**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. About 60 member universities hold workshops, symposiums, and international conferences.

The University of Osaka (UOsaka) has been a member of APRU since its founding and UOsaka 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.

\* Language courses at the Virtual Language Center (VLC) are basically not available as UOsaka does not participate in it.

**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.

⇒After completing your registration, send an email to International Affairs Division in "9." to inform that you have applied.

（Endorsement from your home university is required to take the course.）

1. Endorsement after checking your enrollment status etc., by International Affairs Division in [9.].
2. 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 International Affairs Division in [9.] 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/s32425/>

・Co-curricular programs <https://vse.apru.org/co-curricular-programs/>

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