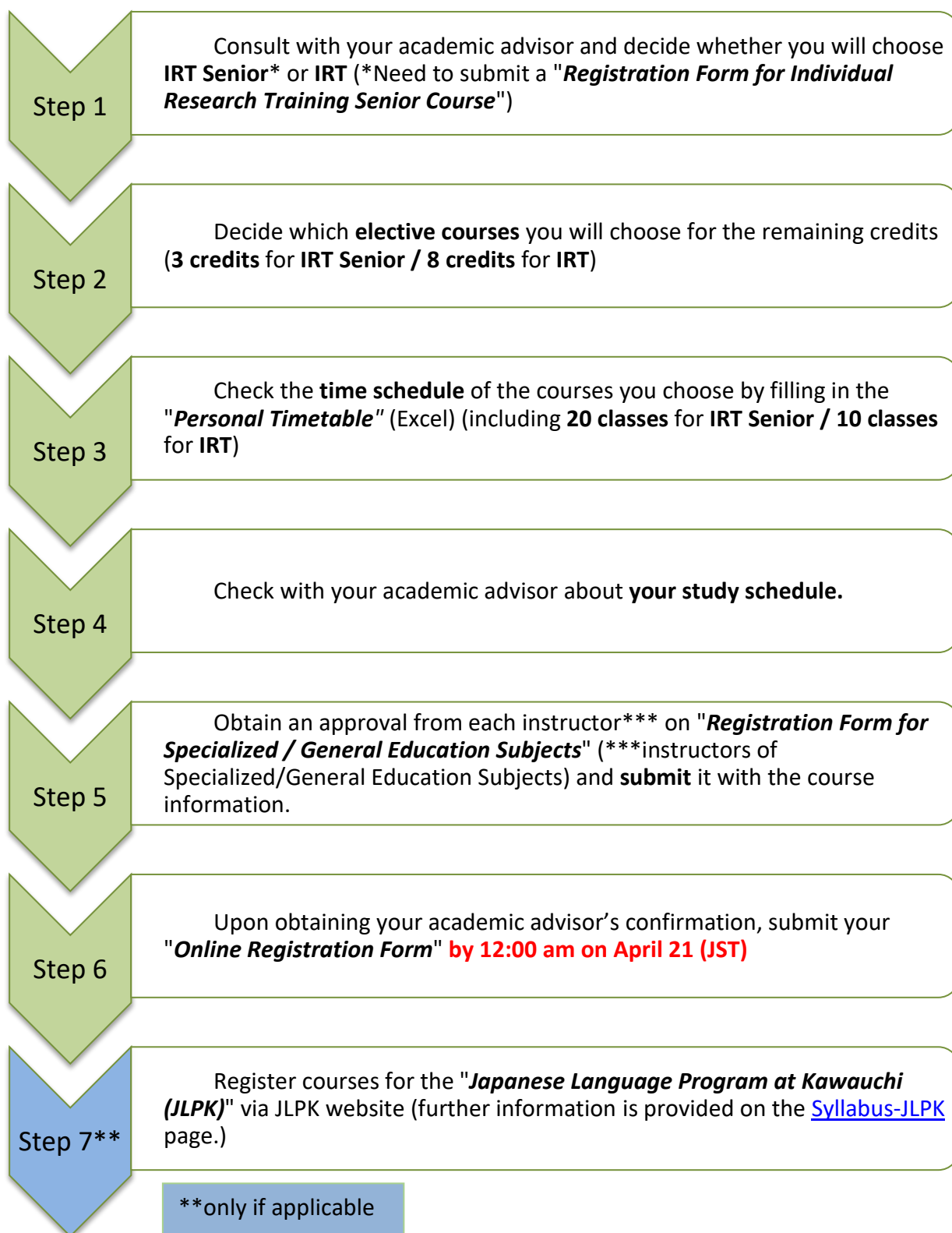
Please find the Detailed Course Descriptions and updated Class Schedule on [the website for JYPE students](#).

(3) Registration for Courses

Please follow the steps below to register for your courses

<IRT Senior>

If you have a strong desire to undergo Individual Research Training and meet the enrollment requirements, "Individual Research Training Senior" (IRT Senior) is an option. Please consult with your Academic Advisor.



Submit the things listed below during the registration period

(Refer to the [Academic Calendar for JYPE](#))

- **Online Registration Form**
- **Registration Form for Specialized/General Education Subjects** (if applicable)
- **Registration Form for Individual Research Training Senior Course** (if applicable)

Note :

- Students cannot make any changes after submitting the **Online Registration Form**
- The course registration period for **JLPK courses** (@ JLPK website) is **different from that of the elective course** (refer to the [Academic Calendar for JYPE](#)). Please make sure to check the [JLPK instruction video](#) for further details if you are planning to take the JLPK course.

(4) Grading System, Transcription, and Credit Transfer

The relevant faculties will certify course credits. The academic credits earned at Tohoku University should be acceptable at the 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 ... Fail

- 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 each semester ends (**April and/or October**). Students are responsible for obtaining their credits at their home university based on their transcript. The 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 or Two Semester(s)	Presentation [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)*If you wish to shorten or extend the exchange period:

(7) [Academic Calendar](#)

2. JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Scholarship

- (1) All JASSO Scholars are required to attend the "[JASSO Scholarship Classroom 2025S](#)", attend an orientation video and submit a pledge and report. Class code: 16i22rm

- (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)
- 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](#). (Classroom is available to join from April 2.)

* 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:
Fall semester only	October	January
Fall and spring semester		July
Spring semester only	April	July
Spring and fall semester		January

* 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.

3. Contact information

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[Google Classroom]

[JYPE Spring 2025](#)
Class code: **fc7dey6z**

[Useful Link]

[Tohoku University Information for Incoming Exchange Students](#)

[Tohoku University International Support Center](#)