DEPARTMENT OF
URBAN
ENGINEERING
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO
Outline of The Department

Application

Applicants must apply through the T-cms online application system to register, make submissions online, etc., for Graduate Programs for Foreign Students in Urban and Environmental Studies, and for admission applications with full MEXT scholarships (Japanese government scholarship) or ADB scholarships (Asian Development Bank scholarship). MEXT, Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. http://www.t-cms.reply2.ju-tokyo.ac.jp/t-cms/new_user.php

You can refer to the detailed program guidance information here: http://www.ju.tokyo.ac.jp/english/international_applications/index.html
For general information on research student applications at the School of Engineering, please refer to the following website: http://www.ju.tokyo.ac.jp/admission/index.html

Scholarships

Scholarships Recommended by the Department (MEXT, ADB-SIP)
The department will allocate a limited number of scholarships by recommending candidates to scholarship organizations MEXT and ADB.
http://www.tu.ju-tokyo.ac.jp/english/admissions/

MEXT Scholarship with Embassy Recommendation
For general information on the MEXT scholarship (with recommendation from a local Japanese Embassy), please refer to the following:
http://www.tu.ju-tokyo.ac.jp/english/admissions/embassy/eng.html

Accommodations

The University of Tokyo offers accommodations for international students and researchers as part of our efforts to promote international exchange in the education and research fields.

Two types of accommodation are available for international researchers and students at the University: residences operated by the University, and apartments and flats rented by private businesses.

Residences operated by the University are available at lower prices than private accommodations, and are furnished with basic appliances students need upon arrival. Each residence aims to promote international exchange and encourages communication among residents.

Private accommodation, on the other hand, enables you to secure housing at locations close to your campus that are convenient for shopping and amenities. The costs of renting privately, however, are higher than the costs of renting from the University.

Message from The Head of Department

With rapid growth of the world’s population, over a half of us now live in cities. From inadequate infrastructures to the inequality of living standards, various kinds of urban problems are manifest, which require delicate solutions that can be achieved only by the experts with a wide view and deep thinking. We offer our students the grounds to learn various urban issues and to find their own solutions based on our 50 years of professional education. We welcome students who are intrigued by urban issues and willing to learn principles and application of urban engineering.

Satoshi Takizawa

Mission

Our mission is to provide students a profound basis to become experts in urban planning, design, and management. To fulfill a wide range of knowledge and skills required to become a specialist in the field, the department offers Urban Planning Course and Urban Environmental Engineering Course, both placing a strong emphasis on studio and/or experimental works in association with group discussions.
http://www.tu.ju-tokyo.ac.jp/english/edu/

Research

Research topics at the Urban Planning Course include urban land use planning, urban design, territorial design, housing and urban analysis, urban information safety, international development and regional planning, urban transportation, landscape planning, spatial design and community design, planning and management. The Urban Environmental Engineering Course focuses on the research in environmental systems, environmental risk management, water environment technologies, urban water systems, urban resource management, urban sustainability science, and environmental microbial functions.
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Brief History

The Department of Urban Engineering was established in 1962, and the Graduate School Programs started in 1995. Around 120 undergraduate students and 170 graduate students, including 50 foreign students, are currently enrolled.

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Voices of International Students

Bindu Sigal
International Development and Regional Planning Unit

DUE is a unique place to study and research about cities and regions in a blend of the international, multicultural and diverse environments. The lectures by experienced professors and department resources with every necessary material that needed for study make the learning even practical. Thanks to the whole department who are so supportive and understanding especially for the international students, if you have the desire to explore and reseach on cities in an international atmosphere, please without hesitation join: DUE, it is a world-class department where you can explore your vision of being an urban planner and contributing to making your city sustainable.

Sarunruth Praphaphut
Environmental Systems Laboratory

Many complicated environmental problems we’ve faced in recent years inspired me to study in a field of environmental engineering. I decided to pursue my doctoral degree here because of its strong academic background, together with talented and enormously experienced professors. Academic atmosphere here is very active. As we have many laboratory groups focusing on different specific themes, I always learn new things from my colleagues’ works. I received lots of useful suggestions or my work which came from various perspectives, if you want to study in this field, I believe this department is a perfect choice for you and can completely fulfill your desire.

Bikas Guragyi
Urban Water Systems Laboratory

My dream of enrolling in a reputed university like the University of Tokyo was fulfilled after I received the MEXT scholarship. Ever-encouraging professors, regular lab seminars, and sufficient library materials has widen my knowledge of the urban environment and provided an adequate environment for research. Cooperative department staff and helpful friends have made my life easier and occasional fun parties have given me plenty of memories to cherish. For the new-comers, if you are hard-working and want to contribute something original in the environment field, then this department is the perfect platform. Please allow us to welcome you. Let’s study and have fun together.

Voices of International Alumni/ae

Arindam Biswas
Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee

Previously, I am working as Assistant Professor at the Department of Architecture & Planning, IIT Roorkee, India. My research areas include urban planning, housing, institution and governance, inclusion and informality, regional science, economic growth & urbanization, and resilience. My present journey as an academician started at DUE. I have learnt new research avenues, perseverance, dedication and determination for innovative research. I cherish my moments of intense discussions with Seniors and the academic debates during the bib meetings. DUE is one of the finest place to learn about urban issues. Come and fall in love with research at DUE and enter into a life-long academic and professional network.

Eunsoo Enginprasong
United Nations Human Settlements Programme

I have been working for UN-Habitat. We are supporting Somali government in three governance tiers (local, state and federal) in capacity development and designing policy, law, regulations for de-centralized service delivery for basic services. I work in DUE at Housing and Urban Analytics Lab., was one of the best learning venues I have ever been. Particularly the bib’s weekly meetings were irresistible to my learning and knowledge. I think you should expect that this is a great opportunity to be exposed to wide range of cutting edge researches, top-notch professors to learn from, and importantly amazing city, people and culture to live with.

Joana Portugal-Pavel
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

I am a Visiting Professor in the Energy Planning Department at the Graduate School of Engineering of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (PPCORE/UFF), developing research about bioenergy, low-carbon energy systems, climate policy, and environmental co-benefit strategies. During my doctoral studies, I learnt advanced analytical skills to conduct independent research. I also gained skills to work in interdisciplinary and multicultural environments during field. When you join DUE, you will be supervised by excellent professionals and fellow colleagues eager to help you. During my student times, I developed strong friendships and professional relationships. You will be in very good hands.

Ihab Sohrab
Kyoto University

I am currently working for Environment Preservation Research Center, Kyoto University. During my doctoral studies in Urban Environmental Engineering, I learnt a lot. For example, I learnt advanced analytical tools to plan energy systems, data analysis, and logical thinking. There are many international students in the department such as Chinese, Korean, Indian, Bangladeshi, and American so on. You are able to become friends through cross-cultural communication. Also, many kind Japanese students are able to guide you to deeply understand Japanese culture such as Sushi, Kebabi, Shrimp, Sake and whatever you want to know.

G.G. Tushara Chanthi
University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka

I am currently working as a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. I got my PhD, from Department of Urban Engineering in year 2009. Study in the Department of Urban Engineering, one will always get chance to enhance their network, Kendatla, professional relationships that will become a very valuable asset for their future career. If you are a person who wants to take challenge in a multicultural and international academic environment and want to see your next level of development, then the Department of Urban Engineering is the place for you.

Department of Urban Engineering Projects in the World

India

Role of NGOs in public and private land development. The case of Dheaka city

Bangladesh

Development of international network on health risk assessment in urban area

Japan

Recovery planning from the Great East Japan Earthquake, etc.

Nepal

Strengthening the conservation and management of forests. The birthplace of Lord Buddha

Thailand

Research and development for water resource technology in tropical regions (314-F40)
The University of Tokyo
Maps

Kashiwa Campus

The University of Tokyo
Hongo Campus

Komaba Campus

Narita Airport

Haneda Airport

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