

Academic Year 2026

Ibaraki University

University-wide Course Package

Integrated Climate Change Science

in the ASEAN Region

Special Auditor Application Guide

(Graduate Program)

April 2026

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Overview of University-wide Course Package and Special Auditors

Special auditors

The special auditing students covered by this application guide are those who are enrolled in an educational institution (hereinafter referred to as the “home institution”) that has entered into an inter-university exchange agreement with Ibaraki University (hereinafter referred to as “IU”), and who have been permitted by their home institution to take courses offered by IU. These students are accepted by IU as non-degree students who do not aim to obtain a degree.

Enrollment of common graduate school courses

This application guide explains how to enroll in the courses that comprise the University-wide Course Package, “*Integrated Climate Change Science in the ASEAN Region*” (hereinafter referred to as “ICCS”), which are common graduate school courses. These courses are established as part of MEXT’s “Inter-University Exchange Project”.

IU University-wide Course Package “ICCS”

IU aims to establish an Integrated Climate Change Science framework that combines both mitigation and adaptation strategies as comprehensive solutions to climate change.

A distinctive feature of ICCS is its interdisciplinary approach, which enables students to examine climate change and its solutions—an urgent global issue—through lectures delivered by experts from diverse academic and professional backgrounds, both within and outside the university.

Each course introduces a rich array of practical case studies from Japan and ASEAN countries, focusing on climate change and sustainability. Through these case studies, students are encouraged to engage in discussions and critically explore the ideal form of Integrated Climate Change Science.

Available Courses and Course Period

The table below lists the course titles.

	Course Titles	Credit	Course Period
1	Climate change and sustainability science	1	Late- Apr 2026 – Mid-Jun 2026
2	Changing atmosphere and climate change	1	Late-May 2026 – Mid-Jul 2026
3	Mitigation strategy for climate change	1	Mid-Oct 2026 – Mid Dec 2026
4	Adaptation strategy to climate change	1	Mid-Oct 2026 – Mid Dec 2026
5	Climate policy, SDGs and social resilience	1	Mid-Nov 2026 – End of Jan 2027

Methods of offering and taking courses

All courses will be offered on demand. Students will view videos via the international education platform Japan Virtual Campus (JV-Campus) and receive Q&A and other necessary instructions during a designated period.

Therefore, it is not necessary to commute to the IU campus.

The language of instruction, Q&A sessions, and credit examinations is generally in English.

Classification of Courses

All courses offered under this program are graduate-level (master's-level) courses of IU.

Admission Requirements

Applicants eligible for admission as Special Auditors must meet all of the following conditions.

- Their home institution has entered into an inter-university exchange agreement with IU.
- They have been officially recommended by their home institution to enroll in the courses offered under this application guide at IU.

Application Procedures

Application Procedure

If you wish to apply, please submit the Special Auditor Application Form to your home institution in accordance with its instructions.

A letter of recommendation from your home institution is required for application. Therefore, applications cannot be submitted directly to IU.

Application Fee, Admission Fee, and Tuition

No application fee, admission fee, or tuition will be charged.

Application Period

Application deadlines vary depending on the course(s) for which the applicant wishes to enroll:

(a) Applicants wishing to enroll in Course 1: Thursday, April 23, 2026

(Applications for other courses may also be submitted at the same time.)

(b) Applicants wishing to enroll in Course 2: Thursday, April 30, 2026

(Applications for Courses 3, 4, and 5 may also be submitted at the same time.)

(c) Applicants wishing to enroll in Courses 3, 4, and 5: Friday, September 11, 2026

Recommendations from home institutions to IU must be submitted by the applicable deadline above.

Please follow the instructions provided by your home institution regarding the deadline for submitting the Special Auditor Application Form

Application Documents

	Items	Notes
1	Recommendation Form for Special Auditors	To be prepared by the home institution for each student recommended as a Special Auditor. If additional space is needed for names, please add rows as necessary. After completing all required fields, convert the document to PDF or image format.
2	Special Auditor Application Form	To be completed by the student wishing to enroll and submitted to the home institution. The home institution should compile and submit this form together with the Recommendation Form for Special Auditors. Please attach a photo (upper body, no hat) and convert the form to PDF or image format before submission.

Submission of Recommendation Documents

Please submit the electronic versions of documents 1 and 2 in the table above via email by the application deadline.

Submission Contact:

Special Auditor Registration Desk, Ibaraki University

adm-ssc.sbx@vc.ibaraki.ac.jp

Selection and Admission Procedures

Admission Selection and Notification of Results

Once the application documents have been officially accepted, the selection will be conducted by IU based on the screening of the submitted documents. No interviews will be conducted.

The results will be communicated to the applicant's home institution.

The notification of results is scheduled as follows:

(a) Applicants for Course 1: Scheduled for April 28, 2026

(b) Applicants for Course 2: Scheduled for May 15, 2026

(c) Applicants for Courses 3, 4, and 5: Scheduled for September 30, 2026

Admission Procedures

If the applicant granted permission to enroll based on the selection results, detailed information regarding the environment procedures will be provided along with the notification.

Taking Courses

The following is an outline of how to take the courses. More details will be provided after completing the enrollment process.

1	Obtaining the IU network ID	<p>After each class on JV-Campus, quizzes and Q&A sessions with the class instructor will be conducted using the IU Learning Management System (manaba).</p> <p>After receiving your IU ID via email, you will be required to complete the necessary authentication procedures.</p> <p>Please refer to the important notice provided at the end of this section.</p>
2	Taking courses through JV-Campus	<p>Please check the syllabus for the courses you are taking and view them on JV-Campus.</p> <p>The selection of lecture videos for each class session will be determined by instructor. Students are expected to follow</p>

		the instructions.
3	Quizzes in class	A quiz will be given on JV-Campus for each 15-minute lecture. These quizzes will count toward your grade. In addition to the quiz, your instructor may ask you to complete assignments. Please refer to the syllabus for more information.
4	Questions and answers regarding class content	Questions for the instructor can be submitted through “manaba” by the designated date and time, after viewing the lecture video(s) as instructed (usually three 15-minute lectures, totaling 45 minutes).
5	Examination	
6	Awarding of credits	Credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the course based on the results of in-class quizzes, final examination, etc.
7	Issuance of Certificate of Completion	A certificate of completion will be issued upon request after coursework is completed, and credits are awarded. The entire process of application and issuance will be carried out by post only, not by email.

Important Notice for Applicants to Course 1

Please note that for applicants wishing to enroll in Course 1, the first lecture session will have already begun by the time applications are accepted. Accordingly, students will begin attending the course from **the second lecture, scheduled on May 1.**

After submitting the application, **applicants are requested to register as a user on JV-Campus and begin viewing the on-demand lecture videos without waiting for the notification of the selection results.**

Please refer to the URL below to register on JV-Campus:

<https://www.jv-campus.org/en/jvc-content/369098/>

The IU ID, which is required to participate in instructor-led Q&A sessions will be provided at the same time as the notification of the selection results.