

Fact Sheet for the University-wide Student Exchange Program



Why study at UTokyo — Tradition and Innovation

Founded in 1877, the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) is the oldest national university in Japan. Over the course of its long and distinguished history, the university has produced some of the most outstanding scholars, scientists, and social and political leaders of Japan and the world. As Japan's most comprehensive research university, UTokyo has 10 undergraduate faculties/college, 15 graduate schools, 11 affiliated Institutes, and a number of university-wide centers. UTokyo is committed to excellence in research and education as well as establishing a truly global campus to produce the next generation of leaders of the world.

USTEP Website

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/academics/ustep.html>



Contact

International Education Promotion Group
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Center for Global Education (GlobeE)
<https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/index.html>

USTEP Overview

UTokyo accepts exchange students from partner universities with a Memorandum of Understanding concerning student exchange. USTEP offers Type U (for undergraduate students) and Type G (for graduate students) programs.

	Type U (For Undergraduate)	Type G (For Graduate)
Students belong to	Center for Global Education	Graduate School to which they are admitted
Eligibility	<p>Students must meet all the eligibility indicated on the Type U website.</p> <p>[Language Requirements] - English: TOEFL iBT 90, IELTS 6.5, Cambridge "C1 Advanced", or DET 120. and/or - Japanese: JLPT N1 *Applicants who attend a university or graduated from a high school where the medium of instruction was in the respective language are exempt from the requirement.</p>	<p>Students must meet all the eligibility indicated on the Type G website.</p> <p>*Application requirements vary by Graduate School. Please see Prerequisites for USTEP Type G Applicants</p>
Courses	<p>Students can take regular undergraduate courses across faculties from the Type U course catalogue.</p> <p>*Students are allowed to take up to two Japanese language class sessions (periods) per week. Further details are indicated on the website.</p>	<p>[Special Auditor] can take courses at the graduate school to which they belong from the course catalogue for the graduate students.</p>
Research guidance	<p>N/A</p> <p>Type U is a program designed for taking classes.</p>	<p>[Special Research Student] can conduct research under the guidance of a faculty member</p>

Period of Study

	1 semester	2 semesters (full year)
Autumn admission	October to March	October to September
Spring admission	April to September	April to March

*The actual period of study (including examination period) varies depending on College/Faculty or Graduate School. Please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#).



Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses

The Center for Global Education, to which Type U students are affiliated, offers the Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses. All classes are conducted in English and focus on themes related to SDGs such as gender, diversity, health, poverty, GX (Green Transformation), in an interactive small-group format. Please see <https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/globalliberalarts.html>

Japanese Language Education

[Hongo Campus] Offered by the Faculty of Engineering: <https://www.jlcse.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>

[Komaba Campus] Offered by the College of Arts and Sciences: <http://www.globalkomaba.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/inbound/support/japanese.html>

[Online/non-credit] Offered by Japanese Language Education Division of GlobE: <https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/nkc/en/>

Housing

USTEP students may apply and live in one of the university's residential facilities depending on availability. Most students have been successfully accommodated in the university housing. Please find more details in "4. Additional Information" on the program website.

USTEP Partners

"USTEP Partners" is a program to support interactions between USTEP Type U students and local UTokyo students. The Partners are regular UTokyo students who volunteer to participate in this program. They will support exchange students' campus life as friendly advisors and companions. Please see [USTEP Partners](#).



Financial Information

In accordance with Japanese visa requirements, students will be asked to submit a bank statement demonstrating a balance of JPY 120,000 per month for their enrollment at UTokyo, as outlined below, after their acceptance is confirmed.

One semester: JPY 720,000 / Full Year: JPY 1,440,000

Application Procedures and Key Dates

1. Prospective applicants must contact the office responsible for student exchange at their home university and check the application requirements and procedures for the exchange program to study at UTokyo.
2. Applicants nominated by their home universities will be provided the application instructions including the link to access an online application form.

	Autumn admission	Spring admission
Nomination deadline	February 14	September 16
Application deadline	February 28/29	September 30
Result notification	By early May	By early December
Courses start	Early October	Early April
Courses end	Late-January / Early-February for A semester, Late-July / Early-August for S semester	
Transcripts available from	April for A semester, October for S semester	

USTEP Partner Universities

(as of July 2025)

Country/Region		University
Asia	Bangladesh	Asian University for Women
	China	Fudan University
		Nankai University
		Nanjing University
		Peking University
		Shanghai Jiao Tong University
		Tsinghua University
		Zhejiang University
	Hong Kong	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
		The University of Hong Kong
	India	O.P. Jindal Global University
	Indonesia	Gadjah Mada University
		University of Indonesia
	Malaysia	University of Malaya
	Philippines	University of the Philippines
	Republic of Korea	Korea University
		Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH)
		Seoul National University
		Yonsei University
	Singapore	Nanyang Technological University
		National University of Singapore
Taiwan	National Taiwan University	
	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University	
Thailand	Chulalongkorn University	
Central and South America	Brazil	University of São Paulo
	Chile	The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
		The University of Chile
	Mexico	El Colegio de México
		The National Autonomous University of Mexico
North America	Canada	McGill University
		University of British Columbia
		University of Toronto
		University of Victoria
	United States of America	Johns Hopkins University
		Northeastern University
		Northwestern University
		Princeton University
		Swarthmore College
		University of California, Santa Cruz
		University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
		University of Washington
Yale University (Yale Fox International Fellowship Program)		

Country/Region		University
Oceania	Australia	Australian National University
		Monash University
		The University of Adelaide
		The University of Melbourne
		The University of New South Wales
		The University of Queensland
		The University of Sydney
	New Zealand	The University of Auckland
		University of Otago
Middle East	Israel	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
	Turkey	Bogazici University
Africa	South Africa	Stellenbosch University
Europe	Denmark	University of Copenhagen
	Finland	University of Helsinki
	France	École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)
		École Polytechnique
		Institut d'etudes politiques de Paris (SciencesPo)
		The Université Grenoble Alpes
		University of Strasbourg
	Germany	Free University of Berlin
		Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich
		The University of Bonn
		University of Cologne
	Ireland	Trinity College Dublin
		University College Dublin
	Italy	Sapienza University of Rome
	Netherlands	Leiden University
		University of Groningen
	Russia	Saint Petersburg State University
	Spain	Autonomous University of Madrid
	Sweden	KTH Royal Institute of Technology
		Lund University
		Stockholm University
		Uppsala University
	Switzerland	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH Zurich)
		University of Geneva
		University of Zurich
	United Kingdom	Durham University
		London School of Economics and Political Science
		School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
		The University of Glasgow
		The University of Manchester
		The University of Sheffield
		The University of Warwick
		University College London
		University of Exeter
		University of Southampton