



University of Tsukuba

With over 130 years of history, and ranked in the top 10 Japanese universities, the **University of Tsukuba** has a long and proud history as one of Japan's premier educational institutions.

Subprogram in International Education, Master's Program in Education

"Master of Arts in Education (International Education)" launched in April of 2017 to meet the global social demands for education. With the Graduate Education Reform at the university, it was reorganized as "**Subprogram in International Education**" in April of 2020. This subprogram is one of three specializations offered in the **Master's Program in Education**.

Aims of the specialization

The aim of the **Master's Program in Education** is to develop highly skilled and committed leaders who can address issues in the field. The **Subprogram in International Education** aims to develop the knowledge, skills, and concepts necessary for successful practice and research in a globalized world.

International Baccalaureate Educator Certificates (IBECs)

The Subprogram in International Education has been recognized by the International Baccalaureate (IB) as meeting the IB's requirements for the award of an **IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning** (Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and the Diploma Programme) and the **IB Advanced Certificate in Teaching and Learning Research**. Further information on the IBECs can be found on the IB's website: <https://www.ibo.org/>

Tuition

Currently, the fees include an admission fee of 282,000 JPY and an annual tuition fee of 535,800 JYP. Students with financial difficulties may be eligible for reduced or free tuition if they can prove financial need and maintain an excellent academic standing. Please note that Japanese national and foreign students are subject to the same fees. For the latest information on the fees please visit the University of Tsukuba's official website.

Scholarships

There are several options for financial assistance. Please note that the deadlines for government scholarships are almost a year prior to the commencement of study.

Government scholarships

The Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) offers some scholarships for foreign students. Information on applying for Japanese Government scholarships is available on the embassy or consulate-general in your home country. Please visit the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) website 'Planning studies in Japan': <https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/planning/about-scholarship/>

Private scholarships and financial support

Once enrolled in the program students can apply for scholarships provided by local governments, organizations and private scholarships. For more information on financial support please visit the University of Tsukuba's official website 'Scholarships': <https://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/admissions/financial-scholarships/index.html>

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Objectives of the specialization

The objectives of the **Subprogram in International Education** are to develop internationally minded inquirers with a sound understanding of innovative thinking in education and the skills necessary to plan and conduct research on issues in international education. Students will investigate pedagogy, curriculum and assessment in the context of the International Baccalaureate and other international curricula.

Student profile

This specialization welcomes open-minded thinkers with an active interest in educational innovation who want to contribute to the field of international education.

Admissions

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply.

- Individuals who have graduated or who will graduate from a Japanese four-year university by March
- Individuals who have earned or will earn a bachelor's degree in Japan by March
- Individuals who have graduated or, are expected to graduate from a university outside Japan that implements 16 or more years of a school curriculum up to university graduation, leading to a bachelor's degree by March
- Individuals who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- Individuals who have been recognized in the individual qualification screening process as having the equivalent to the conditions above

Application process

Applications will be accepted in September for the following April start. There are three application pathways available:

- General Admission
- Special Selection for Working Individuals
- Special Selection for English Speakers and Overseas Japanese Nationals

Please visit the University of Tsukuba's official website 'Graduate Admissions': <https://eng.ap-graduate.tsukuba.ac.jp/course/chs/>

Evaluation of applications

Information on the process by which candidates will be evaluated is included in the admissions guidelines published on the university website. The admission guidelines are reviewed annually and will be published in the spring prior to the application period.

Program structure (Degree requirements)

To complete the Master's Program in Education students must obtain 30 credits of course work and successfully complete a master's thesis. Students must complete the following mandatory courses of the specialization:

- Education and an Interconnected World
- Research Methodology
- Research Design and Methods
- International Baccalaureate Education Graduate Seminar I-III

Students must take credits from electives groups one and two.

Elective group 1

- Pedagogy for a Changing world I
- Pedagogy for a Changing world II
- Assessment for Learning I
- Assessment for Learning II
- Curriculum as Process I
- Curriculum as Process II
- Professional Learning and Reflective Practice
- The IB PYP
- The IB MYP
- The IB DP

Elective group 2

- Field Research
- Education for International Understanding
- Globalization and Education
- International Education Development
- International Cooperation in Educational Development
- International Comparative Study on Teacher Education

To be eligible for the **IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning** students must hold a teaching qualification or evidence of teaching experience. Students must also complete the compulsory courses and all courses from elective group one. (NB: Students will choose one of the IB programme specific courses as their focus.) To be eligible for the **IB Advanced Certificate in Teaching and Learning Research** students need to complete a master's thesis on an IB topic and have three years of experience in an IB context.

Language of instruction

Course offerings in this specialization will include both courses taught in English and Japanese. Students wishing to pursue the IB Educator Certificates will have most of their course work delivered in English. There will be significant language support offered to Japanese speakers. While it is possible to complete this program completely in English, English speakers without Japanese proficiency will have limited course choice.

Academic year

The University of Tsukuba has two semesters which are divided into three five-week terms (A, B, C). Most classes take place in Terms A and B. The academic year begins in April and ends in March.

