



**School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University
Information Sheet 2024-2025 for Exchange Program**

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of University	Osaka University (大阪大学)
Host institution	Undergraduate level: School of Law (法学部) Graduate level: Graduate School of Law and Politics (法学研究科)
Office in charge of student exchange	Educational Affairs Section
Address	1-6 Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka 560-0043, JAPAN *Located on Toyonaka campus http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/index.html
Exchange coordinator (Inbound & Outbound)	Name: ADACHI Daisuke (Mr.) Tel: +81-6-6850-6942 Fax: +81-6-6850-5089 Email: adachi-d@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

PROGRAM INFORMATION	
Level of study	Undergraduate/Graduate
Exchange student's status at Osaka University	<p>Special Auditor Special Auditor can take courses offered by School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics, or courses opened for all Osaka University students. Special Auditor can be given credits.</p> <p>*Note: The courses offered by Graduate Schools of Osaka University can be registered by graduate students only.</p> <p>Special Research Student PhD student ONLY. Special Research Student conducts research, however can NOT earn credit. Osaka University does NOT guarantee that the intended supervisor accepts applicant.</p>
Academic requirements	<p>Undergraduate students: Completion of one year of study, and being in good academic standing at home university</p> <p>Graduate students: Completion of a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in order to take courses at a graduate level, and being in good academic standing at home university</p>
Language of instruction	Japanese or English
Language Requirement	<p>It is desirable for exchange students to have sufficient English or Japanese language proficiency and submit one of the following certificates issued within 2 years:</p> <p>(English) - TOEFL iBT 80 or higher - IELTS 6.0 or higher - TOEIC 750 or higher - Cambridge CAE or CPE with a grade of B2 or better - Official certificate/letter which proves English is the medium of instruction at home university</p>

	(Japanese) - JLPT N2
Date of enrolment	April 2024 or October 2024
Period of exchange	1 semester (2 terms) from April 1 2024 to September 30, 2024 or from October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 or 2 semesters (4 terms) from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 or from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025
Misc.	Applicants are supposed to be the student of their home institution during all exchange period* and return to their home institution to graduate after the period. If he/she will graduate from his/her institution during the period, we will NOT be able to accept him/her. Applicants shall, during the term of exchange, adhere to the rules of Osaka University, in addition to adhering to the rules of the home institution.

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International Economics II
Legal Presentation and Negotiation in English

[Intensive course]
Comparative Constitutional Law

Fall Semester (Fall and Winter terms): October 1 – March 31

[Semester course] *two-credit courses
Introduction to Common Law
Law and Society in the Middle East
Private Law in Japan
Environment and Development
Applied Microeconomic Analysis
Political Economics 2

[Intensive course]
Mediation : Basic
Mediation : Advanced

1-2. Courses in English offered by the Schools/Graduate Schools other than School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics

A large number of courses are offered by various departments, schools and graduate schools at Osaka University. For the course list for academic year 2023-2024 , please refer to the following website.

http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/eng_course

*Note 1: The course list will be updated later and is subject to change.

*Note 2: The courses offered by the departments/schools/graduate schools other than School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics are required to get approval from the faculty staff in charge of the course prior to course registration. Please note some courses might not be allowed to register due to some reasons such as course capacity. Exchange students will receive instructions on how to get approval and make course registration at mandatory orientation.

*Note 3: The courses offered by graduate schools of Osaka University (e.g. Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka School of International Public Policy(OSIPP)) can be registered by master/doctoral-level students ONLY.

[2. Course Timetable]

*Note: The timetable above is for academic year 2023-2024. Some of the courses might be canceled and thus unavailable in academic year 2024-2025.

2-1. Timetable offered by School of Law

Both undergraduate-level and graduate-level students can take the courses.

Timetable

<http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/undergraduate/curriculum/jikanwari.html> (*in Japanese only)

2-2. Timetable for courses offered by Graduate School of Law and Politics

Only graduate-level students can take the courses.

Timetable

<http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/curriculum> (*in Japanese only)

Note1: Master-level exchange students can only register 博士前期課程【全プログラム共通, Common to all programs. They CANNOT take the courses for 【知的財産法プログラム】 , intellectual property program.

	<p>Note2: Doctoral-level exchange students can only register courses of 博士前期課程【全プログラム共通, Common to all programs and 博士後期課程, doctoral program. They CANNOT take the courses for【知的財産法プログラム】 , intellectual property program.</p> <p>[3. Web Syllabus] https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/campusweb/campussquare.do? flowId=SYW4201600-flow&locale=ja_JP https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/campusweb/campussquare.do? flowExecutionKey= cBD527949-2797-130C-BF19-EBD1982BED4F_kCD371537-A457-3200-E999-88DE51B2A3F1 *Note: The information for academic year 2024-2025 will be updated between February and March 2024 before the academic year starts.</p>						
Japanese Language Program	Credited course called “JA” is available for exchange students. The course is offered 3 times a week. The number of credits earned per semester is 4. There are six levels from Elementary (JA100) to Advanced (JA600).						
Length of each class	90 minutes						
Weeks of study per semester	15 weeks except for examination period						
Credit	45 hours of study including 15-30 class hours = 1 credit (approx. 1.8 ECTS) *Most single-semester courses are worth 2 credits. 1 class = 90 minutes 1 course = 15 weeks 15 weeks = 2 credits						
Workload requirements (Minimum credits to be registered)	Exchange students are required to take a minimum workload of 10 hours (600 minutes) per week by the Immigration Control Law in order to be eligible for Student visa. Since one class basically takes 90 minutes, exchange students should register 7 courses or more per week to fulfill the requirement. 7 courses = approx. 14 credits per semester						
Maximum credits to be registered	No limitation						
Course registration	Exchange students submit a course registration form to Educational Affairs Section for designated period after each semester starts.						
Grading scale	100=full mark S (100~90) A (80~89) B (70~79) C (60~69) F (~59) = Fail						
Issue of academic transcript	<p>At the end of exchange period, one hard copy of transcript in English will be mailed to the international office at student’s home university.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>When exchange period ends</th> <th>Expected date to be mailed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Summer term</td> <td>September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter term</td> <td>March</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	When exchange period ends	Expected date to be mailed	Summer term	September	Winter term	March
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APPLICATION PROCEDURES	
Nomination deadline	Spring Semester enrolment: October 31, 2023 Fall Semester enrolment: April 30, 2024
How to nominate	Exchange coordinators should send the nomination form with following information by the deadline via email. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominated student's name 2. His/Her registered program at home university (e.g. Undergraduate/Master) 3. His/Her major and affiliation at home university (e.g. Civil Law, School of Law) 4. Expected graduation/completion date at home university 5. Intended student status at Osaka University (Special Auditor or Special Research Student) 6. Intended period of exchange
Application deadline	Spring Semester enrolment: November 10, 2023 Fall Semester enrolment: May 10, 2024
How to apply	Please collect all applications from your institution and send application documents below in PDF (no need to post) by the deadline from international office .
Application documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Form (*prescribed form) 2. Study/Research Plan (*prescribed form) 3. Nomination letter from home institution 4. Official academic transcript from home university in English or Japanese 5. Certificate of language proficiency in Japanese and/or English 6. Financial Resources Confirmation Form (*prescribed form) 7. Bank balance statement in English or Japanese If it is written in other language, please attach a translation in English or Japanese. 8. Certificate of scholarship in English or Japanese (if applicable) 9. A photocopy of passport, which students will enter Japan with
Results notification	<p>Acceptance letter will be sent by post to the international office of students' home university after their admission is officially approved. Expected date of prior notification by email is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Spring Semester enrolment: late December - For Fall Semester enrolment: late June <p>In addition to the above, notification by email and instruction on visa and dormitory application will be made directly to students.</p>

ACCOMMODATIONS	
University dormitory	<p>University dormitory is available to exchange students. Some of the residences are located off campus.</p> <p>https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/housing/https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/campus/life/dormitory.html</p> <p>*Note: The number of rooms available is limited and the demand for university dormitory often outweighs supply. Applicants should note that placement into university dormitory is not guaranteed. If Osaka University cannot offer a room for exchange students, we will provide the students with other options such as private housing.</p>

VISA	
Visa application	<p>All international students who will stay in Japan more than 90 days are required to obtain Student (留学) visa prior to entry into Japan at the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in their home country.</p> <p>Certificate of Eligibility (CESR) is one of the necessary documents to apply for visa at the Embassy/Consulate. CESR should be applied by host university to the Immigration Bureau. Osaka University will apply to the Osaka Immigration Bureau for exchange students. Detailed information on CESR application will be notified to students after their acceptance at Osaka University is officially decided. For more details on CESR and Student visa, refer to the following URL of the Support Office for International Students and Scholars, Osaka University.</p> <p>https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/visa/about/</p>

ORIENTATION	
Mandatory orientation for exchange students	<p>Spring Semester: Early April Fall Semester: Late September</p> <p>Detailed information such as date and venue will be informed students as soon as it is determined.</p>

ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES	
Living expenses	<p>The average monthly expenses (excluding tuition) of international students are approximately 89,000yen in Kinki area, where Osaka is located. For more details, refer to the website of the Japan Student Services. Organization(JASSO)</p> <p>https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/life/livingcost-price/</p> <p>*Multi-language versions are available from the website.</p>
Tuition	<p>Exchange students pay tuition to home university even while they study at Osaka University. The tuition for Osaka University is exempted based on student exchange agreement between partner universities.</p>

INSURANCE	
<u>Mandatory</u> insurance that exchange students are required to purchase	<p><u>National Health Insurance:</u> Covers 70% of medical bills. Insurance premium: 2,000 – 3,000 JPY per month (depends on the city where students live)</p> <p><u>Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) called in Japanese “Gakkensai”</u> Osaka University students are required to purchase PAS. Insurance premium: 1,000 JPY per year.</p> <p>How to apply for the insurances is informed at mandatory orientation.</p>
Strongly recommended insurance to purchase	Overseas traveller’s personal accident insurance and Liability insurance covering the period from your departure until your return home.