

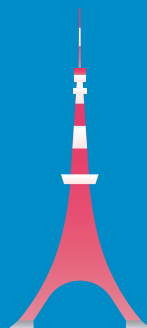
# Experience Excellence at UTokyo





## Tokyo

Home to more than 38 million people, the greater Tokyo area has the largest concentration of population in the world. It offers a stunning mix of the traditional and modern, including some of the best food scenes and one of the most efficient transportation systems in the world. It is also an amazingly safe, clean, and affordable city. Experience this truly exciting metropolis while studying at UTokyo!



## UTokyo

Founded in 1877, UTokyo is regarded as the best university in Japan and consistently attracts talented minds from all over the world. About 28,000 students, representing more than 100 nations, are studying under the guidance of leading scholars in a variety of fields. The university has produced many distinguished graduates throughout its history, including Nobel prize laureates in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace as well as political and business leaders of Japan and the world.



# About UTokyo GUC



The University of Tokyo's "Global Unit Courses" (GUC) provides a great opportunity for students around the world to experience studying at one of the world's foremost universities in East Asia. UTokyo GUC offers a variety of in-person and online courses with cutting-edge contents, taught by leading faculty members of the University of Tokyo.



## GUC Faculty

All GUC professors are faculty members of UTokyo prominent in their research fields. These leading scholars will offer an exciting range of courses in English from the humanities to social science to STEM subjects. The students will be able to directly interact with their professor, as the courses are small (about 20 students) and include active discussion sessions.

## Program Schedule

- 1 **Application Period** Early February to Mid-March
- 2 **Results Announcement** Mid-April
- 3 **Payment Deadline** Mid-April to Late April
- 4 **Program Period** Mid-June to July  
**Term 1:** Mid-June to Late June  
**Term 2:** Early July to Mid-July  
**Term 3:** Late July

### Course Details and Application Guidelines

For specific dates and time, please check UTokyo GUC website.



# Courses

\*The courses marked with \* will be offered online, while the others will be in-person.

|                          | Course Title  | Unit |
|--------------------------|---|------|
| <b>Term 1</b>            | Group Theory and Its Applications   | 1    |
|                          | Sustainable Air Transport Systems   | 1    |
|                          | Our Universe  | 1    |
|                          | Design for Social Impact:<br>Creating Ideas for Ecosystem Flourishing                                 | 2    |
|                          | Tissue Engineering and Stem Cell Technologies for Neuroscience  | 1    |
|                          | International Security of the Asia-Pacific  | 1    |
|                          | Culture, Media and Society in Japan   | 1    |
| <b>Term 2</b>            | Early Language Acquisition:<br>How Human Infants Learn Language Within Their Social Environment       | 1    |
|                          | Introduction to School Education in Japan   | 1    |
|                          | AI for Understanding Human Intelligence   | 2    |
|                          | AI and Social Justice   | 1    |
|                          | A History and Culture of the Senses   | 1    |
| <b>Term 3</b>            | Field Trip with Professor Yoshiyuki Kawazoe on Urban Design in Tokyo                                  | 1    |
|                          | Modern Japanese History   | 1    |
|                          | Governance for Sustainable Development  | 1    |
|                          | Making Robots Expressive  | 1    |
|                          | Resource Management, Efficiency and Social Justice:<br>Both Perspectives from Economics and Sociology | 0.5* |
|                          | Dilemmas of Development in Asia   | 1    |
|                          | An Introduction to Quantum Biology  | 1    |
|                          | Heritage Studies in Japan   | 1    |
|                          | Law in Transnational East Asia  | 1    |
| <b>Japanese Language</b> | Survival Japanese (Beginner Level) [Term1]  | 0.5* |
|                          | Level 5 Further Steps (Advanced Level) [Term1]  | 0.5* |
|                          | Level 4 Further Steps (Upper Intermediate Level) [Term1]  | 0.5* |
|                          | Level 3 Further Steps (Lower Intermediate Level) [Term2]  | 0.5* |
|                          | Level 2 Further Steps (Upper Elementary Level) [Term2]  | 0.5* |
|                          | Survival Japanese (Beginner Level) [Term3]  | 0.5* |
|                          | Level 1 Further Steps (Lower Elementary Level) [Term3]  | 0.5* |

Students can choose to apply for one or more courses across different terms, provided the schedules do not overlap.

Japanese Language Courses are open only to the students who register for at least one of the main courses above.

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| Global Unit/<br>Assessment | Students will be rigorously assessed and be given "Global Units" based on their performance and the number of class hours. Upon completion of a course, a Global Unit Certificate, which may be used to calculate credits for transfer to your home institution, will be issued by the University of Tokyo.   |
| Contact Hours              | 1-Unit course: 15 hours (900 minutes / 90-minute session × 10)<br>0.5-Unit course: 7.5 hours (450 minutes / 90-minute session × 5)<br>2-Unit course: 30 hours (1800 minutes / 90-minute session × 20)   |
| Eligibility                | Applicants must be currently enrolled in a university as a full-time student outside of Japan or a full-time student of UTokyo (undergraduate and graduate).  |
| Language Requirement       | All UTokyo GUC courses are taught in English except for Japanese language courses, and knowledge of Japanese is not required. While a certificate of English proficiency is not required, students must possess sufficient language proficiency to complete university-level coursework. The minimum required proficiency is TOEFL iBT 90 or IELTS 6.5.   |
| Fees                       | <p><b><u>Application Fee</u></b><br/> <b>JPY 5,000</b><br/> The application fee must be paid during application period by credit card ONLY and is strictly non-refundable. There is no application fee for UTokyo students.</p> <p><b><u>Program Fees</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person format: <b>JPY 180,000</b> per Global Unit</li> <li>• Online format: <b>JPY 35,000</b> per 0.5 Global Unit</li> </ul> <p>The program fee must be paid in full after admission is confirmed in April by credit card ONLY.</p> <p><b><u>Discounts for Students from AUA / IARU / USTEP Universities</u></b><br/> Students currently enrolled at AUA / IARU / USTEP universities are eligible for a 15% discount on the program fees.</p> |
| Accommodation              | While campus housing is not available for GUC students, this provides an opportunity to choose accommodation that best suits students' preferences and needs. Tokyo offers a wide variety of options, and past participants have enjoyed selecting and securing their own housing.  |



## Contact

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# Student Voices

## National University of Singapore

The learning material is thought-provoking and interesting. My professors put in great efforts to arrange the material and deliver the content in an engaging and entertaining manner. I was able to learn a lot about several new and challenging topics because of their amazing teaching approach. All my classmates are very open-minded and kind-hearted despite our different cultural backgrounds. We had a wonderful time together learning and exploring the academics as well as Japanese culture in general.

## Open Universiteit

All of GUC was satisfactory, especially the Get Together, the lectures, and the class atmosphere, which really stood out. The Get Together created an immediate connection with the other students. The lectures were engaging and interesting, the online material was a nice addition, and the class atmosphere made the classes enjoyable to attend.

## National Taiwan University

Since this is my first time taking this kind of course abroad, I have benefited greatly from the opportunity to meet students from different countries, regions, and cultures.

## Chulalongkorn University

The professor and TA were very kind and helpful; they listened to our comments and tried to adapt the class to meet our needs. The classmates came from various countries, which made the class truly intercultural. I really enjoyed discussing with my classmates because it helped broaden my perspective and allowed me to learn about other cultures—not only Japanese.

## Tsinghua University

The lecture was great, especially the perspectives it provided and the discussions it involved. The professor, as well as the TA, organized the lecture material in a way that covered many topics, which I found both interesting and important. I also feel fortunate to have been in a classroom with outstanding students from prestigious universities around the world, and I truly appreciate the opportunity to have made friends with them.

## Universiti Malaya

The professor provided us with highly useful and globally relevant information of course topics. It opened my eyes to the importance of communicating with classmates from different backgrounds.

## University of Toronto

From beginning to end, GUC involved fully interacting with classmates, staff, and lecturers. This created an interactive class atmosphere and allowed us to get to know each other well.

## Seoul National University

The Get Together was a wonderful opportunity to meet students from abroad, and they greatly helped with my team project during the lecture. Additionally, there were plenty of learning materials, which allowed me to understand the lecture in depth. I was also satisfied with the University of Tokyo's campus and its location, as there were many things to do and places to explore.

## Universitas Indonesia

This is completely new to me because I have never had the experience of studying in another country. I really liked the Get Together in this program because I met new people from different universities and countries. This allowed me to learn about their cultures, and we shared them with each other.

## University of Cambridge

It was enriching to study both from the learning material and the in-person lectures, as there was a lot of new information to absorb, making it all very interesting for me. I also appreciated the class atmosphere, as there was a diverse range of people from different places and backgrounds. This diversity made the discussions vibrant and allowed me to learn new things about cultural contexts I had not been exposed to before.

## University of California Los Angeles

The lecturers during my time in the program were beyond exceptional, providing a wealth of detail and insight while also taking great care to monitor classroom engagement and nurture a diligent yet fun atmosphere.

## The University of Hong Kong

The overall management and structure of GUC courses were well organised. I was able to gain all the required details and information without any confusion. I was well-informed.

## Oxford University

I found the material of the course I took to be very rich. It did not feel like a short programme; the lectures were very enriching, adding to the learning material. The class atmosphere was also warm and welcoming. We had a lot of group discussions, and I was able to make some good friends.

## The University of Tokyo

The lecture wasn't just about sitting and listening; we were also able to visit the lab frequently and observe how the experiments were conducted. I was satisfied with the cultural exposure I gained through GUC by communicating with the other outstanding students in the course.