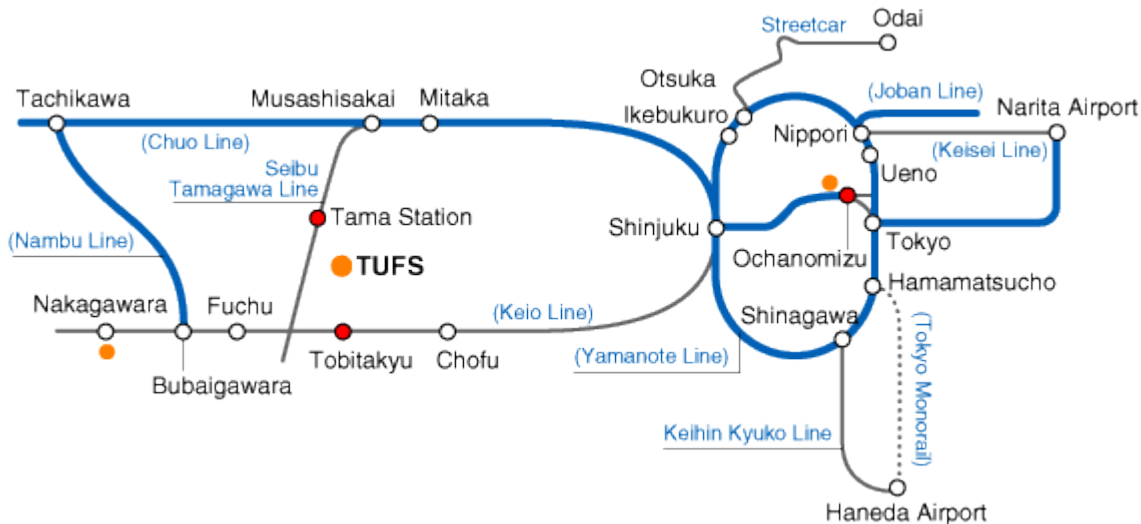


ILCAA Access Guide

The Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA) is located at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS, “Tokyo Gaikokugo Daigaku”). ILCAA/TUFS is located on the outskirts of Tokyo, more than 2 hours from Narita Airport.

Major Train Stations Around ILCAA/TUFS



Getting to ILCAA from Narita International Airport

If you are coming directly to ILCAA from Narita Airport, there are several routes you can take; however, we recommend that you take the bus from Narita Airport to “CHOFU Station” and then take a taxi to ILCAA. (The rates mentioned here are subject to change, and the time needed may vary due to traffic.)

1. To reach ILCAA directly, take a direct bus to “CHOFU Station” (approx. 2 hours, ca. 3200JPY), then take a taxi to TUFS (15min, ca. 1500JPY).
Only 8 services are available daily FROM Narita Airport ([timetable](#)), and 8 TO the airport ([timetable](#)).
2. If you are staying around the JR “Chuo-sen” (“Chuo-Line”) stations “MUSASHI-SAKAI” or “MITAKA”, take a direct bus from Narita Airport to “KICHIJOJI Station” (approx. 2 hours, ca. 3000JPY), then take a taxi to the hotel (10-15min, ca. 1200JPY).
12 services are available daily FROM Narita Airport to KICHIJOJI. ([timetable](#))
3. Please note that buses to CHOFU are scarce, and those to KICHIJOJI are also not very frequent.

Though it is possible, we do NOT recommend that you take trains from Narita to ILCAA, or to KICHIJOJI, MITAKA, MUSASHI-SAKAI, especially if you have luggage with you. It could be your last resort.

Why is this the “last resort” -- or why you are advised to use buses instead of railways?:

1. When using railways, you need to change trains at “SHINJUKU Station”. SHINJUKU Station is notorious for its chaotic structure. Even Tokyo natives get lost. And the station is very crowded

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throughout the day. (In fact, SHINJUKU Station receives more than 3 million passengers everyday, and it is by far the most frequently visited railway station in the world.) If you are a novice, it is not recommended that you change trains there, with all your luggage.

2. The Japanese railways (in Tokyo) are crowded almost throughout most of the day. Bringing your sizable luggage into the railway cars will not be welcomed.
3. Signs/guide maps/information in English are not abundant in Japanese railway stations, and English is not spoken everywhere.
4. Not all the trains on the “JR Chuo-sen” stop at MUSASHI-SAKAI Station. You have to be careful you do not board the wrong train.
5. **In brief, you can travel by railway from Narita Airport, but that trip will be much more complicated than a trip using buses.**

Local Map of TUFs Campus Area



Directions From Other Parts of Tokyo

The nearby train stations to ILCAA/TUFs are “TAMA” (Seibu Tamagawa Line) and “TOBITAKYU” (Keio New Line).

Via “TAMA” Station on Seibu Tamagawa Line

Seibu Tamagawa Line starts at MUSASHI-SAKAI Station on JR Chuo-sen (Chuo-Line), and TAMA is two stops from MUSASHI-SAKAI. After exiting the station, walk towards the left and take the underground stairwell to the other side of the station. Proceed to the main intersection with traffic lights ahead of you, and cross the street to the TUFS campus.

Via “TOBITAKYU” Station on Keio New Line

TOBITAKYU Station is on Keio New Line, which runs from SHINJUKU. From TOBITAKYU, you can catch the #2 or #33 Keio Bus to TAMA Station. Get off at “Tokyo Gaikokugo Daigaku Mae” bus stop (you have to press the purple button near your seat on the bus after the stop is announced), or “Tama Eki” bus stop if you miss this earlier stop. At the main intersection, cross the street to the TUFS campus. ILCAA/TUFS is roughly a 20-minute-walk from TOBITAKYU Station.