# General Information

## Tohoku University

Tohoku University was established in Sendai in 1907 as Tohoku Imperial University by consolidating an agricultural college and a science college. It is the third oldest former Imperial University after Tokyo and Kyoto.

Tohoku University is well known for its open and progressive policies. It was the first Imperial University to admit women and foreign students, and also pioneered in opening a university by offering public lectures. Already in 1911, Tohoku University graduated its first foreign students, thus becoming the Japanese university with the longest history of foreign graduates. All of these were epoch-making events in the history of Japanese higher education. The “Spirit of Open Doors” remains alive within the tradition of Tohoku University. Along with this spirit, the University has placed a high value on the “Spirit of Search for Truth” and emphasized original and creative research. Thus Tohoku University is known for its strong orientation toward academic research.

In the years following its establishment, Tohoku University has grown into an institution that includes the fields of medicine, science, and engineering among others. Currently the University has ten undergraduate and sixteen graduate schools, and six research institutes. The current student body consists of over 17,800 students, including roughly 3,400 international students from 93 countries and areas. The university is staffed with about 6,500 employees, including about 900 full-time professors.

## The School of Engineering

The School of Engineering in Tohoku Imperial University was founded in 1919, and The School of Engineering has been developed in the spirit of “Research First”. Currently the School of Engineering has five undergraduate and six graduate departments, and 13 related institutes. The current student body consists of about 3500 undergraduate students and 1500 graduate students, including roughly 500 international students.
### Websites

- Tohoku University: [http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/](http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/)
- Tohoku University Global Learning Center (Student Exchange Division): [https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/aboutus/](https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/aboutus/)
- School of Engineering: [http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/](http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/)
- Division of International Education & Exchange, School of Engineering: [https://www.ied.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/](https://www.ied.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/)

### Our Campuses

Tohoku University has 5 campuses: Katahira, Kawauchi, Aobayama, Seiryo and the University Hospital and Amamiya. The majority of the Engineering and the Science students study in Aobayama campus. Some laboratories in engineering fields are in Katahira campus.

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### Educational Systems & Application

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semester and spring semester. Credits the students should take depend on their departments. The education system in Japan is divided into three degree programs.

- Undergraduate (bachelor’s): four-year
- Graduate (master’s): two-year
- Graduate (doctoral – PhD): three-year

One of the features of the School of Engineering, Tohoku University is that even undergraduate students (third year mechanical students, forth year other department students) belong to the labs and do research works as well as course works.

Course offerings conducted in English

All courses and research activities in the JYPE and COLABS are conducted in English. Students with sufficient Japanese language skills are also able to take courses in Japanese.

Courses in School of Engineering (Undergraduate):
http://g30.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/imac/curriculum/

* The subjects whose names are written in Japanese and English will be conducted both in English and/or Japanese.

Timetable for undergraduates (Japanese):
http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/edu/syllabus-ug.html

Timetable for graduates (Japanese):
http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/edu/syllabus-g.html

Japanese language courses

Japanese Courses in Kawauchi Campus:
http://www.he.tohoku.ac.jp/SJLE/index-e.html

Japanese Courses in Aobayama Campus (Engineering):
https://www.ied.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/en/language-class#ja-about

Grading system

- 90-100 AA
- 80-89 A
- 70-79 B
- 60-69 C
- less than 60 D

Transcript of records

The certificate which shows the final records will be issued and
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| Academic Calendar   | Fall Semester: October – February  
|                     | Spring Semester: April – August  
|                     | [https://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/academics/master.html](https://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/academics/master.html) |
| Application deadlines | JYPE & COLABS Application Period(Japan Standard Time):  
|                     | from 9:00 AM, Oct.1 - 3:00 PM Nov.15 (Spring Enrolment)  
|                     | from 9:00 AM, Jan.10 - 3:00 PM Feb.20 (Fall Enrolment)  
|                     | Direct Exchange with the SoE:  
|                     | 4 months before the enrolment  
| Language (English) requirements | JYPE & COLABS:  
|                     | [https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/english-requirement-for-exchange-program/](https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/english-requirement-for-exchange-program/)  
|                     | Direct Exchange with the SoE:  
|                     | There is no language requirements in common. |
| Before Arrival | We will apply for a room at the dormitories, Tohoku University International House or University House upon the students’ request. You will be informed the application details by the program coodinator or your academic supervisor before your enrollment.  
| | For further information:  
| | [http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/index_en.html](http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/index_en.html)  
| | (Move-in period: For fall semester - Last week of September/ spring semester – The end of March or the beginning of April. Students cannot move in on weekends and holidays.) |
| Insurance | All Tohoku University international students are required to enroll in both of the following types of insurance.  
- Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research "GAKKENSAI"  
This is an accident compensation insurance covering unforeseen disasters and accidents during regular curricular activities, school events, extracurricular (club) activities, and while on the university premises. Please note that illness and natural disasters such as earthquakes are not covered by this insurance.  
- Comprehensive Insurance for Student Lives Coupled with "GAKKENSAI" for International Students ("Inbound futai-gakuso")  
This is a comprehensive insurance policy covering liability, injury, illness, rescuer expenses, death and residual disability. Only students who are enrolled in “GAKKENSAI” are eligible for this insurance. |
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| Visa | Students are required to submit an application for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) along with the other required documents online. Tohoku University will then apply to the Sendai Immigration Bureau for the CoE on behalf of students. It will take about two months to get the certificate. Then, Tohoku University will mail the CoE to your address. Students must apply for a student visa using the CoE at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in their home country before departure for Japan.  
Please consult the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in the area for necessary documents to apply for a student visa.  
For more information:  
Tohoku University Support Office:  
http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/visa/index_en.html  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs:  
http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/ |
| Information for students with special needs | Please see the link below:  
https://www.ihe.tohoku.ac.jp/?page_id=7950 |
| TU Support | https://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/index_en.html |