


Tsuru International Student Program (TISP)

Fact Sheet 2024 - 2025

1. Tsuru University

Institution	Tsuru University
Address	3-8-1 Tahara, Tsuru, Yamanashi, Japan 402-8555
Website	https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/
Application Website	https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/186.html
Institution Profile	Tsuru University is a public university in the city of Tsuru, a town of 30,000 people at the southeastern foot of Mt. Fuji in Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan. Founded in 1955 as a two-year teacher's training college, Tsuru University became a four-year university of Humanities in 1960. We share a belief and sense of mission that the aim of university education is to nourish young people to become mature, responsible citizen with a deep understanding of humanity.
Departments	School Education Japanese Literature English Language and Literature Community and Society Comparative Culture Studies Global Education
Enrollment	3,500 in undergraduate programs, 20 in graduate courses, 50 full-time degree-seeking international students.
Faculty	120 full-time faculty members, 300 part-time lecturers
Location	We are at the foot of Mt. Fuji, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, also one of the most popular tourist spots in Japan. Thousands of people visit the area to climb Mt. Fuji during the summer climbing season. Tokyo is about a 1.5-hour train ride away from us. Students can enjoy a day trip to some of the famous tourist attractions such as Shinjuku, Shibuya, Harajuku, Asakusa and Akihabara.
Tsuru Grade Scale	S (90-100) GPA 4.0 A (80-90) GPA 3.0 B (70-79) GPA 2.0 C (60-69) GPA 1.0 F (0-59) GPA 0 H (incomplete) GPA 0

2. TISP Program

TISP (Tsuru International Student Program)	One-semester undergraduate program with strong focus on language, culture, society and local community immersion featuring 3.5-week intensive Japanese Language courses (4 credits worth)
Program Eligibility	Students of all levels of Japanese language skills at a higher institution, with a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3.5-week intensive Japanese courses with focus on communication ● Undergraduate Japanese courses are offered in the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels ● Courses taught in English are available ● Visiting Local Schools ● Internship opportunity at local high school (2 credits) ● Cultural experiences: Participating in a local festival, Tea ceremony, Flower arrangement, Calligraphy, <i>Zazen</i> Meditation, Trip to Mt. Fuji area and more ● Student tutor system
Program Dates	<p>TISP Spring 2024: Early March – Early August, 2024</p> <p>TISP Fall 2024: Early August – Early February, 2025 *TBC</p> <p>*3.5-week intensive Japanese courses in March/ September are followed by undergraduate courses from April – August/October-February.</p>
Nomination Deadline	<p>Spring 2024 Entry: September 1, 2023</p> <p>Fall 2024 Entry: March 1, 2024</p>
Application Deadline	<p>Spring 2024 Entry: October 1, 2023</p> <p>Fall 2024 Entry: April 1, 2024</p>
Program Orientation	<p>Spring 2024: End of February, 2024 *TBC</p> <p>Fall 2024: End of August, 2024 *TBC</p>
Suggested Arrival Date	<p>Spring 2024: End of February, 2024 *TBC</p> <p>Fall 2024: End of August, 2024 *TBC</p>
Accommodation	<p>All exchange students will be placed in a four-person suite in the International House, <i>Kokusai Kouryu Kaikan</i>.</p> <p>*Details on dormitory rents and payment options will be announced later.</p> 

Average Living Cost in Tsuru	Approximately ¥70,000 (about US\$550) a month including <i>Kaikan</i> rent, food, mandatory NHS health insurance, travel, and other miscellaneous.
Required Application Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Form: https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/186.html 2. Application for Certificate of Eligibility (see in the above link) 3. Health History and Immunization (see in the above link) 4. Financial Statement/documentation of funds in bank account 5. Reference from Japanese Language Instructor 6. Home University Registration Certificate: To Whom It May Concern 7. Home University Official Transcript of Academic Records 8. Personal Statement/Statement of Purpose 9. Copy of passport photo page <p>Materials No. 1~3 are linked in the Online Application. Please send a complete set of supplemental documents No. 4-9 in PDF files to studyabroad@tsuru.ac.jp. No need to send hard copies.</p>
Package to Partner University includes	Official Letter of Acceptance by Tsuru University Certificate of Eligibility (CoE); for visa application
Visa Process	Visit the nearest Japanese consulate with Official Letter of Acceptance, CoE, and other necessary documents in order to obtain “student” (<i>Ryugaku</i>) status.
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