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1 Academic Affairs

(1) Academic and Emergency Notifications

In principle, academic and emergency notifications are posted on the Bulletin Board (TWINS) (the electronic bulletin board of the Schools and Colleges for students). Students can view on-campus information regarding such as class cancellation, class bulletin boards, announcement bulletin boards, and check the status of studies at the Bulletin Board (TWINS). Students can also register and manage their personal schedule at the Bulletin Board (TWINS) The Information once posted is considered to be known to all students. Therefore, Students are unable to file objections because they have not seen the Bulletin Board (TWINS).

Students are responsible for checking the the Bulletin Board (TWINS) on a regular basis in order to avoid missing out on important information in regard to their studies, etc.

Primary Contents (Academic Notifications)

Course-Related Materials, Course Registration, Confirmation of Course Registration, Course Cancellation, Makeup Courses, Change of Course Schedules and Classrooms, Intensive Courses, Final Examinations Schedules, Individual Academic Achievement, Independent Study (Research or Thesis), Special Lectures, Approval of Academic Advancement, Graduation Approval, Summons for Students, etc.

(Note) Schedule management screen of the Bulletin Board (TWINS) shows classes and class cancellation, but please make sure to check the school year calendar regarding transfer of working days.

Emergency Notifications

In case of emergencies, including natural disasters, incidents, or accidents, the University of Tsukuba will send to the students that information by e-mail through the school email address, or posting notifications on the the Bulletin Board (TWINS) or at the university website. Please keep in mind that students have to check their email inboxes every day or set up systems to forward any emails to their mobile phones, or other private email addresses.

(2) Academic Service Offices

The Academic Service Offices of the Schools and Colleges manage a variety of academic and student affairs to support school life.

(3) Business Hours

The business hours of the Academic Service Offices are as follows. In cases when the Offices are closed or temporarily set different business hours due to school events, etc., notices will be posted on the Bulletin Board (TWINS) in advance.

Be punctual

Weekdays (Monday through Friday) 9:00 – 17:00	Lunch Break 12:15 – 13:15
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(4) List of the Academic Service Offices, Affiliated Schools and Colleges, and Locations

Academic Service Office	Schools and Colleges	Location	
Humanities and Social Sciences	School of Humanities and Cultures (College of Humanities), School of Social and International Studies (College of Social Sciences) School of Social and International Studies(G30 program)	1A Building 3F	
Pure and Applied Sciences	School of Life and Environmental Sciences (College of Geoscience), School of Science and Engineering (College of Mathematics, College of Physics, College of Chemistry)	1A Building 3F	
Life and Environmental Sciences	School of Humanities and Cultures (College of Comparative Culture, College of Japanese Language and Culture), School of Life and Environmental Sciences (College of Biological Sciences, College of Agro-Biological Resource Sciences)	2B Building 3F	
Human Sciences	School of Human Sciences (College of Education, College of Psychology, College of Disability Sciences)	2A Building 2F	
Systems and Information Engineering	School of Social and International Studies (College of International Studies) School of Science and Engineering (College of Engineering Sciences, College of Engineering Systems, College of Policy and Planning Sciences, Bachelor's Program in Interdisciplinary Engineering) School of Informatics (College of Information Sciences)	3A Building 2F	
Library, Information and Media Studies	School of Informatics (College of Media Arts, Sciences and Technology, College of Knowledge and Library Sciences)	7B Building 2F	
Medical Sciences	School of Medicine and Medical Sciences (School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Medical Sciences)	4A Building 2F	
Art and Sport Sciences	School of Health and Physical Education, School of Art and Design	5C Building 2F	
Center for Education of Global Communication (CEGLOC)	All Schools	Foreign Language Education Division, Japanese Language Division	CEGLOC CA Building 2F
		Japanese Language Education Division	9P Building 2F
Sport and Physical Education Center	All Schools (Physical Education)	Physical Education Center 2F	
Top Global University Project Office	Bachelor's Program in Global Issues	Administration Center 2F	

(5) Primary Services of the Academic Service Offices

Undergraduate Academic Affairs	Course Registration, Individual Transcripts, Certificates (Transcripts, Expected Graduation, Dossier of Application for Graduate Schools), Graduation Research/Thesis, Class Cancellation and Change of Schedule, Change of Classroom, Change of Student Status (Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, Reinstatement, Study Abroad), Final Examinations (Change of Classrooms), Practice teaching, Blanket application for teacher's license, Admission for Credited Auditors and Non-Degree Research Students, Classroom Usage Permission, etc.
Undergraduate Student Services	Change of Personal Status (Name, Current Address), Student ID Card, Bicycle Registration, Campus Activities, Academic Counseling, Career Counseling, Certificates (Student Discounts/Registration), Student Commendations and Disciplinary Measures, Petition for Assemblies, Lost and Found, Career Forum, Career Information, Disaster and Accident Insurance for Students Education and Research, Scholarships, Tuition Fees, Application for Tuition Fees Exemption, etc.

Note: For more details on the main sections handling student-oriented service in the Offices, please see the university website: <http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/study-tsukuba/campus-life>.

(6) Telephone Queries

The University of Tsukuba does not answer telephone queries about school events, class cancellations, applications for official certificates, classes, examinations, etc. If necessary, please check the Bulletin Board (TWINS) or inquire at the Academic Service Offices. Also, the University refuses any off-campus phone calls to individual students. Furthermore, no personal information will be shared whatsoever. Please keep these policies in mind and inform families and friends in advance.

(7) Official Application, Notification, and Certificates

The Academic Service Offices manage official application, notification, and certificates as listed below. When applying for any documents at the offices, please show your student ID card. Some documents may be issued via Automatic Certificate Issuing Machine. If official documents are required for employment purposes, etc., please apply well in advance.

	Documents	Sections/Offices	Required Day(s)	Notes
Change of Personal Status	Notification of Present Address	Undergraduate Academic/Student Affairs, Academic Service Office	—	Submit the documents immediately after any changes.
	Notification of Changes of Emergency Contact			
	Notification of Change of Name			Keep your contact information on TWINS updated all the time.
	Overseas Travel Notification	Register through the Overseas Travel Notification System in the manaba.	Make sure to register when you travel overseas for any reasons (i.e. study, leave of absence, private.)	
Change of Academic Status	Application for Absence from School	Undergraduate Academic/Student Affairs, Academic Service Office	—	Issued after approval of the faculty councils. Approval seals needed. (class instructor and tuition payment confirmation)
	Application for Re-enrollment			
	Notification of Re-enrollment			
	Application for Studying Abroad			
	Application for Change of Undergraduate Courses			
	Application for Entrance Examinations at Other Colleges			
	Application for Withdrawal from School			
Certificates	Certificate for Purchasing Discount Travel Tickets for Students	Undergraduate Student Affairs, Academic Service Office, or Student Plaza	Within the day	Available by Automatic Certificate Issuing Machine (Academic Service Office, Student Plaza, Division of Student Exchange, Shimoda Marine Research Center, and Sugadaira Research Station)
	Transcript for Academic Record			
	Certificate of Enrollment			
	Certificate of Transcript/Expected Graduation			
	Certificate of Expected Graduation			
	Health Certificate	University Health Center		
	Conditional Report of Teacher's License	Undergraduate Academic/Student Affairs, Academic Service Office	3 days	
	Certificate of Credits			
	Certificate of Transcript/Graduation	Administration Center Division of Educational Promotion (Record Management and Analysis),	Approx. 3 weeks	Personal application for Teacher's license
	Transcript of Academic Record/Certificate of Enrollment		Within the day	After graduation, withdrawal
	Certificate of Graduation			
Certificate of Academic Performance				

Notes:

1. Please apply for any official documents with the designated certificate request form, except when using the Automatic Certificate Issuing Machine.
2. **It takes about 10 days to issue any official certificates in English, so please apply well in advance.**
3. After graduation, official documents are issued by the Division of Educational Promotion (Record Management and Analysis) on the 2nd floor of the Administration Center. (TEL: +81-29-853-2199)
4. Academic Service Offices may require paper forms for the notification of present address in order to collect accurate information.
5. Academic Service Offices may require paper forms for the Overseas Travel Notification.
6. Please refer to the university website for details about other official documents, such as campus activities, student life, career services, tuition fees, scholarships, etc. <http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/study-tsukuba/campus-life>

2 Student Affairs

(1) Student ID Number

At the time of enrollment in the University of Tsukuba, all students are assigned a student ID number, which remains the same throughout their undergraduate careers at the University. This student ID number is used in a number of important official contexts such as course registration and assigning academic grades through electronic data management. Additionally, in order to obtain certain official documents, such as attendance sheets, examination papers, academic papers, or official requests or certificates, students must provide their student ID number and names.

Enrollment Year (4 Digit of A.D.)	Type of Student ID Number	Serial Number
2020	1	0001

(2) Student Name

For official records, the University of Tsukuba uses the name provided by students on a document “Data Coding Sheet for International Students Immigration Matters” for the admission procedures.

(3) Maximum Enrollment Duration

The maximum enrollment duration is the length of time that students are allowed to study at the University of Tsukuba.

- (a) The maximum enrollment duration is 6 years. Students are not allowed to stay longer than this duration.
 - Leaves of absence are not included.
 - Periods of suspension from school are included.
- (b) The University allows transfer students to have an equal length of maximum enrollment duration as other students in the same academic year.

(4) Payment of Tuition Fees

The payment deadlines for tuition fees are as follows. Please make your payments by each deadline. If students are in the process of applying for a tuition fees exemption, they must make the payment immediately after they receive a notification of rejection of tuition fees exemption, of acceptance of half exemption or acceptance of 1/3 exemption.

Semester	Tuition Fees	Payment Deadline
Spring Semester (Apr 1 - Sep 30)	¥267,900	Last day of May
Fall Semester (Oct 1 - Mar 31)	¥267,900	Last day of November

Notes:

1. Please refer to the university website regarding the payment instruction.
<http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/students/international-student-guidebook>
2. In case there is an amendment to the tuition fees, new fees may apply from the time the amendment becomes effective.

(5) Change of Student Status

(a) Leave of Absence (Article 47 and 48, the Undergraduate School Rules)

If students are unable to study for more than two months due to illness, overseas training (excluding study abroad), or other reasons, they are allowed to take a leave of absence upon the approval of the Dean of the School. The approved period for a leave of absence ranges from two months to one year.

Students may be able to extend their leave of absence for a maximum of one year. The maximum length for a leave of absence is three years in total, and it is not to be included in the standard school years required for graduation or the maximum enrollment duration.

In principle, International students must go back to their home countries while they are on a leave of absence.

Procedure for Leave of Absence

(i) Please obtain a request form for leave of absence at the appropriate Academic Service Office, and submit it after consulting with your class instructor. In case of a leave of absence due to illness, you will need to attach a medical certificate issued by a doctor.

(ii) The application deadline for a leave of absence is as follows.

Depending on the leave of absence, the tuition fee for the permitted leave period may be exempted. If the student is planning to take a leave of absence, please consult the appropriate Academic Service Office as soon as possible.

【Example】

Period of Leave of Absence	Application Deadline	Leave of absence authorized Date	<u>Month in which tuition fee is exempt</u>
April 1 – March 31 of the following year	<u>End of February</u> (deadline)	End of March	April - March of the following year (12 months)
July 1 - September 30	Until the end of April	End of May	July - September (three months)
	End of May (deadline)	End of June	No exemption (If the permission date becomes after the payment deadline for the Spring Semester, the tuition fee for the Spring Semester will not be exempted)

October 1 – March 31 of the following year	<u>End of August</u> <u>(deadline)</u>	End of September	October - March of the following year (six months)
The following January 1 - March 31	Until the end of October	End of November	The following January - March (three months)
	<u>End of November</u> <u>(deadline)</u>	End of December	No exemption (If the permission date becomes after the Fall Semester payment deadline, tuition fee for the Fall Semester will not be exempted)
The following February 1 - September 30	Until the end of October	End of November	The following February - September (8 months)
	<u>End of December</u> <u>(deadline)</u>	The end of January the following year	The following April - September (six months) (If the permission date comes after the payment deadline for the Fall Semester, it will not be exempted for two or three months (two months))

(Note) In principle, it is necessary to submit a "leave of absence application" more than one month in advance.

【Reference】 Relationship between tuition exemption and school leave permit date (day on which school leave was permitted)

Leave of absence authorized Date (It takes more than one month from submission of leave of absence to permit)	Period covered by tuition fee exemption (monthly basis)
Prior to the Spring Semester payment deadline (until the end of May)	Period concerning leave of absence for the Spring Semester · Fall Semester · the following fiscal year
After the payment deadline (after June)	Only during the period concerning leave of absence in the Fall Semester and the following fiscal year
Prior to the Fall Semester payment deadline (until the end of November)	Period concerning leave of absence for the Fall Semester and the following fiscal year
After the due date (after December)	Only during the period concerning leave of absence for the following fiscal year

※ Tuition fee payment deadline: The Spring Semester (April to September) is the last day of May, the Fall Semester (October to March) is the end of November

(b) Re-enrollment (Article 49, the Undergraduate School Rules)

- (i) Students returning to school after a leave of absence need to submit a notification form for their re-enrollment.
- (ii) If students return to school during the period of their leave of absence, they need to submit a request form for their re-enrollment to be approved.

Example

A student has been allowed to take a leave of absence from April 1 to March 31 of the following year; however, from the Fall Semester (October 1), he or she would like to return to school after his or her recovery from illness.

This student may be able to register the courses offered in the Fall Semester upon submission and approval of the re-enrollment form. Tuition must be paid by the deadline.

Re-enrollment Procedure

- (i) Please obtain a notification/request form at the appropriate Academic Service Office, and submit it to the same office.
- (ii) If students return to school after recovery from illness, they must submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor.
- (iii) Students need to submit the notification/request forms one month prior to re-enrollment. If students extend their period of leave of absence, they need to start over the same procedures.

(c) Study Abroad (Article 51, the Undergraduate School Rules)

Students are allowed to study abroad upon approval of the Dean of the School. Please prepare a request form for study abroad and the other required application materials, and submit them by the deadline to the appropriate Academic Service Office.

Accreditation of Credits Earned by Study Abroad

- (i) The academic organization at the University of Tsukuba may approve a study abroad if the academic organization considers it instructive from an educational perspective to take classes at the host university for the applying student. If approved, the length of time of the study abroad is included into the standard school years required for graduation and the maximum enrollment duration. Upon the approval of the Education Council of the Schools or Colleges, a maximum of 60 credits from study abroad may be added to the graduation requirements. Any credits earned before enrollment, in leave of absence, or from other universities while studying at the University of Tsukuba are also included in this 60-credit limit.

- (ii) There is no guarantee that all credits earned from a study abroad will be approved. Students need to examine course contents offered at the host universities about their compatibility with academic courses at the University of Tsukuba. If students wish to transfer earned credits, they must consult with their class instructor, the appropriate Academic Service Office, or the Division of Student Exchange (Study Abroad Section.)

- (iii) The maximum length of time approved for a study abroad is one year. However, if compelling reasons exist, students may be able to extend their study abroad for one additional more year. Please keep in mind that the total time of any study abroad cannot exceed two years.

- (iv) When students are unable to complete courses at the University of Tsukuba due to a study abroad, the University allows them to continue taking the courses after returning to Japan. For more details, please consult with the appropriate Academic Service Office.

(v) When students complete the study abroad, within one month after returning to Japan, students must write an academic report on their experience, prepare official transcripts issued by the host university, and submit these documents to the Dean of the School via the appropriate Academic Service Office.

(d) Withdrawal (Article 52, the Undergraduate School Rules)

If students withdraw from school due to family circumstances or personal reasons, it is possible to withdraw from the school by obtaining permission based on predetermined procedure. (Note) Please consult with the class teacher and parents etc. before making procedures to withdrawal.

Withdrawal Procedure

Please state the reason(s) for withdrawal, obtain a request form at the appropriate Academic Service Office, and submit it to the same office through your class instructor. Please note that students must pay their tuition fees for the academic year before applying for withdrawal.

In case you are planning to withdrawal, please consult the Academic Service Office as soon as possible.

【Example】

Period of enrollment	Tuition fee
From April to September at least 1 day	Tuition fee for the Spring Semester
July 1 - September 30	Tuition fee for the Fall Semester

(Note) There is no regulation of tuition fee exemption in the case of a withdrawal.

(Example) In case of applying for Withdrawal on April 30, the tuition fee for the Spring Semester must be paid in full (6 months).

※ Tuition fee payment Spring Semester: April - September, Fall Semester: October – March

(e) Expulsion (Article 54, the Undergraduate School Rules)

Students who are deemed to meet any of the following conditions will be expelled from the University of Tsukuba:

- (i) Fail to pay tuition fees, even after being requested to do so by the University.
- (ii) Exceed the maximum enrollment duration as stated in the Undergraduate School Rules, Article 4.
- (iii) Fail to attain at least 15 credits each year (excluding those students who have obtained permission from the Dean in advance).

(iv) Exceed the period of leave of absence and are unable to attend the University as stated in the Undergraduate School Rules, Article 48, paragraph 1 and Article 48, paragraph 2.

(v) Fail to pay overdue admission fees.

(f) Transfer between Schools and Colleges within the University of Tsukuba (Articles 20 and 21, the Undergraduate School Rules)

Students who wish to transfer to a different School or College within the University of Tsukuba may be permitted to do so upon the approval of the Dean of the School. Please submit a transfer request form to the appropriate Academic Service Office. Please consult with families/guardians and the class instructor prior to beginning transfer procedures. The University announces the transfer policy every October.

(6) Outline for Study Abroad

There are various reasons for studying abroad, such as obtaining a degree, studying at one of our partner universities, academic curiosity, cross-cultural experiences, and language learning, among others.

The University of Tsukuba has established formal partnerships with many universities abroad and promotes student exchange programs with them. A general guideline for study abroad and scholarships is as follows. For more details, please visit the Study Abroad Section in the Global Commons and the Division of Student Exchange.

(a) Planning Study Abroad

In order to study abroad, students need to prepare as early as possible. Please request admission materials, acquire letters of acceptance, and brush up on your language skills well in advance. Also, students must be aware that studying abroad will cost them extra for travel expenses, tuition fees (Except for the student exchange due to the tuition waiver), living expenses during study abroad, etc.

(b) Study Abroad Fair

The University of Tsukuba holds briefing sessions several times a year in regard to study abroad programs at partner universities.

Schedules for these events are posted on the Bulletin Board (TWINS) or the university website. For more information, students may also inquire at the Global Commons about study abroad and short-term exchange programs. The instructors of the Global Commons are always available to help you with any questions about study abroad. For details, please visit the Study Abroad Section in the Global Commons.

(c) Study Abroad at Partner Universities

As of October 1, 2019, the University of Tsukuba has official partnerships with 390 universities and institutions abroad. The contents of these agreements vary from university-wide partnerships to smaller-scale partnerships, such as with individual schools, colleges, and degree programs. The University encourages students to study abroad in one of these exchange programs. Studying abroad at a partner university has many advantages. Students will be able to:

- Apply for the various study abroad scholarship programs administered by the University of Tsukuba. For details, please refer to the “(d) Study Abroad Scholarships” below.
- Apply for tuition fees exemption, in cases where the University of Tsukuba has agreements with the partner universities on mutual exemptions from tuition fees.
- Request a transfer of the credits earned at the partner university and count it for the graduation requirement upon approval.

(d) Study Abroad Scholarships

(i) Overseas Study Support Program (“HABATAKE! Tsukudai-sei”)

This program consists of following five programs.

I. Overseas Partner Universities Exchange Support Program

This program offers study abroad scholarships to qualified students who participate in exchange programs at the partner universities of the University of Tsukuba. The scholarship provides partial support for living expenses while the recipients are staying abroad. (Period: One year or less)

II. Support Program of CiC/DDP

This Support Program provides financial support for students who plan to study/research at the universities overseas on the basis of the agreements that have between University of Tsukuba and ‘Campus-in-Campus(CiC)’ partner universities (priority designated universities), universities implementing the Double Degree Program (DDP), or Joint Degree Programs(JDP). (Period: Depends on Programs)

III. Study Abroad "Musha Shugyo" Program

This program offers study abroad scholarships to voluntary student groups of two to seven students who have excellent planning and presentation skills and go abroad to perform the projects with local students. The program provides partial-support for travel expenses. (Period: Two weeks or less)

IV. The program for students participating in international conferences

This program offers study abroad scholarships to qualified students making presentations at international conferences, symposiums, or research workshops held in foreign countries. The scholarship provides partial support for travel expenses. (Period: Two weeks or less)

V. Language Support Program and Overseas Training Support Program

This Support Program of Overseas Dispatch of Students provides financial support for

students who have plans to participate in the study/research through the training program involving the language training or specialized courses overseas. (Period: About one week to about a month)

(ii) Tsukuba Futureship (40 + 101 Anniversary) Program

This program is developed to commemorate the 40 + 101 anniversary of the University of Tsukuba through offering scholarships to qualified students studying abroad. The program aims at fostering global human resources development and provides financial support for the students studying at partner universities through student exchange programs.

(iii) JASSO Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term study abroad)

The Student Exchange Support Program, offered by JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) provides scholarships with the students studying abroad through the designated study abroad programs developed by colleges and schools of the University of Tsukuba.

(iv) Scholarships Sponsored by Foreign Governments

A number of foreign governments encourage Japanese students to study in their countries. The conditions of study abroad programs vary depending on the host government.

(v) Scholarships Sponsored by Private Foundations

Some private foundations also offer scholarships to the qualified students for study abroad. Conditions of the scholarships vary depending on the foundations.

(vi) Other Scholarships

Please check the Bulletin Board (TWINS) and the university website, and other website of the scholarship foundations to find out the information.