

Basic Admission Policy for Self-Supported International Students Applying to the Integrated Science Program (ISP) at Hokkaido University (Undergraduate Entry, 2017 Enrollment)

1. Program Name

Integrated Science Program (ISP)

The ISP is a cross-disciplinary educational program for international students interested in pursuing a degree in sciences. The program fundamentally consists of a four-year Bachelor's degree and a two-year Master's degree. Hokkaido University has also put in place an advanced graduation initiative, meaning that highly motivated and capable students will have the opportunity to graduate from the Bachelor's and Master's components in 3.5 and 1.5 years, respectively.

2. Purpose and Objective

The objective of the ISP at Hokkaido University is to instruct and nurture students to be world leaders in a wide variety of disciplines such as those rooted in the natural sciences, applied sciences and business orientated careers. The foundation of the program is based upon building expertise and a robust knowledge based in the core sciences, and also includes elements of the liberal arts and business studies to provide students with a versatile and well-rounded education to pursue innovation in their future endeavors.

3. School and Graduate School Affiliation

During the Bachelor's component, the students will be affiliated with the School of Science (Departments of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology). Following the completion of the BSc degree program, students will move on to the Master program which will be hosted by one of the many graduate schools at the university (e.g., Graduate School of Science, Chemical Sciences and Engineering, Life Science, Engineering). Students will select the school themselves, with each graduate school requiring an entrance examination for admittance.

4. Applicant Profile

The ISP is best suited for prospective students that exhibit:

- A passion for studying a broad range of subjects across the natural sciences;
- Major in a discipline of the natural sciences (physics, chemistry or biology);
- Enthusiasm to live and study in a multicultural/multilingual environment;
- A drive to contribute to the wider global society by building a future career as an international specialist or researcher with a rich background knowledge based in the natural sciences.

5. Student Intake

Several students

New students are initially placed in the faculty of Science. Six months after admittance, students will be assigned to a specific department based upon the individual's interests, grades, and credits accumulated during that time.

6. Date of Program Admission

October 2017

7. Applicant Qualifications and Course Prerequisites

(1) Nationality:

Individuals who have Japanese citizenship or Japanese permanent resident status are not eligible to apply.

(2) Basic Qualifications:

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

1. They will have completed 12 years of school education in a foreign country and expect to have graduated by September 30, 2017 (see Note 1 on page 2). However, in this case they must have been enrolled at the school they are graduating from for at least two consecutive years including their final school year.
2. They are individuals who meet an equivalent qualification 1 above, having been designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (see Note 2 on page 2).
3. They have received an International Baccalaureate Diploma in a foreign country, awarded by the International Baccalaureate, a foundation pursuant to the Swiss Civil Code, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.
4. They have received an *Abitur*, a qualification for university admission throughout Germany, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.
5. They hold a *Baccalauréat*, a degree recognized as a qualification for university admission in France, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.
6. They will have completed 12 years of school education at a Japanese educational institution for foreign nationals that has accreditation from the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC), the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) or the Council of International Schools (CIS), and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017. However, in this case they must have been enrolled at the school they are graduating from for at least two consecutive years including their final school year.

Note 1: The "12 years of school education" includes coursework completed pursuant to Japan's School Education Act.

Note 2: "They are individuals who meet an equivalent qualification 1 above, having been designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and

Technology” include the following:

- A. Individuals who have passed a national exam in a foreign country to determine whether they have the same level of academic ability as an individual who has completed 12 years of school education in that country (including an exam equivalent to the national exam), and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.
- B. Individuals who, after completing a level of school education in a foreign country equivalent to a high school education (including those who have passed an exam in that country to determine whether they have academic ability equivalent to those of a high school graduate), will have completed preparatory coursework for admission to a Japanese university at one of the educational facilities designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.
- C. Individuals who will have completed a foreign education equivalent to a Japanese high school education (and deemed to be equivalent to 12 years of school education completed in that foreign country) at an institution located in Japan and recognized under the educational system of that country, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.
- D. Individuals who, after completing a foreign education equivalent to a Japanese high school education (excluding those cases in C above) at an institution located in Japan and recognized under the educational system of that country, will have completed preparatory coursework for admission to a Japanese university at one of the educational facilities designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.
- E. Individuals who have completed a foreign education equivalent to a Japanese high school education (and deemed to be equivalent to 11 years or more of school education completed in that foreign country and fulfill the requirements designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) at one of the educational facilities designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2017.

Note: Individuals who fulfill the qualification E above must consult with the Division of International Academic Programs by November 4 (Fri), 2016.

(3) English-Language Requirement:

Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:

1. They speak English as a mother tongue, or have received four years or more of their secondary education (at junior or senior high school, etc.) in English as their primary language of instruction.

2. They have achieved the following scores in TOEFL-iBT, TOEFL-PBT, IELTS or TOEIC if their mother tongue is not English or if they have not received four years or more of secondary education in English:

- TOEFL-iBT: 79 or higher
- TOEFL-PBT: 550 or higher
- IELTS (Academic Module): 6.0 or higher
- TOEIC: 730 or higher

Note: Test results must be from within two years of the application submission deadline.

(4) Other

Applicants must submit their score of standardized examinations not already listed in (2) above (e.g. SAT, ACT, A-levels), if there is such an examination for university admission in their own country.

8. Selection Method

Applicants will be selected based on a comprehensive evaluation of their application materials (transcripts, personal statement, and evidence of English language proficiency and so on) and their interview (see 10.).

9. Application Periods

- Online application period: November 14th (Mon) 2016 – December 19th (Mon) 2016
- After the online application, the required application materials must be also sent by postal mail to arrive no later than January 6th (Fri), 2017.

10. Interviews

Interviews will be conducted via Skype during the period: February 1st (Wed) 2017 – February 28th (Tue) 2017. Questions may be asked in order to confirm applicant's academic ability. Applicants will be informed of the date and time of their interview after receipt of their application documents.

11. Announcement of Successful Applicants

March 22nd (Wed), 2017 (provisional)