

## **APRU Virtual Student Exchange Program (VSE) Pilot Program**

### **1. APRU Overview**

The Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), founded in 1997, is an association established by university presidents of representative Pacific Rim countries. The aims of this association are to strengthen bilateral cooperation in higher education and, through cooperation and contributions in education and research, work together on serious problems facing Pacific Rim societies such as economic development, urbanization, technology transfer, atmospheric pollution, and the depletion of resources. 56 member universities(as of November, 2020) hold workshops, symposiums, and international conferences.

Osaka University has been a member of APRU since its founding and OU students and researchers have participated in its various events.

### **2. VSE Overview**

VSE is an online program consisting of courses offered by APRU member universities. For details, please check the VSE website in [8.] below.

### **3. Eligibility**

Undergraduate Students

### **4. Offering courses**

Please check the list of courses to be taken from the VSE website list of courses in [8.]below. In principle, applicants can take one course. If applicants wish to take more than one course, the approval from the VSE Central Office is required.

### **5. Application process**

Follow the steps below to make an application. For details, see the VSE website Application in [8.] below.

- ① Complete the Application Form
- ② After ①, applicants will receive a confirmation email containing application details and the link to download the transcript.
- ③ Forward the confirmation email to the APRU VSE Coordinator (International Affairs Division, Osaka University) [9.] and ask for an endorsement for the application. The Coordinator will notify the VSE Central Office if the application has been endorsed.

After the process from ① to ③, the completed application will be reviewed by the VSE Central Office and the course offering university. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis and enrollment determined by a number of criteria (e.g. course quota, applicant's major, etc.)

Once approved, successful applicants will be notified of the result through email from the VSE Central Office, and provided with further registration procedures by the course offering university.

## **6. Others**

- The implementation period of the courses varies depending on the courses.
- The deadline for each course varies from universities. For details, please refer to the VSE website list of courses in [8.] below. Some have already completed their course deadlines.
- Regarding credit transfer for the courses the applicants have taken, please inquire with the Academic Affairs Section of the School which the applicants belong to.

## **7. Co-curricular programs**

Co-curricular programs are offered year-round by any APRU members. They can be one-day program and in the areas of cultural immersion, global leadership, career planning, social community engagement. Please register directly from the websites. (Please let APRU VSE Coordinator know your participation.) For more details, refer to the website in [8.]

## **8. Related Websites**

- VSE Website <http://vse.apru.org/>
- VSE Website Application <http://vse.apru.org/application/>
- VSE Website list of courses <https://vse.apru.org/academics/>
- Co-curricular programs <https://vse.apru.org/co-curricular-programs/>

## **9. Contact Information**

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