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GraSPP Exchange and Double Degree AY 2013 Application Information

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Q: Can I submit my **TOEFL** score in the copy of **online certificate** format? Can I replace my TOEFL score after submitting application?

A: Yes, a copy of online certificate as an email attachment is also fine.

You can replace your TOEFL score anytime before Nov. 7.

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Q: Some partner universities require **GRE** score, when do I submit GRE score to them?

Also some universities require completion of macroeconomics and microeconomics courses.

Should I have taken those courses the time of application to GraSPP?

A: If you are applying to the double degree program at SIPA, Columbia University, you will be required to submit your GRE at the time of their application in February. (GRE score submission is not required for the Exchange program with SIPA.)

You can take macro & micro the semester before your departure.

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Q: How **competitive** to apply to these programs?

How many apply and how many will be nominated?

A: Roughly speaking, about the half of the applicants are nominated to the destination universities.

Usually, 1 - 2 students are nominated to each university's both Ex. and DD programs, except the CAMPUS Asia Program. However, the competitiveness is quite depends on which school you wish to apply for.

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Q: I am a MEXT scholar, am I eligible to apply this exchange/ double degree program? If so, what would happen to the tuition and the scholarship stipend?

A: MEXT scholars are also eligible to apply, however MEXT scholarship will be suspended during the period of study abroad since it is funded by the Japanese government and its purpose is to support international students who are studying in Japan.

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Q: Will the school apply **visa** for me?

A: Obtaining certificate of admission, I-20, financial statement, making reservation at embassy for visa application are all part of the procedures for study abroad. Make sure to plan ahead and obtain necessary documents for visa application early enough, since it takes time to receive visa in July and August. Each country has different procedures for visa application and immigration system, so research carefully and apply at your own responsibility.

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Q: I had been nominated as an successful GraSPP applicant, however I was told to take some **summer preparatory programs** at the destination university. Do I have to do so? What about the tuition fees? And what about my UT summer term finals?

A: If your destination university requires so, it is then necessary to take those courses at your own expense.

Be careful with the course schedule of the joint courses, in particular with the Law faculty at UT, as they usually have finals in September. Please consult with the course professor at the beginning of the summer semester.



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Q: I was not admitted to the school **dormitory**. Will UT help me to arrange a housing, or introduce me an agency?

A: Arranging housing is also a part of study abroad. Please research on housing information well at your destination school's international student office information site.



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Q: What about insurance? Should I have one?

A: Yes, Please make sure to have your international/ study abroad insurance covered the whole period of your study abroad to prepare for sickness, injury, accident, and Property loss.

Also, you might be required from your destination university to purchase their designated university insurance, so you might want to check what it would cover first.

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Q: Is there are any site that I can look up for the safety information for study abroad?

A: Once you are admitted to Ex./DD programs, please refer to the

“The University of Tokyo, Going Abroad Crisis Management Guidelines” and be well prepared. 「海外渡航危機管理ガイドブック」

<http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/administration/go-global/voyage/index.html>

Please make sure to check to check safety condition of your destination country periodically at MOFA site.

<http://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>

(外務省海外安全ホームページ)

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Q: Is there are other scholarship programs available at the University of Tokyo?

A: There are many types of scholarship programs listed at the “Todai Go Global” site. Please refer to the site below.

<http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/administration/go-global/scholarship/list.html>

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Q: Is there any case in the past that students being rejected from the host university after the GraSPP preliminary nomination?

A: There have not been many such cases, however it is depend on the host university's decision. We had a one rejection case last year for Sciences Po.'s double degree nomination. Due to the MPA program's nature, and it's course requirements, they expect students to have good professional backgrounds as well as high English competency.

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Q: Do all partner universities accept exchange students?

A: Yes, all of the seven universities accept exchange students. In case of the exchange program with SIPA, however, we are not sure until we receive SIPA side's nomination result in early March. This is due to keep the equivalency of student exchange with partner universities.

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Q: I would like to go exchange program with UCSD in my last semester at GraSPP. If I go for two quarters, from September to March, will I still be able to graduate from GraSPP in March?

A: Yes, but you have to transfer all of the necessary credits to GraSPP before the time of credits accreditation submission deadline in order to meet the GraSPP graduation requirement.

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Q: Can I submit my IELTS certificate, instead of TOEFL (iBT) certificate?

A: We cannot accept IELTS certificate as a replacement of TOEFL (iBT), however we can receive IELTS certificate as a reference.

GraSPP Ex. & DD information website

*** Today's session's PPT slides will be available at GraSPP home page!**

GraSPP> Student Bulletin Board
(在学生用掲示板)

*** For more information, please visit our website at**

www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp:
(国際交流>交換留学プログラム)

Good luck with your application!

