

Subway and Bus Commuting Guide

For a Safe & Pleasant Student Life



! Use Subways and Buses for a Safe, Pleasant Commute

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.



Please refer to this leaflet to look for a place to live where you can commute by subway or bus.

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

City Bus : JPY 5,970

Subway

- Tozai Line : JPY 6,990
- Namboku Line : JPY 6,990
- Tozai/Namboku Lines : JPY 8,390

Subway + City Bus

- Tozai Line + City Bus : JPY 11,140
- Namboku Line + City Bus : JPY 11,140
- Tozai/Namboku Lines + City Bus : JPY 12,330

Note : The above fares are applicable from October 1, 2019.



Kawauchi Station



Aobayama Station

There are Tozai Line stations on the Kawauchi and Aobayama campuses.



Sendai City Transportation Bureau website:

<https://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/subway/index.html>



Gakuto Sendai Free Pass for City Bus/Subway website:

https://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/fare/freepass/hanbai_index.html



! Observe Traffic Laws

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.



Rain/Snow/Ice

Drive slowly
Be careful of skidding/falling

Examples of penalties for unsafe cycling!



Cycling while wearing headphones
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.

Commuting by bicycle or motorcycle carries large risks.
Please consider using public transportation or walking instead.

! 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:
<https://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 Shuttle Bus

• Aobayama Shuttle Bus

This bus departs from Aobayama Station and stops at points around Aobayama Campus.
<http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/shisan/campusbus/aobayamashuttlebus.html>



• Tohoku University Campus Bus

This bus runs between Katahira, Seiryō and Kawauchi/Aobayama campuses.
<http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/shisan/campusbus/campusbus.html>





Commuting to Campuses/Choosing a Residential Area

Here we will look at public transportation convenient to Campuses and think about choosing a place to live with regards to the living environment.

Transferring to the Tozai Subway Line at Sendai Station
 Transferring from the Namboku Subway Line
 You can transfer from the Namboku Line platform to the Tozai Line platform in about 3-4 minutes without exiting through the ticket gate.
 Transferring from JR
 There is a passage that connects directly to the Namboku Line platform from JR Aoba-dôri Station (Senseki Line). For other rail lines, take the underground passage to the subway entrance from JR Sendai Station. It takes 6-7 minutes to get to the platform.
 Transferring from Bus Lines
 The West Bus Terminal, where most buses arrive/depart, is near the underground passage to the subway entrance. Transferring from bus takes 3-4 minutes.

Area 1: Near Kawauchi Campus

- Convenient to Kawauchi 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 Katahira)

- Kawauchi Station can be reached in 4 minutes using the Tozai Subway Line from Aoba-dôri Ichibancho Station.
- Near Katahira Campus.
- Rent is more expensive than in other parts of the city.
- There are many retail shops and restaurants in this area.

Area 3: Hachiman/Sanjo/Kunimi (UH Sanjo/Jyoshun Dormitory)

- There are buses to Kawauchi 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 48).

Area 4: Kamisugi/Kashiwagi/Kimachidori (Meizen/Matsukaze Dormitories)

- Sendai Station can be reached by the Namboku Subway Line and many buses. From there, Kawauchi Station can be reached in 6 minutes by transferring to the Tozai Subway Line.
- Near Seiryô Campus.
- There are many supermarkets and other shops in this area.

Area 5: Yagiya/Mukaiyama (Ibun/Seifu/Nisshu Dormitories)

- Near Aobayama Campus. -Kawauchi Station can be reached in 6 minutes using the Tozai Subway Line from Yagiya Zoological Park Station.
- Rent is less expensive than in other parts of the city.
- Many steep hills. Beware of snowy/icy road conditions in winter.

Area of Subway Coverage

- Subway lines can be used to reach Tohoku University's campuses.
- Residential neighborhoods in areas served by the new Tozai Subway Line are expected to develop in the near future.
- The areas south of Kawaramachi Station and north of Dainohara Station on the Namboku Subway Line already have well-developed residential neighborhoods.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

(For Reference) Commuting to Kawauchi Campus by Subway

- Using the Namboku Line
 - 26 min. from the northernmost station (Izumi-chuo Station)
 - 23 min. from the southernmost station (Tomizawa Station)
- Using the Tozai Line
 - 6 min. from the westernmost station (Yagiya Zoological Park Station)
 - 20 min. from the easternmost station (Arai Station)

■ Sendai Namboku Subway Line

■ Direct Bus Routes

■ Bus Routes

■ Sendai Tozai Subway Line (opened December 6, 2015)

● Bus Stops

You can view subway/bus routes, fares, and timetables on the Sendai City Transportation Bureau website.
<http://www.navi.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/>