

Dual Degree (DD) Program with Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)

東京外国語大学とのデュアルデグリー プログラム説明会

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Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Melbourne acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of the unceded land on which the Parkville campus stands.

We pay respect to Elders past, present – and acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledge in the Academy. We also extend that respect to any First Nations People with us in the room today.

As a community of researchers, teachers, professional staff, and students we are privileged to work and learn every day with Indigenous colleagues and partners.



UoM-TUFS DD Program Signing Ceremony



Sept. 13, 2023 @ Dean's Executive Meeting Room, Old Arts



Our Dual Degree Program Partner

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)

東京外国語大学

Established in 1857 during the Tokugawa Shogunate as a translation bureau, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies has evolved into a specialist institution of higher learning, focusing on languages and international studies.

School of Japan Studies 国際日本学部

The first Japanese Studies department in Japan funded by the Japanese government

Our Collaboration History

UoM and TUFS have a long history of teaching and research collaboration, including exchanging students. Global Japan Office in Melbourne was established in 2017 as part of our continuing institutional efforts. **Both explore Language-based area studies.**



TUFS



Dual Degree Program with Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

- Degrees:** Melbourne: Bachelor of Arts in Japanese Studies
TUFS: Bachelor of Arts in Language and Area Studies
- Duration:** 4 years (2 years @ Melbourne + 2 years @ TUFS)
- Target:** Melbourne students majoring in Japanese Studies
Ideally, super-advanced language students: start at entry point Japanese 3, 5, or 7
Others considered
- Start:** April 2027
Japanese Studies major students starting the university in 2025
- Quota:** 2 (2026)
- Selection:** Highly competitive
Melbourne applicants need to clear the application process set by TUFS
- Tuition:** Melbourne (3 years) + TUFS 1 year– JPY535,800 (2023) - 10% tuition fee discount
living expenses, travel, etc.



Japanese Studies major only

- This program is available to students enrolled into the Bachelor of Arts who are completing a single major in Japanese Studies. **This program is not available to students completing a double major in the B-ARTS or undertaking a concurrent Diploma in Languages (Japanese Studies).**
- Students must be on track to complete **at least 200 points (16 standard subjects), including at least 50 points (4 standard subjects) of Japanese Studies major subjects in their Bachelor of Arts** at the commencement of study at TUFS. Additionally, students must have at least 75 points remaining in their degree when attending TUFS.
- Students are expected to engage with the unimelb standard Global Studies Semester Programs process, including meeting the eligibility requirements of this process and all associated deadlines.
- Students are also expected to ensure that they are meeting the requirements of their Bachelor of Arts in addition to their Japanese Studies major while at TUFS, such as completing breadth or elective subjects.

UoM student to TUFS



Semester	UoM Entry Point 3, 5	UoM Entry Point 7	Student status
Sem 1 UoM Start Year intake	12.5 Discovery subject Japanese 3, 5 25 Level 1 Arts Discipline subjects, including Breadth (either 2 breadth subjects or 1 breadth & 1 Arts Discipline)	12.5 Arts Discovery subject Japanese 7 25 Level 1 Arts Discipline subjects, including breadth (either 2 breadth subjects or 1 breadth & 1 Arts Discipline)	UoM student
Sem 2 UoM	Japanese 4, 6 37.5 Level 1 Arts Discipline subject	Japanese 8 37.5 Level 1 Arts Discipline subject	UoM student
Sem 3 UoM	Japanese 5, 7 Signs & Symbols (For EP 3) 12.5 breadth subject 12.5 /25 Arts discipline subjects	Variations in Japanese languages Contemporary Japan 25 Arts discipline subjects	UoM student
Sem 4 UoM	Japanese 6, 8 Japanese grammar in action (for EP 5) 12.5/25 Arts Discipline subject 12.5 breadth subject	Reading Japanese Literature 12.5 Arts disciplines, 25 breadth subject	UoM student
Sem 5 (April – mid July) TUFS Spring term - 3 rd year entry UoM students granted 62 credits, have 63 credits left to complete TUFS degree.	Language subjects Survey courses at SJS Major courses at SJS Related courses	Language subjects Survey courses at SJS Major courses at SJS Related courses	TUFS FW student (UoM student)
Sem 6 (October – January) TUFS Autumn term	Language subjects Survey courses at SJS Major courses at SJS Related courses	Language subjects Survey courses at SJS Major courses at SJS Related courses	TUFS FW student (UoM student)
Sem 7 (April – mid July) TUFS Spring term	Major courses at SJS Must include Research Seminar Related courses	Major courses at SJS Must include Research Seminar Related courses	TUFS FP student
Sem 8 (October – January) TUFS Autumn term	Major courses Must include Research Seminar Graduation Project	Major courses Must include Research Seminar Graduation Project	TUFS FP student

FW – Fee Waiver
FP – Fee Paying

Timeline

Oct. 31, 2025: EOI submission

Nov. 2025: Initial discussion with Prof Ogawa

April 2026: Second discussion with Prof Ogawa

May 30, 2026: Selection into the double degree confirmed by FoA and students nominated to Global Learning. Students will be ranked accordingly to their academic ability and advised accordingly. Students not selected for the double degree may be able to nominate to go to TUFS on exchange instead.

June 2026: Motivation statement; shortlisting completed

June 30, 2026: Students must apply via the Global Studies [semester programs process](#) by the application deadline.

August 15, 2026

- Application portfolio submission to TUFS, which includes an academic transcript,
- **a proposal for a graduation project (1,000 words in English)**
 - **Society, Culture & Literature, Linguistics, Japanese Pedagogy**
- one letter of recommendation from University of Melbourne Japanese Studies instructors
- any additional information supporting the application

September/October, 2026: interview by TUFS

November 2026: Outcome



Admission into the TUFS Course

In order to be eligible for advanced standing to the Bachelor of Arts in Language and Area Studies (TUFS Course), Melbourne students must satisfy the following criteria:

- a) Successful completion of a high school diploma and two years of the Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Japanese Studies
- b) Achieve a minimum weighted average of 70% (GPA 3.00 out of 4.00) for the two years of the Melbourne Course
- c) Pass the entrance exam in accordance with standard TUFS practice – interview in Japanese/English



Melbourne – TUFS DDP website

<https://arts.unimelb.edu.au/asia-institute/discipline-areas/japanese/tufs-dual-degree-program>

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