

Guidelines for the AY2024-2025
Course-Taking Sandwich Program
at Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT)



International Programs Initiatives Section

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1. Program Outline

The Course-Taking Sandwich Program allows students to take courses at Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT) while they are students at their home university for 1 or 2 semesters (due to immigration regulations, periods for exchange are limited to 1 year).

For example, the student may study for their first two years at their home university, study at SIT for the third year, and then return to their home university to complete their studies at their home university.

The program is popular with foreign students as they have an opportunity to study abroad and about 250 students participate in the program per year. Students have a wide range of study options from all departments and colleges. Courses are offered in both English, and Japanese language lessons are also available for those interested.



2. Contents / Courses

The main activity of the program is taking courses taught in English and all the participants as required to register for **at least 6-period (600 minutes) courses per week for the whole semester.**

The courses cover most of the field of engineering. The students can take courses from any field regardless of their major and level (undergraduate or postgraduate) at the home university if the students meet the prerequisites of each course.

SIT also offers Japanese language courses for students who wish to learn some Japanese while staying in Japan.

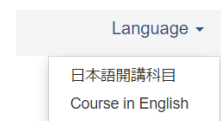
For more detailed information about the courses, please visit the following websites:

Website: [The course Ischedule](#)

*Please change the language to “Course in English”, see here ➡

*Look under “**SIT Mobility Program Participants**”.

*Attention to the **campuses** which offer the courses as the campuses are in different areas and take some time to travel between them. (An hour around)



Website: [Course Modules/List](#)

Below courses at Shibaura Institute of Technology are organized by field.

- Computer Science (Computer Science, Information Communication Technology)
- Electrical engineering
- Chemistry
- Construction (Architecture, Civil, Urban Design, Environmental studies)

Not all the courses are grouped in the modules, but it helps students to look for the courses by the field of interest.

*** Japanese-based course**

The courses for the Course-Taking Sandwich program are in English except for the Japanese language course as mentioned, however, the students may take courses taught in Japanese if a student has **N2 level or above for JLPT**.

However, Japanese-based courses are optional and there is a possibility that you may not be able to register for the class depending on the class capacity.

After the screening, SIT will provide special forms and course lists to the applicants.

3. Requirements

The applicant must:

- be an undergraduate/graduate student at a university.
- complete this program at SIT and return to home university before graduation at his/her home university.
- have good English skills* (CEFR B2 or equivalent)
- be physically and mentally healthy. (Health checkup/certificate is required upon application.)
- register for more than 6-period (600 minutes) courses per week for the whole semester

*CEFR B2 is equivalent to IELTS 5.5-6.5, TOEFL iBT 72-94, TOEFL ITP Level 1 & 2 543-626, Cambridge English FCE 160-179, Cambridge English CAE 160-179, and Cambridge English (CPE) 162-179. (These scores may change from time to time)

CEFR	Cambridge English Proficiency Test	EIKEN Test for Practical English Proficiency Grade 1 to 3	GTEC Advanced Basic Core CBT	IELTS	TEAP	TEAP CBT	TOEFL iBT	TOEIC L&R /TOEIC S&W
C2	230 200			9.0 8.5				
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B2	179 160	2599 2300	1349 1190	6.5 5.5	374 309	795 600	94 72	1840 1560
B1	159 140	2299 1950	1189 960	5.0 4.0	308 225	595 420	71 42	1555 1150
A2	139 120	1949 1700	959 690		224 135	415 235		1145 625
A1	119 100	1699 1400	689 270					620 320

*Native English speakers and English-based degree students are not required to submit English proficiency scores.

*If the applicant has not taken the English proficiency test, his/her home university can issue a letter that substantiates the student’s English proficiency.

4. Application Period

Spring semester entry: October 1st to 31st

Fall semester entry: April 1st to 30th

5. Academic calendar and program duration

SIT has 2 semesters a year as below.

1st semester (spring semester): from the beginning of April to the end of July

2nd semester (fall semester): from the End of September to the end of January.

- Academic Calendar (AY2024)

Program duration: 1 or 2 semesters (up to 1 academic year)

Please note that the orientation for the new coming students will be held before each semester begins.

- Orientation for Spring Semester: End of March/Early April
- Orientation for Fall Semester: Early/Middle of September

*Some of the courses will be conducted on a quarterly basis, as follows:

1st quarter: Beginning of April – early June, 2nd quarter: Early June – end of July

3rd quarter: End of September. – mid-November, 4th quarter: Mid-November – end of January

6. Program Fee

SIT Partner University applicants:

- Application (Registration) fee: JPY30,000
- Admission fee: All waived
- Tuition fee: All waived

Non-Partner University applicants:

- Application (Registration) fee: JPY30,000
- Admission fee: JPY40,000
- Tuition (Course takers only): JPY15,000/credit

Payment schedule:

- Application (Registration) fee: At the time of application*
- Admission fee and tuition: Upon arrival *TBA

* If students cancel the program before the start day due to unavoidable matters, the refund will be made with a deduction of a small handling charge (1%).

* You can check the link for [SIT partner universities](#), but the newly added universities may not be on the list so please check with the international coordinator at your university to see if your university is SIT's partner university.

7. Campus information

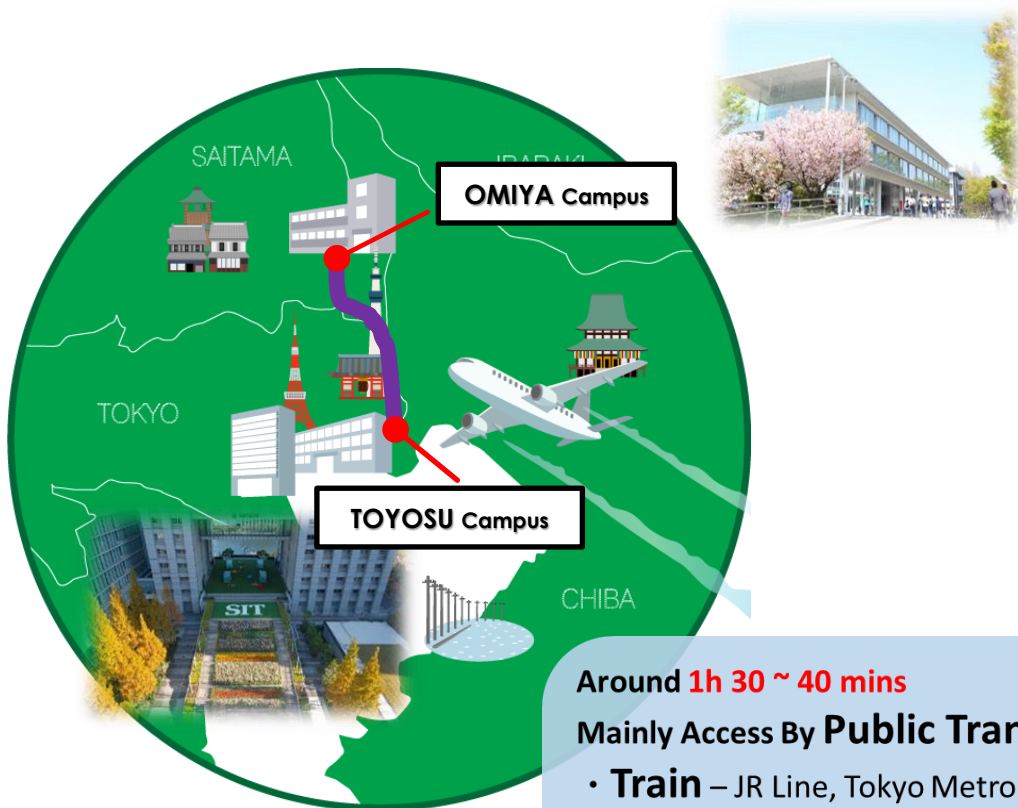
SIT is located in the heart of Japan. There are 2 campuses, the Toyosu campus, is located in Tokyo, and the Omiya campus is located in Saitama (next to Tokyo).

Being in Tokyo or close to is one of the most attractive points for students, especially from other countries and many students who attended SIT have taken advantage of living in the central Tokyo and enjoying their life in Japan.

As mentioned in the Article 2 (Contents/courses), campus you attend will depend on the course you register. Please check and consider the campus location for the courses you are willing to take and distances of each campus when you register for the courses.




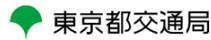

[Toyosu campus \(Tokyo\)](#): College of Engineering and School of Architecture
College of Engineering and Design

[Omiya campus \(Saitama\)](#): College of Systems Engineering and Science



Around 1h 30 ~ 40 mins

Mainly Access By Public Transportation

- **Train** – JR Line, Tokyo Metro Line, etc.  
- **Public Bus** – Toei Bus, etc.  
- + **SIT's School Bus** 
(from **Higashi Omiya Station** to **Omiya Campus**)

8. Procedures

1) <i>Preparations:</i>
- Check the website and program guideline to have a good understanding of the program outline.
- Consult with the university coordinator who is in charge of overseas study programs at home university.
- Be sure about your budget plan concerning the duration of the study and living costs in Japan.
2) <i>Applications:</i>
- Apply via the online system from the program website <u>during the application period for the semester you wish to study.</u>
- Pay the Application (Registration) fee (JPY30,000) through the same system as above. (Admission fees and tuition will be charged later for the students from non-partner universities.) Learn More about the online application
- Make a request to the university coordinator to nominate the applicant via the online application system. (Without the nomination from the university coordinator, your application cannot be completed.) Learn More about the online nomination
3) <i>After the application</i>
- Once SIT receives the applications, the screening will be held.
- Within 2 months after the application is closed, SIT will notify the result of screening.
- The applicants who pass the screening will receive a Letter of Acceptance (LOA) via the email.
4) <i>After confirming the acceptance</i>
- Receive further information including the guidebook and take the necessary steps to come study in Japan. e.g., visa matter, accommodation, courses, and required documents about visa application: see page 7
- Attend orientation and register for courses before the semester starts

9. VISA Process/Student visa (COE needed students)

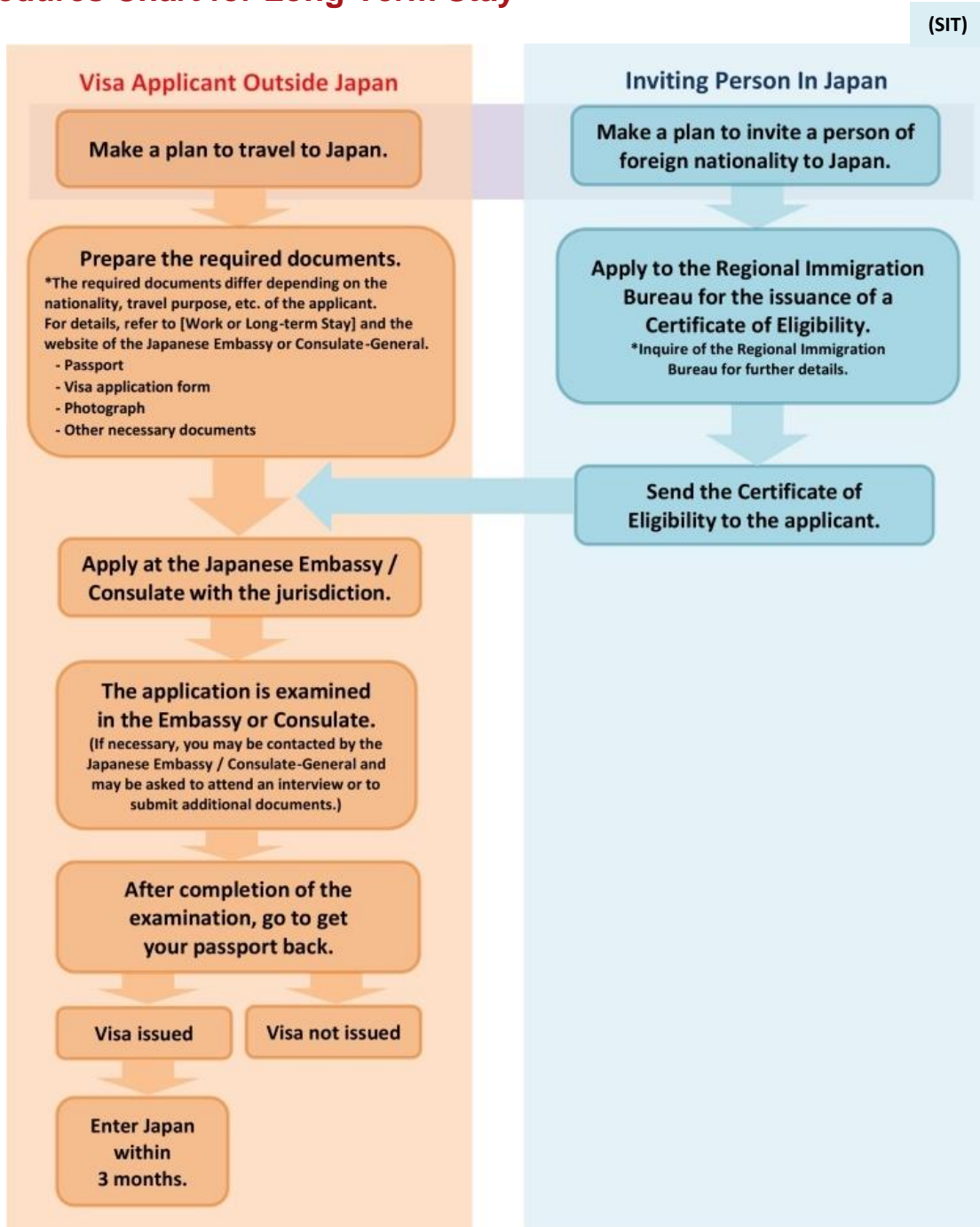
Students who will participate in the Course-taking Sandwich Program must apply to a “student visa”.

In order to apply for a student visa, a COE (Certificate of Eligibility) is needed which will be issued by Immigration bureau in Japan.

SIT will apply for the COE on your behalf and send the original certificate to the program coordinator at your home university once it is issued. Students can apply for Student visa with the COE.

Below is a flow of visa application process. Usually, this process will take about 2 months before the original COE reaches to you. Please be patient with it and wait for the COE.

Procedures Chart for Long-Term Stay



Link: [Application for Certificate of Eligibility \(COE\)](#)

10. Accommodation in Japan

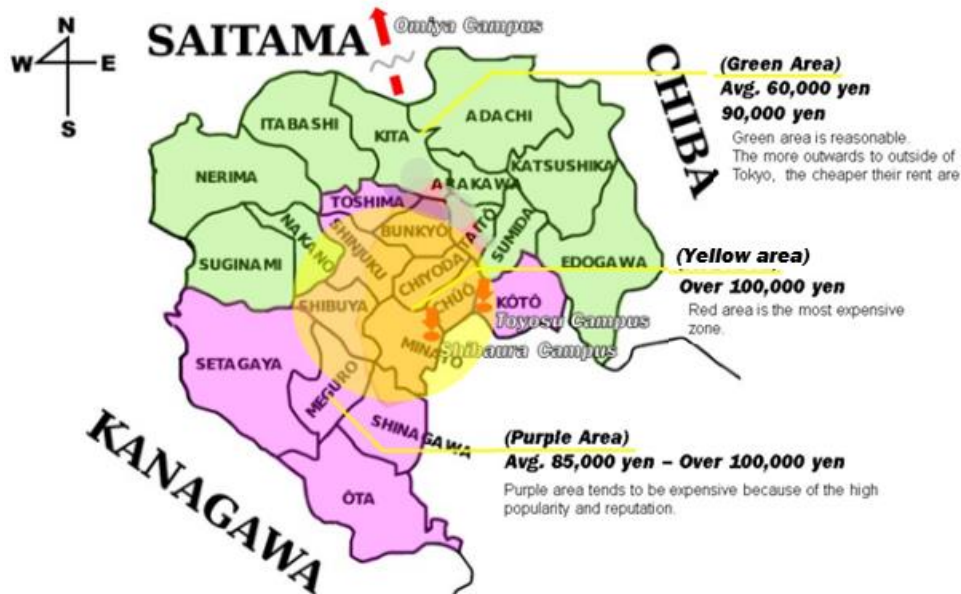
Once applicants are accepted, SIT will provide accommodation information and help them find accommodation in Japan. The following data/figures are from the surveys taken from the international students studying at SIT. We hope this information helps you find accommodation.

As shown in the picture below, the accommodation and living expenses will vary by area. So please decide the living location based on the campus you will mainly belong to, transportation fee, and living cost by area.

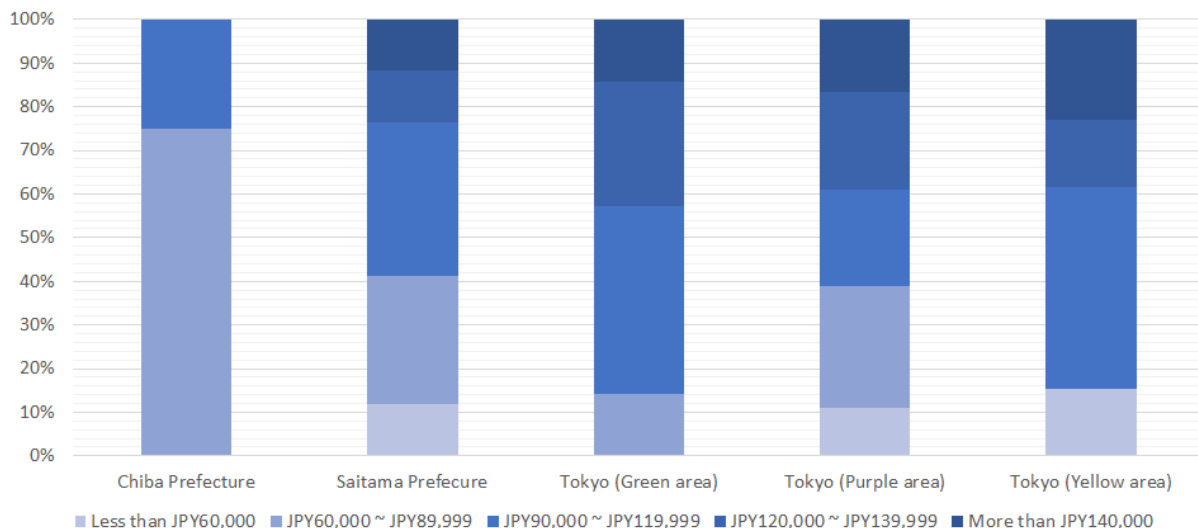
Also, SIT owns the dormitory for both Japanese and international students. This dormitory, "SIT Global Dormitory" is located at Omiya Campus as a forum for cultural exchange between Japanese and international students. However, since we accept a greater number of applicants than the number of rooms in the dormitory, it is very competitive to enter. So, we share the list of the accommodations and the real estate agencies with those who cannot live in the dormitory.

[Important] When looking for accommodation, please first confirm which campus you will take classes on.

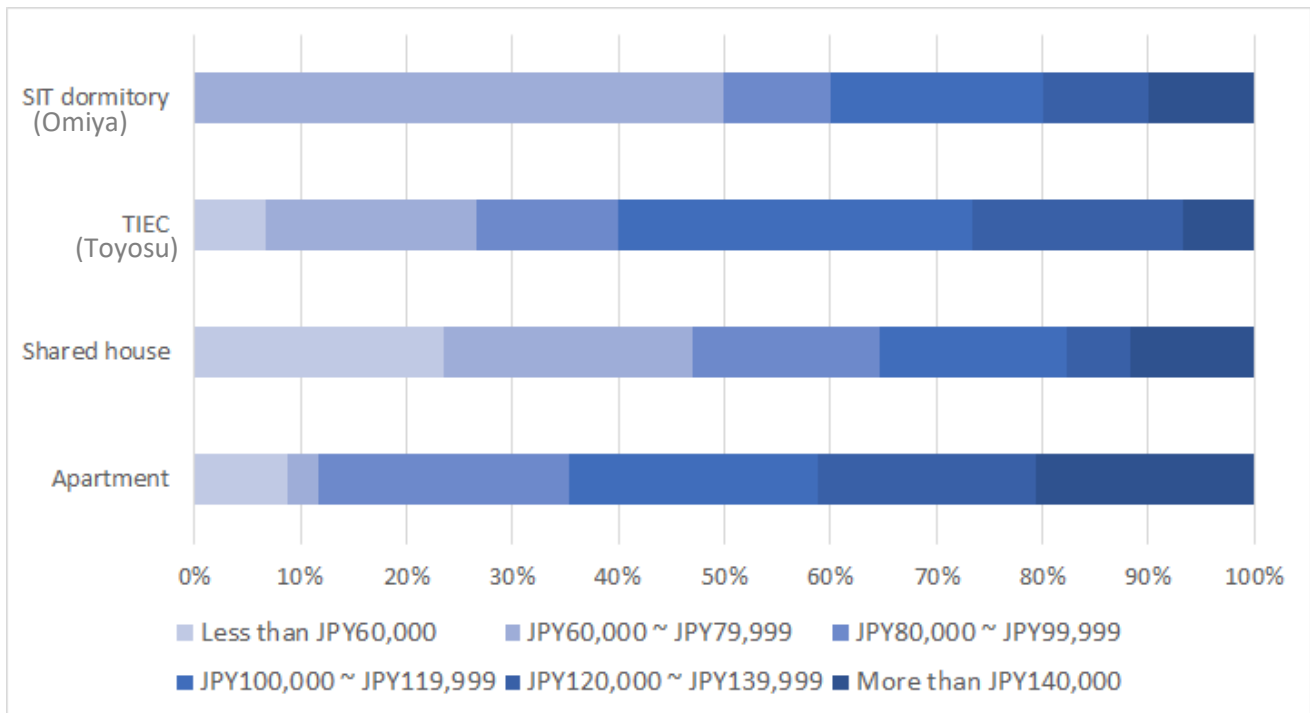
APPROXIMATE ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES BY AREA



PERCENTAGE OF LIVING EXPENSES BY AREA



PERCENTAGE OF LIVING EXPENSES PER ACCOMMODATION TYPE



Note:

- TIEC (Tokyo International Exchange Center) is the dormitory for the students at a **Graduate level**. It is operated by Japanese government and located near Toyosu campus.
- You need to pass a screening to stay in the TIEC or SIT dormitory. Due to the high numbers of international students in Tokyo, these two dormitories are **very competitive to enter**, so please try to look for other accommodation in case you cannot pass the screening.



Picture of The Dormitory

Advice from International Students at SIT

- It is better to share accommodation with friends that you know. It helps you save all costs (accommodation, food, etc). If you try to find a good, shared apartment with your friends next to your main campus, it will help a lot to mitigate transport expenses.

11. Facilities of SIT

Toyosu and Omiya campus has its own cafeteria and store. The cafeteria serves traditional Japanese food, curry, noodles and so on. If you suffer from food allergies, do not worry. Every food comes with a detailed list of the ingredients used. You can pay with cash, credit card or prepaid card.

Toyosu's Cafeteria

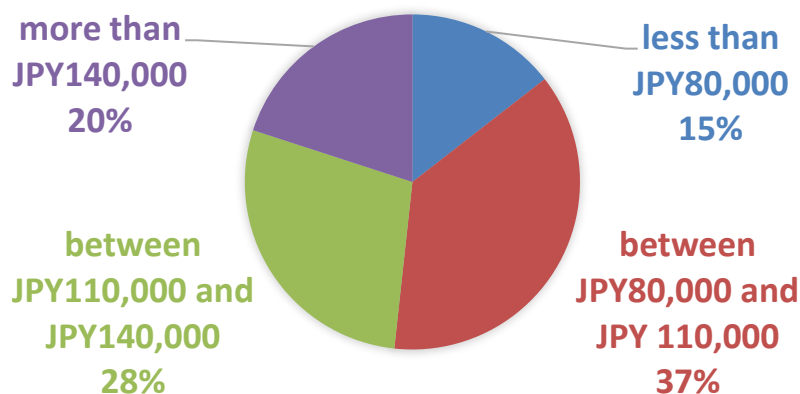


Omiya's Cafeteria



12. Total Cost of expenditure in Tokyo

This is a result of survey of total cost of living per month in the Tokyo area for international students. The following chart shows average expenses spent per month. Some students manage to live on less than JPY80,000, but at least JPY80,000 must be budgeted since it is the minimum amount required by the immigration bureau.



PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WORKING PART TIME

International student's first priority is "Studying", however they are also allowed to work and earn money during their free time up to 28 hours per week.

The figure on the right shows the percentage of Students keeping a part time job. Sometimes, the SIT international office provides part time jobs. (ex. Airport pick up, supporter for event etc.)



Advice from International Students at SIT

- Confirm the cost for everything before you come. Usually, the initial cost can be expensive.
- Cost varies upon location where you stay at.
- We believe living cost can really vary depending on the people. But, as long as you take control of what you spend (especially on food and transportation), it can be quite affordable.
- SIT is very convenient to study in even though Tokyo is quite expensive to live but it's worth it.

13. Arrival: From the Airport to Your Accommodation.

Since Tokyo has a well-developed public transportation system, we **do not provide** the airport pick up service. You can check the website of [Haneda airport](#) and [Narita airport](#) to understand how best to travel from the airport to the city center. If you would like to know the specific route to your accommodation, please refer to the common [Route search site](#).

