

## Changes in Academic Calendar and Class Hours (Academic Year 2015)

To Students of College of Arts and Sciences and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,

For some time, the University of Tokyo has been working on a major reform of our overall undergraduate curriculum. Now the details of the changes in the academic calendar and related matters are taking shape, including the introduction of the Term System in Academic Year 2015. This reform will result in major adjustments to the class hours and academic calendar in both the College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. I am writing to inform you of the main changes and key points that have been decided so far so that you may be aware of these developments in advance.

Also, the Junior Division of the College of Arts and Sciences will adopt a new curriculum from Academic Year 2015. In principle, the curriculum will take effect with the 2015 April-entry and September-entry students. For those who have already enrolled, the curriculum described in the “Undergraduate Student Handbook I Junior Division (*Gakubu-binran zenki-katei*)” and “PEAK Student Handbook” will still apply. However, there will be reorganization of some courses and establishment of new courses, which will affect your study plan; the details of this reorganization will be announced as soon as they have been decided.

Sincerely yours,

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## Appendix

### This Academic Year (AY2014)

- Class Schedule (including exam period)

Summer Semester: April 9 to July 31,  
September 1 to September 3

Winter Semester: October 6 to February 10

- Class Hours

90 minutes per period (*koma*)

Period 1 9:00–10:30  
Period 2 10:40–12:10  
Period 3 13:00–14:30  
Period 4 14:50–16:20  
Period 5 16:30–18:00  
Period 6 18:10–19:40

### Next Academic Year (AY2015)

- Class Schedule (including exam period)  
(The following is the current plan. The dates may be adjusted later by a few days.)

\* **The University of Tokyo will use a two-semester system and a four-term system concurrently. Some classes will be held on the semester system, while others will be held on the term system.**

\* **There will be a significant change to the class schedule in the autumn and winter. No classes or exams will be held from January to March. (However, classes/exams might be held from January to March for courses offered by other faculties or graduate schools, including Specialized Courses.)**

#### **Semester System**

S Semester: April 6 – July 31

A Semester: September 14 – December 25

#### **Term System**

S1 Term: April 6 – June 4

S2 Term: June 5 – July 31

A1 Term: September 14 – October 30

A2 Term: November 2 – December 25

\*There will be classes/exams on the following National Holidays:

September 21 (Mon), September 22 (Tue),  
September 23 (Wed), October 12 (Mon), November  
3 (Tue), December 23 (Wed)

- Class Hours

\* **Each class period (*koma*) will be 105 minutes long. The class hours will be:**

Period 1 8:30–10:15  
Period 2 10:25–12:10  
Period 3 13:00–14:45  
Period 4 14:55–16:40  
Period 5 16:50–18:35  
Period 6 18:45–20:30