

English

2025 年度後学期 UEC国際特別プログラム ハンドブック

私費外国人留学生・日本人学生用

Handbook of UEC International Special Program For Self-financed international students and Japanese students For Fall Semester, 2025



1. About Language Partner Program

(1) Language Partner

Under the **UEC International Special Program** (*see Note 1*), groups made up of MEXT scholarship students (*see Note 2*), self-financed international students, and Japanese students work together as **Language Partners**. Through these activities, they support each other's language learning and promote intercultural exchange. By doing so, students can build mutual understanding, cooperation skills, and a wider personal network.

Since there are only a few international students whose native language is English, many participants take part as English learners.

Most MEXT scholarship students are learning Japanese at a beginner level.

If you are a Japanese student or a student who is good at Japanese, please help them by giving chances to use Japanese. When you do so, try giving advice on expressions in a natural and friendly way without breaking the flow of conversation.

If you notice a mistake, it's often better to guide your partner toward the correct expression by asking a question instead of directly correcting them.

(Example: “これは好きありません。” → “これは好きではないのですね?”)

Note 1: UEC International Special Program

This program offers opportunities for MEXT scholarship students, self-financed international students, and Japanese students to learn together through joint classes and events.

It aims to help students work across language and cultural differences, and develop the ability to play an active role internationally.

Note 2: Special Program for MEXT Scholarship Students

This program, supported by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), gives Japanese universities the opportunity to host selected international students as government-sponsored scholars.

Universities in this program provide distinctive educational and research opportunities, while also building a strong support system from recruitment and admission to follow-up.

(2) Eligible Participants

MEXT scholarship students, self-financed international students, and Japanese students

(3) Duration

One semester

(4) Activities

① Group Activities

You can deepen mutual understanding through activities such as:

- Extracurricular activities (e.g., sightseeing, sports, or online exchange – feel free to choose what you like)
- Joining classes or events designated under this Special Program

Groups will be formed based on your preferences from the application survey. Please note that your group may not always match your first choice.

② Tips for Activities

➤ **Start by getting to know each other**

Try to learn not only about your partner as a person, but also about each other's countries and cultures.

What is "normal" for you may be different for your partner. Being open-minded and curious about other cultures helps deepen understanding.

➤ **Join English-based classes and events together**

Take part in lectures, events, or seminars conducted in English, and discuss or share your thoughts afterwards.

➤ **Keep it sustainable**

Continue your communication and exchange at a comfortable pace that fits your schedule. It's important to keep going without overdoing it.

➤ **Record what you learn**

Write down new words, expressions, and things you noticed or learned through your activities. At the end of each semester, you'll be asked to submit a short report summarizing your language learning and intercultural experiences.

2. What You Can Gain and Your Role as a Language Partner

By learning together with students from diverse backgrounds, you can build mutual understanding beyond language and cultural barriers, and develop an international network of friends and peers.

For Self-Financed International Students

- This program is ideal for those who want to make Japanese friends or feel more connected to Japanese society.
 - Interacting with students from other countries also helps you expand your global network.
 - Through the Language Partner activities, you can naturally improve your language skills while enjoying communication.
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For Japanese Students

- For students aiming to engage in international exchange or pursue global careers, interacting with international students is a great opportunity to develop intercultural awareness.
 - You can learn to see things from your partner's perspective and build empathy for people from different backgrounds.
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Expected Roles

As a Language Partner, you are expected to:

- Support each other's language learning

- Build friendships and trust with your partners
- Join designated or recommended classes and events together with MEXT students
- Introduce your friends or groups to help expand everyone's network

3. Participation and Certificate of Completion

(1) Participation Requirements (see the table below)

- **Required Activities:** ① and ②
- **Optional Activities:** ③ and ④

(2) Certificate of Completion

You can receive a **Certificate of Completion** when you graduate if you meet all of the following conditions:

➤ **Activity Completion**

Complete your degree program and fulfill the activities listed as ①, ②, ③, and ④ above.

➤ **Activity Reports**

Submit an **Activity Report** for each semester.

Deadlines:

Spring semester: specified date between August and September

Fall semester: specified date in March

How to submit: Via Google Forms (instructions will be provided)

What to include in your report:

- A) Courses you attended or audited
- B) Your thoughts and reflections on participating in the UEC Mini-Conference
- C) Activities and experiences in the Language Partner program
- D) Participation in other events

Important Notes:

- If you leave the program **before graduating**, but have completed all required activities, please contact the International Student Exchange Section at least **one month before graduation** to receive your Certificate of Completion.
- Certificates **cannot be issued** if you do not contact us.

Completion and Participation Requirements	
①	Language Partner Activities As a Language Partner, you are expected to support intercultural exchange and language learning among participants.
②	UEC International Mini-Conference for Students on Informatics, Sciences and Engineering (UEC Mini-Conference) ➤ Language: Mainly English ➤ Timing: End of each semester ➤ Role of Self-Financed and Japanese Students: MEXT scholarship students will give poster or oral presentations. Self-financed international students and Japanese students are expected to attend, actively ask questions, and engage in discussions. If needed, please also provide advice or support for presentation preparation. ●
③	Course Requirements ➤ Take at least one major course within your own department or program, including advanced specialized courses. ➤ Additionally, take or audit at least one course from another department/program or from the courses/events listed in section (2) <i>Courses and Events</i> on the following page. Courses already completed before participating in this program can also be counted toward the requirements. Please report them in your semester-end activity report. <i>Auditing Courses:</i> ➤ If you wish to audit a course from another department/program, contact the instructor directly to obtain permission, and then report it to the International Student Exchange Section. ➤ If you wish to audit a course listed under (2) <i>Courses and Events</i>, the International Student Exchange Section will coordinate with the instructor. Please consult with the office first.
④	Co-Creation Evolution Smart Seminar (Main Language: English) This seminar invites researchers and engineers from universities, research institutes, NPOs, international cooperation organizations, and companies—both in Japan and abroad—to give lectures and exchange ideas with participating students. ➤ By learning from cutting-edge researchers, you can gain perspectives on applying your research to society. ➤ Since the seminar is conducted mainly in English, it provides opportunities to practice international research communication and discussion.

(2) Recommended Courses, events, etc.

We recommend you of joining courses and events on the below list to promote mutual understandings among you.

Courses, Programs, and Internships for the UEC International Special Program.		
BAIS-based Design Thinking and Data Science	• Credits Available • Eligible Students All majors • Language: Japanese/English	• Group Composition: Multilingual, multinational student groups • Content: Hands-on problem-solving exercises using Kaggle, a public competition platform provided by the data science and machine learning community • Objectives: ➤ Develop problem-solving and communication skills ➤ Provide practical BAIS (Data Science / Business Analytics) education from basic to advanced levels • Expected Outcomes: ➤ Experience working on data analysis tasks as a team ➤ Improve problem-finding and problem-solving skills from interdisciplinary and international perspectives ➤ Acquire data science skills applicable in real-world settings
M/MES-based Teaching and Learning Experimental Program	• Credits Available • Eligible Students All majors • Language Japanese/English	• Group Composition: Multinational student groups • Field: Physics, including optics, guided by top-level UEC researchers • Content: ➤ Utilize UEC's advanced laboratory facilities ➤ Develop experimental teaching materials based on your own research ➤ Integrate collaborative learning into the existing "Elementary Teaching Laboratory" program • Objectives / Skills Developed: ➤ Ability to define problems and find solutions or research methods ➤ Understanding and application of research topics from interdisciplinary and international perspectives
International Classes	• Credits Available • Eligible Students All programs • Language English	• Overview: Short-term inbound program courses open to Japanese students alongside international students • Credit Recognition: Some courses can be recognized as part of undergraduate or graduate graduation requirements • Reference Links: Course Details: http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/current/guide/academic-

		advisory-system/undergraduate-and-graduate-courses-and-credits.html ➤ Timetable (Spring) http://kyoumu.office.uec.ac.jp/timet/kokusai1.pdf ➤ Timetable(Fall) http://kyoumu.office.uec.ac.jp/timet/kokusai2.pdf
BHN Kuwabara Foundation Donation Course (BHN 桑原 基金寄附講 座)	• Credits Available • Eligible Students All majors • Language English	• Overview: Sponsored by BHN Telecom Support Association, this program aims to cultivate students with a high commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) • Courses Offered: ➤ Information and Communications Technologies for SDGs (Spring) ○ 15 sessions per semester + a special intensive session near the end ○ No student costs expected; program support available if needed ○ Graduate students: credit-earning; undergraduates: auditing only ➤ International Communication for Science and Technology (Fall) ○ 15 sessions per semester + exercises in the second half ○ Joint presentations and discussions for all students ○ Graduate students: credit-earning; undergraduates: auditing only
Domestic/ International Internship 国内/国際イ ンターンシッ プ	• Credits Available • Eligible Students All programs and majors	• Target Students: ➤ Domestic internships: primarily MEXT and self-financed international students ➤ International internships: primarily Japanese students • Overview: ➤ Provide internship opportunities based on students' career plans ➤ Domestic: aiming for employment within Japan ➤ International: aiming for overseas employment or international career development • Duration: Up to 1.5 months, without interfering with UEC academic activities • Details / Application https://www.uec.ac.jp/campus/career/internship.html

Open Lab Work (オープンイノベーションプログラム関連)	• Credits Available • Eligible Students All majors • Language Japanese/English	• Overview: ➤ Participate in Open Innovation Program lab work (Specialized Course II, 4 credits) ➤ Gain practical research experience at external research institutions ➤ May join collaborative lab work at external research institutions under faculty supervision • Participating Institutions: National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, National Institute of Polar Research, National Institute of Information and Communications Technology, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, etc. • Details / Reference http://www.oi.es.uec.ac.jp/2021/index_e.html
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Recommended Participation Events		
UEC ASEAN Seminar UEC ASEAN セミナー	• Language English	• Overview: An international conference co-hosted by UEC and partner universities in the ASEAN region. Researchers and students present and discuss their work in an international setting to promote academic exchange. • 2025 Example: Co-hosted with Burapha University (Thailand), held on-site in Thailand and online. • Link http://www.uarc.uec.ac.jp/2025UEC_Seminar/
USSET (UEC SAARC)	• Language English	• Overview: An international conference held with universities from India, Pakistan, and other SAARC countries. Focus areas include quantum technology, quantum simulation, AI, and machine learning. • Link: https://sites.google.com/gl.cc.uec.ac.jp/usset2023/home
Open Lab Tour, オープンラボツアー	• Language English/Japanese	• Overview: Guided tours of facilities related to the Open Lab Work program. Participants are recruited for each session. • Link: http://www.oi.es.uec.ac.jp/2021/index_e.html#openlabwork

Short-Term Overseas Study, 短期海外研究留学等		• Content: Short-term overseas training programs (e.g., Thailand, China) and research stays at overseas labs with existing collaborations. • Purpose: Gain research experience abroad to develop academic skills and an international perspective. • Duration: Up to ~1.5 months, scheduled to avoid conflicts with UEC academic activities. • Arrangement: Students arrange their own research stays (with guidance from their supervisor); the Special Program Committee does not arrange placements. • Scholarship: JASSO or other program scholarship applications and disbursement are handled by the International Student Office.
GLTP UEC Conference	• Language English/Japanese	• Overview: Student-run seminars mainly organized by UEC GLTP students. Planned to be held 15 times per year, with around 3 sessions organized and run by MEXT and self-financed international students. • Link: https://www.uec.ac.jp/education/undergraduate/activity/global-leader.html academic year, seminars were conducted in a hybrid format.

※There are other events that we encourage you to attend during this period.

Applicable events will be notified by email.

4. Sample Schedule of UEC International Special Program

Fall semester	Spring semester	Contents
Early October	-	Entrance ceremony
Early October	Mid & late April	Orientation
October – March	April - September	• Taking courses • Language exchange partner(s) activities • Participation in events, etc.
Early February	Early & mid-August	Participating in the UEC mini-Conference

5. Contact

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