

IV. TA training sessions

To participate in classes as a TA (who is an educator) and interact with students, you need to have knowledge and attitudes concerning university education and teaching. But graduate students have few opportunities to acquire such knowledge and attitudes, even though they have experiences as students. With the purpose of enabling such graduate students to acquire basic knowledge and attitudes about education, a university-wide TA training program is offered, and faculty development (FD) training sessions are provided by the graduate schools, etc.

1. University-wide TA training program

*Graduate students who are to serve as TAs are required (from academic year 2023) to take the university-wide TA training program, and they need to complete it before starting to work as TAs. So try to complete the program ahead of time. You are recommended to take the training program every year, but you are required to take the program only once during the time of your enrollment in the University of Tsukuba. (Note that if you are advancing from the first half to the second half of a doctoral course, you need to take the training program again after entering the second half of the doctoral course.)

The purpose of the university-wide TA training program is to enable graduate students to understand deeply the roles of TAs and the basic attitudes expected of TAs and acquire practical skills necessary to perform TA duties. Since academic year 2020, the training program has been offered in an on-demand form, and the following video, which provides specifically information on the skills necessary for TAs, is uploaded in manaba. The training program is scheduled to be offered every April; so try to participate in it even if you have no plans to be a TA.

TA training program

When is the video uploaded?: The video is available from April 1 to the end of March.

How is the video uploaded?: The video is uploaded on the course page of manaba.

Contents of the video: The video includes the following contents:

- Attitudes expected of TAs and their main duties
- Information about the TA system.
- Creative wisdom education

*The video is about an hour in length.

Other matters: Perform tests, and submit a course completion report.