

Code of Conduct for Residents Living at the University of Tokyo Student Dormitories

**~Things You Need to Know for Your Communal Life at the Dorm~
(Common Guide for All Student Dormitories)**

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※ “Student Dormitories” within the document refer to the following:

[Toshima International Hall of Residence](#) (Bldgs. A & B)

[Mitaka International Hall of Residence](#)

[Oiwake International Village](#)

[International Lodge, Komaba Lodge, Main, B, C, D](#)

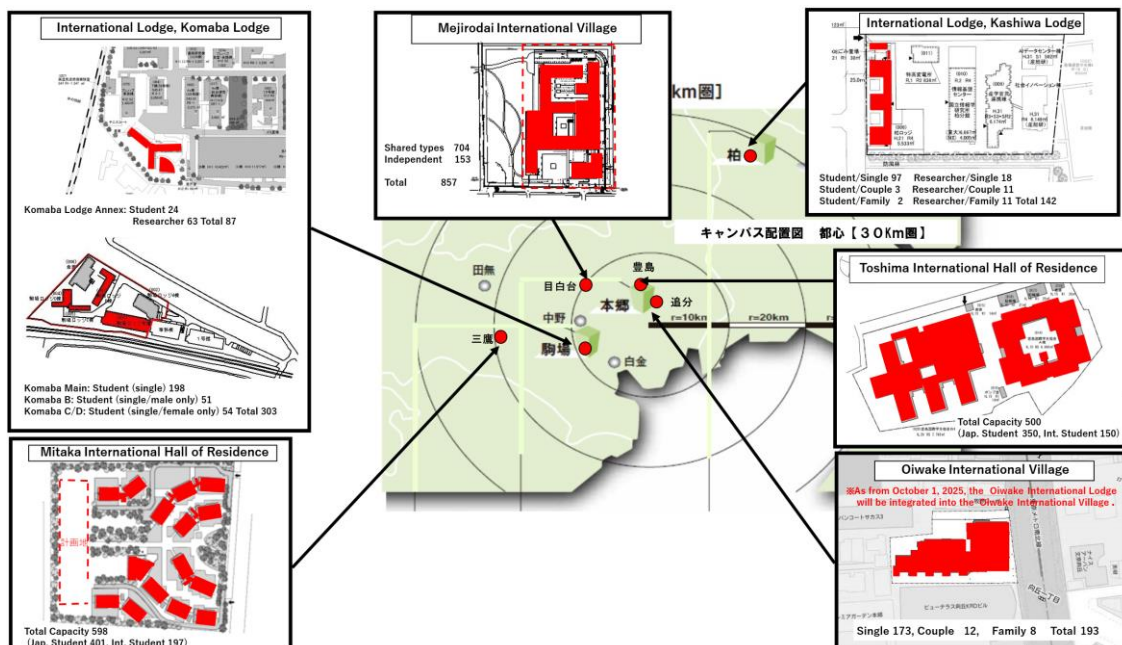
[International Lodge, Komaba Lodge Annex](#)

[International Lodge, Kashiwa Lodge](#)

[Mejirodai International Village](#)

This document is a “common guide” for all the above student dormitories. Please make sure to additionally check the move-in guide for each dormitory.

Cf. Location of The University of Tokyo Student Dormitories



※Some student dormitories accept international researchers, as well.

For further details, please click and check each of the dorm websites above.

1 Communal Life in the Student Dormitories

Student dormitories (hereinafter referred to as “dormitories”) are established with the expectation that students with diverse attributes, backgrounds and values will deepen mutual understanding through their daily lives, promote intercultural and international exchanges, and thereby build an expansive human relationship.

As the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) greatly respects the diversity of its members (students, faculty and staff), students residing in the dormitories are also highly expected to interact with due consideration and respect for the rights of their fellow residents and dormitory staff at all times throughout their stay in the dorm.

It is essential that every resident knows that in any communal living environment, there are always certain rules and restrictions that are to be followed to ensure everyone lives safely and comfortably. Since students of diverse lifestyles and customs come and live together in the dormitories, everyone needs to understand that greater mutual understanding will always be required.

We sincerely hope that by referring to the contents described herein, each resident will voluntarily reach out to help one another, proactively consult the consultation services available for any worries or personal concerns they may have and always cooperate in collaboration with the other residents to lead a comfortable and meaningful life at the dormitories.

2 Introduction of All-Gender Floors to the Student Dormitories

Statement on the Introduction of All-Gender Floors in University Housing

The University of Tokyo articulated our commitment to respecting diversity in the University of Tokyo Charter and further adopted the University of Tokyo Statement on Diversity & Inclusion in June 2022 to announce the university’s policy of respecting diversity and promoting inclusion. Additionally, in February 2024, the university published its Guidelines for Students on Diversity of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity at the University of Tokyo.

University housing facilities are established with the expectation that university community members with diverse attributes, backgrounds, and values will deepen mutual understanding through daily life, promote cross-cultural and international exchange, and thereby build broad human relationships.

Based on these principles, all-gender floors will be established in university housing as inclusive spaces where people can reside regardless of their sex or gender identity. While maintaining gender-segregated floors for residents who do not wish to choose all-gender floors, the university's management policy for housing is that all-gender floors will become the standard option once adequate measures to ensure individual privacy and safety have been put in place.

Toward that goal, the university will increasingly offer options other than gender-segregated floors in order to create an environment where diverse students can live with peace of mind while taking into consideration the architectural characteristics of each housing facility

【Related Rules & Regulations regarding the Diversity of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity at the University】

◆The University of Tokyo Charter

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/charter.html>

◆UTokyo Compass

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/utokyo-compass.html>

◆The University of Tokyo Statement on Diversity & Inclusion

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400190669.pdf>

◇Attachment : Briefing Paper on The University of Tokyo Statement on Diversity &

Inclusion <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400190761.pdf>

◆Guidelines for Students on Diversity of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity at the University of Tokyo

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400232570.pdf>

3 Issues that Need Attention Regarding Your Life in the Student Dormitories

In leading your communal life in the dormitory, you are always required to respect each other's differences in habits of lifestyle and to reach mutual understanding through dialogue on the living rules in the dormitory.

Additionally, it is desirable that any disputes arising among residents be resolved through mutual talks and discussion among the relative parties as much as possible. However, if you find it difficult to resolve the issues between the parties alone, always be sure to seek support from the designated consultation services provided in each dormitory so as to reach an early settlement.

The following are some of the essential matters worth noting regarding your communal life in the dormitory which we expect you to read carefully.

(1) Compliance with the Standards as Members of the University

It is important to be mindful not to get involved in any kind of accident or trouble and to always act in compliance with the laws and regulations of Japan and the University. While adequate warnings, guidance and awareness are provided by each faculty, graduate school, laboratory, student clubs, etc., residents are required to hold a sense of responsibility and awareness as members of the University according to the spirits described in "The University of Tokyo Charter" to lead a meaningful life throughout their stay in the dorm.

You are also expected to read and understand the information provided in the "Caution to Students" below for your own safety and others.

• Reference: "Caution to Students" (Information in Japanese only)

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400076175.pdf>

(2) Respect for Mutual Human Rights and Prevention of Harassment

Regarding your communal life in the dormitory, it is important for everyone to respect each other's diversity and interact with one another with due consideration. Thus, you are always expected to be mindful about your own behavior and your surrounding environment so as not to violate anyone's human rights within the dormitories.

- Reference:

UTokyo Center for Coproduction of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (IncluDE)

“Statement on Hate Speech and Discriminatory Behavior”

<https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/sites/utokyoportal/Lists/ListNotification/Attachments/7572/Statement%20on%20Hate%20Speech%20and%20Discriminatory%20Behavior.pdf>

The two key points to preventing harassment are: (1) always consider other people's perspectives, and (2) clearly express your own feelings & intentions to others. If you have any concerns or personal issues, please reach out to the designated consultation services provided at each dormitory for the support needed.

- Reference : “Guidelines on the Ethics and Structure for the Prevention of

Harassment at the University of Tokyo”

<https://har.u-tokyo.ac.jp/files/user/img/Guidelines%20on%20the%20Ethics%20and%20Structure%20for%20the%20prevention%20of%20Harassment%20at%20the%20UT.pdf>

Harassment Counseling Center, The University of Tokyo
<https://har.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>

(3) Respect and Protection for Privacy

Since living spaces within the dormitories are also considered as private spaces for each resident, you must always be mindful to respect one another's privacy in your daily life in the dorm. For this reason, you are basically asked to refrain from any

video/audio recordings using electronic devices within the common areas at the dormitories. Thus, please be careful not to capture anyone in the backgrounds of your photos without the person's prior consent when taking pictures with your acquaintances during your stay in the dorm.

• Reference : “**Guidelines for Information Ethics and Computer Use**”

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400156696.pdf>

(4) **Hygiene Management in the Dormitories**

Residents are held responsible for organizing and maintaining good hygiene around their living areas in the dormitories, including each individual room. Residents are to adequately keep all places clean and organized following the respective rules provided by each dormitory. While some dormitories may have regular janitorial cleaning services for the communal areas, it is essential that each resident keep all places clean and organized on a daily level to ensure a comfortable living environment during their stay in the dormitory.

In addition, do not keep garbage inside your own room in the dormitory nor leave it out in any of the communal spaces including the dorm corridors. All wastes need to be properly sorted according to each municipal guideline in which the dormitory is located and disposed of at the designated places regulated by each dormitory. Residents are held accountable to properly dispose of their bulky waste and unwanted appliances following the municipal required procedures before they move out of their dormitory.

(5) **Health Management**

As residents live in a shared living environment in the dormitories, it is essential that each resident takes responsibility for their own health condition on a daily basis. Infection prevention measures are not only important for protecting oneself but also

for safeguarding others living in the dorm. Thus, be sure to receive annual health check-ups conducted by the UTokyo Health Service Center for your own good and others. Also, it is especially highly recommended that residents receive routine vaccinations for their own health protection and others during their stay in the dorm. As there are many shared spaces within the dormitories, please be sure to maintain good hand hygiene by washing your hands regularly, and to practice proper etiquette when sneezing or coughing. For furthermore details, please refer to the following health-related notice issued at the time you move in.

- Reference: Health Request for People Entering the UTokyo Accommodations

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400239451.pdf>

(6) Precautions Against Alcohol Consumption

It is strictly prohibited by Japanese law for people under the age of 20 to consume alcohol. Acts of coercing someone to drink and/or intentionally causing someone to get intoxicated in addition to urging individuals under the age of 20 to consume alcohol are also strictly forbidden by law. Residents will need to always be mindful not to engage in any disruptive behavior caused by alcohol consumption (e.g., making loud noises, damaging property, or leaving trash behind). You are not to shout nor yell though under the influence of alcohol for such acts will not only cause nuisance to others living in the dorm but would seriously disrupt the peace of the surrounding neighborhood for which you will be held accountable of.

(7) Prohibition of Acts Disrupting Order and/or Public Morals

Any undesirable acts from the aspect of public morals and hygiene or any possible acts possessing risks of fire, etc., in addition to every offensive/disruptive behavior causing nuisance to others are all strictly prohibited at the dormitory. Residents are especially asked to refrain from making any loud noises by ways of playing musical

instruments, gaming, music listening, viewing videos and/or yelling and shouting. You are also not to leave garbage or filth inside your own room in the dormitory nor place it out in the common spaces. In addition, residents are not allowed to bring in any dangerous items that have the risk of combustion or explosion nor any unclean, foul-smelling objects within the premises of the dormitory. You are also not to park your bicycles aside from the designated places regulated by each dormitory.

Residents will need to know that all spaces outside each individual room are to be regarded as public spaces. Therefore, it is essential that you behave in a moderate manner not to cause any nuisance or discomfort to others living together in the dorm.

Aside from the contents contained herein, there are other rules based on the respective facilities of each dormitory, so make sure that you check beforehand and adhere to the rules provided by the dormitory you are to live in before you enter the dorm.

Also, each resident must be aware that they may be evicted from the dorm if in the case they are to engage in any offensive/disruptive act(s) and/or seriously damage the everyday operation and management of the dormitory by violating the rules and regulations they are asked to comply with during their stay in the dorm.

4 Q&As Regarding Your Life in the Student Dormitories

<General Issues>

Q 1 Are there things to prepare or to confirm before applying for the student dormitories?

A1 If you wish to reside in one of the dormitories, you will first need to read and understand all the contents described in this “Code of Conduct for Residents Living at the University of Tokyo Student Dormitories” and check the relative rules regarding the dormitory you wish to live at in addition to knowing the application requirements of each dormitory. Make sure you fully understand all the rules regarding your life in the dorm and familiarize yourself with the dorm facilities before you submit your application for whichever type of dorm you are to select. Please note that residents will be asked to take the *“Training to promote D&I at the University of Tokyo”* either before or after their move in to the dorm.

Q 2 Can I see the student dormitories before applying?

A 2 Preliminary dorm visits are handled differently by each dormitory, so please check each of the websites below:

Name of Dorm	URL	Note
Mitaka International Hall of Residence	https://www.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/campuslife/news/housing/20240823095628.html	
Toshima International Hall of Residence	https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400220982.pdf	
Mejirodai International Village	https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/ja/housing/shukusha/mejirodai.html	
International Lodges (Komaba Main/Annex & Kashiwa)	https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/ja/housing/shukusha/index.html	
Oiwake International Village (doctoral course students only)	https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/ja/housing/shukusha/oiwakevillage_00001.html	

※Dorms available for Japanese students are the Mitaka International Hall of Residence, Toshima International Hall of Residence, and the Mejirodai International Village. However, both international and Japanese students currently enrolled or already determined to be enrolled as doctoral course students at UTokyo are also eligible to apply for the Oiwake International Village, which is a part of the Oiwake International House.

**Q 3 Can I request my preferences for room assignment at the time of applying?
Also, can I change rooms, floors, dormitories after moving in?**

A 3 Basically, we do not accept any personal preferences for room assignment nor is it possible to change rooms, floors, or dormitories after moving in.

However, if you have any disabilities or require special demands for room assignment, please specify so in the application form describing the details and the reason thereof. In this case, you will be asked to submit a supporting document such as a doctor's note or a disability certificate to receive adequate consideration for the dorm screening.

※Please note that your request may not always be fulfilled due to the availability of the rooms and other factors.

If you encounter any circumstances that would require special consideration after you move in, please reach out immediately to the designated consultation service provided by each dormitory for support.

Q 4 Would chances of room assignment vary by the type of floor we select?

A 4 Application status and admission requirements will differ depending on the dormitory you select. Hence, please directly inquire with the contact information listed in the application guideline of each dormitory for further details.

Q 5 Are there any meal services provided at the dormitories?

A 5 No, there are no meal services provided at the dormitories.

Therefore, you would either need to cook on your own or prepare your meals Through some other method.

Q 6 Are we allowed to let our family members, friends, etc. stay overnight at the dorm? Are there any guest rooms available?

A 6 No. No one is allowed to stay overnight in the dormitories except residents.

As there are no guest rooms available at the dorm, please make sure to arrange other accommodation outside the dormitory as needed for the stays of your family and friends, etc. Also, you need to know that you are not allowed to sublet your room to another tenant nor lend or duplicate your room key(s) under any circumstances.

Q 7 If I contract an infectious disease such as influenza during my stay at the dorm, am I allowed to recuperate myself inside my own room?

A 7 If you are to experience any symptoms such as fever, coughing, vomiting, or diarrhea, and are diagnosed with an infectious disease (a contagious illness) such as influenza after consulting a medical institution, you are to inform the doctor that you are living in a student dormitory and seek guidance on the ways you come in

contact with others and the use of the shared facilities at the dorm such as the kitchens, toilets, and laundry.

As the appropriate location for recuperation may vary depending on the type of infectious disease you contract, you must promptly report your condition to the dormitory office via a non-contact method; i.e. by ways of email or phone. In such cases, the UTokyo Health Service Center will work collaboratively to provide support and take the needed prevention measures.

Q 8 Where can we to seek advice or assistance if we have any issues or concerns while living in the dormitory?

A 8 In principle, it is desirable for all residents to try resolve their issues within the dormitory through mutual discussion. However, if you are finding it difficult to resolve the issue between the relative parties alone and/or through the residents' association, etc., feel free to contact the designated consultation services provided at each dormitory shown below.

Name of Dorm	Place/Person of Contact	Note
Mitaka International Hall of Residence	Accommodation Office (issues regarding dorm rules, the relative procedures of the dorm, troubles regarding dorm facilities/appliances, etc.)	
Toshima International Hall of Residence	Residence Consultants (present at the Toshima B Bldg. dorm office)	Please refer to the dorm guide for the details on the days available
Mejirodai International Village	Resident Assistant students living at the dorm and/or In-House Advisors (mainly conflicts with other residents or personal issues/worries, etc.) Dorm Reception (issues regarding the dorm rules, dorm relative procedures, troubles regarding the dorm facilities/appliances, etc.)	
International Lodges	In-House Advisor (mainly conflicts with other residents or personal issues/worries, etc.) Dorm Reception (issues regarding the dorm rules, dorm relative procedures, troubles regarding the dorm facilities/appliances, etc.) ※In some lodges, there are currently no in-house advisors.	
Oiwake International Village	In-House Advisor (mainly conflicts with other residents or personal issues/worries, etc.) Dorm Reception (issues regarding the dorm rules, dorm relative procedures, troubles regarding the	

	dorm facilities/appliances, etc.) ※In-House Advisor for the Oiwake International Village to be recruited soon.	
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In addition, you can always consult the various counseling services established by the university. For furthermore details, please refer to the website of the Center for Research on Counseling and Support Services (<https://dcs.adm.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>) or the page containing information on various counseling services on the Komaba Campus (https://www.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/eng_site/consultation/).

Consultations are also available at the Harassment Counseling Center (<https://har.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>) at UTokyo for matters related to harassment.

Residents will need to know that if any offensive/disruptive act(s) or issues hindering the everyday operation and management of the dorm are to be identified, strict measures will be taken in accordance with the regulations regarding the dormitories, with the possibility of requiring the individual to vacate the dormitory for good.

<Issues Regarding All-Gender Floors(*)>

※For Building A of the Toshima International Hall of Residence, please read “all-gender floor” as “all-gender common”.

Q9 What are “all-gender floors”? What is the difference between “all-gender floors” and the rest floors at the dorm?

A9 An “all-gender floor” is a residential area in the dormitory where anyone can live, regardless of the gender indicated on their official certificates and/or their respective gender identity, if they meet certain conditions such as the commuting distance or household financial criteria for some of the student dormitories. It is designed to be an inclusive space that accommodates a diverse range of students, offering an alternative to gender-segregated floors.

Here are some key features of the floor:

- **Independent-Type Dormitories:** Bathrooms and showers are located within each individual room, and shared spaces are limited to areas such as hallways and laundry facilities.
- **Shared-Type Dormitories:** Bathrooms, showers, and laundry are mostly shared among residents.

Since facilities vary by each dormitory, it is essential that you review the respective guideline(s) of each dormitory you are interested in to fully understand the operational differences between the “all-gender Floor” and other types of floors at the dormitory you wish to enter.

Q10 What kind of students will be accepted for the “all-gender floors”?

A10 As mentioned in Q9 above, students of any gender or gender identity can live on the all-gender floor, as long as they meet the dormitory-specific requirements, such as commuting distance and household financial criteria. Official gender designations on documents are not a barrier to eligibility, thus ensuring an inclusive space for everyone.

Q11 Are there any special procedures to follow for applying for the “all-gender floors”? Will we be assigned to the “all-gender floors” even though we do not include it among our preferences?

A11 If you wish to apply for the “all-gender floors”, all you need to do is to choose it as the floor you select at the time of application. There is no need to write the reason for it in the application form. However, if you are to require any special consideration for room assignment, please do first reach out to the contact information provided in the application guidelines of each dormitory before you apply. Depending on the needs

of your request, we may arrange an interview with you to discuss the details for your room assignment.

For students who do not select the “all-gender floors” for their application preferences, their room assignments will be conducted excluding the “all-gender floors”.

Q12 How are we to use the toilets and showers at the all-gender floors in the shared type dormitories?

A12 Overall use of the toilets and showers are as outlined below. For the details, please check the information provided by each dorm as facilities will differ by each dormitory.

Name of Dorm	Use of Toilets and Showers	Note
Toshima International Hall of Residence, Bldg. A	Toilets are equipped inside each individual room. There are 2 shower units per each common, with an indoor door lock for safety. All communal spaces including showers, living rooms, kitchens, laundry, etc. are to be kept clean and well organized by the residents themselves through mutual talks and cooperation.	
Mejirodai International Village	Basically, toilets and showers are to be used together. There are 4 - 5 shower units per block depending on its capacity all equipped with an indoor door lock for safety. All communal spaces including showers, kitchens, living rooms and laundry are to be kept clean and well organized by the cooperation of each resident. All toilets are completely partitioned for single use with the hand-washing space to be shared by all residents living in the same area. ※Some floors may shortly consider offering not only shared toilets and showers but also separate gender-specific toilets and showers, as well.	

Q13 How are we to use the laundries at the all-gender floors?

A13 Overall use of the laundries are as outlined below. For the details, please check the information provided by each dorm as facilities will differ by each dormitory.

Name of Dorm	Use of Laundries	Note
Mitaka International Hall of Residence	Washing machines and dryers are placed where anyone can enter freely. (Fee needed for use.)	
Toshima International Hall of Residence, Bldg. A	There is one washing machine and one dryer per each common. (Fee needed for use)	The laundry is to be cleaned and kept organized through mutual talks and cooperation within each common
Mejirodai International Village	There are laundry rooms equipped with washing machines and dryers located in the elevator hall at both ends of each shared block. (Fee needed for use.)	
International Lodges	There is a laundry room equipped with washing machines and dryers located on each residential floor. (Fee needed for use.) ※Depending on the lodge, you may not find a laundry on every floor.	

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