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### ABOUT IBARAKI UNIVERSITY

Welcome to Ibaraki University!
Ibaraki University is a medium-size national university that was established in 1949 under the postwar education system, integrating four existing institutions: Mito College, Ibaraki School of Education, Ibaraki School of Youth Education, and the Taga Institute of Technology. The university has five colleges, five graduate programs, and one diploma program on three campuses (Mito, Hitachi, and Ami). The three campuses are all located in Ibaraki Prefecture, which forms part of the National Capital Region. As of May 2015, there are approximately 7,000 undergraduate students and 1,100 graduate students, including 300 international students.

| Colleges | College of Humanities [Mito Campus]  
          | College of Education [Mito Campus]  
          | College of Science [Mito Campus]   
          | College of Engineering [Hitachi Campus]  
          | College of Agriculture [Ami Campus] |
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| Graduate Schools | Graduate School of Humanities [Mito Campus]  
                  | Graduate School of Education [Mito Campus]  
                  | Graduate School of Science and Engineering [Hitachi & Mito Campus]  
                  | Graduate School of Agriculture [Ami Campus]  
                  | United Graduate School of Agricultural Science [Ami Campus] |
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**Ami Campus**  
**Hitachi Campus**
OVERVIEW OF IBARAKI EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. Academic calendar
Academic calendar 2016-2017

| 1st Semester | Official academic year begins: April 1st  
Classes begin: April 11th  
Final examination week: August 2nd-August 10th  
Classes end: August 10th  
Summer vacation: August 11th-September 30th |
| 2nd Semester | Classes begin: October 3rd  
Winter vacation: December 23rd-January 5th  
Final examination week: February 7th-February 16th  
Classes end: February 23rd  
Spring vacation: February 24th-March 31st  
Academic year ends: March 31st |
| Holidays | Saturdays and Sundays  
National holidays (Monday, if the holiday falls on a Sunday)  
Ibaraki University Foundation Day, May 30th  
(Depending on the calendar year, this date may change.) |

2. List of exchange programs
Ibaraki University offers three semester-long exchange programs.

Program I Ibaraki Japanese Language and Culture Program

Location: Mito Campus
Term:  
1. First Semester: April-August  
2. Second Semester: October-February  
3. One year (Students can start in either semester.)

Eligibility and Language Requirement:
- Students from Ibaraki University’s partner institutions  
- Students who have no knowledge of Japanese must start their study from the second semester (October-February)  
- Students who wish to attend a beginner’s course are required to have basic English communication skills.  
- Students who have at least one year of Japanese language training (approximately N5 level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)) can start either semester.

Outline:
- This program provides students with an opportunity to learn and to improve their Japanese language skills and to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and society.  
- Students take Japanese language classes, and Japan-related classes taught in English.  
- Intermediate-advanced students can also take college classes taught in Japanese.  
- A wide range of cultural and educational activities are also provided during the semester.
Program II | General Exchange Program

Location:
Mito Campus (College of Humanities, Science, Education)
Hitachi Campus (College of Engineering)
Ami Campus (College of Agriculture)

Term:
① First Semester: April-August
② Second Semester: October-February
③ One year (Students can start in either semester.)

Eligibility and Language Requirement:
- Students from Ibaraki University’s partner institutions
- Students must have JLPT N2 level (undergraduate)

Outline:
- Students are enrolled in one of the colleges or graduate schools at Ibaraki University.
- Almost all undergraduate classes are conducted in Japanese, and a high proficiency in Japanese language is required. However, if they wish to pursue their research at the graduate level, students can be instructed in English with a student advisor’s permission.

Program III | Two Step Program

Location:
First Step:
Mito Campus (College of Humanities, Science, Education Japanese Language and Culture Program)
Second Step:
Mito Campus (College of Humanities, Science, Education)
Hitachi Campus (College of Engineering)
Ami Campus (College of Agriculture)

Term:
One year (Students can start in either semester)

Eligibility and Language Requirement:
- Students from Ibaraki University’s partner institutions
- Students must have JLPT N3 level (undergraduate)

Outline:
- This year-long program caters to those who wish to study both the language and culture program and the general exchange program. In the first semester of this program, students can concentrate on improving Japanese language skills. In the second semester, students can be enrolled in a wide range of academic subjects offered at the university.

Program IV | AIMS Program

Location:
Ami Campus (College of Agriculture)

Term:
September-December

Eligibility and Language Requirement:
- Students from AIMS affiliated universities
- No knowledge of Japanese language required.
For more information: http://ddp.agr.ibaraki.ac.jp/aims.html
# Ibaraki Japanese Language and Culture Program

## 1. Japanese language classes

The university offers Japanese language classes at different levels (Level 1 through Level 4) to help you develop your Japanese language skills. Upon your arrival, you will take a placement test and an appropriate level will be recommended. Students who have passed JLPT N1 level or possess a high proficiency equivalent to JLPT N1 level are recommended to attend Academic Japanese (super-advanced level) classes.

The following are the Japanese language classes offered. Each class is 90 minutes.

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<th>General Japanese Level 1</th>
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<td>This course aims to further develop the basic Japanese language skills necessary to communicate in particular situations. The course will also direct students’ attention to some socio-cultural aspects of the language.</td>
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<td>This course aims to enhance your knowledge of basic kanji and develop your basic reading skills in Japanese through a wide range of exercises and activities.</td>
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### Level 3

**General Japanese Level 3 A/B** (4 classes per week)
Target: Intermediate students who have studied Japanese for two years or more
Medium of instruction: Japanese
Following Level 2, this course aims at developing basic Japanese competence and applying learned skills in various real-life situations.

**Oral Expression Level 3 A/B** (1 class per week)
Target: Intermediate students who have studied Japanese for two years or more
Medium of instruction: Japanese
This course aims to develop speaking skills and to enable students to present ideas and opinions in Japanese.

**Intermediate Kanji A/B** (1 class per week)
Target: Intermediate students who have studied Japanese for two years or more
Medium of instruction: Japanese
This course aims to develop the academic knowledge about kanji necessary for reading and writing Japanese.

### Level 4

**General Japanese Level 4 A/B** (2 classes per week)
Target: Advanced students who have studied Japanese for three years or more
Medium of instruction: Japanese
Through this course, you will develop the essential academic skills required for attending courses in Japanese universities.

**Advanced Conversation A/B** (1 class per week)
Target: Advanced students who have studied Japanese for three years or more
Medium of instruction: Japanese
This course is designed for advanced students who want to improve oral language skills and have the ability to use speech levels properly.

**Advanced Kanji A/B** (1 class per week)
Target: Advanced students who have studied Japanese for three years or more
Medium of instruction: Japanese
This course aims at the expansion of kanji vocabulary, by learning the pronunciation and the writing of kanji from Intermediate to Advanced levels.

**Japanese Studies A/B** (1 class per week)
Target: Advanced students who have studied Japanese for three years or more
Medium of instruction: Japanese
This course is designed to acquire Japanese socio-cultural knowledge such as customs and ways of thinking.
学術日本語  Academic Japanese

■学術日本語基礎（週 1 コマ）
Target: advanced students who have studied Japanese for three years or more
大学での学習・研究に必要な基礎的な日本語力をつけるために、教科書を中心により高度な文法・語彙・漢字を学習しながら総合的な日本語力の向上を目指す。

■学術日本語Ⅰ（週 1 コマ）
対象：超級日本語学習者（日本語能力試験 N1 取得者）
レポート作成に必要な文章表現の技術（文法・文体・書式等）を学び、最終的に自分の関心のあるテーマを選び、資料収集、アウトラインの作成、原稿執筆、推敲等の過程を経て、2000 ～ 3000 字のレポートを作成する。

■学術日本語ⅡA（週 1 コマ）
対象：超級日本語学習者（日本語能力試験 N1 取得者）
情報番組、教養番組などの視聴覚教材を利用して大意把握を行い、語彙力、聴解力の向上をはかるとともに、日本社会における様々な問題を扱った視聴覚教材の聴を通じて、日本事情に対する理解を深める。

■学術日本語ⅡB（週 1 コマ）
対象：超級日本語学習者（日本語能力試験 N1 取得者）
さまざまなジャンルの番組（視聴覚教材）を用いて、聴解力の向上をはかるとともに日本社会における様々なテーマを扱った視聴覚教材の見を通して、日本文化を学ぶ。

■学術日本語ⅢA（週 1 コマ）
対象：超級日本語学習者（日本語能力試験 N1 取得者）
論文、専門書、新聞記事などを通して、大学の授業に必要な速読、要約、内容理解の技術を学ぶ。また、各自好きな読み物を選んで自分で読み、授業でディスカッションを行う。

■学術日本語ⅢB（週 1 コマ）
対象：超級日本語学習者（日本語能力試験 N1 取得者）
専門書の読解に必要な前読み、段落読み、情報検索、アウトライン作成、後読みなどの読解スキルを指導するとともに、新聞記事、雑誌記事などを用いて「実践練習」をする。

■学術日本語Ⅳ（週 1 コマ）
対象：超級日本語学習者（日本語能力試験 N1 取得者）
いくつかの種類のプレゼンテーションを体感しながらプレゼンテーションに必要な表現や話し方を学ぶとともに、自分で調査したことについてパワーポイント等を使って効果的に発表することを学ぶ。
2. Japan-related classes in English

Several classes, particularly related to Japanese culture and society, are conducted in English. Below is a list of classes currently available.

- Studies in Contemporary Japan A
- Studies in Contemporary Japan B
- Japanese Literature A
- Japanese Literature B
- Geography of Japan
- Intercultural Communication
- Japanese Film History
- International Relations
- Introduction to Foreign Language Teaching and Learning Action Research
- Fundamental Theories and Practices of Language Teaching & Learning

Note: Some of the above classes may not be offered in a given semester or academic year.
3. Immersion program

Students are eligible to register for courses from any colleges after consulting and obtaining permission from their advisor. Almost all classes are conducted in Japanese, so students must have solid Japanese language skills.

Below are model timetables for exchange students, through which you can get a sense of what you are going to study as an exchange student at Ibaraki University.

**Model timetable for students at a pre-intermediate level**

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**Model timetable for students at an advanced level**

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4. Activities

The University organizes various activities to promote cultural exchanges between international students and Japanese students.

International camp
As part of the education program for overseas students, expenses for a field trip of one night and two days are provided once a year to promote exchange between international students and Japanese students and to provide opportunities to enhance communication ability.

Home visit program
In this program, international students spend two nights (Friday to Sunday) with a Japanese family who are interested in spending time with an international student. Activities with the family vary from family to family depending on you and what your family plan to do. Through this program, you will have the opportunity to develop friendships and deepen your understanding of Japan.

International party
An international party is held once a year, to promote friendship and cultural exchange among international students, tutors, and faculty and staff members.

Cultural exchange activities organized by local groups
Various activities and gatherings are organized by international associations in the neighboring area.
1. Housing

A housing facility (the International House) is provided in each campus for the use of overseas students and researchers.

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<th>Room Types</th>
<th>Number of Rooms</th>
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| Single [bldg. A.B] | 38              | Rent: 5,900 yen
|               |                 | Common service fee: 1,000 yen                            |
| Single [bldg. D-I] | 35              | Rent: 20,400 yen                                         |
|               |                 | Common service fee: 1,000 yen                            |
| Couple        | 2               | Rent: 14,200 yen                                         |
|               |                 | Common service fee: 1,600 yen                            |
| Family        | 2               | Rent: 14,200 yen                                         |
|               |                 | Common service fee: 2,000 yen                            |

**Mito Campus**

**Hitachi Campus**

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2. Student organizations and extracurricular activities

One way to make friends with Japanese people is to join a club or circle (i.e., society) of your interest. In general, clubs are stricter than circles and require members to attend regularly. There is a wide range of cultural and physical societies, totaling more than 200, organized by Ibaraki University students. On the Mito campus, there are 59 sports groups (aikido, canoeing, skiing and many more), 64 culture groups (manga, volunteer, tea ceremony and many more), and 13 music groups (jazz, brass band, rock and many more). We strongly recommend that international students join one of the groups.

3. Working part-time

Overseas students are granted residency status for studying, so your activities in Japan are limited to those directly related to your studies. Therefore if you are obliged to take a part-time job, you must first obtain permission from the Immigration Office. With this permission, you can work part time up to 28 hours per week. If you wish to find a part-time job, however, be sure to consult your faculty advisor, obtain her or his consent, and limit your working hours so that they do not interfere with your studies. We encourage you to start a part-time job only after becoming accustomed to studies and daily life here at the university.
STUDENT SUPPORT

1. Multiple tutor system
You can have an individual student tutor. Your tutor is usually a Japanese student from your home department. He/She will help you with daily life. In addition, you can access another student tutor—a dorm tutor—staying at the international dormitory who will assist you when you need help. Study tutors help you with study. They check your grammar in a term paper that you have prepared or help you practice your conversational skills.

2. Counseling
The International Student Center offers advice and counseling services for international students with academic or personal concerns. In addition, each student is assigned an academic advisor based on the student’s field of study and interests.

3. University Health Center
The University Health Center is a facility where doctors, counselors, and nurses, provide a variety of health services to students to ensure their physical and mental well-being during their time at Ibaraki University. An annual medical examination is performed in spring to check the health of students, which is also used to prepare individual medical examination reports. First aid treatment, of course, is provided as needed.

4. Health insurance

● National Health Insurance
Foreign students with a College Student visa who live in Japan are required to subscribe to the National Health Insurance. The application procedures to join the National Health Insurance plan can be completed at your local city office. The insurance premium has to be paid monthly once registration is completed.

● Students Accident Insurance
In addition to the National Health Insurance program, exchange students from Ibaraki University’s partner universities are required to join the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research plan. This insurance covers injuries that the students may suffer during the course of regular class work, official school events, or in approved extracurricular activities (either inside or outside the university).
VI FINANCIAL AID

Ibaraki University Scholarship
Ibaraki University offers a scholarship to exchange students to promote reciprocal student exchanges. Priority is given to exchange students from universities with which an imbalance exists in the number of exchange students. The monthly stipend is 40,000 yen (up to 10 months).

VII HOW TO APPLY

If you are studying at one of Ibaraki University’s partner universities, you can contact the office of international studies (or its equivalent) at your home institution, and they will be able to supply information about how to apply to Ibaraki University as an exchange student.

Your application must be submitted through the office of international studies at your home institution. Ibaraki University does not accept applications from individual students.

Applications must be received by:
- Around the last week of September for the first semester (April to September)
- Around the last week of February for the second semester (October to March)
*These deadlines vary from year to year.
Please confirm the dates with the office of international studies (or its equivalent) at your home institution.

My Mito Experience

I decided to choose Ibaraki University because of the schools reputation for being a safe and fun exciting place to study. I believe that there is truly something special about Ibaraki prefecture and especially Ibaraki University. Upon arriving here six months prior till now, I have come to realize that I really enjoy Ibaraki University and the atmosphere created by the students and teachers that attend the university. Ibaraki for me feels like home, and I feel that Mito and the surrounding areas provide exchange students excellent opportunities to experience life in Japan. I will never forget the memories and experiences I have created here at Ibaraki University.

-Benjamin Self (U.S.A.)
Access from Narita International Airport to the Mito Campus

There is an airport shuttle bus called the Rose Liner from Narita International Airport to downtown Mito. It takes approximately two hours from the airport to JR Mito Station.

JR Mito Station, North Side Bus Terminal No. 7. Take the Ibaraki Kotsu Bus, Ibadai Yuki, and get off at the Ibadai Mae bus stop. It is approximately a 25 to 30 minutes’ ride.

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