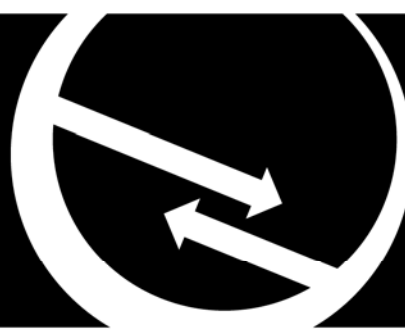


JAPAN

University of Tsukuba International Exchange Program



Program Highlights

Dates

Academic Year
(September to July)

Location

Tsukuba

Program Costs

- Ohio State Tuition + supplemental insurance + airfare and living expenses
- See "program costs" section for details

Application Deadline

November 1, 2009

Eligibility

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Undergraduate students with a junior rank
- Two years of college-level Japanese language at the time of application
- Students must successfully complete Japanese 231 prior to departure
- Personal interview

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Program

This international exchange program is based on an agreement between The Ohio State University and the University of Tsukuba in Japan. One or two exchange students are selected each year to participate in this program. Students may register for any course offered.

Location

The city of Tsukuba is located approximately 38 miles northeast of Tokyo and about 25 miles northwest of the New Tokyo International Airport at Narita. It is a city primarily centered around government research and educational institutions. Natural beauty abounds here, such as the towering figure of Mount Tsukuba which is part of Suigo-Tsukuba Quasi-National Park and the second largest lake in Japan, Lake Kasumigaura. The city has some 93 parks which provide swimming and tennis facilities. The population of Tsukuba is approximately 180,000.

The University

The University of Tsukuba was founded in 1973 as a new national university. The aim of the university is to establish free, deep and close exchange in basic and applied sciences with educational and research organizations and academic communities in Japan and overseas. The total student population is 13,356 including 950 foreign students. The university has 13 colleges providing instruction in the humanities, social sciences, biological sciences, Japanese language and culture, engineering, education, etc. Facilities on campus include a library, hospital, and several residence halls.

Courses and Credits

Courses completed satisfactorily at University of Tsukuba transfer to Ohio State as graded credits. Before students depart, they should first discuss with their academic advisers the courses they plan to take, to ensure that these courses will be accepted for Ohio State credit. Exact course equivalents are determined by the appropriate academic departments.

Accommodations

Exchange participants are usually offered housing in one of two residence halls on campus, usually in single rooms. The residence halls have a shared bathroom, kitchen, and laundry facilities. Linens are provided free of charge but students must make a special application to have a telephone in their room. Off-campus housing is also available but cannot be guaranteed and is generally more expensive.

Program Costs

International exchange programs are tuition exchanges, which means that an Ohio State student pays his/her full tuition and fees and trades places with a student at one of our partner institutions, who has in turn paid his/her full tuition and fees. Students selected to participate on an exchange program are also responsible for supplemental insurance, international airfare, room and board, and all other living or personal expenses. Please be advised that payments for room and board will be in the local currency.

Pre-departure Orientation

All participants will be required to participate in an on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting organized by the Office of International Affairs. This session will provide important information on travel, passport, health, and academic expectations. For the time and location of the orientation meetings, please contact the program coordinator.

Application Information

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via buckeyelink.osu.edu. Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline. The selection committee reserves the right to place you at the Japanese university that it feels is the most appropriate match for you and your Japanese abilities. Applicants will be asked to write a personal statement, and your essay should reflect why you have selected University of Tsukuba as your first choice of Japanese universities; your personal statement should also indicate a second choice and your rationale for choosing it. Applicants are also asked to submit a letter of recommendation; please make sure that you have contacted your referee prior to sending the request. Your reference should come from a Japanese language instructor.

If you withdraw at any time after the date of your notification of nomination to the exchange program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee.

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)
Orientation to living in Japan	athomejapan.com
University of Tsukuba	www.tsukuba.ac.jp

Contact Us

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see oia.osu.edu for information about "Getting Started" Information Sessions, Program Exploration Walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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