

UNIVERSITY-WIDE INCOMING STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS (LONG-TERM)

FACT SHEET 2024-25

| UNIVERSITY AND CONTACT INFORMATION | |
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| Name of University | Osaka University 大阪大学 |
| Academic schools and Research institutes | Humanities, Law, Foreign Studies, Economics, Human Sciences, Science, Medicine, Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Engineering Science, International Public Policy (OSIPP), Information Science and Technology, Frontier Biosciences, Microbial Diseases, Scientific and Industrial Research, Protein Research, Social and Economic Research, Joining and Welding Research, Laser Engineering, Nuclear Physics, Cybermedia, Immunology Frontier Research |
| University website | https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/ |
| Campus location | Suita, Toyonaka & Minoh, Osaka, Japan |
| Campus map | https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/top |
| Exchange study web page | https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program |
| Course information | https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus |
| Office in charge | International Student Affairs Division |
| Contact | <p>【Exchange students TO Osaka】</p> <p>I. iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontireLab & general inquiry University-wide Student Exchange Program - Inbound Team International Student Affairs Division (SUITA) Email: exchange<at>ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp Phone: +81 6 6879 4026 ext. 9538 Office hours: Mon-Fri, 08:30-17:15 Postal address: International Student Affairs Division, Osaka University, IC-Hall, ground fl., 1-1Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN</p> <p>II. MAPLE (Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Program for Exchange Students) <i>*September intake (Enrollment October), Full-year only</i> Center for Japanese Language and Culture (MINOH) Email: kouryu<at>cjlcs.osaka-u.ac.jp Phone: +81 72 730 5075 Office hours: Mon-Fri, 08:30-17:15 Postal address: Center for Japanese Language and Culture 3-5-10 Semba Higashi, Minoh, Osaka 562-8678 JAPAN</p> <p>【Exchange students FROM Osaka】 Please contact the outbound team of International Student Affairs Division (SUITA) Email: studyabroad<at>ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp Phone: +81 6 6879 7102 Office hours: Mon-Fri, 08:30-17:15 Postal address: International Student Affairs Division, Osaka University, IC-Hall, ground fl., 1-1Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN</p> |
| ACADEMIC CALENDAR | |
| Arrival/dormitory check-in | - September intake: Mid/late September - April intake: End-March to Early-April |
| Mandatory orientation | - September intake: End-September |

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| | - April intake: Early April | |
| Exchange terms | - Fall & Winter : Late September to February (15 course work weeks) - Spring & Summer : April to August (15 course work weeks) | |
| Term-end exam periods | - Fall & Winter : End-January to Early February - Spring & Summer : Early to Mid-August | |
| Term breaks | - Fall & Winter : End-December to Early January, Mid-February to End-March - Spring & Summer : Mid-August to End-September | |
| Course registration periods | - Fall & Winter : Early to mid-October - Spring & Summer : Mid to late April | |
| Grade release | - Fall & Winter : Late September - Spring & Summer : Late March | |
| ACADEMIC INFORMATION | | |
| Exchange period | Standard 5/6 months or 10/11 months, starting either in April or September | |
| Degree level | Undergraduate and postgraduate | |
| Relevant major/degree | Any fields of degree accepted** | |
| Credit award | Special Auditor | |
| Programs | iExPO, FrontierLab, OUSSEP, Maple <i>*All incoming exchange students MUST be enrolled in one of these programs.</i> | |
| Study type | Course work or Research | |
| Instruction languages | Japanese or English | |
| Credit and grading system | S (100-90) / A (89-80) / B (79-70) / C (69-60) / F (59-) FAIL One OU credits are 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. | |
| Japanese language class | Both credit-based and non-credit courses are open for registration. | |
| BASIC ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION | | |
| Student/academic residency | Students must be enrolled at their home university for at least one year and graduate students for at least six months at the time of application. Graduate students who are (or will be) continuing their education at their home university are also eligible to apply if they have been enrolled at their home university for more than one year. Continuous enrollment and progress as a full-time degree-seeking student at home university is essential and having a 3.0 GPA on the 4.0 scale in the last year; upper second-class in the UK's undergraduate honors grading system; a B in ECTS grading scale; or 80-85% in Chinese and Korean universities in the current degree program at their home university. | |
| Language requirements | FrontierLab OUSSEP | TOEFL iBT 80+ / IELTS 6.0 |
| | iExPO | JLPT N1 or N2 |
| | Maple | Japanese language proficiency equivalent to or higher than Level N4 of JLPT |
| NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Deadlines and schedules are expressed as Japan time.) | | |
| Application information availability | Emailed to the registered exchange coordinator/ study-abroad office of our partner. Application guides and information are not put on university web page. - September intake (Fall & Winter): Early-January - April intake (Spring & Summer): End-July/ Beginning of August | |
| Nomination deadline | - September intake (Fall & Winter): Last day of February - April intake (Spring & Summer): Last day of September For specific dates, please refer to Application Guide. | |
| Application deadline | - September intake (Fall & Winter): End-March - April intake (Spring & Summer): Mid-October | |

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| | For specific dates, please refer to Application Guide. |
| Method of nomination | Online (exchange coordinator's log-in required, web form) |
| Method of application submission | Online (student's log-in required, web form & PDF upload) |
| IT facility requirements to use online application web page | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Windows PC or Mac computer with secured internet access* 2. PDF converter software 3. Image scanner 4. Reliable E-mail <p>* <i>The application web page is not guaranteed to work on tablet computers, smartphone or any other mobile devices.</i></p> |
| Application materials | Online application form, statement of purpose, career goal essay, school affiliation request form, intended list of courses or research application, latest official academic transcripts, academic reference letter, official language test score report, photocopy of passport and so forth. |
| Screening for admission | Document-based |
| OFFER-ACCEPTANCE AND VISA | |
| Date of admission notice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September intake (Fall & Winter): End-May - April intake (Spring & Summer): End-December |
| Offer-acceptance deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September intake (Fall & Winter): Mid-June - April intake (Spring & Summer): Mid-January |
| Documents to be submitted on offer acceptance*** | Participant's agreement form, documentation of financial resources, latest ID photo, accommodation request, CESR immigration document application, health checkup forms |
| Information to be submitted before departure | Arrival information and emergency contact |
| Method of application submission | Online (student's log-in required, web form & PDF upload) |
| Student Visa | <p>Non-Japanese students must obtain student visa at a Japan consulate on their own responsibility. Osaka University Support Office makes a proxy application for a Certificate of Eligibility (CESR, an immigration certification) for students who need a visa after admission offer. Students usually receive their CESR around early September for fall intake and mid-March for spring intake, therefore it is advisable students leave in mid-September for fall term and end-March/beginning of April for spring term, or book a flexible ticket. Student's CESR document will be sent as PDF only via email.</p> |
| COSTS | |
| Tuition | OU tuition waived (by a relevant student exchange agreement) |
| Mandatory fee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College insurance (approx.12,000JPY/semester, 16,000JPY/year) - National Health Insurance (2,000-3,000JPY/month) |
| Accommodation | <p>Global Village Tsukumodai (FrontierLab, iExPO, OUSSEP): approx.60,000 JPY/month</p> <p>Global Village Minoh Semba (Maple): 46,490 JPY/month (utility fees not included)</p> <p>For private accommodation, average rent will be 35,000 - 60,000JPY/month</p> |
| Other costs | Flight to and from Japan, food, public transport, textbooks etc. Students must have at least approx.80,000 JPY per month at their disposal. |
| ACCOMMODATION | |
| University Accommodation | In general, FrontierLab, iExPO and OUSSEP students are allocated to Global Village Tsukumodai. Maple program students are allocated Global Village Minoh Semba. If university accommodation is not available, we will assist in finding a private accommodation. |
| Accommodation type | Dormitory |

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| Room type | Shared residential units (FrontierLab, iExPO, OUSSEP) Private room (Maple) |
| Single-sex/co-ed | Co-ed |
| Meal plan | Not available |
| SCHOLARSHIP | |
| Scholarship award | Successful candidates may be eligible to apply for JASSO and OU incoming exchange scholarship. (Half-year: 320,000-400,000JPY, Full-year: 800, 000-880,000JPY, paid in instalments during exchange. Please note that this is to support your study in Japan and will be paid only while you are staying in Japan.). Number of scholarship awards and notification timing vary by year and admission cycle. |
| How and when to apply | Students should read the notes on “Application Guide” of the relevant admission cycle and follow the instruction after being nominated by home university. |

**Enrollment restrictions may apply to some medicine/dentistry-related schools.

***These documents are not required at the time of application.