

Frequently Asked Questions

Global 30 Undergraduate Degree Programs in English

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Admissions and Graduation

Q 1 : Am I eligible to apply?

A 1 : To be eligible to apply for Global 30 Undergraduate Degree Programs in English, you must meet one of the following criteria at the time of application or expect to meet one by September 30, 2013 (In case of October 2013 enrollment).

1. An international applicant (defined here as a student applying from outside of Japan) who has completed a standard 12-year school education curriculum (primary, lower and upper secondary) in a country other than Japan.
2. An international applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who, while not completing all twelve years of their education in that particular country, has passed upper secondary school level examinations and therefore considered to have reached the same academic level as a student who has completed the standard 12-year school education curriculum of that country and therefore eligible to apply for university in that country.
3. An international applicant who is at least 18 years of age, who has completed primary and secondary school education in line with the stipulations of that country or passed upper secondary school level examinations and therefore considered to have reached the same academic level as a student who has completed the standard primary and secondary school education curriculum of that country. However, because the qualification is not considered equivalent to a full 12 years in the Japanese system they have completed a pre-university preparatory education course required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

4. Japan-based applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who has completed a program of study in Japan at an educational institution offering the national curriculum of a foreign country and this said curriculum would be considered within the educational system of that country to be equivalent to completion of a standard 12-year school curriculum under rules of that country's school education system. In other words, they would be eligible to apply to a university in that country as a result of completing this said curriculum.
5. A Japan-based applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who has completed a program of study at an educational institution offering the national curriculum of a foreign country and who would be considered to have reached the same academic level as a student who has completed the standard 12-year school education curriculum of that country and therefore eligible to apply for university in that country and, in addition to this, has completed a pre-university preparatory education course required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
6. An applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who has obtained the International Baccalaureate Diploma awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization in Switzerland.
7. An applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who has obtained the Abitur issued by the Federal Republic of Germany for college entrance.
8. An applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who has obtained the Baccalaureate Diploma issued by the French Republic for college entrance.
9. An applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who has completed the standard 12-year school curriculum at an accredited international school in Japan (recognized international accrediting agencies include WASC, ACSI, CIS) designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology .

Q 2 : Do I have to take any tests before application?

A 2 : Applicants are required to submit official scores of any standardized academic test for university entrance that you have taken.

Applicants whose native language is not English or who have not studied at a secondary school (high school) taught mainly in English will need to provide their English proficiency scores by submitting a score report of exams such as TOEFL, IELTS or etc.

Q 3 : How can I apply?

A 3 : Application guidelines are made available online in late July every year. Download the application from the website and send the completed application form with supporting application documents to International College by postal mail. Registered and express mail is preferred.

International College accepts applications from October.

Q 4 : What are the required materials for application?

A 4 : Application form (including essays), certification of English language proficiency (if required in your case. See Q2 and A2.), documents certifying eligibility for application, letters of recommendation, and results of national standardized tests for university admission and such.

Q 5 : Is an application fee required?

A 5 : The application fee will be waived for this current round (as of September 2012).

Q 6 : May I apply for more than one program at International College?

A 6 : Yes. However, you can enroll in one course only.

Q 7 : What is the screening process like?

A 7 : 【Human Sciences All-English Undergraduate Degree Program】

- Stage 1

Applicants will be screened based on the submitted application materials.

- Stage 2

Interviews will be held in English.

- Stage 3

Applicants' exams and test scores (official scores of any standardized academic test for university entrance, certification of English language proficiency and such) will be checked to see if they have met the stated requirements.

In addition, applicants will be notified at each stage as to the outcome and those who pass each stage can proceed to the next stage.

【Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program】

- Stage 1
Applicants will be screened based on the submitted application materials.
- Stage 2
Interviews in English will be held for applicants who have passed stage 1.

Applicants who passed final selection will be admitted as successful applicants on both programs.

Q 8 : When and how will I be notified about admission?

A 8 : All applicants will be contacted by email from International College in March.

Q 9 : If I am offered a place, when do I have to notify the college of my intention to enroll?

A 9 : You are required to indicate your intention to enroll International College as soon as possible after you receive the offer by email. Recipients of scholarships will be determined after that.

Q 1 0 : Will an entrance ceremony be held?

A 1 0 : An entrance ceremony is held around October 1 with the beginning of the new semester.

Q 1 1 : What are the academic requirements for graduation?

A 1 1 : To be eligible for graduation, students have to earn enough credits for graduation from each program, including required subjects.

For the Human Sciences All-English Undergraduate Degree Program, students are expected to earn at least 124 credit (including general education subjects, major subjects, fieldwork, independent study, and bachelor's thesis).

For the Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program, students are expected to earn at least 135 credits (general education subjects, major subjects, experiments and exercise, fieldwork, and bachelor's thesis).

Q 1 2 : How many years does it take to obtain a bachelor degree?

A 1 2 : Usually, it takes four years to complete the undergraduate degree programs.
However, students with excellent academic records are eligible for early graduation in three years and six months.

Q 1 3 : What degrees are offered at International College? Is it same with degrees offered at other schools in Osaka University?

A 1 3 : Graduates from International College will be regarded as same as graduates from other schools of Osaka University.
Human Sciences All-English Undergraduate Degree Program offers Bachelor of Human Sciences.
Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program offers Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Engineering according to the school that student belongs to.

Scholarship and Financial Aid

Q 1 4 : How much are the enrollment and tuition fees?

A 1 4 : Enrollment fee is 282,000 yen (upon enrollment) and annual tuition is 535,800 yen.
Fees listed above are for academic year 2012-2013 and applicable to both programs.

Q 1 5 : How much does it usually cost to live in Osaka?

A 1 5 : It will generally cost about 80,000 ~ 90,000 yen per month, excluding housing rental expenses.
Housing rental expenses are around 5,900 yen per month if students stay at International House described in A19. It will cost 50,000 ~ 60,000 yen per month if the student chooses to rent an apartment from a private real estate company.

Q 1 6 : What kind of scholarships are available at International College?

A 1 6 : **Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Students Scholarship*** and **Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students** provided by

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) are the main scholarships. The former scholarship covers full tuition fee and students can receive a monthly stipend of 80,000 yen, and the latter scholarship offers a monthly stipend of 48,000 yen.

In addition, there is the Osaka University Scholarship (covers full tuition fee and students can receive a monthly stipend of 80,000 yen) and are many other scholarships offered by private institutions.

*This scholarship program is newly introduced and is exclusively for the students of such Global 30 Undergraduate Degree Programs in English as International College of Osaka University.

Q 1 7 : How can I apply for scholarships?

A 1 7 : Students themselves do not need to apply since necessary procedures will be handled by International College.

Q 1 8 : Are there any other financial aids available for international students?

A 1 8 : Outstanding students of International College may have the chance to granted an enrollment fee waiver as well as a tuition fee waiver.

Housing and Dormitory

Q 1 9 : Are there dormitories for international students?

A 1 9 : All students of International College will be given priority access to International House for their first year. From the second year, students will be responsible for finding their own place to live. Many rooms are available at a low price in the vicinity of the campus.

Q 2 0 : What are the options beside the International House?

A 2 0 : There are many apartments offered by private real estate company in addition to university accommodations.

Study and Campus Life

Q 2 1 : Where can I find information about curriculum?

A 2 1 : Please refer to the following websites.

【Human Sciences All-English Undergraduate Degree Program】

<http://g30.hus.osaka-u.ac.jp/curriculum/index.html>

【Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program】

<http://www.icou.osaka-u.ac.jp/cbcmp/curriculum-overview/>

Q 2 2 : Can I use the libraries?

A 2 2 : Students of International College can use all 4 libraries at Osaka University.

For details, please refer to the following website.

http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/academics/facilities/univ_libraries

Q 2 3 : Can I study Japanese at International College?

A 2 3 : Japanese Language Study is required course in both programs. For the first five semesters, students will take courses based on their level.

Q 2 4 : Can I get a part time job in Japan?

A 2 4 : International students holding “College Student” visas are allowed to work up to 28 hours per week after obtaining a work permit from the Immigration Bureau for external activities.

Q 2 5 : What kinds of clubs exist at Osaka University?

A 2 5 : There are 59 athletic clubs (football, basketball, etc.) and 69 cultural clubs (drama, music etc.) at Osaka University as of June 1, 2011.

For details, please refer to the following webpage.

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

Q 2 6 : How many international students are there at Osaka University?

A 2 6 : There are 1,924 international students at Osaka University as of May 1, 2012.

For details, please refer to the following webpage.

<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/about/data/international.html>

Q 2 7 : Are consulting services about living in Japan or concerns on study in English or other language available at Osaka University?

A 2 7 : Center for International Education and Exchange offers counseling service on campus.

<http://www.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/>

Q 2 8 : Are there special extracurricular activities for international students?

A 2 8 : Osaka University has a variety of extracurricular activity groups: ones for short trips and events such as rice-cake making (*mochitsuki*) for increasing understanding of Japanese culture and history, and parties with local residents and Japanese students.

For details, please refer to the website of Center for International Education and Exchange indicated on A27.

Career Support

Q 2 9 : I'm planning to work in Japan after graduation. What kinds of supports are available at Osaka University?

A 2 9 : Center for International Education and Exchange (CIEE) offers advice on job searches while providing guidance on preparing resumes and job interview tips. In addition, CIEE holds explanatory sessions on companies and employment for international students. These sessions are very popular.

Other Information

Q 3 0 : Where can I obtain further information?

A 3 0 : Please contact the Support Office for International Students and Scholars if you have any questions concerning your visa before arrival in Japan.

<http://www.rcnp.osaka-u.ac.jp/osaka-ip/supportoffice/index-j.php>

Please contact International College Office if you have any question concerning other matters.

http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/guide/international_students/inbound/global30/international_college