



**School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University
Information Sheet 2025-2026 for Exchange Program**

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of University	Osaka University* (大阪大学) *Name to be changed to University of Osaka as of April 2025
Host institutions	Undergraduate level: School of Law (法学部) Graduate level: Graduate School of Law and Politics (法学研究科)
Office in charge of student exchange	Educational Affairs Section
Address	1-6 Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka 560-0043, JAPAN *Located on Toyonaka campus http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/index.html
Exchange coordinator (Inbound & Outbound)	MATSUMURA Asami (Ms.) Tel: +81-6-6850-6942 E-mail: student.law@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

PROGRAM INFORMATION	
Level of study	Undergraduate/Graduate
Exchange student's status at Osaka University	<p>Special Auditor Special Auditor can take courses offered by School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics, or courses opened for all Osaka University students. Special Auditor can be given credits.</p> <p>Note: The courses offered by graduate schools of Osaka University can be registered by graduate students only.</p> <p>Special Research Student PhD students only. Special Research Student conducts research, however cannot earn credits. Osaka University does not guarantee that the intended supervisor accepts applicant.</p>
Academic requirements	<p>Undergraduate students: Completion of at least one year of study, and being in good academic standing at home university</p> <p>Graduate students: Completion of a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent), and being in good academic standing at home university</p>
Language of instruction	Japanese or English
Language requirements	<p>It is desirable for exchange students to have sufficient English or Japanese language proficiency and submit one of the following certificates issued within 2 years:</p> <p>(English) - TOEFL iBT 80 or higher - IELTS 6.0 or higher - TOEIC 750 or higher - Cambridge CAE or CPE with a grade of B2 or better - Official certificate/letter which proves English is the medium of instruction at home university</p>

	(Japanese) - JLPT N2
Date of enrolment	April 2025 or October 2025
Period of exchange	<u>1 semester (2 terms)</u> from April 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025, or from October 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026 <u>2 semesters (4 terms)</u> from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, or from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026
Misc.	Applicants must be a student of their home university during all exchange period and return to their home university to graduate after the period. If they will graduate from their university during the period, we will not be able to accept them. Applicants shall, during the term of exchange, adhere to the rules of Osaka University, in addition to adhering to the rules of the home university.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar	<p>Osaka University operates on the four-term system.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Apr.</td><td>May</td><td>Jun.</td><td>Jul.</td><td>Aug.</td><td>Sep.</td><td>Oct.</td><td>Nov.</td><td>Dec.</td><td>Jan.</td><td>Feb.</td><td>Mar.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Spring term (Apr. 1 to mid-Jun.)</td> <td colspan="3">Summer term (Mid-Jun. to Sep. 30)</td> <td colspan="3">Fall term (Oct. 1 to early Dec.)</td> <td colspan="3">Winter term (Early Dec. to Mar. 31)</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Spring vacation</td> <td>Term courses</td><td>Exams</td><td>Term courses</td><td>Exams</td><td>Summer vacation</td><td>Term courses</td><td>Exams</td><td>Term</td><td>Winter vacation</td><td>courses</td><td>Exams</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Semester courses</td> <td></td> <td colspan="4">Semester courses</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Full-year courses</td> <td></td> <td colspan="4">Full-year courses</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>For details, please check the following website: http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/academic_reform/academic_calendar/academic_calendar</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Spring Semester (Spring and Summer terms): April 1 - September 30</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Mandatory orientation for exchange students</td> <td>Early April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classes start</td> <td>Early April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examination period</td> <td>Late July - early August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer vacation</td> <td>Mid-August –September 30</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2">Fall Semester (Fall and Winter terms): October 1 – March 31</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Mandatory orientation for exchange students</td> <td>Late September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classes start</td> <td>October 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter vacation</td> <td>Late December – early January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examination period</td> <td>Late January - early February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spring vacation</td> <td>Mid February – March 31</td> </tr> </table>	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Spring term (Apr. 1 to mid-Jun.)			Summer term (Mid-Jun. to Sep. 30)			Fall term (Oct. 1 to early Dec.)			Winter term (Early Dec. to Mar. 31)			Spring vacation	Term courses	Exams	Term courses	Exams	Summer vacation	Term courses	Exams	Term	Winter vacation	courses	Exams	Semester courses					Semester courses						Full-year courses					Full-year courses						Spring Semester (Spring and Summer terms): April 1 - September 30		Mandatory orientation for exchange students	Early April	Classes start	Early April	Examination period	Late July - early August	Summer vacation	Mid-August –September 30	Fall Semester (Fall and Winter terms): October 1 – March 31		Mandatory orientation for exchange students	Late September	Classes start	October 1	Winter vacation	Late December – early January	Examination period	Late January - early February	Spring vacation	Mid February – March 31
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International Economics I
Legal Presentation and Negotiation in English
Advanced Introduction to International Human Rights Law
Economic Development
International Trade 1
Economics of Crime

[Intensive course]
Comparative Constitutional Law

Fall and Winter terms

[Semester course]
Introduction to Common Law
Law and Society in the Middle East
Private Law in Japan
Environment and Development
Political Economics 1
Advanced Introduction to International Law
International Trade 2
Introduction of International Economic Law: Basic issues and cases
Data Management
Gateway to Europe - Contemporary Dutch Studies

[Intensive course]
Mediation : Advanced

1-2. Courses in English offered by the Schools/Graduate Schools other than School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics

A large number of courses are offered by various departments, schools and graduate schools at Osaka University. For the course list for academic year 2024-2025 , please refer to the following website.

http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/eng_course

Note 1: The course list will be updated later and is subject to change.

Note 2: The courses offered by the departments/schools/graduate schools other than School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics are required to get approval from the faculty staff in charge of the course prior to course registration. Please note that students might not get approval in some courses due to capacity or other reasons.

Exchange students will receive instructions on how to get approval and make course registration.

Note 3: The courses offered by graduate schools of Osaka University (e.g. Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka School of International Public Policy(OSIPP)) can be registered by master/doctoral-level students ONLY.

[2. Course Timetable]

Note 1: The timetables are for academic year 2024-2025. Some of the courses might be canceled and thus unavailable in academic year 2025-2026.

2-1. Timetable offered by School of Law

Both undergraduate-level and graduate-level students can take the courses.

Timetable

<http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/undergraduate/curriculum/jikanwari.html> (in Japanese only)

2-2. Timetable for courses offered by Graduate School of Law and Politics

Only graduate-level students can take the courses.

	<p>Timetable http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/curriculum (in Japanese only)</p> <p>Note 2: Graduate-level students must have permission from their instructors to register courses of Intellectual Property Program (知的財産法プログラム).</p> <p>[3. Web Syllabus] https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/campusweb/campussquare.do?flowId=SYW4201600-flow&locale=ja_JP Note: The information for academic year 2025-2026 will be released between February and March 2025.</p>
Japanese language programs	<p>The Center for International Education and Exchange (CIEE) offers a Japanese language course (JA). https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/japanese_program/ See 3. International Exchange Subjects: JA・JGU.</p>
Length of each class	90 minutes
Weeks of study per semester	15 weeks except for examination period
Credit	<p>45 hours of study including 15-30 class hours = 1 credit (approx. 1.8 ECTS) *Most single-semester courses are worth 2 credits.</p> <p>1 class = 90 minutes 1 course = 15 weeks 15 weeks = 2 credits</p>
Workload requirements (Minimum credits to be registered)	<p>Exchange students are required to take a minimum workload of 10 hours (600 minutes) per week by the Immigration Control Law in order to be eligible for Student visa. Since one class basically takes 90 minutes, exchange students should register 7 courses or more per week to fulfill the requirement.</p> <p>7 courses = approx. 14 credits per semester</p>
Maximum credits to be registered	No limitation
Course registration	Exchange students submit a course registration form to Educational Affairs Section for designated period before each semester.
Grading scale	<p>100=full mark S (100-90) A (80-89) B (70-79) C (60-69) F (-59) = Fail</p>
Issue of academic transcript	At the end of each semester, an official transcript will be sent by e-mail to the students and home university coordinator. Hard copies may be requested if needed.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE	
Nomination deadlines	Spring Semester enrolment: October 31, 2024 Fall Semester enrolment: April 30, 2025
How to nominate	Exchange coordinators should send the nomination form with following information by the deadline via e-mail. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominated student's name 2. Student's registered program at home university (e.g. Undergraduate/Master) 3. Student's major and affiliation at home university (e.g. Civil Law, School of Law) 4. Expected graduation/completion date at home university 5. Intended student status at Osaka University (Special Auditor or Special Research Student) 6. Intended period of exchange
Application deadline	Spring Semester enrolment: November 11, 2024 Fall Semester enrolment: May 9, 2025
How to apply	Exchange coordinators should send the application documents in PDF format via e-mail.
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Results notification	Acceptance letter will be e-mailed to the exchange coordinator of students' home university after their admission is officially approved. Expected dates of notification are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Spring Semester enrolment: late December - For Fall Semester enrolment: late June <p>In addition to the above, instructions on visa and dormitory application will be sent to students.</p>

ACCOMMODATIONS	
University dormitory	Exchange students may choose to live in university dormitories. Placement in the dormitories is not guaranteed—early application is advised to increase the chances of placement. Students are responsible for arranging their own housing. <p>https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/housing/https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/campus/life/dormitory.html</p>

VISA	
Visa application	<p>All international students who will stay in Japan more than 90 days are required to obtain Student (留学) visa prior to entry into Japan at the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in their home country.</p> <p>Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is one of the necessary documents to apply for visa at the Embassy/Consulate. Osaka University will apply for COE to the Osaka Immigration Bureau for exchange students. Detailed information on COE application will be notified to students after their acceptance at Osaka University is officially decided. For more details on COE and Student visa, refer to the following URL of the Support Office for International Students and Scholars, Osaka University.</p> <p>https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/visa/about/</p>

ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES	
Living expenses	<p>The average monthly expenses (excluding tuition) of international students are approximately 89,000 JPY in Kansai region, where Osaka is located. For more details, refer to the website of the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).</p> <p>https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/life/livingcost-price/</p> <p>*Multi-language versions are available on the website.</p>
Tuition	<p>Exchange students pay tuition to home university even while they study at Osaka University. The tuition for Osaka University is exempted based on student exchange agreements between partner universities.</p>
Mandatory insurance that exchange students are required to purchase	<p><u>National Health Insurance:</u> Covers 70% of medical bills. Insurance premium: 2,000 – 3,000 JPY per month (depending on the city where students live)</p> <p><u>University comprehensive insurance:</u> Insurance premium: 3,000 – 15,000 JPY (depending on the type)</p> <p>How to apply for insurance is informed at the orientation.</p>

SCHOLARSHIPS	
Scholarships	<p>Unlike inter-university exchange agreement students, exchange students in this program are not eligible for the JASSO scholarships.</p> <p>If students wish to receive a scholarship, they are recommended to find and apply for one in their home country.</p>