

UNIVERSITY-WIDE INCOMING STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES (LONG-TERM)
FACT SHEET 2016-17

UNIVERSITY AND CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of University	Osaka University 大阪大学
Campus location	Suita, Toyonaka & Minoh, Osaka, Japan
Academic schools and institutes	Letters, Law, Foreign Studies, Economics, Human Sciences, Science, Medicine, Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Engineering Science, Language and Culture, International Public Policy(OSIPP), Information Science and Technology, Frontier Biosciences Institutes of Microbial Diseases, Scientific and Industrial Research, Protein Research, Social and Economic Research, Joining and Welding Research
University website	http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/
Campus map	http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/for_print
Exchange study web page	http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/outline
Course information	https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus
Office in charge of exchange	International Student Affairs Division
Contact	<p><i>Exchange studnets TO Osaka</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontireLab & general inquiry Student Exchange Program - Inbound Team International Student Affairs Division (SUITA) Email: exchange@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 ➢ MAPLE (Japanese language & culture) Center for Japanese Language and Culture - Section I International Student Affairs Division (MINOH) Email: kouryu@cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp <p><i>Exchange students FROM Osaka</i></p> <p>Please contact the outbound team of International Student Affairs Division (SUITA) Email: ml.office.osaka-u.ac.jp">studyabroad<at> ml.office.osaka-u.ac.jp</p>
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Arrival/dormitory check-in	- September intake: Mid/late September - April intake: End-March/Beginning of April
Mandatory orientation	- September intake: End-September - April intake: Early April
Academic terms	- Fall/Second Semester : Late September to February (15 course work weeks) - Spring/First Semester : April to August (15 course work weeks)
Term-end exam periods	- Fall/Second Semester : End-January to Early February - Spring/First Semester : Early to Mid-August

Term breaks	- Fall/Second Semester: End-Dec. to Early Jan. & Mid-Feb.to End-Mar. - Spring/First Semester: Mid-August to End-September
Course registration periods	- Fall/Second Semester: Early to mid-October - Spring/First Semester: Mid to late April
Grade release	- Fall/Second Semester: Late September - Spring/First Semester: Late March
ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Exchange period	Standard 1 semester (5 months)* or 2 semesters (11 months)
Degree level	Undergraduate and postgraduate
Relevant major/degree	Any fields of degree accepted**
Credit award	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Auditor (S.A.,credit-based) <input type="checkbox"/> Special Research Student (S.R.S.,non-credit based)
Programmes	iExPO(S.A./S.R.S.), FrontierLab(S.A./S.R.S.), OUSSEP(S.A.), Maple(S.A.) <i>*All incoming exchange students MUST enrol in either of these programmes.</i>
Study type	Course work (S.A.) or Research (S.A./S.R.S.)
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	Degree-seeking student on continuous full-time status at home university, successful credit accumulation of at least one academic year in the degree program of home university (by the time of application), good academic standings (equivalent to GPA 3.0+/4.0, B+ in ECTS grading)
Language requirements	Varies by program - typically TOEFL iBT 80+/IELTS 6.0 for English; JLPT N1 or N1 for iExPO Japanese-based program; N3-N4 for Maple language program
NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS	
Application information availability	Emailed to the registered exchange coordinator/study-abroad office of our partner 8 months before enrolment. Application guides and information are not put on university web page. - September intake (Fall/Second Semester) : End-January - April intake (Spring/First Semester): End-August
Nomination deadline	- September intake (Fall/Second Semester) : Last day of February - April intake (Spring/First Semester): Last day of September
Application deadline	- September intake (Fall/Second Semester) : Last day of March - April intake (Spring/First Semester): Last day of October
Method of nomination	Online (exchange coordinator's log-in required, web form)
Method of application/documents submission	Online (student's log-in required, web form & PDF upload)
IT facility requirements to use online application web page	1. Windows PC or Mac computer with secured internet access* 2. PDF converter software 3. Image scanner 4. Reliable E-mail <i>* The application web page is not guaranteed to work on tablet computers, smartphone or other mobile devices.</i>
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
Screening for admission	Document-based

OFFER-ACCEPTANCE AND VISA	
Date of admission notice	- September intake (Fall/Second Semester) : End-December - April intake (Spring/First Semester): End-May
Offer-acceptance deadline	- September intake (Fall/Second Semester) : Mid/Late January - April intake (Spring/First Semester): Mid/Late June
Documents to be submitted on offer acceptance***	Participant's agreement form, financial planning and declaration form, documentation of financial resources, latest ID photo, accommodation request, CESR immigration document application
Information to be submitted before departure	Arrival information and emergency contact
Method of application/documents submission	Online (student's log-in required, web form & PDF upload)
Japan visa	Non-Japanese students must obtain Student Visa at a Japan consulate in their own responsibility. No other visa types are accepted. 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.
COSTS	
Tuition	OU tuition waived (by a relevant student exchange agreement)
Mandatory fee	- College insurance (c.12,000JPY/semester, c.16,000JPY/year) - National Health Insurance (2,000-3,000JPY/month)
Accommodation	Rates of residence hall/apartment c.25,000 - 40,000JPY/month For private accommodation, average rent will be 35,000 - 60,000JPY/month
Other costs	Flight to and from Japan, food, public transport, text books, winter clothing (if necessary) etc. Students are strongly advised to have at least c.100,000 JPY/ 830USD per month at their disposal.
ACCOMMODATION	
University accommodation availability	Available for booking via the International Student Affairs Division about 6-8 weeks before enrolment (on- or off-campus)
Rates	c.25,000 - 40,000JPY/month
Accommodation type	Dormitory, apartment or shared flat
Room type	Single room or shared flat
Single-sex/co-ed	Single-sex and co-ed
Meal plan	Not available
SCHOLARSHIP	
Pre-arrival scholarship award	Successful candidates may be eligible to apply for JASSO and OU incoming exchange scholarship. (Semester-long: c 320,000JPY, Full year: c.800,000JPY, paid in instalments during exchange). Number of scholarship awards and notification timing vary by semester/year.
How and when to apply	Students should see the notes on "Application Guide" of the relevant admission cycle and follow the instruction after being nominated by home university.

* One semester option is not available in "Maple".

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

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