

About Related Subjects

Please refer to the separate “List of Related Courses” for subjects that have been approved as related subjects by the Faculty Committee. Additionally, the List of Related Courses can be reviewed on the Graduate School of Life Sciences website under [Education] > [Syllabus]. The website will be updated accordingly if any additions or revisions are made.

***Please read this content carefully. If you have any questions, confirm them with the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences.**

(1) “Advanced Lecture on Marine Biology” (2 credits)

This course is offered biennially at the Asamushi Research Center for Marine Biology. Please confirm with your academic advisor whether you can enroll in this course. Registration for this course takes place in April.

(2) “Advanced Organic Chemistry I, II” (2 credits each)

This is a joint lecture series on organic chemistry conducted by multiple Faculties/Graduate Schools of Tohoku University. Please check the syllabus for the lectures schedule, location, etc. In order to attend this course, please obtain the approval of your academic advisor. The registration period is April for Advanced Organic Chemistry I, and October for Advanced Organic Chemistry II.

(3) “Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences I-V” (1 credit each) and “Special Lecture of Life Sciences I-V” (2 credits each)

Credits will be granted under the following circumstances. Prior course registration is not required.

- When credits earned from courses taken during study abroad, etc., are applied toward the completion requirements of this Graduate School.
- When an academic advisor evaluates that a student has deepened their specialized knowledge by participating in seminars recognized by this Graduate School as “Credit-granted Seminars” (hereinafter referred to as “Seminars, etc.”), and the student has accumulated a designated number of “points”.
- When an academic advisor evaluates that a student has deepened their specialized knowledge by participating in an internship.
- Other cases deemed appropriate by the Academic Affairs Committee.

(4) “Subjects designated by the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST)”

Details such as the designated subjects and lecture schedules will be announced separately.

As classes will start in September, course registration will take place in August. However, if the number of applicants exceeds capacity, a selection process will be conducted.

<About the method of credit approval>

1) Approving courses completed during study abroad, etc., as related subjects:

The appropriate application form along with the required documents should be submitted to the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences. An academic transcript and the syllabus of the

relevant course(s) are also required for submission as evidence of successful completion of the course(s).

2) Approving credits through participation in “Credit-granted Seminars”:

Information regarding upcoming seminars will be announced on the Graduate School of Life Sciences website under [Message Board for Students]. The notice will explicitly state that it is a credit-granted seminar, the number of points it is worth, and the faculty member in charge. The number of points awarded varies depending on the content and duration of the Seminar, etc.

- Regarding the “points” that can be obtained at seminars

Basically, 1 point is given for each one-hour seminar, 5 points for a half-day seminar, and 10 points for a full-day seminar. However, depending on the content of the seminar, the number of points may be exceeded at the discretion of the head of the Academic Affairs Committee. Points remain valid during the period the student is enrolled in the Master's Degree Program (2-year course).

- Regarding the Seminar Attendance Card and the Credit Approval Procedure

The points earned by attending seminars are tracked using the “Seminar Attendance Card” (hereinafter referred to as the “Card”) distributed during new student orientation. Those who wish to have their credits approved should follow the credit approval procedures as follows.

- a. At the conclusion of each seminar, have the faculty member in charge sign or stamp your Card on the spot (this is not required for online attendance).
- b. After accumulating the required number of points, write the name of the course you wish to be credited for in the designated space on the Card, and have it evaluated by your academic advisor (the academic advisor will fill in the Pass/Fail mark).
- c. Submit the Card containing the “Pass” evaluation to the Academic Affairs Section by the end of January for students graduating in March, or by the end of July for students graduating in September. If the deadline falls on a weekend or public holiday, it will be extended to the following business day. Credits will be officially granted following a review by the Academic Affairs Committee.

Once you acquire 20 points, you can apply for certification of a “Special Lecture of Life Sciences • (2 credits)”. Please note that you cannot apply for credit certification until you have reached the full 20 points.

However, in the following exceptional cases, you may apply for a “Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences (1 credit)” upon accumulating 10 points. Please consult the Academic Affairs Section:

- When it is determined that earning further points is structurally difficult due to your impending graduation (changes to academic status are not permitted).
- When an international student wishes to use a "Certified Lecture of Life Sciences (1 credit)" as a substitute for Common Subjects A or B.

20 points → Special Lecture of Life Sciences I (2 credits)

40 points → Special Lecture of Life Sciences II (2 credits)

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Special Lecture of Life Sciences V (2 credits)

10 points → Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences I (1 credit)

- The number of Seminars, etc. recognized as credit-granted seminars varies by academic year. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that the total points available from all seminars hosted within a single year will exceed 20 points.
- Once a student has used a credit-granted seminar for the “Special Lecture of Life Sciences V”, it will not be possible to transfer credits earned during study abroad, etc. Please be sure to plan your credit transfer properly.
- Although the minimum graduation requirement for the Related Subjects category is 2 credits, we strongly encourage you to attend many of these seminars, as they are provided to help enrich your academic studies and research capabilities.

3) Approving credits through participation in an internship:

Obtain an endorsement from your academic advisor on the “Internship Training Participation Report” and submit it to the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences.

The academic advisor will evaluate the duration, using a baseline of 1 credit per week (consisting of at least 5 working days and approximately 40 hours), which will then be officially approved by the Academic Affairs Committee.

Courses Recognized as Related Subjects
by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Graduate School of Life Sciences

*If you have any questions about related subjects, please contact the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences.

Only for Master's course (2 year program)

Common to all three departments

Course Name	Credit(s)	Notes	Submission of Application form	Course Registration Method
Advanced Lecture on Marine Biology	2	This Course held biennially	Not Required	Register via the Academic Affairs Information System.
Advanced Organic Chemistry I	2			
Advanced Organic Chemistry II	2			
※1 Common subjects for graduate schools	1-2			Varies by subject. Will be announced separately.
Specialized subjects offered by other departments (excluding laboratory seminars and Project Experiment A)				Register via the Academic Affairs Information System.
Courses designated by the Neuro Global International Joint Graduate Program (NGP)				Some courses require registration through the Student Affairs Information System. Refer to the syllabus.
Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences I	1	Credit-granted Seminars, etc.		Not Required
Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences II	1			
Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences III	1			
Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences IV	1			
Authorized Lecture of Life Sciences V	1			
Special Lecture of Life Sciences I	2			
Special Lecture of Life Sciences II	2			
Special Lecture of Life Sciences III	2			
Special Lecture of Life Sciences IV	2			
Special Lecture of Life Sciences V	2			
Subjects designated by the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST)				Will be announced separately.
The following items require the submission of the "Application for Registration of Related Subjects" and subsequent approval by the Faculty Committee.Without approval, these courses will not count as related subjects.				
Courses from other Graduate Schools deemed educationally necessary by your academic advisor * Courses designated by the International Graduate Program for Data Science (GP-DS) / Integrated Chemistry(GP-Chem) / Earth and Environmental Sciences (GP-EES) * Courses designated by Advanced Graduate Program for Future Medicine and Health Care * Courses designated by Division for Interdisciplinary Advanced Research and Education (If you take designated courses but do not wish to become a DIARE Master's Research Student) *Cross-Graduate School Subjects, etc.		Please refer to each program's website for details.	Required	Submission of the "Application for Registration of Related Subjects" Register via the Academic Affairs Information System is not required.