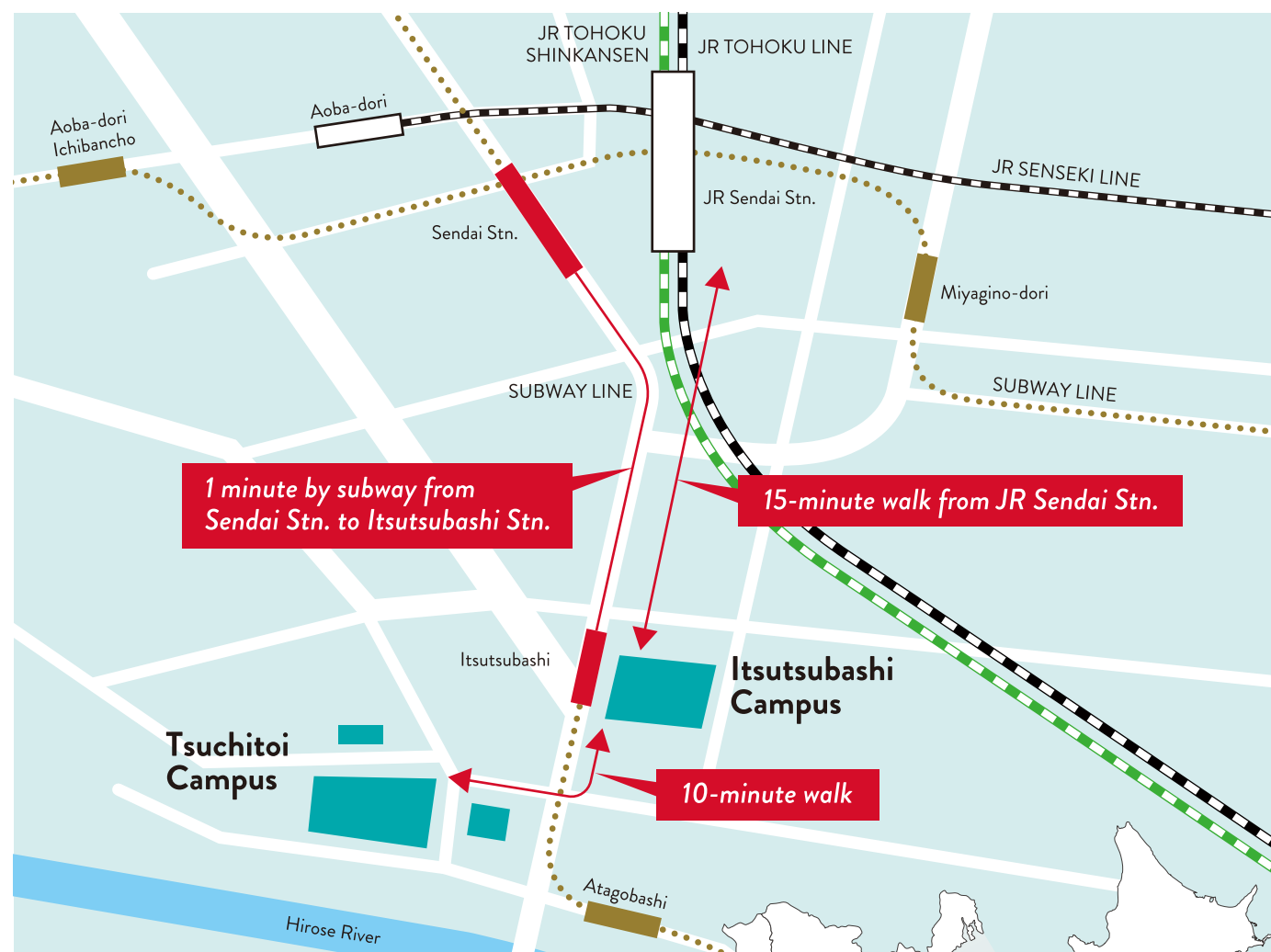


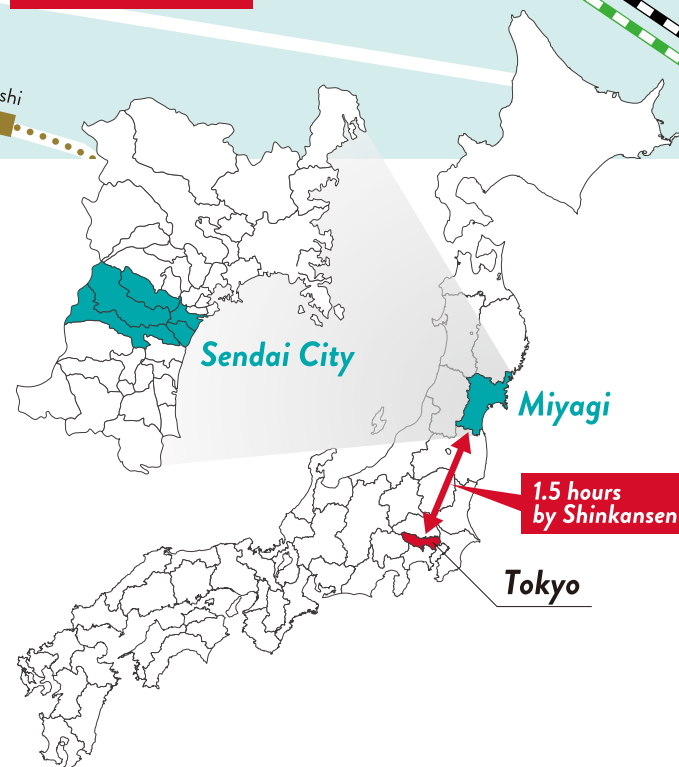
Area Map



Tsuchittoi Campus



Itsutsubashi Campus



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Exchange Programs

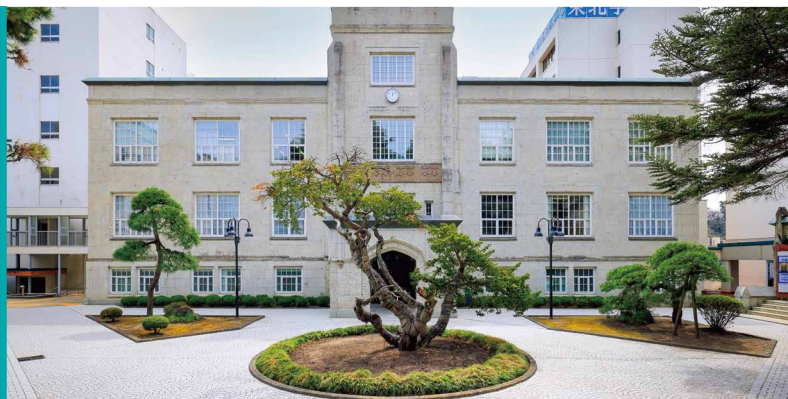
2026-2027 Entry



TOHOKU GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

1886

TGU was founded in 1886 as Sendai Theological Seminary



11,717

11,570 Undergraduates
147 Graduate students

As of May 2025



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Graduate Schools

Graduate Schools

Graduate School	Program ^{*Italic has master's and doctoral programs}
Letters	English Language and Literature, <i>European Historical and Cultural Studies, Asian Historical and Cultural Studies</i>
Economics	Economics, Data Science
Business Administration	Business Administration
Law	Law
Engineering	Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Human Informatics	Human Informatics

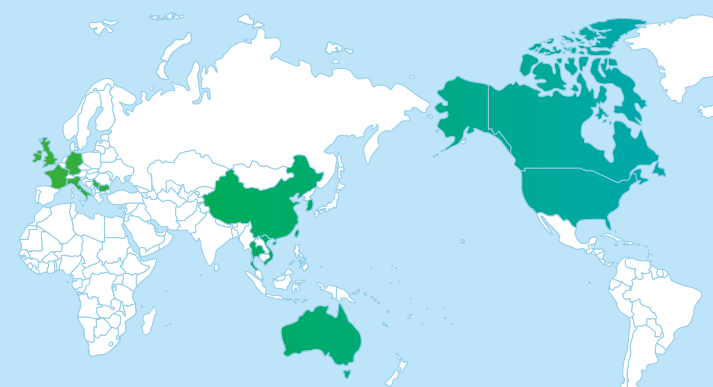


Faculties

Faculty	Department	Major Area of Specialization
Letters	English	British and American Literature, English Linguistics
	General Humanities	Philosophy and Thought, Culture and Arts, Religion and Theology
	History	Japanese History, Asian History, European History, Archaeology, Folklore
	Education	Pedagogy, English Language Education
Economics	Economics	Economic Theory, Public Policy, Political Economy
	Co-existing Society Studies	Economics and Co-existing Society Studies
Business Administration	Business Administration	Management, Marketing, Accounting and Finance
Law	Law	Policy Administration Course, Corporate Legal Affairs Course, Legal Profession Course
Engineering	Mechanical Engineering and Intelligent Systems	Smart Design Field, Green Energy System Field, Bio Robotics Field, Mechano-Engineering Field
	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Electrical and Control Systems, Information and Communications Systems, Electronic and Materials Systems
	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Environmental Civil Engineering Course, Architecture Course
Regional Studies	Regional Community Studies	Geography, Sociology, Social Welfare Studies, Pedagogy, Earth Science, Ecology
	Policy Design	Public Administration, Economy and Industry, Civil Society
Informatics	Data Science	Information Science, Mathematical Science, Social Science
Human Sciences	Psychology and Behavioral Sciences	Psychology, Sports Science, Sociology
International Studies	International Studies	Language and Multi-culturalism, East Asian Studies, Global Studies
Future Innovation*	Digital Design	Digital Design
Education*	Education	Education

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* Two new faculties are scheduled to open in April 2027.



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Partner Institutions

What's TGU?

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Special Programs for
Exchange Students



Special Programs for Exchange Students

Undergraduate Courses / Graduate Courses

Features: This program allows students to deepen their specialized knowledge by studying in a department dedicated to the same academic field as their major. They take mainly special and general subjects taught in Japanese, Japanese language courses for exchange students and subjects for international students.

Language Requirements: JLPT N2 or higher

Engineering Research Exchange Program

Features: This program is designed for graduate students, allowing them to engage in research activities alongside Japanese TGU students while belonging to a laboratory within the Department of Engineering at TGU.

Language Requirements: JLPT N3 or higher, English language skills for communicating with others in research activities.

Japan Study Program

Features: This program allows students to primarily take Japanese language courses designed for exchange students, along with subjects tailored to exchange students, helping them enhance their Japanese language proficiency and deepen their understanding of Japanese culture.

Language Requirements: JLPT N4 or higher is recommended

Economics & Japanese Program

Features: This program allows students to participate in three seminars focused on economics, conducted in English, while also taking Japanese language courses, along with subjects tailored to exchange students.

Language Requirements: The ability to understand economics classes conducted in English and JLPT N4 or higher is recommended

Science & Engineering Study Abroad Program

Features: This program allows students to deepen their understanding of engineering and science through an advanced curriculum delivered by experienced and knowledgeable professors in newly installed facilities. Additionally, students will take foundational courses in practical Japanese language.

Language Requirements: JLPT N4 or higher is recommended

Japanese Language Courses for Exchange Students

Course Title <small>*(Course Title) A is offered in the Spring semester, and (Course Title) B is offered in the Fall semester.</small>	CEFR	Number of Classes / Week (90 minutes each)	Number of Credits
Comprehensive Japanese IA-4, IB-4 <small>A four-skills integrated class for CEFR A1 level learners.</small>	A1 A2 (First-half)	4	4
Comprehensive Japanese IA-2, IB-2 <small>Reading & writing class for CEFR A1 level learners.</small>		2	2
Comprehensive Japanese IIA-4, IIB-4 <small>A four-skills integrated class for CEFR A2 level learners.</small>	A2 (Upper-half)	4	4
Comprehensive Japanese IIA-2, IIB-2 <small>Reading & writing class for CEFR A2 level learners.</small>		2	2
Comprehensive Japanese IIIA-3, IIIB-3 <small>Task-based comprehensive Japanese class for intermediate level students.</small>	B1 (First-half)	3	3
Comprehensive Japanese IIIA-2, IIIB-2 <small>Kanji & vocabulary building class for intermediate level students.</small>		2	2
Comprehensive Japanese IV (Oral Expression) A, B <small>Discussion class for advanced level students.</small>	B2	1	1
Comprehensive Japanese IV (Reading and Writing) A, B <small>Reading & writing class for advanced level students.</small>		1	1
Comprehensive Japanese IV (Issues in Japanese Society) A, B <small>Japanese newspaper reading for advanced level students.</small>		1	1
Japanese Culture A, B <small>Understanding customs and ideas through Japanese culture.</small>	All Levels	1	1

Student Voice

SPEETZEN, Lennart Hochschule Ludwigshafen (Germany)

I am majoring in Japanese and Economics. My university in Germany specializes in Asian languages, so we have a lot of partner universities in Japan, Korea and China. I chose Sendai for my year abroad because while it is a major city, allowing me to live the Japanese urban life, there is also quite a lot of beautiful nature here. Miyagi is also famous for its Onsen, and I have enjoyed many visits to these hot springs. I'd been studying Japanese, both self-study and at university, for several years before coming to Sendai, but it was still a small culture shock to barely understand the language and Japanese customs at first. Immediately after arriving I was worried whether my Japanese level would be enough to manage the every-day life in Sendai, but through the kind guidance of the global support students and the International Affairs Office I soon got used to life here. The spacious dormitory for foreign exchange students is close to both campuses as well as the heart of the city, Sendai Station. All of my teachers have been both patient and helpful, allowing me to gradually get better at Japanese over this past year. Beginners will have no problems starting out either, as there are classes going over the very basics of Japanese as well. All of the other exchange students, most of them from various Asian countries, have been a lot of fun to be around as well, and interacting with them has opened my eyes to many other cultures. I enjoyed my time in Sendai immensely and will miss it a lot once it's time for me to go back home.



ZHUO, Zhi-Rou Fu Jen Catholic University (Taiwan)

I am currently studying in the Department of Japanese Language and Culture in Taiwan, and studying in Japan had always been a goal of mine. Through the exchange program at TGU, I was finally able to live that experience. It was a truly meaningful opportunity that not only improved my Japanese skills, but also helped me grow through various experiences outside the classroom. To make the most of my time, I first joined the international student club, which held weekly language exchange sessions. These gave me the chance to speak Japanese with native students and other international students in a relaxed and fun environment. Occasionally, we also had special events, such as a Christmas party, which made the experience even more enjoyable. In addition, I joined the pop dance club. Through practicing for performances, I was able to connect with Japanese students who shared the same passion for dance. These experiences not only allowed me to express myself, but also helped me build meaningful friendships through a common interest. Overall, living in Sendai was comfortable and convenient, and I quickly adapted to daily life. After returning to Taiwan, I hope to use what I've gained to help connect Taiwan and Japan through language and culture.



Support for Exchange Students

Support by Students

Global Supporters

Global Supporters are student volunteers dedicated to helping exchange students adjust quickly to life in Japan. They provide assistance not only during orientation but also by organizing and managing welcome parties, farewell parties, and international exchange events.

Resident Assistant

Resident Assistant is a student who lives together with international students in the international students' accommodation and supports them in their daily life.

Housing

- 100% guaranteed off-campus housing
- A 10-minute walk from the campus
- Room Style: Studio apartment
- Rent: 38,000yen/month (including Internet)
- Utility Bills (water, gas, electricity): excluded
- Facilities: Refrigerator, Microwave, Washing machine, Kitchen, Electric kettle, Desk & Chair, Air-conditioning, Internet, Bed, Rice cooker

Experience the Tohoku Region and its Traditional Culture

Off-campus Excursion

Our off-campus excursions offer international students the chance to explore the historical landmarks and scenic attractions of Miyagi Prefecture and the Tohoku region. Join us for an unforgettable journey of discovery and camaraderie!

Japanese Culture Experience

Discover the elegance of tea ceremony etiquette while preparing matcha tea and enjoying sweets. Learn the art and spirit behind flower arranging to create your own beautiful designs. Students from TGU's Japanese Traditional Arts Club will be there to support and guide you every step of the way.

Apply Now!

Eligibility

- Students must be nominated by their home university.
- Enrolled at your home university throughout your study abroad period.

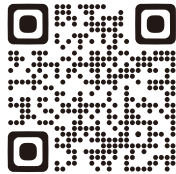
Application Steps

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Online Nomination Deadline	October 14	March 30
Applications Documents Deadline	October 31	April 14
Acceptance Letter Issued	Early December	Late May

Required Documents

- Application for Admission to Tohoku Gakuin University*
 - Official Transcript of Scholastic Record
 - Declaration of Immunization Record*
 - Japanese Language Certificate
 - Letter from Guarantor*
- Health Questionnaire*
 - Copy of Passport
 - Letter of Recommendation
 - Pledge*

*Forms are available at TGU International Affairs Office website



Academic Calendar

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Orientation	Early April	Mid-September
Classes Begin	Mid-April	Mid-September
Classes End	Early August	Late January
Leave Accommodation	Early August	Early February

Fees

Admission	Waived
Tuition	Waived
Accommodation (Rent)	38,000yen/month
Utility Bills	Actual Cost
Bedding / Futon Purchase (optional)	Approx 15,000yen