

The Iwate University Student Exchange Program (IU-SEP) Application Guidebook 2022

<<What is IU-SEP ? >>

IU-SEP is a student exchange program to accept students for a one semester or two semester's period from universities that have a student exchange agreement with Iwate University.

This program provides 5 programs.

1. Iwate Area Studies Program (Humanities course)
2. Northern Tohoku Region Art and Culture Program (Artistic course)
3. Iwate Science and Engineering Research Program
(Science and Engineering course)
4. Iwate Agricultural Research Program (Agricultural Science course)
5. Open Study Program (Free Choice course)

Although the number of people infected with the new coronavirus infection (COVID-19) has been decreasing, there is no prospect of new entry of foreigners who have not been issued a valid Certificate of Eligibility at this time. In addition, even if the restrictions on entry to Japan are lifted and acceptance is permitted, you may not be able to come to Japan by April 1, 2022 due to significant delays in international mail and flight status.

Considering these circumstances, we are offering two types of programs for the April 2022 term of exchange study abroad (IU SEP). One is for those who wish to come to Japan. We will provide the IU SEP Iwate Area Studies Program (literature course). The other program, Online Japanese Language, is for those who wish to study online. This program offers only some subjects from the International Education Courses at Iwate University's International Education Center as online lectures.

<<Requirement for Application>>

To apply for IU-SEP, applicants must:

1. not be of Japanese Nationality.
2. be registered as a full time regular student as an undergraduate or a graduate (MA or PhD) at one of the universities that has a student exchange agreement with Iwate University. In addition, applicants must maintain their regular student status at their home university throughout the period they are enrolled at Iwate University. They also must return to their university after completing the program at Iwate University, and continue their study at their home university.
3. have a good academic standing and good personal records at their home university.
4. have clear objectives and plans, and good outcomes can be expected from their study and research.
5. have good Japanese or English proficiency to understand courses and instructions.

(Note) Iwate Agricultural Research Program (agricultural course) applicants must have:

- A. obtained a TOEFL-iBT score of 46 points or more, or
- B. passed JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) N2 or more, which is organized by the Japan Foundation or Japan Educational Exchanges and Services, or
- C. passed an interview test using SNS and such by the prospective academic supervisor.

Please note that an interview test may be required even if you have 46 points or more of TOEFL-iBT score or JLPT N2 or more.

- 6. be able to obtain a college student visa to enter Japan.
- 7. be recommended by the President or a head of a department of their home university.

<<Capacity>>

Number of exchange students from one university cannot be more than the determined number by each agreement.

For Iwate Area Studies Program (Humanities course), application is limited to the students from the designated universities.

<<School Year>>

- 1. The term of this program is either one semester or two semesters as a general rule.
- 2. Spring Semester : April 1 to Mid-August (Course Period: Early April to Early August)
Fall Semester: October 1 to Mid-February (Course Period: October to Mid-February)

Classes are not held on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays. There are summer, winter and spring vacations when the students study by themselves.

<<Application Deadline for 2021>>

Enrollment commencing April 2022: December 10, 2021

<<Guidance and Support>>

Teachers at Global Education Center will give them guidance and support not only for college life but also for life in Iwate. Students also will have a student tutor who supports their study and everyday life.

<<Evaluation, Credits & Diploma>>

- 1. Exchange students who earned credits will receive a transcript issued to prove their completion of courses, course scores, and acquirement of credits. To those who completed Iwate Area Studies Program (Humanities course) and Online Japanese Language Program, a certificate of completion will be issued.
- 2. Credits students earned at Iwate University can be transferred to their home institutions. Some credits, however, may have to be confirmed with the home institutions' supervisors before being accepted.

<<Courses/Curriculum>>

Students are to choose subjects from the Online Japanese Language Program list.

<<Outline of the Program Course>>

1. Iwate Area Studies Program (Humanities course)

While improving their Japanese language skills at Iwate University, participants will deepen their understanding of their areas of interest such as Japanese history, culture, society, arts and environment centered on Iwate area.

The participants will understand Japan, notably Iwate, and its culture through activities such as visiting the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disaster areas, World Heritage Site Hiraizumi, and such.

(1) Eligible students

Liberal arts undergraduate students (2nd year and up) and graduate (MA) students, coming from the following university

[China] Ningbo University, Qufu Normal University, Northwest University, Tsinghua University, Shihezi University

[Chinese Taipei] National Kaohsiung Normal University

[Korea] Myongji University, Kunsan National University

[Thailand] Siam University, Panyapiwat Institute of Management

[USA] The University of Texas Austin, North Central College, Earhram University,

University of Alaska Anchorage

[Canada] Saint Mary's University

[France] University Bordeaux Montaigne

[Iceland] Iceland University

[Russia] St. Petersburg State University of Culture

[Indonesia] Airlangga University, Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha

(2) Period 1 to 2 semesters

(3) Number of Credits per Year 12 to 48 credits (6 to 24 credits per semester)

*A minimum of 6 subjects is required to take for a student visa.

*Number of credits varies depending on subjects.

(4) Curriculum

Area	Name of Courses	Credits	Course Category
Japanese	Japanese Language Courses (Elementary to Advanced)	Minimum 3	International Education Courses General Education Courses
Culture	Japanese Affairs A / B (Intermediate II-level Japanese required) Multi-cultural Communication A / B (Intermediate-level Japanese required) *These subjects are not compulsory for students at elementary Japanese level.	Minimum 2	
Research	Independent Studies *Evaluated based on the final presentation	2	
Elective Courses	Select subjects that focus on history, culture, society, art, and environment under International Education Courses, Specialized Courses, and General Education Courses.	Minimum 2	International Education Courses General Education Courses
Select subjects from General Education Courses, depending on the students' abilities, interests, and preferences.			General Education Courses

2. Online Japanese Language Program

While improving their Japanese language skills, participants will deepen their understanding of their areas of interest such as Japanese history and literature.

(1) Eligible students

Liberal arts undergraduate students (1st year and up) and graduate (MA) students, coming from the following university

[China] Ningbo University, Qufu Normal University, Northwest University, Tsinghua University, Shihezi University, Dalian University of Technology, Shandong University of Art & Design, Shanghai Ocean University, Jilin Agricultural University, Northwest A&F University, South China University of Technology

[Chinese Taipei] National Kaohsiung Normal University, National Chiayi University

[Korea] Myongji University, Kunsan National University, Chonnam National University, Chungnam National University, Hanbat National University

[Thailand] Siam University, Panyapiwat Institute of Management, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Kasetsart University of Faculty of Science, University of Phayao, Silpakorn University

[Mongolia] Mongolian University of Science and Technology, University of the Humanities, National University of Mongolia

[Kyrgyz] Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University

[USA] The University of Texas Austin, North Central College, Earham University, University of Alaska Anchorage

[Canada] Saint Mary's University, University of Saskatchewan

[France] University Bordeaux Montaigne

[Germany] University of Applied Forest Sciences Rottenburg

[Italy] Accademia di Belle Arte di Carrara

[Sweden] Linnaeus University

[Iceland] Iceland University

[Russia] St. Petersburg State University of Culture

[Indonesia] Airlangga University, Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha

[Malaysia] Universiti Malaysia Pahang

(2) Period 1 semester

(3) Number of Credits per Year 1 to 24 credits

*Number of credits varies depending on subjects.

(4) Curriculum

Time table

1st period: 8:35-10:15, 2nd period: 10:30-12:10, 3rd period: 13:00-14:40, 4th period: 14:55-16:35, 5th period: 16:50-18:30, 6th period: 18:40-20:20

Subjects	Credits	Semester	period / day of week
Elementary Japanese General	10	First • Second	1&2 nd / Mon.through Fri.
Elementary Japanese General Kanji	1	First • Second	3 rd / Tue. & Thu.
Elementary Japanese Conversation	1	First • Second	3 rd / Thu.
Elementary Japanese Writing & Reading	1	First • Second	2 nd / Wed.
Elementary Japanese Grammar	1	First • Second	1 st / Wed.
Elementary Japanese Grammar	1	First • Second	1 st & 2 nd / Mon.

Elementary Japanese Kanji	1	First • Second	2 nd / Thu.
Elementary Japanese Conversation	1	First • Second	1 st / Thu.
Intermediate Japanese Grammar	2	First • Second	1 st / Mon. & Thu.
Intermediate Japanese Conversation	1	First • Second	2 nd / Mon.
Intermediate Japanese Reading	1	First • Second	2 nd / Wed.
Intermediate Japanese Kanji	1	First • Second	2 nd / Thu.
Intermediate Japanese Composition	1	First • Second	2 nd / Tue.
Intermediate Japanese Conversation	1	First • Second	1 st / Mon.
Intermediate Japanese Grammar	1	First • Second	2 nd / Wed.
Intermediate Japanese Kanji	1	First • Second	3 rd / Wed.
Intermediate Japanese Academic Japanese	1	First • Second	4 th / Tue.
Intermediate Japanese Reading	1	First • Second	4 th / Thu.
Intermediate Japanese Writing	1	First • Second	3 rd / Tue.
Advanced Japanese Business Japanese	1	First • Second	3 rd / Mon.
Advanced Japanese Academic Japanese	1	First • Second	4 th / Fri.
Advanced Japanese A Academic Discussion	1	First	4 th / Mon.
Advanced Japanese B Academic Writing	1	First	3 rd / Wed.
Advanced Japanese C (literature)	1	First	3 rd / Thu.
Advanced Japanese C (sciences)	1	First	1 st / Fri.
Advanced Japanese D Academic Reading	1	First	2 nd / Fri.
Comparative Japanese History A	2	First	4 th / Thu.(in English)
Japanese History A	2	First	3 rd / Tue.(in English)
Japanese Society and Culture A	2	First	2 nd / Tue.
Multicultural Communication A	2	First	2 nd / Thu.

Please make sure to take a placement test which will be notified to you after the application for the online Japanese Language Program.

The timetable is subject to change depending on the attendance status.

<<Tuition and other expenses>>

The admission fees and tuition for the dispatched international students will not be collected by Iwate University. However, students have to pay their tuition to their home institutions. Also, students have to pay their personal costs, including travel expenses, accommodation fees, living expenses, costs of text books, health insurance premiums, student union fees and other educational expenses.

In addition, students are required to take out some kinds of international student insurance to cover illness, injuries, property damage and/or the liability for injuring others. Please submit a copy of your insurance policy to the International Office when you arrive. If you do not buy one before coming to Japan, please buy a student insurance specified by Iwate University on your arrival. (Approximate 10,000 yen)

<<Accommodations>>

International students can live in a dormitory called International House located on campus. It has a share house type room (a unit to share with 4 roommates).

Rent (including utility fees) to be paid monthly : 【Share room type 】 33,000yen/month

Facility handling charge : 30,000yen (One time fee)

Internet access fee : 24,200yen/year

Bedding set rental fee : 11,000yen/year

Facilities: 【Share house type room】 desk, bed, air-conditioner, curtain, wardrobe, book shelf, laundry hook, kitchen drawer, wireless LAN

(Shared area) kitchen, toilet, coin-operated shower, refrigerator, microwave oven, dinning table, cupboard, kitchen drawer

<<Scholarship>>

If the IU-SEP is adopted by a scholarship program from Japan Student Services Organizations (JASSO), students may receive this scholarship.

* Applicants with a grade point (designed by JASSO, see the following chart*) of 2.3 or better on a 3.0 scale can apply for this scholarship as a rule. Note that the Scholarship is competitive and not all the applicants can receive the scholarship.

* The credits obtained by the recipients of the scholarship must be transferred to the credits of home university.

*Grade Point designated by JASSO

JASSO Scholarship candidate MUST have a cumulative Grade Point of 2.3 or better on a 3.0 scale as a rule, in the previous 1 year or in the latest 2 semesters, if not. (Credits with “Pass” should be excluded.)

[Grade Calculation]

4.0 Scale	-	A	B	C	F
4.0 Scale	-	100~80 points	79~70 points	69~60 points	59~0 points
5.0 Scale	100~90 points	89~ 80 points	79~70points	69~60 points	59~0 points
5.0 Scale	S	A	B	C	F
5.0 Scale	A	B	C	D	F
grade	3	3	2	1	0

[Calculating formula] – Round off to three decimal places

$$([\text{number of credits graded 3}] \times 3) + ([\text{number of credits graded 2}] \times 2) + [\text{number of credits graded 1}] \times 1$$

Total units earned

<<Application Procedure>>

For more information of IU-SEP and application procedure, please refer to Iwate University International Office's website.

All required documents for application are available at this website.

<https://www.iwate-u.ac.jp/iuic/english/international-students/types-of-programs/student-exchange-program-iu-sep.html>

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