

Online IBEC (IB Educator Certificate) KAMOKUTOURISHUSEI (Credited course student) program in English

FAQ (SY2024)

Q1. What type of people enroll in the program?

→ Pre-service and practicing teachers from around the world take the program.

Q2. What level of English is required to take the program?

→ Please check the English level in the application qualifications. All classes are conducted in English.

Q3. Can I apply even if I don't speak Japanese?

→ All classes are conducted in English, so no Japanese language proficiency is required.

Q4. What should I include in the work history I submit with my application?

→ There is no prescribed format for the CV you, but it should include the following information.

Name Phone, Email, Education, Work Experience, Teaching Experience, References

Q5. Can I consult with someone before applying for the program?

→ Yes, please get in touch with us by e-mail at ibec@tamagawa.ac.jp

Q6. Is there an admission test?

→ There is no entrance exam, however, we will conduct a screening process based on your documentation.

Q7. Do I need to go to school? Is there a residence requirement?

→ No, the program is 100% online.

Q8. How can I get an IB certificate?

→ Upon completion of the program, you will be instructed to apply for the IB educator certificate from the IB. Please note that while you will gain graduate-level credit for your completed courses the program does not result in a master's degree. The IB Certificates in Teaching and Learning are not a teaching license. The IB does not license teachers.

Q9. What is the time commitment?

→ Two graduate credits are equivalent to 25 hours of instruction and 50 hours of independent work, which means that to earn 2 credits for a course, students must devote 75 hours of work in and out of classes per course.

Q10. When are classes held?

→ Synchronous sessions will be scheduled upon negotiation with the instructor considering the cohort members' time-zones.

Q11. What teaching materials are used in class?

→ There are no textbooks. Moodle will be used as the e-learning platform. All teaching material will be provided on or through Moodle.

Q12. Can I take a leave of absence?

→ There is no system to grant a leave of absence.

Q13. Can I enroll in the program in the middle of a semester?

→ No, you cannot. You can only apply in February for the Spring semester and fall semester. The program will run for one academic year from April to February.

Q14. How do I pay fees?

→ Bank transfer from a Japanese bank only. Credit card payment is not accepted.

Q15. Can I pay the enrollment fee and tuition in installments?

→ The enrollment fee and tuition cannot be paid in installments, so please prepare the prescribed amount in advance and pay it by the due date.

Q16. Can I defer payment of the enrollment and credit program fees?

→ Deferred payment is not acceptable. Please prepare the prescribed amount in advance and pay by the due date.

Q17. If a proxy pays, in whose name should the payment be made?

→ Please make the payment under the name of the applicant.

Q18. Are there any additional fees besides the screening fee (25,000 yen), enrollment fee and tuition (390,000 yen)?

→ After completing the program, each student will apply to the IB for the IB educator certificate, the IB charges 285USD for the certificate

Q19. Is there a scholarship program?

→ No scholarship program is available.

Q20. Can I purchase a school commuter pass?

→ You can't. It is not possible to obtain a "School Commuter Certificate" or "School Student Passenger Fare Discount Certificate (Gakuwari Certificate)".

Q21. Can I take courses while enrolled in another graduate school at Tamagawa University?

→ If approved by your graduate school, it is possible.

Q22. Can I get two certificates?

→ At Tamagawa, you can only take courses to apply for one certificate in teaching and learning.

Q23. Is it possible to get job placement advice?

→ Individual employment counselling and referrals are unavailable for KAMOKUTOURISHUSEI (credited course student).

Q24. How many applicants apply, and how many are successful?

→ The number of applicants is not disclosed.

Q25. Do graduate certificates and/or transcripts need to be sealed?

→ They can be sealed, but it is not mandatory.

Q26. Can I send documents issued long time ago?

→ Documents need to be issued preferably within 3 months.