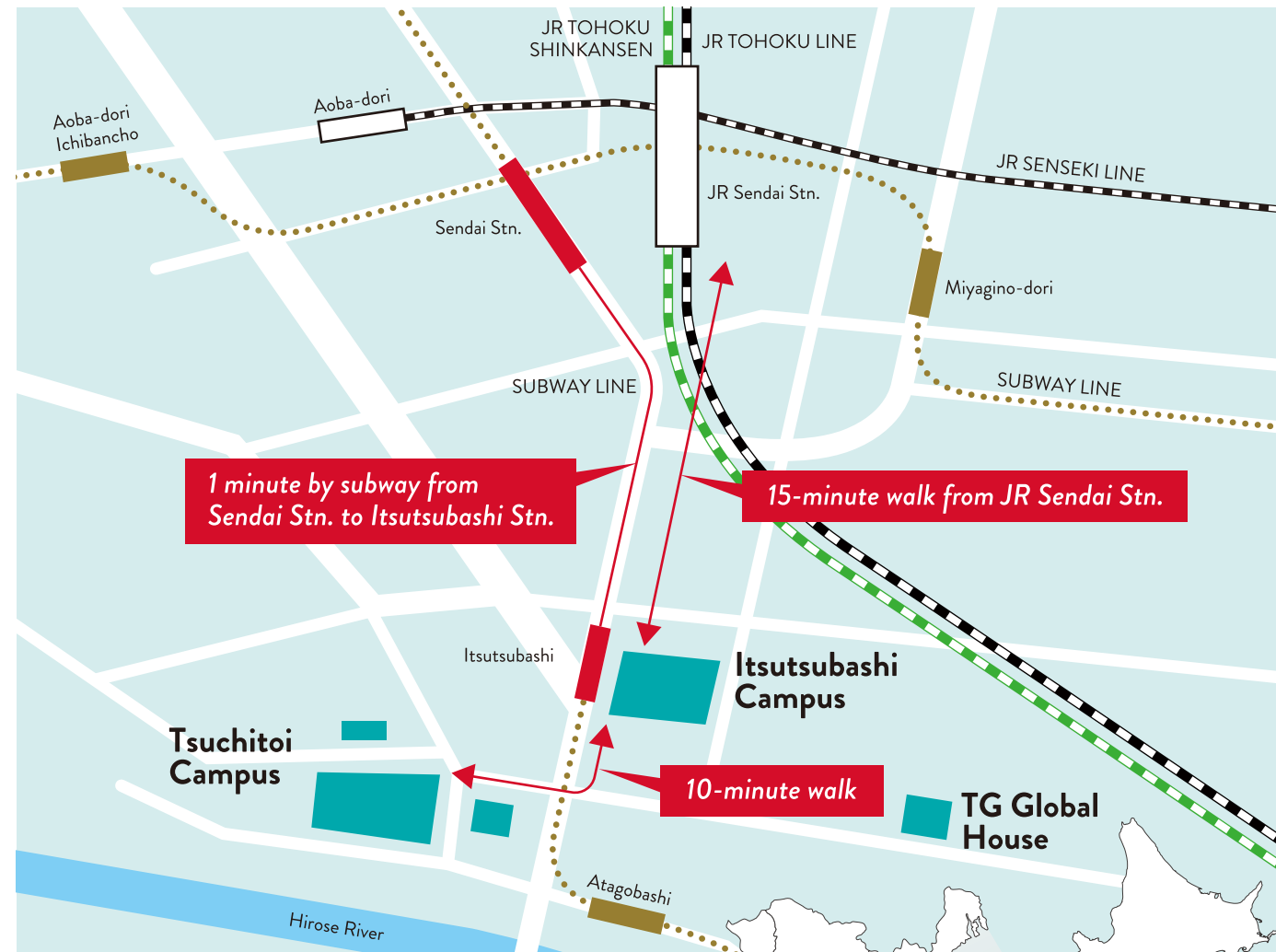


Area Map



Tsuchittoi Campus



Itsutsubashi Campus



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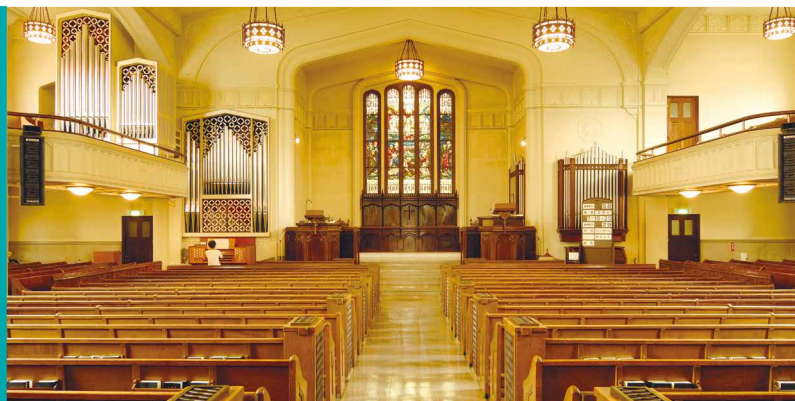


Exchange Programs

2027-2028 Entry

1886

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	Program *Italic has master's and doctoral programs
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>

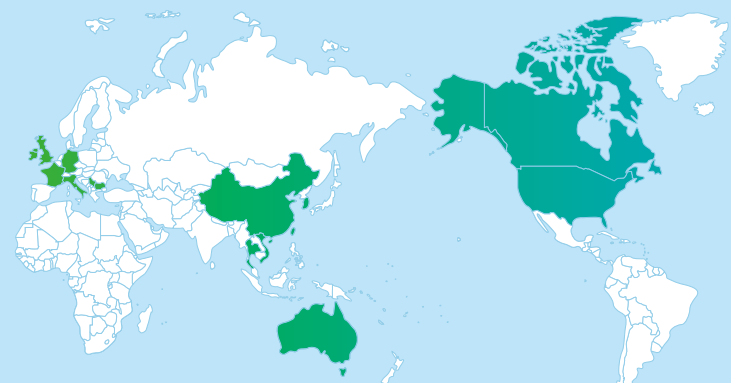


Faculties

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.



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Special Programs for Exchange Students

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Partner Institutions

What's TGU?

Tohoku Gakuin University
Introduction Movie



Special Programs for Exchange Students

Undergraduate Courses / Graduate Courses

Features: This program allows students to deepen their specialized knowledge by studying in a department dedicated to the same academic field as their major. They take mainly special and general subjects taught in Japanese, Japanese language courses for exchange students and subjects for international students.

Language Requirements: JLPT N2 or higher

Engineering Research Exchange Program

Features: This program is designed for graduate students, allowing them to engage in research activities alongside Japanese TGU students while belonging to a laboratory within the Department of Engineering at TGU.

Language Requirements: JLPT N3 or higher, English language skills for communicating with others in research activities.

Japan Study Program

Features: This program is open to students of all Japanese proficiency levels, from absolute beginners to advanced. While focusing on Japanese language courses, students also have the option to enroll in English-taught courses offered by the Faculty of International Studies. This flexible curriculum allows all participants to enhance their language skills and deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and society.

Language Requirements: None (Absolute beginners are welcome)

Economics & Japanese Program

Features: This program allows students to participate in three seminars focused on economics, conducted in English, while also taking Japanese language courses, along with subjects tailored to exchange students.

Language Requirements: The ability to understand economics classes conducted in English and JLPT N4 or higher is recommended

Science & Engineering Study Abroad Program

Features: This program allows students to deepen their understanding of engineering and science through an advanced curriculum delivered by experienced and knowledgeable professors in newly installed facilities. Additionally, students will take foundational courses in practical Japanese language.

Language Requirements: JLPT N4 or higher is recommended

Japanese Language Courses for Exchange Students

Course Title *(Course Title) A is offered in the Spring semester, and (Course Title) B is offered in the Fall semester.	CEFR	Number of Classes / Week (90 minutes each)	Number of Credits
Comprehensive Japanese IA-4, IB-4 A four-skills integrated class for CEFR A1 level learners.	A1 A2 (First-half)	4	4
Comprehensive Japanese IA-2, IB-2 Reading & writing class for CEFR A1 level learners.		2	2
Comprehensive Japanese IIA-4, IIB-4 A four-skills integrated class for CEFR A2 level learners.	A2 (Upper-half)	4	4
Comprehensive Japanese IIA-2, IIB-2 Reading & writing class for CEFR A2 level learners.		2	2
Comprehensive Japanese IIIA-3, IIIB-3 Task-based comprehensive Japanese class for intermediate level students.	B1 (First-half)	3	3
Comprehensive Japanese IIIA-2, IIIB-2 Kanji & vocabulary building class for intermediate level students.		2	2
Comprehensive Japanese IV (Oral Expression) A, B Discussion class for advanced level students.	B2	1	1
Comprehensive Japanese IV (Reading and Writing) A, B Reading & writing class for advanced level students.		1	1
Comprehensive Japanese IV (Issues in Japanese Society) A, B Japanese newspaper reading for advanced level students.		1	1
Japanese Culture A, B Understanding customs and ideas through Japanese culture.	All Levels	1	1

Student Voice

YUEKSEL, Jakob Hochschule Ludwigshafen (Germany)

I am an exchange student from a university in Ludwigshafen, Germany. I chose Tohoku Gakuin University because Sendai offers a good balance of city life and nature, making it a great environment for studying. I especially enjoyed the Japanese language courses, which focused on communication, listening comprehension, group work, and discussion rather than just learning from textbooks. Outside class, joining university clubs and circles was a great way to meet Japanese students and make new friends. Living in the dormitory with other exchange students also made it easy to build friendships and support one another. Moving to Sendai was my first experience living alone and in a big city, which was challenging at first but ultimately helped me grow both personally and academically. My time at Tohoku Gakuin University has been an unforgettable and rewarding experience.



NAM, Yuri Keimyung University (Korea)

I major in Public Health and Japanese Language and Culture in Korea. Having always been fond of Japanese culture and capable of speaking the language, I decided to challenge myself by joining the exchange program at TGU as a senior before graduation. Although I was initially concerned about making friends and keeping up with classes at a relatively late stage in my studies, those worries quickly faded. Thanks to university-led programs and various student groups, I adapted to life in Sendai smoothly. In particular, participating in a student club allowed me to practice Japanese conversation, making my study abroad experience truly fulfilling. I enjoyed hobbies like movies, games, and dining out with new friends from Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Europe. Although one semester was short and I couldn't join every club activity I was interested in, I am so glad I chose to come to Sendai. This experience has even inspired me to consider pursuing a career in Japan after I graduate. Coming to TGU was definitely the right choice for me.



Support for Exchange Students

Support by Students

International Student Tutors

International Student Tutors are student staff dedicated to supporting exchange students in their daily life in Japan and their Japanese language studies. They provide practical assistance to ensure a smooth transition and help students improve their language proficiency through personalized support.

Global Supporters

Global Supporters are student volunteers dedicated to helping exchange 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.

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.

- 100% guaranteed off-campus housing
 - 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)

Experience the Tohoku Region and its Traditional Culture

Off-campus Excursion

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!

Japanese Culture Experience

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.

Apply Now!

Eligibility

- Students must be nominated by their home university.
- Enrolled at your home university throughout your study abroad period.

Application Steps

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Online Nomination Deadline	October 14	March 30
Applications Documents Deadline	October 31	April 14
Acceptance Letter Issued	Early December	Late May

Required Documents

- Application for Admission to Tohoku Gakuin University*
 - Official Transcript of Scholastic Record
 - Japanese Language Certificate
 - Letter from Guarantor*
 - Health Questionnaire*
- Copy of Passport
 - Letter of Recommendation
 - Pledge*

*Forms are available at
TGU International Affairs
Office website



Academic Calendar

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Orientation	Early April	Mid-September
Classes Begin	Mid-April	Mid-September
Classes End	Early August	Late January
Leave Accommodation	Early August	Early February

Fees

Admission	Waived
Tuition	Waived
Accommodation (Rent)	Subsidy: JPY 20,000/month
Utility Bills	Actual Cost