The first thing to consider in terms of having a safe student life is how you will commute to the university. Commuting by bicycle or motorcycle carries many risks. One serious accident could derail your entire college career. Please consider using the subway or bus to commute! The Gakuto Sendai City Bus/Subway Free Pass (a discounted pass for students) provides an economical option for using subways and buses. It is also extremely flexible, as you are allowed to get on/off at any stop on the eligible lines.

Use Subways and Buses for a Safe, Pleasant Commute

The Sendai Tozai Subway Line opened in December 2015. There are Tozai Line stations on the Kawauchi and Aobayama campuses. Therefore, we recommend you use of the subway lines for a safer, more pleasant commute.

Sendai Transportation Bureau website:

Gakuto Sendai Free Pass for City Bus/Subway website:
http://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/fare/freepass/hanbai_index.html

Gakuto Sendai City Bus/Subway Free Pass (per month)

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Commuting by bicycle or motorcycle always carries certain risks. When road conditions are poor due to rain, snow, or ice, accidents are more likely to occur on hills, and even flat stretches of road. Please observe traffic laws to lessen the likelihood of accidents, and always drive carefully.

Examples of penalties for unsafe cycling!

- **Cycling while wearing headphones**
  - Fine of up to JPY 50,000
- **Cycling while using mobile devices**
  - Fine of up to JPY 50,000
- **Failure to obey stoplights/stop signs**
  - Up to 3 months imprisonment or fine of up to JPY 50,000
- **Failure to use bicycle light at night**
  - Fine of up to JPY 50,000
- **Riding one-handed**
  - (holding an umbrella etc.)
  - Fine of up to JPY 50,000

*Repeat offenders will be required to attend a safety class.

**Observing Traffic Laws**

- **Rain/Snow/Ice**
  - Drive slowly
  - Be careful of skidding/falling

Useful Subway / Bus Commuting Information

- **Sendai City Bus & Subway Navi**
  - You can view Sendai City Subway/Bus routes, fares, and timetables at the website below: http://www.navi.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/

- **IC Card (icsca)**
  - Instructions on how to use the icsca IC card to pay public transportation fares can be found here: http://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/icsca/index.html

- **Doko Bus Sendai**
  - This Internet-based service provides information on nearby buses: http://www.dokobasu.kotsu.city.sendai.jp

- **Campus Bus**
  - This bus service links the Katahira, Seiryo, and Kawauchi/Aobayama campuses. http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/shisan/campusbus/campusbus.html

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Transferring to the Tozai Subway Line at Sendai Station

Choosing a Residential Area

Area 1: Near Kawachi Campus
- Convenient to Kawachi Campus. Possible to commute on foot.
- Generally gentle terrain, but there are steep hills in some places.
- There are not many supermarkets etc. in this area.

Area 2: Sendai City Center (UH Katarigha)
- Can reach campus in 4 minutes using the Tozai Subway Line from Sendai City Center Station.
- Near Katarigha Campus.
- Rent is more expensive than in other parts of the city.
- Many retail shops and restaurants.

Area 3: Hachiman/Sanjo/Kunimi
- (UH Sanjo/Yoshin Dormitory)
- There are issues to Kohechi Campus.
- The Hachiman area is relatively flat. On the other hand, Kunimi is very hilly.
- There are many supermarkets and other shops along the major road (Route 49).

Area 4: Kamisugi/Kashiwagi/Kinachidori
- (Meizen/Matsuzaki Dormitories)
- Sendai Station can be reached by the Tozai Subway Line and many buses.
- From there, Kawachi Station can be reached in 6 minutes by transferring to the Tozai Subway Line.
- Near Kamisugi Campus.
- There are many supermarkets and other shops in this area.

Area 5: Yagiyama/Miyakajima
- (Itbun/Seifu/Nishig Dormitories)
- Near Aobayama Campus. Can reach Kawachi Station in 6 minutes using the Tozai Subway Line from Yagiyama Zoological Park Station.
- Rent is less expensive than in other parts of the city.
- Many steep hills. Be aware of snowy/icy road conditions in winter.

Katahira Campus
Head Office, Institute for Materials Research, Institute of Fluid Science, Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials, Professional graduate schools, other graduate schools, etc.

Kawachi Campus
Faculty of Arts and Letters, Faculty of Education, School of Law, Faculty of Economics, graduate schools, extramural facilities, etc.

Aobayama Campus
School of Engineering, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, graduate schools, etc.

Aobayama New Campus
Campus of Agriculture (from FY 2017), International Research Institute of Disaster Science, etc.

Seiryo Campus
School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, University Hospital, Institute of Development, Aging and Center, graduate schools, etc.

For details, please see the Tohoku University website: http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/profile

(For Reference) Commuting to Kawachi Campus by Subway
Using the Nanboku Line
- 26 min. from the northernmost station (Tama Chuo Station)
- 23 min. from the southernmost station (Tomioka Station)

Using the Tozai Line
- 6 min. from the westernmost station (Yagiyama Zoological Park Station)
- 20 min. from the easternmost station (Arai Station)

Notes: Transportation to Kawachi Campus
- Sendai Nanboku Subway Line
- Sendai Tozai Subway Line
- Direct Bus Routes
- Bus Stops
- You can view subway/bus routes, fares, and timetables on the Sendai Transportation Bureau website.
http://www.navi.kotetsu.city.sendai.jp/