Welcome to Tohoku University

Orientation for incoming students
Overview of Tohoku University

Faculties/Schools: 学部・研究科・研究所等
Undergraduate (10), Graduate (16),
Professional Graduate Schools (3),
Research Institutes (6)

Number of Students: About 18,000
(Undergraduate 11,000, Graduate 6,700,
International Students 1,861)

Number of Staff: About 6,400
(Teaching Staff 3,200,
Administrative/Technical Staff 3,200)

Budget: about 1,213 million USD
(as of May 2015)
107 Years of History and Tradition
- Established in 1907 as the third Imperial University

• Research First 研究第一
• Open Door 門戸開放
• Practice Oriented Research and Education 実学主義

“Establish a culture, environment and management system appropriate for an internationally renowned research and education institution” - President Satomi
Sendai - Morino Miyako
(the City of Trees)
# World Ranking

**QS World University Ranking 2014**  
Ranked 71<sup>st</sup>  

**Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2014-2015:** Ranked 165th

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Thomson Reuters Citation Ranking 2014

Thomson Reuters ESI 2014
2,177 International Students (FY2014)
Multicultural Learning Environments 多様性
Diverse learning environments where International students and Japanese students learn together

Active Student Life クラブ・サークルなど多数
Many student support groups help international students adjust to campus life

Many Extracurricular Activities 課外活動
Various cultural activities, including field trips, local elementary school visits, volunteer opportunities, etc.
How to succeed at Tohoku University

1. Try to obtain information from multiple sources
2. Make friends
3. Be good citizens
4. Be prepared for emergencies
5. Seek support
1. Try to obtain information from multiple sources

- Bulletin Board
- Educational Affairs Info System 学務情報システム
- HP (Tohoku Univ., Global Learning Center, International Support Office)
- Handbook for International students
- TU support
2. Make friends

● Take co-learning classes (国際共修)
● Join student clubs and circles
● Participate in activities hosted by student organizations and support groups in the local community (HB p.51-52)
● Get connected to the international community
● Take part in volunteer activities (TU Volunteer Support Center)
3. Be good citizens

- Follow local customs/laws (drinking & smoking age: 20)
- Illegal drugs
- Part-time jobs (strict regulations about hours and places to work)
- Stay away from cult groups/activities
- Be careful about privacy issues/personal space
- Follow residence/dormitory rules (sub-leasing, room-sharing without permission, etc)
4. Be prepared for emergencies (HB p.77-78)

- Accidents → Call the police
  - Police: 110
  - Ambulance & Fire Department: 119

- Earthquakes →

※ Register for the Safety Confirmation System
(http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/somu/saigaitaisaku/pdf/poster-eng.pdf)

Bicycle accidents have been increasing drastically!

Follow what Japanese people do!
5. Seek Support

- Advisor, faculty & staff, friends, tutor, etc.
- Global Learning Center
- Student Counseling Center *(HB p69-70)*
- Career Support Center
- International Division of Faculty
- Other places on/off campus
- Learn Japanese
  - we offer a variety of Japanese classes

* If you have a problem, don't wait for it to get bigger.

Tutor-system: チューター制度 *(HB p.17-18)*
- Assists incoming international students with their studies and daily lives to help them adjust quickly to their environment
- All international students assigned a senior student
Activities and accidents covered under insurance provided by JAPAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES and SERVICES (JEES).

### Required for ALL international students!
保険には必ず加入してください！

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<td><strong>Liability Insurance for Students Pursuing</strong></td>
<td>Liability you bear causing bodily injuries or material damage to third parties during regular curricular activities, school events, extracurricular (club) activities, commuting to and from the above, internships, and volunteer activities etc.</td>
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→ Go to Educational Affairs Section of your department
Benefits you receive from UNIV. CO-OP insurance

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→ Contact Tohoku Univ. CO-OP at 022 221 0752
You will receive SSTN Notification cards within a few weeks of arriving by post. →Please keep this card in a safe place.

You will need your SSTN to perform part-time work, receive payments from Tohoku University, and change address and move.
When you face challenges or need support from us, send email to:

advising-f@insc.tohoku.ac.jp (Female Advisor)
advising-m@insc.tohoku.ac.jp (Male Advisor)

OR supportoffice@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

(HB p.71-72)
Enjoy your student life in Sendai