Chronological Chart of Tohoku University's History

Aug. 1876 Sapporo Agricultural College
1907 **Foundation of University**
Jun. 1907 **Tohoku Imperial University**
Sep. 1907 College of Agriculture
Apr. 1918 Hokkaido Imperial University
Apr. 1919 Imperial University Law enacted
Oct. 1947 **Tohoku University**
May 1949 Reorganized under the National School Establishment Law
Apr. 1953 Graduate Schools established under the new educational system

Jan. 1911 College of Science
Apr. 1919 Faculty of Science

Jul. 1915 College of Medicine
Apr. 1919 Faculty of Medicine

Aug. 1887 Medical Department of the Second Tertiary School
Apr. 1901 Sendai Medical College
Apr. 1912 Medical Department
Apr. 1918 Closed
May 1939 Temporary Medical College
Mar. 1944 Medical College

May 1919 Faculty of Engineering

Apr. 1906 Sendai College of Engineering (Sendai Koto Kogyo Gakko)
Apr. 1912 Engineering Department
Apr. 1921 Sendai College of Engineering (Sendai Koto Kogyo Gakko)
Apr. 1944 Sendai College of Engineering (Sendai Kogyo Senmon Gakko)

Apr. 1947 Faculty of Agriculture


Main Gate in the early Showa Period


University Archives (Old Library in the early Showa Period)

Aug. 1922 Faculty of Law and Letters
Apr. 1949 Divided into three Faculties

Apr. 1887 The Second Tertiary School
Jun. 1894 The Second Higher School, Preparatory Course for University
Apr. 1919 The Second Higher School

May 1949 Faculty of Education
May 1949 Attached to the University
Mar. 1950 Closed
Jun. 1949 First College of Arts and Sciences
Jun. 1949 Second College of Arts and Sciences
Jun. 1949 Third College of Arts and Sciences

Apr. 1926 Miyagi Prefectural College for Women
May 1949 Incorporated into the University
Mar. 1951 Closed

Apr. 1886 Miyagi Prefectural Normal School for Primary Education
Apr. 1898 Miyagi Prefectural Normal School
Apr. 1943 Miyagi Normal School
May 1949 Attached to the University
Mar. 1951 Closed

Apr. 1913 Miyagi Prefectural Women's Normal School
Jun. 1949 Education College of Arts and Sciences
Apr. 1957 Renamed North College of Arts and Sciences
Oct. 1958 Relocated to Kawauchi

Apr. 1945 Miyagi Normal School for Youth
Jun. 1949 Attached to the University
Mar. 1951 Closed

May 1919 Iron and Steel Research Institute
Aug. 1922 Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
Dec. 1941 Research Institute for Tuberculosis and Leprosy
Oct. 1943 Institute of High Speed Mechanics
Sep. 1935 Research Institute of Electrical Communication affiliated with Tohoku University
Jan. 1944 Research Institute of Electrical Communication
Aug. 1939 Institute for Agricultural Research
Mar. 1941 Research Institute for Mineral Dressing and Metallurgy
Jan. 1943 Research Institute for Scientific Measurements
Oct. 1943 Institute of Aero-Medicine
Jan. 1946 Closed
Jan. 1944 Research Institute for Non-Aqueous Solutions
Jan. 1945 Research Institute for Glass


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