

Prerequisites for USTEP Type G Applicants

As of July, 2026

Important Note:

- If the graduate school you wish to apply to specifies a required test level/score (such as TOEFL or IELTS) in the "Language Proficiency" section, you must submit a copy of the official certificate demonstrating that you meet that score/level, unless you qualify for an exemption as indicated in the "Note" or "Conditions" section.
- For TOEFL iBT tests taken on or after January 21, 2026, the required scores will continue to be applied using the 0–120 scale.

◆Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	There is no specific English proficiency level set but Japanese proficiency is required (see below).	
	Japanese	JLPT level N1 * Must be able to understand and participate in academic discussion in Japanese: Most of the courses at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology will be held in Japanese due to course objectives and aim of the courses. Please note that very high Japanese proficiency is necessary in order to take these courses.	
Conditions		Departments/programs accepting exchange students: -General Culture, Linguistics(基礎文化研究専攻、言語学専門分野) -General Culture, Archaeology(基礎文化研究専攻、考古学専門分野) -General Culture, History of Art(基礎文化研究専攻、美術史学専門分野) -General Culture, Philosophy(基礎文化研究専攻、哲学専門分野) -General Culture, Ethics(基礎文化研究専攻、倫理学専門分野) -General Culture, Religious Studies(基礎文化研究専攻、宗教学宗教学専門分野) -General Culture, Aesthetics(基礎文化研究専攻、美学芸術学専門分野) -General Culture, Death and Life Studies and Practical Ethics(基礎文化研究専攻、死生学応用連理専門分野) -Japanese Studies, Japanese Linguistics(日本文化研究専攻、日本語日本文学(国語学)専門分野) -Japanese Studies, Japanese History(日本文化研究専攻、日本史学専門分野) -Asian Studies, Chinese Language and Literature(アジア文化研究専攻、中国語中国文学専門分野) -Asian Studies, East Asian Thought and Culture(アジア文化研究専攻、東アジア思想文化専門分野) -Asian Studies, Indian Literature, Indian Philosophy and Buddhist Studies(アジア文化研究専攻、インド文学・インド哲学・仏教学専門分野) -Asian Studies, Asian History(アジア文化研究専攻、アジア史専門分野) -European and American Studies, Greek and Latin Classics(欧米系文化研究専攻、西洋古典学専門分野) -European and American Studies, French Language and Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、フランス語フランス文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, Italian Language and Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、イタリア語イタリア文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, English and English Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、英語英米文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, German and German Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、ドイツ語ドイツ文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, Slavic Languages and Literatures(欧米系文化研究専攻、スラヴ語スラヴ文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, Contemporary Literary Studies(欧米系文化研究専攻、現代文芸論専門分野) -European and American Studies, Occidental History(欧米系文化研究専攻、西洋史学専門分野) -Cultural Resources Studies, Cultural Resources Studies(文化資源学研究専攻、文化資源学専門分野) -Cultural Resources Studies, Cultural Infrastructure Studies(文化資源学研究専攻、文化基盤学専門分野) -Cultural Resources Studies, Cultural Management(文化資源学研究専攻、文化経営学専門分野) -Korean Studies, Korean History and Culture(韓国朝鮮文化研究専攻、韓国朝鮮歴史文化専門分野) -Korean Studies, Korean Linguistics and Social Studies(韓国朝鮮文化研究専攻、韓国朝鮮言語社会専門分野)	Departments/programs accepting exchange students: -General Culture, Linguistics(基礎文化研究専攻、言語学専門分野) -General Culture, Archaeology(基礎文化研究専攻、考古学専門分野) -General Culture, History of Art(基礎文化研究専攻、美術史学専門分野) -General Culture, Ethics(基礎文化研究専攻、倫理学専門分野) -General Culture, Religious Studies(基礎文化研究専攻、宗教学宗教学専門分野) -General Culture, Aesthetics(基礎文化研究専攻、美学芸術学専門分野) -General Culture, Death and Life Studies and Practical Ethics(基礎文化研究専攻、死生学応用連理専門分野) -Japanese Studies, Japanese Linguistics(日本文化研究専攻、日本語日本文学(国語学)専門分野) -Japanese Studies, Japanese History(日本文化研究専攻、日本史学専門分野) -Asian Studies, Chinese Language and Literature(アジア文化研究専攻、中国語中国文学専門分野) -Asian Studies, East Asian Thought and Culture(アジア文化研究専攻、東アジア思想文化専門分野) -Asian Studies, Indian Literature, Indian Philosophy and Buddhist Studies(アジア文化研究専攻、インド文学・インド哲学・仏教学専門分野) -Asian Studies, Islamic Studies(アジア文化研究専攻、イスラム学専門分野) -Asian Studies, Asian History(アジア文化研究専攻、アジア史専門分野) -European and American Studies, Greek and Latin Classics(欧米系文化研究専攻、西洋古典学専門分野) -European and American Studies, French Language and Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、フランス語フランス文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, Italian Language and Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、イタリア語イタリア文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, English and English Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、英語英米文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, German and German Literature(欧米系文化研究専攻、ドイツ語ドイツ文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, Slavic Languages and Literatures(欧米系文化研究専攻、スラヴ語スラヴ文学専門分野) -European and American Studies, Contemporary Literary Studies(欧米系文化研究専攻、現代文芸論専門分野) -European and American Studies, Occidental History(欧米系文化研究専攻、西洋史学専門分野) -Cultural Resources Studies, Cultural Resources Studies(文化資源学研究専攻、文化資源学専門分野) -Cultural Resources Studies, Cultural Infrastructure Studies(文化資源学研究専攻、文化基盤学専門分野) -Cultural Resources Studies, Cultural Management(文化資源学研究専攻、文化経営学専門分野) -Korean Studies, Korean History and Culture(韓国朝鮮文化研究専攻、韓国朝鮮歴史文化専門分野) -Korean Studies, Korean Linguistics and Social Studies(韓国朝鮮文化研究専攻、韓国朝鮮言語社会専門分野)
		*Please note that you need to pick one program you wish to register, and write full program name on the application form. Ex) Not just "General Culture" but "General Culture, Linguistics"	
Minimum Credits		12 credits per semester	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	NOT required	
	Note	Fill in the name of your prospective supervisor in the specified section of the application form.	
Faculty Search		●Faculty Members ●Faculty Search	

◆Graduate School of Education

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	There is no specific English proficiency level set but Japanese proficiency is required (see below).	
	Japanese	JLPT level N1	
	Note		Some supervisors do not require Japanese language skills. Students who wish to know if a prospective supervisor does not require Japanese language skills may contact through the International Education Promotion Group (exchange.in.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp) in advance.
Conditions		N/A	
Minimum Credits		A minimum of six classes per week, equating to at least 10 hours of class time.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	NOT required	
	Note	N/A	
Faculty Search		●Faculty Profiles	

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◆Graduate Schools for Law and Politics

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	TOEFL iBT 90 or above (Home Edition: Accepted, My Best Scores: Not considered), or IELTS 6.5 or above (Indicator and Online: Accepted, One Skill Retake: Not considered) *TOEFL/IELTS test must have taken within two years prior to the application submission date. *Exemption for those who belong to a university/college in UK, Ireland, US, English-speaking region of Canada, Australia and New Zealand or a university/college where the medium of instruction is English. Applicants must submit a proof that the degree program they are currently enrolled in is taught in English.	
		or	
	Japanese	JLPT level N1	
Conditions		Departments/programs accepting exchange students: School of Legal and Political Studies Completed Certificate of Health must be submitted with your application. Please download the form and have your doctor complete the certificate (must be issued within the last 3 months).	
Minimum Credits		Students are required to register for a minimum of six classes per week, equating to at least 10 hours of class time.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	NOT required	
	Note	N/A	
Faculty Search		●Faculty Members	

◆Graduate School of Economics

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	TOEFL iBT 94 or above (My Best Scores: Not considered, Home Edition: Accepted), or IELTS (academic module, Indicator: Not Accepted, One Skill Retake: Not Accepted) 7.0 or above *TOEFL/IELTS test must have taken within two years prior to the application submission date. *Exemption for those who have earned a degree from a university/college in UK, Ireland, US, an English medium university in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand or native English speakers in those nations.	
		or	
	Japanese	JLPT level N1	
	Note	*Submission requirement: Department of Economics: Scores of TOEFL/IELTS (JLPT N1 also required when taking courses offered in Japanese) List of courses offered in English Departments other than Economics: JLPT level N1	
Conditions		*Students should complete their registration at UTokyo office in person on the registration day. *Special auditors should stay at UTokyo until the end of their S2 or A2 terms exams. Period of study: ① April to August (S1S2) ② April to February (S1S2A1A2) ③ October to February (A1A2) *The period may change according to the Academic Calendar. *For applicants who wish to take courses offered at the Department of Economics, all the documents must be written in English. An applicant must satisfy below at home university: When applying; - be a full-time student. - have completed at least a half year of study. - have a minimum B average (70 out of 100) in economics and management subjects. - have submitted transcripts issued by home university. During and after the exchange period; -Be a full-time student at home university throughout the exchange program. -Return to home university after the exchange period. Also, applicants must have completed one year of study by the time of enrollment to UTokyo. Completed Certificate of Health must be submitted with your application. Please download the form and have your doctor complete the certificate (must be issued within the last 3 months).	Special Research Student status NOT available
Minimum Credits		Register at least 6 time-slots per week for each term, equivalent to 6 credits. Courses worth 2 credits consist of 13 x 105-minute classes. To earn credits, students must attend classes and complete all the assignments including exams which are the same tasks given to the regular UTokyo students. It is possible to register economics related courses offered by other graduate schools with our instructor's approval if it is necessary for auditors' research. However, 4 slots for one terms should be taken from the courses offered by Graduate School of Economics.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	NOT required	
	Note	N/A	
Faculty Search		●Academic Departments	

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◆Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	No certificate is required to show English proficiency.	
	Japanese	JLPT level N1	
	Note	A certificate from a Japanese language teacher may be substituted for applicants entering the Department of Advanced Social and International Studies. Japanese language proficiency is not necessarily required for applicants entering the Culture and Representation Course of the Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, the Department of Area Studies, the Department of Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-General Systems Studies, and the Department of Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-Life Sciences.	Japanese language proficiency is not necessarily required for applicants entering the Department of Language and Information Sciences, the Culture and Representation Course of the Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, the Cultural Anthropology Course of the Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies*, the Department of Area Studies, the Department of Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-General Systems Studies, the Department of Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-Basic Science, or the Department of Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-Life Sciences. *For the Cultural Anthropology Course in the Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, applicants are encouraged to submit any documents that demonstrate Japanese language proficiency, if available.
Conditions		Departments accepting exchange students: - Language and Information Sciences - Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Culture and Representation - Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Cultural Anthropology - Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Comparative Literature and Culture - Area Studies - Advanced Social and International Studies - Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-General Systems Studies - Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-Basic Science - Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-Life Sciences	Departments accepting exchange students: - Language and Information Sciences - Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Culture and Representation - Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Cultural Anthropology - Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Comparative Literature and Culture - Area Studies - Advanced Social and International Studies - Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-General Systems Studies - Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-Basic Science - Multi-Disciplinary Sciences-Life Sciences
Minimum Credits		Type G students(who are enrolled in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences) are required to register for a minimum of six classes per week, equating to at least 10 hours of class time.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	NOT required	
	Note	Fill in the names of professors you wish to be your supervisor in Section 10 "Name of (prospective) supervisor" on the Application Form. (In order of preference, up to 3 names)	
Faculty Search		●Faculty Search by Department (listed on "Departmental Programs") You can find your prospective supervisor on each department's website.	

◆Graduate School of Science

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	There are no specific language requirements.	
	Japanese		
	Note	Japanese language proficiency may be required in some cases, depending on the supervisor. Japanese language proficiency is not required for research at the Department of Chemistry.	
Conditions		Consulting our websites, each applicant must choose a prospective supervisor and contact the professor in advance, to discuss what they wish to study and which courses to take. The prospective supervisor's pre-approval is required.	
Minimum Credits		Type G students are required to register for a minimum of six classes per week, equating to at least 10 hours of class time.	
Prospective supervisor's acceptance	Supervisor's pre-approval	Required	
	Note	N/A	
Faculty Search		●Departments and Faculty Members	

◆Graduate School of Engineering

Status		Special Auditor (see note below)	
Language proficiency	English	There are no specific language requirements.	
	Japanese		
Conditions		Research Requirement: Acceptance policies vary by lab. All exchange students are expected to conduct research under the supervision of their host faculty member. Priority is given to applicants who demonstrate a strong interest in and aptitude for research aligned with the lab's research areas. Applicants should discuss their research plan with their prospective supervisor before applying. Course Restrictions: Exchange students may enroll only in courses offered by the School of Engineering (37-) and the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology (48-). Enrolling in courses offered by other schools is not permitted. Physical Presence: Exchange students must be physically present in Japan to attend classes or conduct research, even if offered online.	
Minimum Credits		Type G students are required to register for a minimum of six classes per week, equating to at least 10 hours of class time.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	Required	
	Note	Your supervisor's main affiliation must be within the Graduate School of Engineering. Confirm using the Faculty Search link below. If uncertain, contact us at exchange.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp.	
Faculty Search		●Faculty Search	
Note		Special Auditors may enroll in courses, receive research supervision, or both at the Graduate School of Engineering.	

◆Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English		Japanese language proficiency is not always required. It depends on the supervisor.
	Japanese		
Conditions			N/A
Minimum Credits		Special Auditor status NOT available	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval		Required
	Note		The applicant must contact a prospective supervisor through his/her supervisor in their HOME university.
Faculty Search			●Departments

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◆Graduate School of Medicine

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English		There are no specific language requirements. (See "Note" below)
	Japanese		
	Note		Japanese language proficiency is not necessarily required, but applicants must consult with their prospective academic supervisor regarding language requirements prior to applying.
Conditions		Special Auditor status NOT available	N/A
Minimum Credits			
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval		Required
	Note		N/A
Faculty Search			● Departments and Faculty Members

◆Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English		There are no specific language requirements.
	Japanese		Japanese language proficiency is not always required. It depends on the supervisor.
	Note		
Conditions		Special Auditor status NOT available	N/A
Minimum Credits			
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval		Required
	Note		N/A
Faculty Search			● List of Departments and Laboratories

◆Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	Provide certification of Japanese language proficiency if available. Japanese language proficiency may be required for some lecture courses. Please consult your prospective supervisor in advance about the necessary level of proficiency.	There are no specific language requirements.
	Japanese		
	Note		Provide certification of Japanese language proficiency if available.
Conditions			N/A
Minimum Credits		In addition to the Advanced Seminar organized by their supervisor, Type G students are required to register for a minimum of three courses per quarter/semester each consisting of one lecture per week. This amounts to at least 10 hours of class time per week in total.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	Required	
	Note	Please contact your prospective supervisor for pre-approval before the following dates. For Autumn Admission: 25 January ; for Spring Admission: 25 August	
Faculty Search			● Faculty Members

◆Graduate School of Frontier Sciences

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	Japanese language proficiency may be required in some cases. Students wishing to apply to the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences must contact a prospective supervisor and make sure what level of Japanese language proficiency will be required in advance.	There are no specific language requirements.
	Japanese		
	Note		
Conditions			N/A
Minimum Credits		Special Auditing Students are required to register for a minimum of six classes per week, equating to at least 10 hours of class time.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	Required	
	Note	N/A	
Faculty Search			● Faculty Members

◆Graduate School of Information Science and Technology

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	You need to be able to communicate with your supervisor in either English or Japanese.	There are no specific language requirements.
	Japanese		
	Note		
Minimum Credits		Auditor students are required to enroll in either IST Project Research or IST Project Research II.	At least 10 hours in the lab per week.
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	Required	
	Note	Please refer to the information on the courses IST Project Research and IST Project Research II at the following links: IST Project Research - https://catalog.he.u-tokyo.ac.jp/detail?code=4893-1005&year=2026 IST Project Research II - https://catalog.he.u-tokyo.ac.jp/detail?code=4893-1008&year=2026 The policy for accepting exchange students varies by laboratory; however, all labs give priority to students who demonstrate a strong interest and capability in conducting research aligned with the lab's focus areas. Prior to submitting your application, make sure to check the rules of your home university as well as the rules of the graduate school and the lab you wish to belong to. The acknowledgement of acceptance letter/email from your prospective supervisor at the Grad. School of IST, UTokyo is required.	
Faculty Search		● Faculty search by department ● Faculty search by keyword	
Note		Special auditors must conduct research by enrolling in the course IST Project Research or IST Project Research II; special research students may take some courses.	

◆Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	One of the following: • TOEFL iBT 92 or above (MyBest scores is NOT acceptable.) (TOEFL iBT Home Edition is acceptable.) • TOEFL PBT 575 or above • GRE 158 or above in Verbal Reasoning and 3.0 or above in Analytic Writing • IELTS 7.0 or above(IELTS Indicator, IELTS Online is acceptable.) (IELTS One Skill Retake is NOT acceptable.) • GEPT 'Advanced' or above • Certificate of Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree from a university in an English-speaking country • Attend a university in an English Speaking country	
		or	
	Japanese	JLPT level N1	
Conditions		N/A	Special Research Student status NOT available
Minimum Credits		Type G students are required to register for a minimum of six classes per week, equating to at least 10 hours of class time.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	Required	
	Note	Attach any records of the correspondence with the approving supervisor (e.g. PDF of emails).	
Faculty Search		● Faculty Members	

◆Graduate School of Public Policy

Status		Special Auditor	Special Research Student
Language proficiency	English	- Score of TOEFL iBT90 or IELTS 6.5 is expected, but scores of TOEFL iBT100 or IELTS 7.0 are strongly recommended. - Applicants must submit either TOEFL or IELTS as a proof of English proficiency. - TOEFL or IELTS test must have been taken within two years prior to the application submission date. - Graduate School of Public Policy ONLY accepts TOEFL iBT Test Date scores at the time of application. Applicants cannot use TOEFL iBT MyBest scores for our graduate school's application. - IELTS Indicator, IELTS Online, and TOEFL iBT Home Edition are also acceptable. Applicants cannot use IELTS One Skill Retake test scores for our graduate school's application. *English Proficiency Requirement Exemption There will be no exemption unless listed below. (1) An applicant who has received at least 10 years of education in English-medium schools out of the first 12 years of their schooling in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America (referred to as a "majority English-speaking country"). (2) An applicant who has earned or is expected to earn a bachelor's degree, or its international equivalent, from an institution located in one of the majority English-speaking countries mentioned above, with English being the primary language of instruction throughout the entire institution (referred to as an "English-speaking institution"). Degrees obtained from overseas campuses of English-speaking institutions outside the majority English-speaking countries are not sufficient.	
	and/or		
	Japanese	There is no specific Japanese proficiency level set but English proficiency is required (see above).	
Conditions		Open for those applicants who can plan their study with the following curriculum. MPP/IP curriculum https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/mppip/curriculum/program-structure/	Special Research Student status NOT available
Minimum Credits		Students should take 10 credits or more offered by the Graduate School of Public Policy during a semester. *Special Auditor may take classes offered by other graduate schools, however they are NOT counted in the minimum 10-credits requirement explained above.	
Prospective supervisor's pre-approval	Supervisor's pre-approval	NOT required	
	Note	N/A	
Faculty Search		● Faculty	