

EAI Curriculum Rules

1. The core curriculum for EAI consists of four primary courses:

FA320	History of Japanese Arts and Aesthetics	3 credits
PHIL370	Japanese Religion and Philosophy	3 credits
JPN 316	Japanese Culture and Society	3 credits
LJA110E OR LJA210E	Elementary OR Intermediate Japanese Language and Culture	4 credits

2. For purposes of curriculum and campus life, Biola exchange students are part of EAI and come under these regulations.
3. In order to leave time and energy for personal exploration of Japan outside the campus, and recognizing the emotional energy required of international students during their first semester or year in Japan, the East Asia Institute recommends that the student take twelve or thirteen semester hours of credit during the fall semester. However, the student can add, at no extra charge, additional hours of course work if desired or needed (in principle, eighteen semester hours is the limit).
4. Students are automatically enrolled in the four primary courses listed above (see the EAI website for descriptions). Students can add additional courses and/or ask to substitute other TCU courses for primary courses for any reason. This may be done without any additional charges or fees. The additional course options are listed after primary courses on the EAI website. Students may also contact the EAI office (eai@tci.ac.jp) to ask about late additions to the list of additional courses.
5. The agreements with all partner schools guarantee that any EAI course will transfer back to the student's home school at least as an elective. However, it is the student's responsibility to discuss the selection of courses with the proper authority/advisor at the home university (such as an academic advisor or study abroad advisor) to find out which general education, major or minor, or other requirements at the home school any particular EAI course may fulfill. That decision rests entirely with the student's home school.
6. Students who wish to add additional courses and/or substitute other TCU courses for primary courses should make their request on the application form. It is also possible to do so at a later time by emailing the EAI office (eai@tci.ac.jp).
7. It should be noted that the EAI primary courses and the field trips are offered only during the fall semester of each year. Visiting students are welcome to attend TCU during other terms. During the other terms, TCU always offers enough courses using English as the medium of instruction to make a full course load (as required to obtain a student visa from the Japanese Government), but the range of courses may be restricted. Students interested in attending TCU other than in the fall term should check with the EAI office (eai@tci.ac.jp) to find out the courses to be offered at the time the student wishes to attend TCU.
8. These rules concerning the EAI curriculum and choice of courses apply to all visiting, English-speaking international students who have another "home" university to which they plan to return and who attend TCU as full-time students. These rules do not apply to people who are not visiting from another university nor to those people who are not full-time students at TCU. Nor do they apply to visiting Japanese students or to others fluent in the Japanese language.