

Education



TUFS provides students with the opportunity to learn about the languages, cultures and societies of the world, and to experience these first-hand with the cooperation of our overseas partner institutions.

Undergraduate Programs

School of Language and Culture Studies

Students of the School of Language and Culture Studies gain a deep knowledge of the languages and cultures of various regions, and develop communicative competence and coordination skills that transcend language and cultural barriers. Graduates of this school go on to contribute to the formation of new societal values by serving as the bridges between languages and cultures both inside and outside of Japan.

Courses

1. Regional Studies
2. Trans-regional Studies

School of International and Area Studies

Students of the School of International and Area Studies develop a deep understanding of the complex workings of the regions of the world, research skills to analyze them, and the practical ability to solve issues from a global perspective. Graduates of this school go on to play active roles in social, political and economic fields both inside and outside of Japan.

Courses

1. Area Studies
2. Contemporary Global Studies
3. International Relations

School of Japan Studies

Students of the School of Japan Studies comprehensively study Japan from an international perspective, and develop the skills needed to represent Japan to the world. Graduates of this school go on to use their acquired knowledge and collaborative skills to contribute to problem-solving in a rapidly multicultural Japan.

Graduate Programs

Graduate School of Global Studies (Master's and Doctoral Programs)

Students of the Graduate School of Global Studies develop the comprehensive ability to understand various issues from a bird's eye view, and develop specific and practical skills in cross-cultural communication and coordination throughout their research.

Graduate School of Japan Studies (Master's and Doctoral Programs)

Students of the Graduate School of Japan Studies develop an understanding of Japan from a global point of view, refine their skills in representing Japan to the world, and conduct research under the guidance of leading researchers from both inside and outside of Japan.

Joint Doctoral Program for Sustainability Research

Doctoral students in this program conduct research in the humanities and sciences to contribute towards solving problems on a global scale such as poverty, conflict, distribution of food and resources, sustainability of energy and environment, information and ICT.

Japanese Language Center for International Students (JLCTUFS)

The Center mainly accepts MEXT scholarship students undergoing preparatory training prior to entering undergraduate programs in Japanese national universities.



International Students at TUFS

Degree Programs

Undergraduate:

Around 180 international students study at TUFS as full-time undergraduate students. Among them, the School of Japan Studies accepts 30 international students each year, including roughly 10 students enrolled through the pre-arrival admissions program with no Japanese language ability required. They study together with local students.

Graduate:

There are around 240 international students enrolled in the programs offered by the Graduate School of Global Studies. Classes are primarily conducted in Japanese, but lectures in the Peace and Conflict Studies program, the Joint Doctoral Program for Sustainability Research, and the History in the Public Sphere (HIPS) MA Double Degree Program are primarily conducted in English.



Non-degree Programs

International Exchange Student Program

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP-TUFS) is designed for inbound international exchange students. It provides them with the opportunity to acquire a firm understanding of Japanese culture and to deepen their perspectives on current international issues at an academic level.

Research Student Program

In the Research Student Program, MEXT scholarship students or self-funded students can enroll in TUFS undergraduate, graduate or Japanese Language Center (JLC) courses to conduct research on specific topics, while also studying the Japanese language and other related areas of specialization.



Distinctive Education Programs



TUFS actively accepts students with diverse cultural backgrounds from all over the world to nurture professionals with global perspectives who are knowledgeable in languages, cultures, and societies of various regions. There are degree programs in each stage that are taught in English.

01

Study Japan in a Global Context

School of Japan Studies

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) was originally founded by the Edo Shogunate in 1857 and in 2023 celebrated 150 years as an institution specializing in the research and teaching of global languages and cultures. The School of Japan Studies (SJS) was established in 2019. It is the first undergraduate department at a national university specializing in Japan Studies. Today, TUFS is widely recognized as one of Japan's top universities specializing in the humanities and social sciences.

Students learn about Japan from interdisciplinary and international perspectives, while improving their Japanese language proficiency. Students can study Japanese politics, economics, society, history, literature, culture, and the Japanese language.

Students from diverse backgrounds study together using both English and Japanese, engaging in project-based learning to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

By the fourth year, students have attained a high level of Japanese language proficiency, learned many practical skills in Project-Based Courses, and deepened their specialized knowledge about Japan via the many Major Subjects on offer. In the final year, students conduct a year-long graduation thesis project under the supervision of a professor of their choice.



02

Celebrating 20 years of establishing a strong worldwide network to analyze conflict

Peace and Conflict Studies

The Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) course, since its inception in 2004, has been focusing on the concept of "building peace and analyzing conflict" from a perspective that supplements the Western context, while nurturing professionals with expertise on peace and conflict and other areas of international and global affairs.

The PCS course admits around 12 students per year, providing a very intimate and intensive educational dynamic between students and faculty. With students from various backgrounds, the program provides opportunities for everyone to gain experience in cross-cultural understanding and in working collaboratively. A strong alumni network is formed among graduates working on the frontline of peace and conflict resolution activities.

As the PCS course is designated as a priority graduate program under MEXT, there is a preferential allocation of MEXT scholarships for pcs students.



03

An Inter-university Ph.D program offered by three distinctive universities in Tokyo

Joint Doctoral Program for Sustainability Research (Graduate School of Global Studies Doctoral Program)

The Joint Doctoral Program for Sustainability Research (JDPSR) is a multidisciplinary research program jointly offered by Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT) and the University of Electro-Communications (UEC). This joint doctoral research program was established in 2019 based on the thinking that working towards a resolution for global issues currently being faced by humanity - particularly issues related to development, the environment, and peace - is the duty and purpose of sustainability research.

Key features

- Triplet academic support by three universities
- Multidisciplinary sustainability research
- Diverse and international research environment
- All coursework in English

