TOHOKU UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES (YEAR 2011-2012)

A. Contact

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B. Academic Calendar

<Fall semester>

Classes begin	October 1, 2011
Classes (exams) end	Mid- February

<Spring semester>

Classes begin	Early April, 2012
Classes (exams) end	Mid-August

C. Student Exchange Programs

Tohoku University offers four student exchange programs aimed at different interests and needs.

1. Junior Year Program in English (JYPE)

The main purpose of this program is to offer an opportunity for overseas <u>undergraduate students</u> to take science, engineering, and agricultural courses at Tohoku University, without having to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese. All lectures are given in English and course credits will be given by the standards of the equivalent courses offered in Japanese. For further information, please see http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/jype/index.html

2. Direct Enrollment Education Programs (DEEP)

There are two categories in this program.

1. Special Auditing Student

Students can take regular courses where the lectures are mostly given in Japanese. Students are required to provide evidence of proficiency in Japanese such as the Japanese Proficiency Test Level 1 or certification of Japanese proficiency by student's home university. The certificate(s) should be submitted at the time of the application.

2. Special Research Student

Students can engage in research activities under the supervision of an academic advisor at Tohoku University. Students are not always required to provide evidence of proficiency in Japanese. If the student's academic advisor agrees to supervise in another language, the student will not be required to show proficiency in Japanese. For further information, please see http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/cms/index-e.cgi

3. Cooperative Laboratory Study Program (COLABS)

The main purpose of this program is to offer an opportunity for overseas <u>graduate students</u> to take scientific research training in the assigned research laboratory. Students will also take basic education courses taught in English at Tohoku University in order to increase their abilities and expand their activity into new science fields. Students will not have to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese. For further information, please see https://www.cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/COLABS/index.html

4. International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)

IPLA is an exchange program to provide an opportunity for overseas students to study a variety of Liberal Arts classes taught in English, including Economics, Management, Education and Literature at Tohoku University in Japan. For further information, please see http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/cms/index-e.cgi?pg=100915141356

D. Admission

Number of students accepted	Depends on the agreement
Application deadline	October admission: March 10 April admission: December 10 (Only for DEEP and COLABS)
Minimum GPA Requirement	N/A
*Minimum Language Requirement	JYPE/COLABS/IPLA requires high English proficiency Special Auditing Students in DEEP requires Japanese proficiency.
Application form	Available on our website https://cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/
Supporting documents to be submitted with the exchange student application:	1. Statement of purpose/Study plan (one page of A4 size) 2. Official Academic Transcript 3. Letter of recommendation by student's advising professor 4. Certificate of Enrollment at student's home university 5. Certificate of Health 6. Application for Certificate of Eligibility 7. Photocopy of Passport(identification page with applicant's photo and name) 8. Four photographs (3cm × 4cm) 9. Application for JASSO scholarship (two forms) 10. Application for JENESYS scholarship (Korean applicants only) 11. A copy of certificate of language proficiency (if any)

E. Language Courses for Foreign Students

Do you have language courses for international students?	Yes. The Tohoku University Japanese Language Program.	
Is it possible for exchange students to	Yes.	
attend it to acquire the language skills?	res.	
Tuition and fees	Free of charge	
Course Registration Period	About a month	

F. JASSO Scholarship

	The JASSO scholarship is available for qualified international students
About the JASSO Scholarship	accepted by Japanese universities or graduate schools under the
	student exchange agreement on a short-term basis. This scholarship is

	intended to promote international student exchange between Japanese and overseas universities, thereby mutually enhancing the quality of their educational and scholastic activities while promoting mutual understanding and friendship between countries. Further information is available at our online application website at: https://cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/
Scholarship Conditions	80,000JPY per month (Relocation allowance will NOT be provided from 2011)
Scholarship Application deadline	Same as student exchange application deadline
Scholarship Application Form	Available on our online application website https://cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/

G. Accommodation

Am I guaranteed a dorm room or other on-campus housing?	Tohoku University International House and University House Sanjo are available at reasonable rates (typically 25,000JPY/month, including utilities). For further information, see http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/cms/index-e.cgi?pg=100127195523
Housing application deadline	The Student Exchange Division applies on behalf of students.
Application form	The Student Exchange Division applies on behalf of students.
If students cannot arrange housing, how do they find accommodations?	The Student Exchange Division help them find apartments
During long vacation, can students stay in their accommodations?	Yes
Is there possibility of arranging a home stay?	No

H. Visa Procedures

Visa procedures in your country	Students are required to submit an application for Certificate of Eligibility
	with other required documents by the application deadline. Then, the
	Student Exchange Division applies on behalf of students to the Immigration
	Bureau in Sendai. It takes 2 months to get the certificate.

I. Others

Insurance required? If yes, please specify the content.	"Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research" is mandatory. It covers: 1) Cases where the insured suffers a physical injury as a result of sudden and unforeseen accidents of an external origin while engaged in educational and research activities at this university 2) Cases where the insured sustains a physical injury while commuting to school or in transit between school facilities.
Pick-up service at Sendai station	Pick-up service is available only at Sendai station. Time and place will be announced individually to students.

J. Useful Information

Sendai Travel Information	http://www.sentabi.jp/1000/10000000.html
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