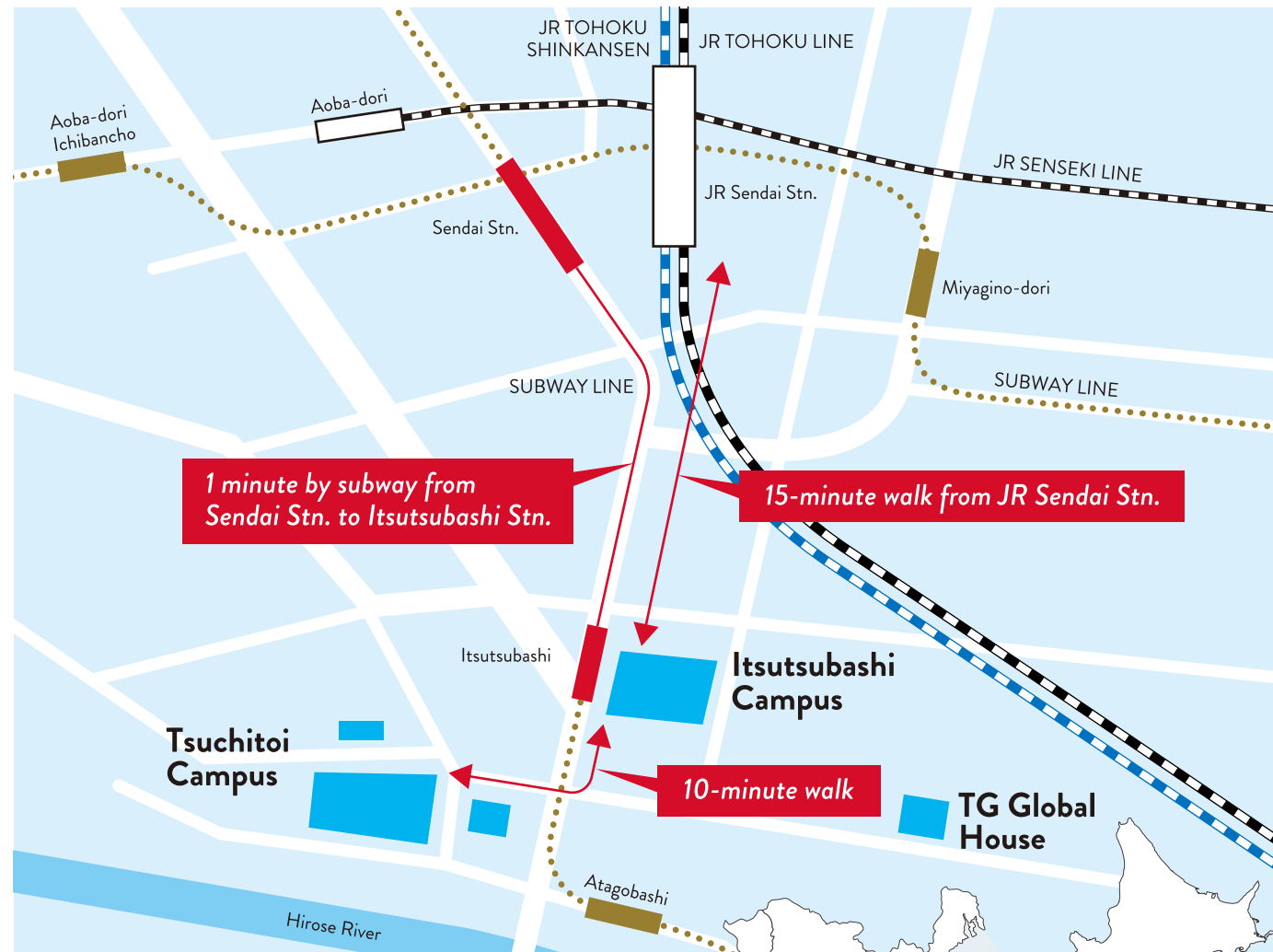


Area Map



Tsuchitoui Campus



Itsutsubashi Campus



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Admission for International Students

2027 Entry

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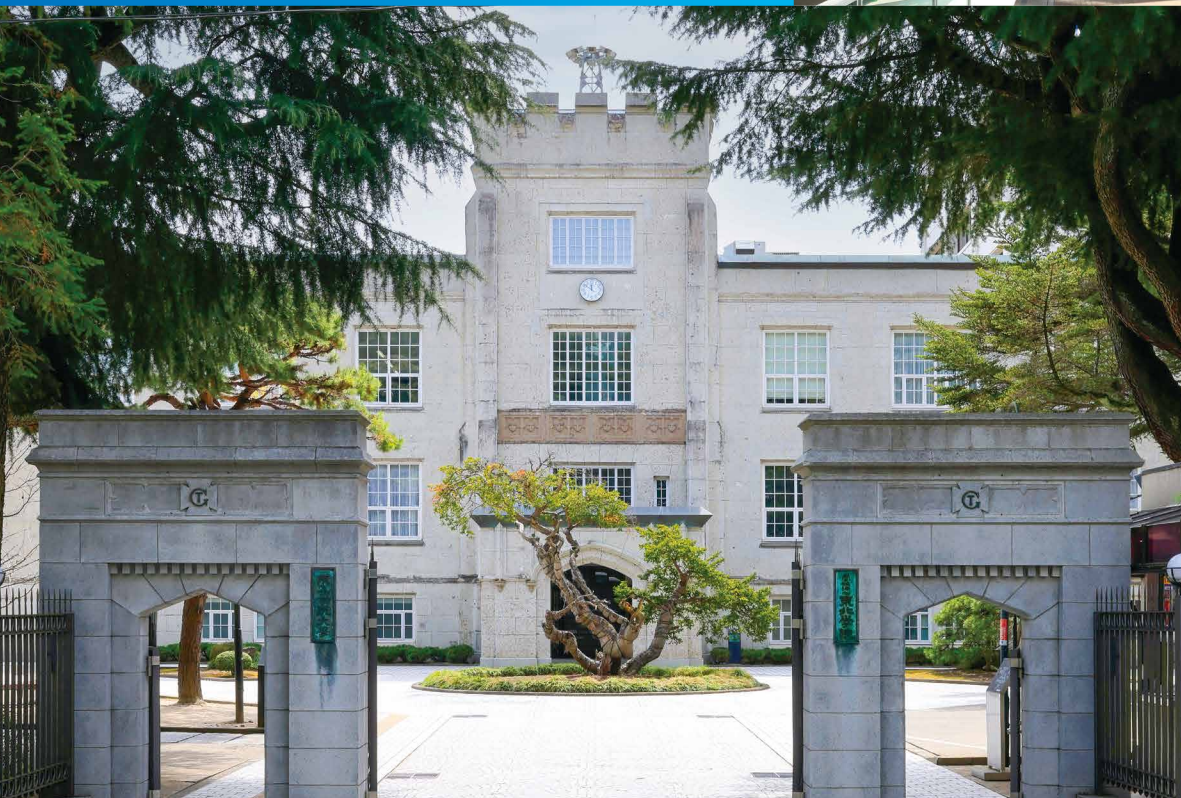
TGU was founded in 1886 as Sendai
Theological Seminary



11,882

11,733 Undergraduates
149 Graduate students

As of May 2026



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Graduate Schools

Graduate Schools

Graduate School	Programs *master's and doctoral programs shown in italics
Letters	English Language and Literature, <i>European Historical and Cultural Studies, Asian Historical and Cultural Studies</i>
Economics	<i>Economics</i> , Data Science
Business Administration	Business Administration
Law	Law
Engineering	<i>Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering</i>
Human Informatics	<i>Human Informatics</i>

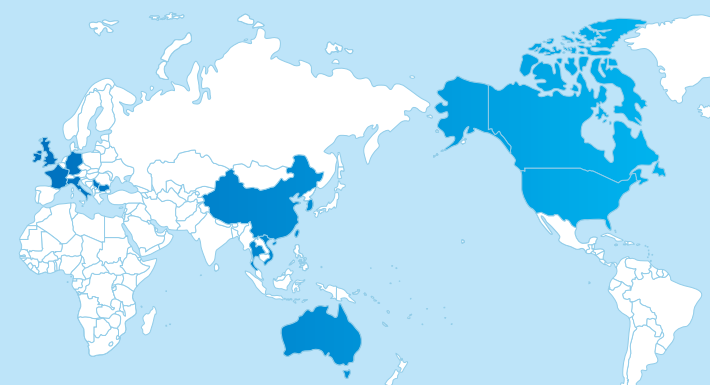


Faculties

Faculty	Department	Major Area of Specialization
Letters	English	British and American Literature, English Linguistics
	General Humanities	Philosophy and Thought, Culture and Arts, Religion and Theology
	History	Japanese History, Asian History, European History, Archaeology, Folklore
	Education	Pedagogy, English Language Education
Economics	Economics	Economic Theory, Public Policy, Political Economy
	Co-existing Society Studies	Economics and Co-existing Society Studies
Business Administration	Business Administration	Management, Marketing, Accounting and Finance
Law	Law	Policy Administration Course, Corporate Legal Affairs Course, Legal Profession Course
Engineering	Mechanical Engineering and Intelligent Systems	Smart Design Field, Green Energy System Field, Bio Robotics Field, Mechano-Engineering Field
	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Electrical and Control Systems, Information and Communications Systems, Electronic and Materials Systems
	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Environmental Civil Engineering Course, Architecture Course
Regional Studies	Regional Community Studies	Geography, Sociology, Social Welfare Studies, Pedagogy, Earth Science, Ecology
	Policy Design	Public Administration, Economy and Industry, Civil Society
Informatics	Data Science	Information Science, Mathematical Science, Social Science
Human Sciences	Psychology and Behavioral Sciences	Psychology, Sports Science, Sociology
International Studies	International Studies	Language and Multi-culturalism, East Asian Studies, Global Studies
Future Innovation*	Digital Design	Digital Design, Social Innovation
Education*	Education	Primary and Secondary Education

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* Two new faculties are
scheduled to
open in April 2027.



Visit TGU's English
website for information
on its undergraduate
and graduate programs!



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Partner Institutions

What's TGU?

Tohoku Gakuin
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Introduction Movie



Tuition Fees

At Tohoku Gakuin University, international students pay the same tuition as regular students. Details of tuition fees for each faculty and department can be found [here](#).



Tuition Fee Reduction for International Students

Tohoku Gakuin University's tuition reduction program is intended for international students (regular students) who face difficulties continuing their studies due to financial reasons. New students must pay the full tuition fees at the time of enrollment. The reduced portion of the spring semester's tuition will be refunded later to the student's bank account. From the fall semester of the first year onward, payment slips will reflect the reduced tuition amount.

Eligibility

International students who hold a valid "Student" residence status and apply for tuition reduction at the beginning of the academic year.

Amount of Reduction

Graduate School	First year or first year of transfer	50%
	Second year and above or from second year of transfer	70%
	Re-enrolled or readmitted students	Applicable rate based on year
Undergraduate	First year or first year of transfer	30%
	Second year and above or from second year of transfer	GPA 2.8 or higher: 70% GPA below 2.8: 50%
	Re-enrolled or readmitted students	Applicable rate based on year

*Based on AY2026 actuals. Rates are subject to change.

Tuition Fee Reduction Period

The reduction is granted on a yearly basis and may be applied for during the standard duration of study. (4 years for undergraduate programs, 2 years for master's programs or the first phase of doctoral programs, and 3 years for the second phase of doctoral programs.)

Scholarships

At Tohoku Gakuin University, we provide information on the following external scholarships, many of which are granted to international students.

- Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students
- Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Scholarship
- Kamei Memorial Foundation Scholarship
- Tohoku Development Memorial Foundation Scholarship ...and more

Experience the Tohoku Region and its Traditional Culture

Off-campus Excursions

Our off-campus excursions offer international students the chance to explore the historical landmarks and scenic attractions of Miyagi Prefecture and the Tohoku region. Join us for an unforgettable journey of discovery and camaraderie!

Experincing Japanese Culture

Discover the elegance of tea ceremony etiquette while preparing matcha tea and enjoying sweets. Learn the art and spirit behind flower arranging to create your own beautiful designs. Students from TGU's Japanese Traditional Arts Club will be there to support and guide you every step of the way.

Support for International Students

Support by Students

Global Supporters

Global Supporters are student volunteers dedicated to helping international students adjust quickly to life in Japan. They provide assistance not only during orientation but also by organizing and managing welcome parties, farewell parties, and international exchange events.

International Student Tutors

International Student Tutors are student staff members who support international students in their daily lives in Japan and in their Japanese language learning. Through practical guidance and personalized assistance, they help students adapt smoothly to a new environment and enhance their Japanese language proficiency.

Housing

A new International Dormitory "TG Global House" will open in April 2027.

Designed as a place for multicultural living and learning, the residence hall brings together Japanese and international students to share their daily lives under one roof. By living together, students from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds can develop global perspectives, build lasting friendships, and learn from one another through everyday interactions.

Our live-in dorm manager and Resident Assistants are always here to support you, giving you total peace of mind.

Features

- 5-minute walk to the Itsutsubashi Campus
- 10-minute walk to the Tsuchitoi Campus
- Private rooms
- Fully furnished, including furniture and appliances
- Dining hall available (meal plan not included; approximately JPY 20,000 per month)
- Internet access available
- Monthly housing subsidy of JPY 20,000 from TGU (planned)

Eligibility

Only self-funded international students enrolled in a regular degree program are eligible to apply. Acceptance into TG Global House is subject to room availability.

Student Voice



Liau, Ben-En

First-year Ph.D. student in European Cultural History
Graduate School of Letters

August 31, 2024, was the first day of my study abroad experience in Japan. The next day, I set off on a nine-day trip through the four prefectures of the Tohoku region with a friend. During that trip, I spent about four days in Sendai, and I immediately fell in love with the atmosphere there. Later, thanks to the opportunity to meet my supervisor, I was delighted to begin my studies at TGU. Compared to Tokyo, the pace of life here is a bit slower, and the weather is more comfortable, making it an ideal place for studying. Students from East Asia often feel the need to be proactive or strive to be noticed. However, studying in Japan can help us learn to slow down, build a solid foundation step by step, and cultivate a more composed personality. Furthermore, our university is the largest private institution in the Tohoku, with comprehensive library resources, faculty, and facilities. Most importantly, it has a very supportive International Exchange Office. For international students, overcoming the language barrier alone is a challenge, not to mention the procedures for renewing residence permits or dealing with culture shock. When faced with these issues, the staff of the International Exchange Office provide warm and friendly assistance. They even organize welcome parties and local tours, which make international students feel very at ease. If you're still hesitating about studying in Japan, why not take a trip to the Tohoku region first to get to know Sendai and Tohoku Gakuin University? If you end up falling in love with the area as a result, that would be wonderful!

Japanese Language Requirements

At Tohoku Gakuin University, most classes are conducted in Japanese. Therefore, applicants who wish to enroll must possess sufficient Japanese language proficiency to understand lectures.

Residency Status for International Students

The term 'international student' refers to a foreign individual who enters Japan for the purpose of receiving education at a university or similar institution and subsequently enrolls in such an institution. Specifically, this applies to individuals who have entered Japan under the "Student" residency status as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, or those who entered under a different status and completed the necessary procedures to change their residency status to "Student" before admission.

Undergraduate Admissions Exam

Eligibility

Applicants must be foreign nationals (including dual nationals who also hold Japanese citizenship) as of November 1, 2026, be at least 18 years old by April 1, 2027, and meet all the following conditions:

- (1) Educational background: Must have completed 12 years of formal school education outside Japan or be recognized by the Ministry of Education (MEXT) as holding equivalent qualifications. This includes completion of 12 years at institutions accredited by international bodies (WASC, CIS, ACSI, NEASC, Cognia, COBIS) or holders of qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate.
- (2) Residency status: Must hold a "Student" visa or be scheduled to acquire/change to "Student" status by the time of enrollment.
- (3) Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU): Must have taken all designated subjects in the EJU held in June/November 2025 or June 2026 and achieved scores that meet the department's criteria.

Required EJU Subjects and Scores

Department Applied For	Japanese		Science *Select two subjects	Comprehensive Studies	Mathematics	
	Reading Comprehension, Listening, Integrated Listening-Reading Comprehension	Writing	Biology, Chemistry, Physics		Course 1 (Basic)	Course 2 (Advanced)
Departments other than those listed below	250	30	—	140	—	—
Economics Psychology and Behavioral Sciences	250	30	—	125	100	—
Data Science Digital Design Education	250	—	Either subject		120	—
			120 Choose two subjects	125		
Mechanical Engineering and Intelligent Systems Electrical and Electronic Engineering Civil and Environmental Engineering	250	—	120 Choose two subjects	—	—	120

Selection Schedule

- Online Registration Period and Payment of the Application Fee: November 2 – November 9, 2026.
- Mailing Application Document Deadline: November 11, 2026.
- Examination Date: Saturday, December 12, 2026.
- Result Announcement: December 18, 2026.
- Enrollment Deadline (Full Payment): January 6, 2027

Selection Process

Applicants will be evaluated and selected based on a comprehensive review of their application documents and an interview. (Applicable to all faculties)

Exam Subjects	Document Screening	Interview	Total
Points distribution	100	200	300

Examination Fee

33,000 JPY

- *The examination fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.
- *An online application fee will be charged in addition to the examination fee.

Graduate School Admissions Exam

*Note: No special selection for international students is available for the graduate schools.

Schedule

	Application Schedule		Examination Date	Entrance Exam Result Announcement
Autumn Schedule	Online Application Registration Period	Friday, June 31, 2026 - Wednesday, August 19, 2026	Saturday, September 12, 2026	Friday, September 25, 2026
	Deadline for Mailing Application Documents	Friday, August 21, 2026		
Spring Schedule	Online Application Registration Period	Friday, December 18, 2026 - Wednesday, January 13, 2027	Tuesday, February 16, 2027	Friday, February 26, 2027
	Deadline for Mailing Application Documents	Friday, January 15, 2027		

Pre-screening of Applications

Application Period Up to one month before the first day of the official application period

Screening Methods

Document screening, written exam, and interview

Examination Fee

33,000 JPY

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For details on entrance examinations, please visit our website.

