

FACT SHEET FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

2024-2025

Graduate School of Economics / School of Economics
Osaka University



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Academic Calendar

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

Academic Information

Language of Instruction	Japanese or English
Language Requirements	JPLT N1 for Japanese or TOEFL iBT80/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.

There is no links available for 2024-2025 yet, but here are the links to courses taught in English for 2023-2024.

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

- Incoming Exchange Student Application Form (7 pages)**
- Official Transcript from Home University**
- Copy of Applicant's Passport**
- 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 e-mail. 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/>

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>

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/>

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.



Lecture



Spring



Autumn



Dr. Wani,
OU mascot