



BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY

Osaka University was established in 1931 as the sixth Imperial University in Japan. However, our academic origins can be traced back to *Kaitokudo*, the Edo period school for citizens founded in 1724, and *Tekijuku*, the school of *Rangaku* (Dutch Studies) opened in 1838 by Ogata Koan, a prominent medical doctor. These two establishments were influenced by cutting-edge knowledge and functioned as a place for citizens to gain knowledge and procure an education. Reviving the spirit of these two establishments, Osaka University remains a wide open place for the education of citizens, and strives to make new discoveries that allow humans to gain more knowledge.

Our goal is to push forward as a university of world caliber by advancing the university's motto "Live Locally, Grow Globally". Through continuous effort, our past and present pioneers have always strived to stimulate the minds and hearts of students, researchers, and citizens alike, keeping the university's atmosphere one of unimpeded learning. The future of Osaka University depends on these fundamental principles to contribute to its further advancement as one of the world's top-rated universities. Our continuous activities promoting cutting-edge research, challenges in uncharted research fields, an atmosphere that reveres study and research, respect for refined sophistication at our graduate schools and active contributions to society encouraged through cooperation with industries are all highly-regarded manners in which the university has brought, and will continue to bring its philosophy to life.

Osaka University is striving to educate students, researchers engaged in cutting-edge research, and individuals who are socially responsible and remarkably grounded in "Critical Thinking, Imagination, and Transcultural Communicability" accordingly, promoting Osaka University's goals of functioning as a university with a vision for citizens, researchers, the local community, and the global community.

In October 2007, Osaka University merged with Osaka University of Foreign Studies, further raising its status as a comprehensive university. 2011 marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of Osaka University.

Osaka University has 11 schools, 16 graduate schools, 5 research institutes, 4 libraries, 2 hospitals and 23 inter-university and 3 national joint-use facilities among our three campuses--Suita, Toyonaka and Minoh. Additionally, the university also has 4 overseas centers in San Francisco, Groningen, Bangkok and Shanghai. The university is home to approximately 5,600 full-time teaching, medical and administrative staff, 3,350 part-time staff and 25,000 students, including 1,800 international students.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

<p>Exchange Student's registration status at Osaka University</p>	<p>Undergraduate Special Auditor An Undergraduate Special Auditor can freely take and register classes from various courses provided by a registered undergraduate school or classes opened for all undergraduate schools. An undergraduate special auditor is not allowed to take nor register the classes of graduate students and is not given any credit for the graduate subject.</p> <p>Graduate Special Auditor A Graduate Special Auditor can freely take and register classes from various courses provided by a registered graduate school or classes opened for all undergraduate and graduate schools.</p> <p>Graduate Special Research Student Special Research Students receive instruction for individual research at a graduate school or a research institute. They are not allowed to take classes provided by graduate schools in order to acquire credits.</p>
<p>Credit (Special Auditor only)</p>	<p>Exchange students enrolled as a special auditor</p>
<p>Exchange Programs</p>	<p>Regular Student Exchange Program OUSSEP Maple FrontierLab@OsakaU</p>
<p>Period of Study</p>	<p>Special Auditor (Graduate and Undergraduate) 1 semester Late September – Mid February (Orientation included) Early April – Mid August (Orientation included)</p> <p>2 semesters Late September – Mid August (Orientation included) Early April – Mid February (Orientation included)</p> <p>Special Research Student (Graduate) Flexible period More than 3 months but no more than 12 months</p>
<p>Academic Calendar</p>	<p>1st semester (Spring): April 1 to September 30 Course schedule: Early April to Mid August 2nd semester (Fall): October 1 to March 31 Course schedule: October 1 to Mid February</p>



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application deadline	<p>1st semester (Spring) enrolment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preliminary online registration: November 1 ● Application package submission: November 10 <p>2nd semester (Fall) enrolment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preliminary online registration: March 20 ● Application package submission: March 30
Website for application information	Osaka University Online Preliminary Application http://e-apply.jp/e/osaka-u-exchange
Language Proficiency Requirement	<p>Regular Exchange: http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ia/guide/international_students/inbound/exchange/info/Regular_Lang_Level.pdf</p> <p>OUSSEP: TOEFL- iBT 80 FrontierLab@OsakaU: TOEFL- iBT 80 or JLPT Level 2 Maple: JLPT Level N3</p>
Can a student whose language proficiency does not meet your requirement still be considered?	No
GPA Requirement for JASSO Scholarship	2.3 on a 3-point JASSO scale
Anticipated dates for notification of admission.	<p>1st semester (Spring) enrolment: Late December</p> <p>2nd semester (Fall) enrolment: Late May</p>

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship availability for Exchange Students	JASSO scholarship (limited number available)
Contents of scholarship support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 80,000 JPY per month (accepted exchange period at Osaka University)
Eligibility for application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will NOT receive a grant of more than 80,000 JPY per month ● Must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. ● Must NOT have Japanese nationality ● GPA of the most recent full academic year is over 2.3 out of 3.0.
Receiving of first scholarship	<p>The scholarship will become available only about one month after arrival.</p> <p>Recipients need to bring a sufficient amount of money in Japanese currency or traveler's checks to cover the expenses for the first month (at least 100,000 JPY).</p>
How to apply	Select "Yes" on scholarship application in the preliminary online application.



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<p>Schools / Graduate Schools open to exchange students</p>	<p>UNDERGRADUATE: Letters, Foreign Studies, Law, Economics, Human Sciences, Science, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Engineering Science</p> <p>GRADUATE: Letters, Law and Politics, Economics, International Public Policy, Human Sciences, Science, Medicine (Doctor only), Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry (Doctor only), Engineering, Engineering Science, Language and Culture, Information Science and Technology, Frontier Biosciences</p>
<p>Schools / Graduate Schools NOT OPEN to exchange students</p>	<p>UNDERGRADUATE: International Public Policy, Medicine, Dentistry, Language and Culture, Information Science and Technology, Frontier Biosciences</p> <p>GRADUATE: Foreign Studies, Medicine (Master), Dentistry (Master)</p>
<p>Course information available online</p>	<p>https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus Available for viewing from February to March before the academic year starts. Students will be able to attend courses offers outside of their affiliated school or graduate school at Osaka University with the permission of the lecturer of the course. However, those students may not be allowed to register for those courses. Most of those courses are only open for students whose affiliation is the same as the course affiliation.</p> <p>e.g. A student of School of Engineering can take an economic course as an auditor under the lecturer's permission; however, he/she may not allowed to register the economic course to gain credit.</p>
<p>Supervisor Search</p>	<p>http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/research/list.html</p>
<p>Minimum number of credits to be taken each semester Special Auditor only</p>	<p>Regular exchange Undergraduate: 10-15 credits (5 to 8 classes) Graduate: 10-15 credits (5 to 8 classes)</p> <p>OUSSEP Undergraduate: 14 credits (7 classes) Graduate: 14 credits (7classes)</p> <p>FrontierLab@OsakaU Undergraduate: 10-15 credits (5 to 8 classes) Graduate: 10-15 credits (5 to 8 classes)</p>
<p>Credit</p>	<p>45 hours study including 15-30 class hours = 1 credit (approx. 1.8 ECTS)</p>
<p>Grading System</p>	<p>100=full mark S (100~90) A (80~89) B (70~79) C (60~69) F (59~) = Fail</p>



Language(s) of Instruction	Japanese English (very limited)
Course Registration	1 st semester: April (First 3 to 4 weeks) 2 nd semester: October (First 3 to 4 weeks)
Japanese Language Program	Available, both credited and non-credited course
When the official transcript will be automatically sent to the partner universities	1 st semester: Mid September 2 nd semester: Mid March

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENT

When is the application deadline?	Same as the deadline for exchange application 2 nd semester (Fall) enrolment: March 20 (Preliminary online registration) 1 st semester (Spring) enrolment: November 1 (Preliminary online registration)
Application procedures for housing	Check the box of the accommodation section of the exchange application form
Accommodation arrangement	Osaka University determines the allocation of housing units according to exchange programs. Therefore, applicants are not able to choose their accommodation by themselves.
How to apply	Select "Yes" on accommodation application in the preliminary online application.
Assistance in finding private housing if students wish to find accommodations by themselves.	GCN Osaka "Housing Request" http://www.gcn-osaka.jp/index.html

INSURANCE

Mandatory insurance that exchange students are required to purchase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Health Insurance 2,000 – 3,000 JPY per month (depends on the city) Covers 70% of medical bills ● Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) (1,200 JPY per year) ● Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives coupled with PAS (8,340 JPY per 6-month)
Strongly recommended insurance to purchase	Overseas traveller's personal accident insurance covering the period from your departure until your return home.



SERVICES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Recommended arrival date	September: End of September April: Early April
Fee-based airport pick-up service	From Kansai International Airport only A fee-based transportation service GCN Osaka "Meeting and Sending off reservation" http://www.gcn-osaka.jp/index.html
When is the orientation session?	1 st semester (spring): Beginning of April 2 nd semester (fall): Late September

STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPENSES

Each individual is responsible for their student exchange expenses.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Tuition	Must pay to the home institution
Travel expenses to Japan	Individual responsibility
Travel expenses from Japan	Individual responsibility
Overseas traveller's personal accident insurance	Individual responsibility
Medical bills	Responsible for 30% of the medical bills under the National Health Insurance
Food	30,000 – 40,000 JPY / month
Rent, Utilities	16,000 - 40,000 JPY / month
Local Transportation	5,000 - 15,000 JPY / month
Study-related expenses	6,000 JPY / month
Insurance	3,000 JPY/ month
Miscellaneous/Personal Expenses	30,000 JPY / month



PROGRAM OUTLINES

Regular Student Exchange Program

The Osaka University Short-term Regular Student Exchange Program is intended for undergraduate/graduate students registered at institutions overseas that have a university-university level student exchange agreement with Osaka University. The exchange student is enrolled as a Special Auditor at the undergraduate level, or as a Special Auditor/Special Research Student at the graduate level at Osaka University.

Participants as a Special Auditor will mainly take courses open for degree seeking students at Osaka University. Most of courses are taught in Japanese.

A Graduate Special Research Student receive instruction for individual research at a graduate school or a research institute.

Special Programs

OUSSEP

OUSSEP is designed to give students from abroad who do not speak Japanese well or who have not studied Japanese at all, an opportunity to earn transferable credits at Osaka University under the close coordination of the Center for International Education and Exchange (hereafter the CIEE). Participants are offered special academic lectures taught in English called International Exchange Subjects, which are administrated by the International Affairs Committee. The University grants credits to students who attend a Full-(Half-) year OUSSEP for the courses they take as International Exchange Subjects, and presents a certificate of completion to students who successfully complete the requirements of OUSSEP.

HP: <http://ex.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/eindex.html>

Maple

The Maple Program is one of the short-term student exchange programs at Osaka University. This Program is especially designed by the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) to help students improve their language skills and enhance their knowledge of the Japanese culture and society, which will connect towards their respective academic goals. Moreover, Maple helps to develop proficient individuals with an in-depth understanding of Japan from various perspectives, comparing and contrasting with their own language and background.

HP: <http://www.cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp/japanese/program/m/>

FrontierLab@OsakaU

FrontierLab@OsakaU is a program designed to nurture creative faculties in students by offering a wide range of potential research directions and emphasizing hands-on laboratory experience. It is specifically created for international students seeking a challenging, short-term upgrading of vital research and analytical skills. Applications from both undergraduate and graduate science and engineering majors/minors are welcome.

Each participant in the FrontierLab Program will be assigned to a particular research group in one of Osaka University's internationally renowned science and technology fields. Thematic studies will be conducted under the close supervision of the faculty, through experiments, peer consulting, group work and interactive discussions.

HP: <http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/jp/international/iab/e/FrontierLab.html>