

APRU Virtual Student Exchange Program (VSE) 2021-2022

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. 57 member universities(as of April, 2021) 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 [9.] below.

3. VSE Seasons

Season 1: for courses starting from July 1 to December 31,2021

Season 2: for courses starting from January 1 to April 30,2022

Season 3: for courses starting from May 1 to August 31,2022

4. Eligibility

Undergraduate Students

5. Offering courses

Please check the list of courses to be taken from the VSE website list of courses in [9.] below. In principle, applicants can take a maximum of two academic courses in one VSE season.

6. Application procedures

Follow the steps below to make an application. For more details, see the VSE website Application in [9.] below.

- ① Submit an application through the VSE Application System:
- ② Email the latest transcript in English to the VSE Central Office:
- ③ Your application will be endorsed by VSE Coordinator of Osaka University [10.] .

After the process from ① to ③, you will be notified of the result through email from the

VSE Central Office, and provided with further registration procedures by the course offering university.

7. 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 [9.] 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.

8. 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.]

9. Related Websites

- VSE Website <http://vse.apru.org/>
- VSE Website application <https://vse.apru.org/s12122application/>
- VSE Website list of courses <https://vse.apru.org/s12122courses/>
- Co-curricular programs <https://vse.apru.org/co-curricular-programs/>

10. Contact Information

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