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- (4) I have just completed a graduate program. Do I have to submit the graduation certificate, degree certificate and academic transcript only from graduate school?

----- Answers -----

1. Program information

1-1. Courses

- (1) Do you offer evening courses for working individuals?
 - No, we do not offer evening courses. Evening courses are available at Tokyo Campus.
[EN] <https://www.office.otsuka.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/>
[JP] <https://www.office.otsuka.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

- (2) Do you offer online courses to obtain the IB educator certificates?
 - No, we do not offer the program only online nor the courses just for the certificates.

- (3) If I complete the two-year program, am I eligible to obtain the IB educator certificates?
 - For more detailed information, please visit the webpages below.
IB educator certificates at the University of Tsukuba
[EN] <https://www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/graduate/subprogram-international-education-masters-program-education/>
[JP] <https://www.education.tsukuba.ac.jp/content/uploads/sites/31/2021/04//webmail-3.pdf>
IB educator and leadership certificates (IBEC)
<https://ibo.org/professional-development/professional-certificates/>

- (4) Are the courses taught in English?
 - Please refer to 'Language of instruction' in the brochure.
https://www.education.tsukuba.ac.jp/content/uploads/sites/31/2021/09/20210911-UTIE-Brochure_final.pdf

1-2. Non-Degree Student (Research Student / Credited Auditors)

- (1) How can I apply for a research student?
 - For more detailed information, please visit the webpage below.
International Student Admission Guide Non-Degree Research Student
[EN] <https://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/academics/international-research-students/>

- (2) Will the credits I have earned as a research student be recognized as credits for completing my study after I enter the program?
- No, they won't. Research students cannot earn credits. Please visit the same link above.
- (3) Can credited auditors obtain the IB educator certificates?
- No, they cannot. To obtain the IB educator certificates, you must officially enroll in the program.

1-3. Career Path after Graduation

- (1) What are my career options after graduating from this program?
- Please visit the webpage below and refer to 'Typical Career Paths'.
Master's Program in Education | University of Tsukuba
[EN] <https://www.education.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/masters-program/>
[JP] <https://www.education.tsukuba.ac.jp/edu-mp/ie-sp/>
- (2) Am I qualified to teach at school in Japan or do I need another license after completing this program?
- The IB educator certificates are not a teaching license in Japan. You would not be legally qualified in terms of licensure.
 - Graduate students are allowed to register as credited auditors to complete a teacher-training course (undergraduate level). The courses are delivered in Japanese.
 - For more detailed information, please visit the webpage below.
Non-degree Student (Credited Auditors)
[EN]
<https://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/academics/international-exam-scheduleauditors/>

2. Entrance Exam

2-1. General

- (1) Which selection process should I take?
- There are three pathways into the program.
 - ✧ General Selection Process
 - ✧ Special Selection Process for Working Individuals
 - ✧ Special Selection Process for English Speakers and Overseas Japanese Nationals

- All three pathways are open to students regardless of nationality but the two selection pathways other than the Special Selection Process for English Speakers and Overseas Japanese Nationals require Japanese proficiency.
- For more detailed information, please refer to the application guidelines. [Master's Programs \(Human Sciences\) | Degree Programs in Comprehensive Human Sciences | University of Tsukuba Graduate Admissions 2023](#)
[EN] https://eng.ap-graduate.tsukuba.ac.jp/course/chs/hum_first_all/
[JP] https://www.ap-graduate.tsukuba.ac.jp/course/chs/hum_first_all/

(2) Please provide an overview of the enrollment number of students.

- AY2023 Entrance Examination Results

[JP] <https://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/admission/graduate-result/pdf/r5-6.pdf>

	Applicants	Passed	Enrolled
General Selection Process	11	7	6
Special Selection Process for Working Individuals	7	4	4
Special Selection Process for English Speakers and Overseas Japanese Nationals	15	3	3
Total	33	14	13

(3) Is it necessary to contact the professor before application?

- No, it isn't. Prior contact with an academic advisor is not required to apply for the program. (Prior contact is required for applicants for [the Subprogram in Education Sciences.](#))

(4) Can I take the Subprogram in International Education exam in English to enroll in the Subprogram in School Education for the Next Generation?

- No, you cannot. The Subprogram in School Education for the Next Generation is different from this program.

(5) Will there be supplementary examination (Online) for examinees unable to be present due to the COVID-19?

- Please check the information and updates on the webpage below.

[Home | University of Tsukuba Graduate Admissions 2023](#)

[EN] <https://eng.ap-graduate.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

[JP] <https://www.ap-graduate.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

2-2. Special Selection Process for English Speakers and Overseas Japanese Nationals (hereby 'English SSP')

[Application Guidelines] https://eng.ap-graduate.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/pdf/chs/hum_first/Application%20Guidelines-English%20speakers.pdf

- (1) Is it possible to take the English SSP online from overseas without coming to Japan?
 - Yes, it is. Overseas residents can take the English SSP online. Please refer to Section 1 and 9 in the application guidelines.

- (2) I only have a graduation certificate, degree certificate, and academic transcript written in my local language other than English. Can I translate by myself?
 - No, you cannot. Please provide a certified translation. A photocopy will not be accepted. Please refer to Section 6 in the application guidelines.

- (3) Can I submit the original graduation certificate and degree certificate awarded at the time of graduation?
 - No, you cannot. As submitted documents are not returnable, please do not submit the original certificate but ask your university to issue the certificate of graduation/completion that proves your degree.

- (4) I have just completed a graduate program. Do I have to submit the graduation certificate, degree certificate and academic transcript only from graduate school?
 - You need to submit the certificates and academic transcript issued by the university which you have earned a bachelor's degree as well.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at;
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We look forward to your application.
Thank you.

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