

Application Guidelines For GlobE Special Enrollment Program 2026 (Undergraduate)

1. Qualifications

Students' Status

Students participating in this program will be affiliated with the Center for Global Education of UTokyo (GlobE). This means that GlobE Special Enrollment Program students will follow the academic procedures and schedule at GlobE, regardless of their majors. Their status will be “Special Auditors” (non-degree-seeking status) who are eligible to register for university courses for credit.

Note: As of December 2025, the University Regulations necessary to grant GlobE Special Enrollment status for this program are in the process of being established. This application process is commencing with the assumption that the said regulations will be enacted.

Eligibility

Only students satisfying all of the following requirements may apply:

1. Students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at a U.S. university and are facing significant difficulties in continuing their studies due to the cancellation or suspension of their study visa, as a result of the measure announced by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on May 22, 2025, regarding the suspension of Harvard University's international student acceptance program, or other similar measures.
2. Students who possess official proof of their required language proficiency or meet the condition for exemption from providing proof at the time of submission of application.
3. Students who, in principle, have completed at least 1.5 years of higher education at the time of their arrival at UTokyo.

Language Requirement

Students must meet the language requirements in English and/or Japanese, depending on the courses they wish to take.

Students who wish to take courses offered in <u>English</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 90, IELTS overall band score of 6.5, Cambridge English Qualifications “C1 Advanced”, or Duolingo English Test (DET) score of 120*TOEFL iBT Home Edition, IELTS Indicator/Online/ One Skill Retake are accepted.*TOEFL iBT “MyBest scores” is not accepted.*TOEFL iBT, IELTS and DET scores are valid only if dated within two years of the application deadline.
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	<p>*For TOEFL iBT tests taken on or after January 21, 2026, the required scores will continue to be applied using the 0–120 scale.</p> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a university or have graduated from a high school where the medium of instruction is English <p>*Applicants must submit a proof that certifies that the degree program they belong to is taught <u>entirely</u> in English, unless they attend a university in an English speaking country or their first language is English. (Applicants whose first language is English are considered to meet this requirement if they have graduated from a high school where the medium of instruction is English).</p>
<p>Students who wish to take courses offered in <u>Japanese</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JLPT Level N1, or - Have graduated from a high school where the medium of instruction is Japanese

2. Courses and Academic Calendar

GlobE Special Enrollment Program Students are eligible to take Global Liberal Arts (GLA) courses, USTEP Type U courses, and Japanese language courses. In order to satisfy the visa requirement, they must take a minimum of six classes per week. Furthermore, they are required to attend a weekly guidance session offered by GlobE.

Period of Study

Up to one year (2 semesters)

*An extension of six months (1 semester) may be permitted.

Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar for AY 2026 will be available around March 2026.

Course information

Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses

GlobE offers Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses. All classes are conducted in English and focus on themes related to SDGs such as gender, diversity, health, poverty, GX (Green Transformation), in an interactive small-group format.

To view specific courses, please refer to the [UTokyo Online Course Catalogue](#). List of courses open to students for AY 2026 (April-March) will be available in late March of 2026.

For additional details, visit this page: [Global Liberal Arts \(GLA\) Courses](#)

USTEP Type U Courses

Available courses can be found in the [Course Catalogue for USTEP Type U students](#).

Please refer to the following regulations to meet when you consider your course registration.

1. Students can take courses outside of GlobE only when they are listed in the above course catalogue.
2. Some academic fields may only have a limited number of courses. The course listing should be reviewed carefully to assess whether it meets the students' needs and expectations.
3. Available courses change every year and the courses currently on the website may not be offered in the following year. List of courses open to students for AY 2026 (April-March) will be available in late March of 2026.

Course Restrictions

1. Undergraduate students are not eligible to take graduate courses offered by Graduate Schools. However, they may take the graduate-level courses for undergraduate students listed on the Type U course catalogue. These courses refer to subjects offered at the graduate level by the Faculty/College that UTokyo undergraduate students are affiliated with. They differ from regular graduate courses offered by each Graduate School for graduate students.
2. Students are allowed to take up to two Japanese language class sessions (periods) per week.
*A course offered twice a week counts as two classes. There are no restrictions on non-credit-bearing Japanese language programs.

Note:

1. Laboratory work/ Internship:

Students are not allowed to participate in practical work (e.g. laboratory work, design studio work, etc.)

2. Language of Instruction:

To enroll in courses conducted in English, students must meet the English language requirements. Likewise, to enroll in courses conducted in Japanese, students must meet the Japanese language requirements. Those who meet both language requirements are eligible to enroll in courses offered in either language.

3. Classes at the Faculty of Law:

Students interested in taking seminars offered in "Japanese" or "Japanese and English" at the Faculty of Law are allowed to apply for only one seminar course per semester. Further information will be provided to those who have been successfully accepted to study at UTokyo. There is no such restriction for the number of seminar courses students can apply for and take, if the seminars are noted as being instructed in "English".

Japanese Language Education

Please be aware that there are course restrictions for the Japanese language learning courses. For further details, please refer to the "Course Restrictions" section provided above.

Students accepted to this program are eligible to register for these courses. Further information about the courses are available on the following websites:

(Hongo Campus) [JLCSE](#)

(Komaba Campus) [Global Komaba](#)

Students also have the opportunity to take non-credit Japanese language programs. The Japanese Language Education Division, part of GlobE, offers a variety of Japanese language courses catering to different levels and learning durations. For the convenience of students and researchers on various campuses, all classes are conducted online.

For additional details, visit this page: [The Japanese Language Education Division, the Center for Global Education](#)

3. Financial Information

Tuition fee: JPY 14,800 per credit

The minimum required fund

In accordance with Japanese visa requirements, applicants will be asked to submit a bank statement demonstrating a balance of 120,000 JPY per month for each month of enrollment at the University of Tokyo, as follows.

One semester (six months): 720,000 JPY

Full Year: 1,440,000 JPY

Please be well prepared to secure at least monthly funds of 120,000 JPY when you apply. Shortly after the announcement of the result, you will be asked to submit the bank balance showing that you have 120,000 JPY per month.

Part-time Jobs

The coursework at the University of Tokyo is rigorous. The University of Tokyo strongly advises its students NOT to seek off-campus part-time work during academic terms. Students who wish to gain work experience while studying in Japan should not apply to this program. Any student who wishes to work during the break must obtain work permit before they begin their employment.

4. Additional Information

Housing

Students may apply for University Housing arranged by UTokyo. However, due to the extremely limited number of facilities available, housing cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, we strongly recommend considering Private Accommodations. Further information is available at the following website:

[Housing Office](#)

Insurance

- It is the students' own responsibility to be insured for the entire period of their stay in Japan.

- National Health Insurance Program

Students must join the National Health Insurance (NHI) Program regardless of the kind of insurance they may already have. This is a strict legal requirement in Japan. Once they arrive in Japan, they must complete the required procedures at their local city/ward office.

- Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research "[Gakkensai](#)" and the optional "[Inbound futai-gakuso](#)".

"Gakkensai" provides necessary support in the case of accident or injury suffered in the course of activities related to research or education. Students in this program do not need to apply for this insurance as UTokyo enrolls all its students and pays premiums. "Futai Gakuso" is an option that can be added to "Gakkensai" for a fee (JPY 8,060 for six months). It complements a scope of insurance liabilities in the student's daily life such as compensation responsibility. It is particularly recommended for those who plan to ride bicycles in Japan to obtain "Futai Gakuso," as bicycle-related accidents are common.

Inbound Medical Assistance Service (IMAS)

IMAS is the "Inbound Medical Assistance Service" for international students at UTokyo. (This is NOT an insurance.) All students must register for IMAS.

You can receive the services listed below.

- Telephone consultation available 24/7, 365 days a year.
- Referral to an appropriate hospital.
- Interpretation service over the phone while in the hospital or during transfer to the hospital.
- Contacting the University if necessary
- Arrangement of transportation to a medical facility or for transfer to another medical facility in Japan or in one's home country.
- Contacting and assisting family members in one's home country, etc.

See below for further information:

[IMAS: Inbound Medical Assistance Service for International Students at UTokyo](#)

5. Application Procedures

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1. Before preparing the application documents, ensure you meet the eligibility criteria outlined in 1. Qualifications.
2. Contact the International Education Promotion Group.

utokyo-gsep.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp*

*This email address is exclusively for inquiries regarding this program. Inquiries unrelated to this program will not receive a response.

Be sure to include the following information in your message:

[Subject: Application for GlobE Special Enrollment Program (Undergraduate)]

[U.S. University of Enrollment]

[Major]

[Current Academic year]

[The day the student visa was suspended]

[Planned period at UTokyo]

Example

[U.S. University of Enrollment]

Harvard University

<https://www.harvard.edu/>

[Major] Engineering

[Current Academic year] Freshman

[The day the student visa was suspended]

May 23, 2025

[Planned period of study at UTokyo]

From April 2026 to September 2026

3. The office responsible will confirm your inquiry and provide the electronic application documents.
4. Applicants must submit their application documents by the designated deadline. All documents must be converted into PDF format, compiled into a single file*, and uploaded to the [specified URL](#).

* Applicants must name the compiled PDF file using the following format:

[UTokyo_GSEP_LastName_FirstName.pdf]

Application Documents

1. Application Form
2. A copy of your Passport that is valid through the end of this program's period
3. Proof(s) of Language Proficiency
4. Transcript of Records with grading scale
5. Document(s) to explain your visa suspension

Note: An online interview may be conducted as part of the selection process.

Schedule

	April 2026 enrollment	October 2026 enrollment
Application deadline	5PM JST on Friday, January 30	5PM JST on Friday, April 17
Result announcement	By mid-February	By mid-May
Courses start (Note)	Early April	Early October
Courses end (Note)	Late January to Early February (A1A2), Late July to Early August (S1S2)	
Transcripts available from	April for A1A2 and October for S1S2	

Note: The actual end date varies depending on which courses each student chooses to take.