

# TISP

## Tsuru International Student Program

### Fact Sheet 2025-2026

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#### 1. About university

<b>Official Name</b>	<b>Tsuru University</b>
<b>Address</b>	3-8-1 Tahara, Tsuru, Yamanashi 402-8555 Japan
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/">https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/</a>
<b>Institution Profile</b>	<p>Tsuru University is a public university located in the city of Tsuru, a historic town at the north-eastern part of the Mt. Fuji area in Yamanashi Prefecture. It is established in 1955 as a two-year teacher training college. It became four-year university in 1960.</p> <p>Presently, about 3,200 undergraduate students and 40 graduate students including about 50 international students are enrolled.</p>
<b>Faculty/Department</b>	<p><b>Faculty of Liberal Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Teacher Education</li><li>-Community and Society</li><li>-Comparative Study of Cultures</li><li>-Global Education</li></ul> <p><b>Faculty of Letters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Japanese</li><li>-English</li></ul>
<b>Location</b>	About 90 minutes west of the metropolitan area of Tokyo by express train ride; approximately 3 hours from Narita Airport, 2 hours and half from Haneda Airport.
<b>Class Hours &amp; Credit System</b>	<p>One class: 90 minutes x 15 weeks = 2 credits</p> <p>● 2 credits are equivalent to 3 ECTS.</p>
<b>Tsuru Grading Scale</b>	<p>S (9-100) GPA 4.0</p> <p>A (80-89) GPA 3.0</p> <p>B (70-79) GPA 2.0</p> <p>C (60-69) GPA 1.0</p> <p>F (0-59) GPA 0</p> <p>H (incomplete) GPA 0</p>

## 2. About program and living in Tsuru

<b>TISP</b>	<b>TISP (Tsuru International Student Program)</b> is a program designated for not only the students learning Japanese, but also for those who desire to explore the Japanese language and culture in a small rural community in Japan.
<b>Eligibility for applying</b>	All levels of Japanese language proficiency with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
<b>Duration of semester</b>	Spring Semester Mid-February to beginning of August Autumn Semester End of August to beginning of February
<b>Japanese intensive course</b>	For Spring semester: in March For Autumn semester: in September
<b>Nomination Deadline</b>	Spring intake: September 30 Autumn intake: March 30 Nomination <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/KPgFXnXEnx">https://forms.office.com/r/KPgFXnXEnx</a>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Spring intake: October 15 Autumn intake: April 15 Application <a href="https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/186.html">https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/186.html</a>
<b>Applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Application Forms <a href="https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/186.html">https://www.tsuru.ac.jp/site/english/186.html</a></li> <li>● Application for Certificate of Eligibility</li> <li>● Form for the Health History and Immunization</li> </ul> <p><b>You could download from the URL above, then upload on the same website.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Financial Statement/bank balance with the amount of JPY 100,000 x number of the month staying in Japan</li> <li>● Reference from the Japanese language instructor if applicable</li> <li>● Certificate of Enrollment from the home university</li> <li>● Academic Transcript from the home university</li> <li>● Motivation letter</li> <li>● Copy of the biodata page of the passport</li> <li>● A photo (3 cm x 4 cm) *JPG format</li> </ul> <p><b>Please submit those documents in PDF (except a photo) to <a href="mailto:studyabroad@tsuru.ac.jp">studyabroad@tsuru.ac.jp</a></b></p>
<b>Program Orientation</b>	Spring 2025: End of February *TBD Autumn 2025: End of August *TBD
<b>Mandatory Courses</b>	Japanese language courses for both summer/spring intensive and semesters
<b>Number of Credits to Register</b>	18-20 credits per semester including the intensive
<b>Student Visa</b>	After students are accepted by Tsuru University, they will apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), a document that qualifies them to apply for a visa. Once they receive the CoE, apply for a student visa at a nearest Japanese embassy or consulate.