

## **Application Guidelines for** **Online Study Abroad Program (Temple University), Spring 2025**

Online Study Abroad Program (Temple University) is English learning courses offered by the Center for American Language & Culture at Temple University. The courses are offered for university students to improve their skills and confidence when using English and will build a foundation for students to actively engage in the global workplace. The courses will be provided by highly qualified instructors at Temple University with advanced degrees in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

### **1. Application Overview**

#### **(1) Course Names:**

1. Basic English Communication Skills
2. English Pronunciation & Presentation Skills
3. Professional & Academic Conversations in English

#### **(2) Course Provider:** The Center for American Language & Culture, Temple University

#### **(3) Eligible Students:** Undergraduate and Graduate students at Tohoku University

\*Only regular students are eligible for the courses.

#### **(4) Session Dates and Hours:** 120-minute class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The dates and hours below are applied to all courses.

- February 11, 2025 ~ March 6, 2025, **9 p.m. to 11 p.m.** (JST)
- March 11, 2025 ~ March 27, 2025, **8 p.m. to 10 p.m.** (JST)

\* Classes are conducted on Japanese national holidays.

#### **(5) English Test Score Minimum Requirements:**

1. Basic English Communication Skills:  
TOEFL iBT 42, TOEFL ITP 440, TOEIC 415, IELTS 4.0
2. English Pronunciation & Presentation Skills:  
TOEFL iBT 55, TOEFL ITP 480, TOEIC 525, IELTS 5.0
3. Professional & Academic Conversations in English:  
TOEFL iBT 70, TOEFL ITP 525, TOEIC 635, IELTS 5.5

#### **(6) Course Format:** Online

※ Courses will be conducted using Zoom and the coursework will be done on the Canvas system. Information required to connect will be provided prior to the course.

Students have to ensure that they have adequate computers with Internet access.

(7) *Number of Students*: 14 per course (first come first served)

※ Minimum enrollment of 7 students per course. If course enrollment is below the minimum requirement, the course may be canceled.

(8) *Course Fee*: JPY 20,000 per course

※ Payment should be done by **January 14, 2025** to complete an application. Payment instructions will be sent to applicants in a return/ confirmation email of Google Form after application is made via Google Form.

(9) *Course Overview*: Please refer to the following pages.

## 2. Application Deadline and Method

(1) *Application Deadline*: **Noon, January 8, 2025**

Please apply using the application form below.

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/nuwpuaDVqrVtfX1UA>

※ In case the seats are filled before the application deadline, we may stop taking applications before the deadline.

(2) *Student responsibility*:

Students will participate in **all** lessons of the course they take.

## 3. Handling of Personal Information

Personal information entered in the application form when applying for the course will be used only for the purpose of processing the application and for communications related to the course.

## 4. Contact

Student Exchange Division, Tohoku University

Email: [sab\\_query@grp.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:sab_query@grp.tohoku.ac.jp)

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. on weekdays

## **1. Basic English Communication Skills Course**

Develop beginning level communication skills to discuss everyday events incorporating new vocabulary through authentic discussions and collaborative tasks.

### **<Target student>**

For beginner proficiency students who plan to study or work in an English-speaking setting and want to improve their English fluency and confidence when participating in academic and professional activities.

### **<Description>**

This speaking course will develop spoken English through conversation and collaborative tasks. Each lesson focuses on a particular topic and progresses through four main phases which elicit language in spoken interactions. Because the topics can change each session, students may repeat this class until they meet their desired target outcomes. By the end of this course, students will gain confidence in speaking by

- Discussing everyday topics
- Participating in collaborative tasks utilizing the target language

### **<Course outcomes>**

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Develop the language used at the high beginner level to express and discuss everyday ideas and experiences
- Incorporate new everyday English vocabulary through discussion and collaborative tasks
- Develop communication skills such as awareness of register, sequencing ideas, predicting information, and inferencing

### **<Major assignments (Collaborative assignments)>**

- Plan a dinner party on a budget
- Create and present a must-see guide for your hometown (or other city of choice)
- Design a robot/AI to serve your community
- Plan a road trip in your country on a budget
- Create an Instagram Reel/TikTok on a topic of your choice

## **2. English Pronunciation & Presentation Skills Course**

Refine pronunciation for improved comprehensibility and develop the skills and confidence to deliver successful presentations in English.

### **<Target student>**

For university students who plan to work in an English-speaking setting or in a global company requiring some English and want to improve their pronunciation for comprehensibility and confidence when presenting in English.

### **<Description>**

This course develops students' confidence in planning and delivering presentations with a focus on targeted pronunciation practice along with verbal and nonverbal elements of effective presentation delivery. Students will do this by

- Planning and delivering original presentations
- Providing feedback to peers
- Identifying pronunciation difficulties and doing targeted pronunciation practice

### **<Course outcomes>**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Plan and deliver a presentation in English utilizing verbal and nonverbal elements of effective presentation delivery
- Deliver a short presentation that is clear, organized and free of plagiarism
- Improve pronunciation for comprehensibility

### **<Major assignments>**

- Mini-presentation #1: Describing an image or meaningful object
- Mini-presentation #2: Giving an "elevator speech"
- Mini-presentation #3: Narrating a personal story
- Final presentation: Informational speech with PPT on a topic of student's choosing

### **3. Professional & Academic Conversations in English**

Improve your fluency at an intermediate to advanced level and increase high level vocabulary through authentic conversation and debates.

#### **<Target student>**

For intermediate to advanced English proficiency students who plan to study or work in an English-speaking setting and want to improve their English fluency and confidence when participating in academic and professional activities.

#### **<Description>**

This course is a series of topic-focused workshops facilitated by an instructor but driven by student participation. Because the topics can change each session, students may repeat this class until they meet their desired targeted outcomes. Students will improve their fluency and confidence in English by

- Engaging in lively discussion and debate around high interest academic and professional topics,
- Reading articles on various topics and incorporating key high level vocabulary into discussion and debate, and
- Learning the linguistic cultural rules for navigating and leading discussions in English with fluency and confidence.

#### **<Course outcomes>**

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Increase active intermediate to advanced level high frequency and specialized vocabulary,
- Engage in robust discussion and debate around an academic or professional topic,
- Speak confidently and with greater fluency in English utilizing linguistic and cultural rules for navigating discussions and debates, and
- Incorporate high frequency words and idioms into conversation.

#### **<Major assignments>**

As a series of stand-alone workshops around academic and professional topics of interest, there are no major assignments. Students will, however, be required to

- Read critically all articles prior to the class and reference articles during discussions and debates,
- Participate fully in class discussions utilizing accurate linguistic features and vocabulary,

and

- Interact effectively in English following cultural norms of engagement.

*-End of application guidelines-*