

## **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. 55 member universities (as of August, 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. The pilot program will start in Fall 2020, and the official program is planned to start in Spring 2021. For details, please check the VSE website in [7.] 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 [7.] 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**

Applications should be done on the VSE website. For details, see the VSE website Application in [7.] below. The following is a summary of the procedure.

- ① Complete the Application Form
- ② After ① process, applicants will receive a confirmation email containing their application details and the link to download their transcript.
- ③ Download the Endorsement Form and complete the sections marked "To be completed by applicant". Send the confirmation email and the Endorsement Form to the International Affairs Division, Osaka University. The International Affairs Division will

complete the remainder of the form and return it to the VSE Central Office.

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 [7.] 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. 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/>

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