

APRU Virtual Student Exchange Program (VSE)

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. 60 member universities (as of June, 2022) 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].

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]. Each student could apply and take one or two academic courses within one VSE Season. Applicants wishing to apply for two courses are encouraged to select courses from two different course offering universities.

5. Application process

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

- ① Fill out the fields in the application system on the VSE website
- ② Upload your transcript and, if necessary, certificates of language proficiency etc., to complete the application.
- ③ Endorsement after checking your enrollment status etc., by the APRU VSE coordinator [9].

④ Screening by the course offering universities.

After the process ① to ④, applications will be proceeded 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.]. Some might already have 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, 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 <https://vse.apru.org/>
- VSE Website Application <https://vse.apru.org/application/>
- VSE Website list of courses <https://vse.apru.org/s12223/>
- Co-curricular programs <https://vse.apru.org/co-curricular-programs/>

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