The University
The University of Tokushima, a Japanese National University, is located in the prefecture of Tokushima, on the island of Shikoku, not far from the city of Osaka. The total number of enrolled graduate and undergraduate students is approximately eight thousand. This figure includes about two hundred and fifty international students. Members of the university faculty, approximately nine hundred, are primarily located at the two main campuses: “Jo-anjima” and “Kuramoto.” Many of the University administrative offices, including the President’s office, are located on a third, smaller, campus, called “Shinkura.”

The Graduate School of Advanced Technology and Sciences
The Faculty of Engineering, the faculty most closely associated with the Global Double-Degree Program (GDDP), is one of several schools, faculties and departments that comprise the Graduate School of Advanced Technology and Sciences (GSATS).

What is the CICEE?
Most planning and specific day-to-day program and administrative support for the GDDP is done by the CICEE (Center for International Cooperation in Engineering Education). The CICEE cooperates with both the GSATS and the Faculty of Engineering in providing support for the GDDP and its students.

What is the GDDP?
It is a program that allows graduate students to obtain two graduate degrees in engineering. One is from the University of Tokushima (UT), the other is awarded by an international partner university of UT. Thus through participating in the GDDP, students will study, do research, and will complete the graduate degree requirements from two universities.

The reason for the Global Double-Degree Program (GDDP)
The Global Double-Degree Program (the “GDDP”) is part of a larger, ongoing global process that is commonly referred to as internationalization. Stated in another way, the aim of the GDDP is to provide students with research experience and engineering education within an international framework.

Who sponsors and supports the GDDP?
The GSATS, the Faculty of Engineering and CICEE work together in providing administrative and teaching support for the program and the students who participate in the program.

How does the GDDP work?
In order for a student to be accepted into the GDDP, a student must be accepted or enrolled in a graduate engineering program. Prospective graduate students from outside of Japan must then apply to UT for admission into the GDDP. After receiving an application from an overseas student, the prospective student will be interviewed. The interview is done in English and is typically conducted via a videoconference. Once a student has been notified of their acceptance into the DDP, the student will enroll as a student at UT. Though the student becomes a UT student, all university fees or tuition payments are only paid to the student’s home university; no payments are made to UT. GDDP students will have two supervisors, one from the University of Tokushima, and one from their home university. The specific details of a student’s time of residency at UT might vary. However, it is generally anticipated the amount of time spent at UT will be one year, and could be as much as two years. A unique feature of the DDP is that the curriculum is designed to include a wide range of courses, intended to provide a broad understanding of the entire field of engineering. Currently, the GDDP emphasizes three fields of engineering: nanotechnology, bio-information, and environmental. The classroom language for those courses offered through the GDDP is English. More specific details of specific classes and other aspects of the engineering fields mentioned can be found at the CICEE website <http://www.cicee.tokushima-u.ac.jp/English/index.html> and in the UT Graduate Course Information booklet.

Who is eligible to apply for the GDDP?
The basic requirements are two: 1) the student must be currently enrolled in, or at least have been admitted to, a graduate school engineering program at one of the University of Tokushima’s partner universities. 2) the student must be proficient in English. Other details and requirements of GDDP participation may vary, so be sure to check with your home university to receive the most up-to-date information.

Housing, Expenses, and Possible Scholarships
GDDP students studying at UT may live at one of the university dormitories for international students. The cost is approximately 10,000 yen per month. In addition to the dormitory rent, other general living expenses are estimated to range from a low of 60,000 to a high of 80,000 yen per month. University fees and/ or tuition are only paid to one’s home university. No enrollment or other fees are paid to the University of Tokushima. However, prospective students need to be prepared to pay some initial costs in connection with their initial arrival and subsequent living in Japan. The estimate of these various on-time beginning expenses is approximately 10,000 yen. The Graduate School has available a limited number of scholarships sponsored by the Nichia Corporation, “Nichia Scholarships.” Prospective students should visit the Japan Student Services’ website for more information on other possible aid <http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_isholarships_s.html>.

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Biological Science and Technology
Ecosystem Engineering
Electrical and Electronics Engineering
Information Science
Intelligent System
Optical Science and Technology

The University of Tokushima Global Double Degree Program (GDDP)
Summer School

An annual one-week summer school, organized by CICEE and The University of Tokushima is held in August, at the Josanjima campus, located not far from the center of the city of Tokushima. The goal of the summer school is to promote mutually beneficial interaction in research and education with partner universities. Nanotechnology, Electronics, Environmental and Information engineering were the four specialized areas emphasized at the 2009 summer school. Students enrolled in the GDDP can receive 2 semester credits by successfully participating in this program. The 2009 school was an opportunity to consider current issues and possible future advances in the field of engineering.

The summer school experience is a reflection of engineering strengths: the school is an opportunity to demonstrate places where interaction and collaboration in research have been ongoing between UT and its affiliates The 2009 summer school brought together distinguished experts, graduate students, and young researchers from academia, and from businesses and other walks of life. Students gained valuable real-world experiences, learned various aspects of their chosen fields, and had the opportunity to network with engineering professionals. The program also included a field trip to a local business located in the nearby city of Tokushima. Additionally, students visited some of the tourist attractions around Tokushima city: they observed the Awa Odori dance, visited a traditional fabric-dying site and saw the famous Naruto whirlpool. Students from abroad can sometimes do a home-stay experience while in Tokushima.

GDDP Partner Universities

The University of Tokushima initiated the Global Double Degree Program with several international partners: the program has grown to now include partnerships with 11 institutes, from China, Korea, France, New Zealand and the USA. After introducing the program, the number of admitted international students and Japanese students studying abroad has increased.

Current Partners of The University of Tokushima:

China  
Beijing University of Post and Telecommunication  
Dalian University of Technology  
Harbin Institute of technology  
Tsinghua University  
Xi’an Jiaotong University

Korea  
Korea Maritime University  
Kyungpook National University  
Dong-eui University

France  
INSA Toulouse

New Zealand  
The University of Auckland

USA  
Florida Atlantic University

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