

# Fact Sheet for Incoming Students 2023-2024



## Contact Information

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## Academic Calendar

<b>Orientation</b>	October Intake: End of September April Intake: Early April <b>We will notify the orientation schedule by email.</b>
<b>First (Spring) Semester (Spring &amp; Summer Term)</b>	April 1- September 30 Class Registration : by Mid April Final Examination : Early to Mid August Grade Release: Early September
<b>Second (Fall) Semester (Fall &amp; Winter Term)</b>	October 1 - March 31 Class Registration : by Mid October Final Examination : Mid February Grade Release : Early March
<b>Term Breaks</b>	Summer Break : August 11 – September 30 Winter Break : December 26 – January 3 Spring Break : February 14 – March 31

## Academic Information

- ✓ Language of Instruction Japanese or English
- ✓ Language Requirements JPLT N1 for Japanese or TOEFL iBT 80/IELTS 6.0 for English
- ✓ Japanese Language Courses Both credit-based (6 levels, 3 times/week) and non-credit courses are available.
- ✓ Credit and Grading System S (100-90), A ( 89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60), F (59-)  
One credit is equivalent to 45-hour study including class, revision and self-study. A semester-long 90-minute weekly lecture (15 sessions) is typically worth two credits. International students are advised to take at least 7 subjects/semester.
- ✓ Transcript We will automatically send the official transcripts to the partner institution about 4-5 weeks after the end of semester.

## Classes Offered in English

A large number of classes are offered in English at OU.

However, there are various restrictions on who is able to enroll in such classes and such information is handled by the school/department "Course Affiliation" of each course. Therefore, international exchange students are requested to investigate enrolling in such classes after arriving in Japan.

[https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange\\_program/eng\\_course](https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/eng_course)



## Nomination and Application Deadlines

**Fall Semester (Fall & Winter Term)/Full year :**  
**Nomination Deadline: April 15**  
**Application Deadline: April 30**

**Spring Semester (Spring & Summer Term):**  
**Nomination Deadline: October 15**  
**Application Deadline: October 30**

## Necessary Documents to Apply

- a. Incoming Exchange Student Application Form (7 pages)
- b. Official Transcript from Home University
- c. Copy of Applicant's Passport
- d. Bank statement, **signed by a bank official**, showing you have **a minimum of \$5,000 for one semester** to cover your living expenses. If the account holder is your guarantor, please ask him /her to sign on the statement. Copy of Scholarship or fellowship award letter, a government authorized letter of support are also acceptable.

\*For documents that are neither written in English nor Japanese, please attach an official translation with the translator's name, contact detail and signature.

## VISA

International student who is going to stay in Japan more than 90 days must obtain a "Student (Ryugaku) Visa" at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate before entering Japan. In order to obtain the visa, all applicants need to submit a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (COE). The support Office for International Students and Scholars will apply for the COE at the Japanese Immigration Bureau on behalf of you, and the Support Office will send you the COE by EMS . We will provide you with the details later once we formally accept you as an exchange student.

**Osaka University's Support Office for International Students and Scholars**  
<https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/visa/>



## Accommodation

Osaka University operates several dormitories. However, as we have a limited number of residential facilities, we need to ask our exchange students coming to Osaka University under the departmental agreement to look for private housing on their own. Osaka University's Support Office for International Students and Scholars provides general housing information, search methods and the application process. You will be in charge of collecting and choosing housing information, negotiating with a real estate company and signing a contract on your own.

**Osaka University's Support Office for International Students and Scholars**  
<https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/housing/>

## Health Insurance

All students attending Osaka University are required to participate in three insurance plans arranged by Osaka University, which includes National Health Insurance (NHI), Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) and Comprehensive Insurance from Student Life coupled with PAS. The cost is reasonable and will be the responsibility of the students. Also, please note that it is the students' own responsibility to obtain overseas travelers' insurance in order to cover personal risk.

**Osaka University's Support Office for International Students and Scholars**  
<https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/living/medical/>

## Club Activities

Osaka University provides a variety of student associations that can enrich the social and educational experience of students. Joining a club allows you to pursue your interests, widen your horizons, develop new skills and make new friends. If you are interested, please contact the club members directly and ask if exchange students can join for a short period of time.

### Club Activities

<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/campus/circle-club>



## Tutoring System

The tutoring system is to match each international student with a student tutor (a senior student at the Graduate School of Economics), who acts as a personal guide to your new life in Osaka. The tutors assist international students with their studies at Osaka University and advice on the practical and psychological aspects of living in Japan. You will be introduced to your tutors after you arrive in Japan.



Dr. Wani,  
OU mascot