ATTN: Cyclists

As of April 1, 2019, the Sendai Bicycle Safety Bylaws will make it mandatory for anyone riding bicycles within the city limits to enroll in cyclist liability insurance.

What is cyclist liability insurance?
This insurance will cover you in the event that you must pay compensation for injuring a third party while you are operating a bicycle. In recent years there have been bicycle accidents resulting in the death of the victim, resulting in cyclists being liable for huge sums of money.

Am I covered under the university's mandatory insurance policies?

Non-international students: Personal Accident Insurance (Gakkensai) and Supplementary Personal Liability Insurance for Students (Gakkenbai)

Gakkenbai partially covers you, but the coverage is very limited.
Covered: Commuting between your home and campus by bicycle for classes etc.

Not covered:
① Everyday cycling (for leisure, shopping, etc.)
② Commuting to campus by bicycle on non-school days (to attend club activities, study, etc.)

As the Gakkenbai plan alone is insufficient, we ask that you enroll in insurance to cover you in the event that you must pay extensive damages due to a bicycle accident, with attention to its effective period. You should check the terms of your family's insurance plan, as may already be covered under it.

Examples of Cyclist Liability Insurance
① TS MARK (sticker will be affixed to your bicycle after an inspection)
② Family or individual personal liability insurance policy, providing the student is named as being covered
③ Family or individual vehicle or fire insurance policy with supplementary personal liability insurance, providing the student is named as being covered
④ Indemnification equivalent to cyclist liability insurance provided through a credit card, providing the student is named as being covered

If you are not insured or not sufficiently covered, please enroll in cyclist liability insurance that will be effective as of April 1, 2019.

International students: Gakkensai and Inbound Futaigakusou

Cyclist liability is covered under Inbound Futaigakusou. Find out whether or not you are enrolled already. If you are not enrolled, please enroll in both Gakkensai and Inbound Futaigakusou.