Regarding media coverage of the College of Design (tentative name) concept

The establishment of the College of Design (tentative name) is one of the major initiatives that the University has been considering as part of its efforts to "create a new university model" as stated in UTokyo Compass, its basic policy regarding the philosophy and direction the University should pursue.

In today's increasingly complex and diverse society, there is a need for exceptional individuals who can take the initiative to tackle global challenges faced by human society and become the changemakers of the future. The College of Design (tentative name) will provide a place for interdisciplinary learning and problem-solving that transcends existing academic disciplines, with a focus on "design" in its broadest sense, including the transformation of social systems.

This concept was originally announced at the end of October 2023 as part of the "UTokyo Compass 2-Year Progress Report," and a committee has been established to discuss the establishment of a College of Design in order to promote the implementation of this concept.

The College of Design (tentative name) is scheduled to open in autumn of 2027. As of February 2024, we have begun discussions in the following directions, and will continue to coordinate with related institutions on the necessary procedures while further deepening the discussions within the University.
(1) Faculty Organization
- The College will be composed of a diverse faculty from both Japan and overseas, and students will be able to receive guidance from practitioners in the private sector.
- Faculty members of the College will hold concurrent positions within existing Faculties to promote university-wide reforms in both education and research.

(2) Curriculum of the College
- A five-year program that integrates the bachelor's and master's degree programs.
- The new curriculum will redefine design as a broad concept and develop a different kind of "design" education based on interdisciplinary knowledge that integrates the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering and other fields.
- Classes will be conducted in English and will provide an environment in which students can learn independently according to their own interests and issues.

(3) Scale of the College
- 100 students per grade, and allowing students of existing Faculties to take classes in the College is being considered.

(4) Entrance examination for the College
- The College will have a global entrance examination and accept students from all over the world, including those from Japan.
- The entrance period will be in autumn, and diversity will be ensured through a new selection method that is not bound by the conventional university entrance examinations.

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The University of Tokyo
New College of Design to tackle complex global issues

Transforming education to enhance our global impact and competitiveness

College of Design / School of Design
Bachelor-Master 4+1 year Program / Doctoral Program

Design = Value creation / social design incorporating viewpoints of global citizens
Student-centered learning
English-medium courses
Diversity / Equity / Inclusion-based design
Information and data sciences, AI

Subjects of design or redesign (examples)
- Social systems for decarbonization, biodiversity, etc.
- Social common capital such as healthcare and education
- Service products to enhance well-being and DEI

Directly overseen by the Provost

Global admissions
A new admissions system to attract global talent

Shared structure: Students and Faculty
Some faculty members will concurrently hold positions in existing Faculties and CoD, spreading reforms in education and research throughout the University.
(Shared Faculty)

University-wide targets (2049)
Overall ratio of international students
Undergraduates > 30%
Graduates > 40%
Non-Japanese researchers > 30%
Female faculty > 40%

A new platform for transcending disciplines and all existing UTokyo organizations

Globally recruited faculty

In addition to students belonging to CoD (Core), some students will participate from existing Faculties (Affiliate) to further enhance the synergy between CoD and the existing Faculties.
UTokyo College of Design/School of Design

“The New University” to embody world-class education and research

Organization directly under the Provost
(Rational, strategic, and efficient resource allocation with the aim of overall university reorganization)

College of Design
World-class degree program in English
(Bachelor-Master 5-year program)

Design =
Incorporating value creation and social design from the viewpoint of global citizens

Student-Centered Education
New curriculum

Learning management system UTokyo One (UTONE)
Learning portfolio for each student

Cutting-edge online education system

Core Students

Affiliate Students

Social Impact
Entrepreneurship
Global South / Regions in Japan

SDGs
Innovation
Study Abroad / International Internships

Core Students

Affiliate Students

SDGs
Innovation
Study Abroad / International Internships

Shared Faculty System

Participation of all organizations of UTokyo
= Promotion of specialized and interdisciplinary education and research

Outstanding Faculty Members Globally
= Flexible Employment
  • International recruitment of faculty members
  • Cross-appointments
  • Global Fellows

Design theory and practice contributing to the world

Graduate schools around the world / UTokyo
Enrollment in Doctoral Programs and Career Development for Researchers

UTokyo Breakthrough

Global Admissions
(Reflect diversity as much as possible for international admissions)

UTokyo College admissions

Domestic and International Students facing Financial or Humanitarian Hardship

University-wide international education platform

Global Admissions
(Reflect diversity as much as possible for international admissions)

UTokyo College admissions

Domestic and International Students facing Financial or Humanitarian Hardship

GlobE

Integration

UTokyo College of Design/School of Design

Degree Program in English

UTokyo Global Education Program

Cooperation

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Organization for the Establishment of the College of Design

Committee for the Establishment of the College of Design
- Chairperson: President
- Composition: Executive Vice Presidents, Executive Directors and Vice Presidents etc.
- Task: Organize points of consideration and promote dialogue regarding the CoD concept

Task Force to prepare the concept of the College of Design

Conceptual Committee of the College of Design

Finance Working Group

Public Relations Working Group

Information Sharing
Dialogue

Dialogue

Existing organizations in the University

Administrative support system across departments