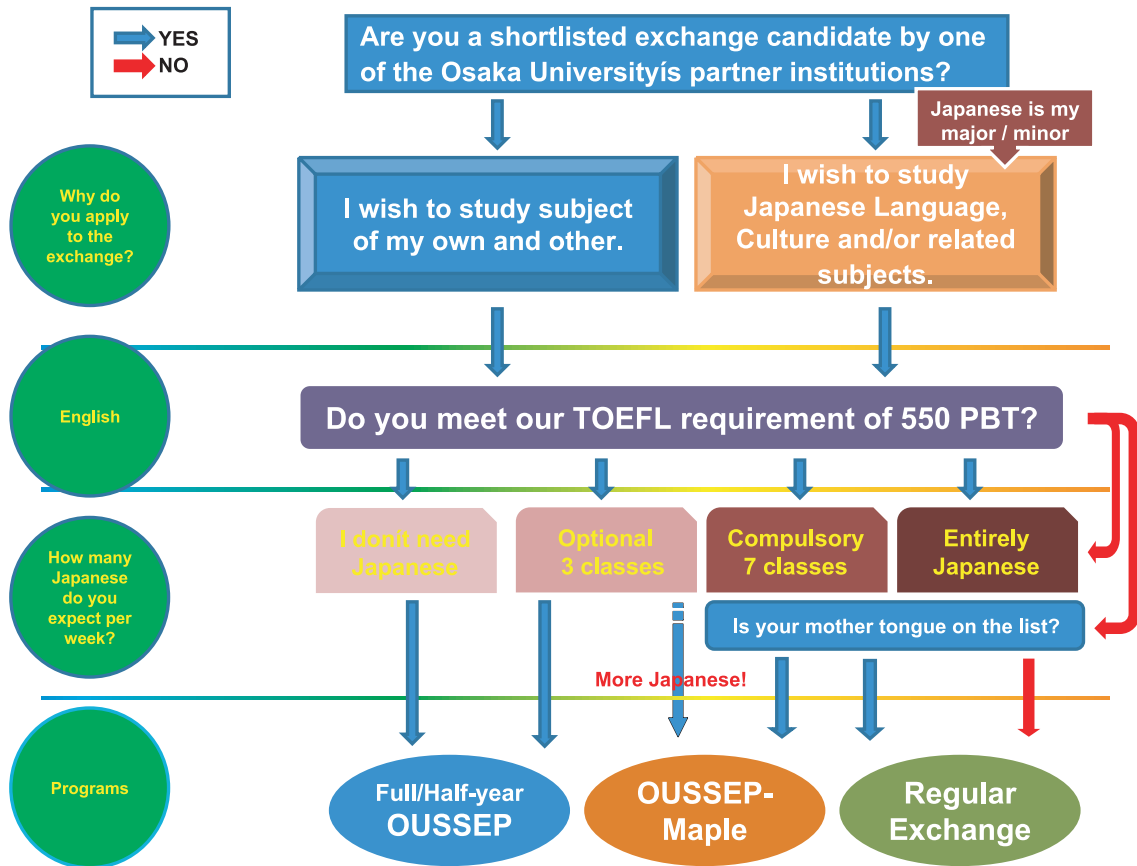


# 6. HOW DO I APPLY TO OUSSEP?



## Admission Requirements;

To be eligible for **OUSSEP**, an applicant **must**:

1. Be enrolled in one of the universities and colleges that have concluded Inter-University (or Inter-Faculty) Student Exchange Agreements with Osaka University, including the provisions for a mutual tuition waiver and credit transfer.
2. Normally, be a junior or senior (3rd or 4th year) full-time student in an undergraduate course at his/her home institution during his/her study duration as an OUSSEP student.
3. Pay tuition fees to his/her home institution during his/her study duration as an OUSSEP student.
4. Be recommended by the academic staff of his/her home institution.
5. Return to his/her home institution upon completion of OUSSEP.

All applicants should understand the different program designs of Full-(Half-)year OUSSEP and OUSSEP-Maple (see PP 9-10) by reading the descriptions in this Calendar and/or on the homepage.

Knowledge of the Japanese language is not an essential requirement for applicants of the **OUSSEP** programs; Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP or OUSSEP-Maple.

Applicants must, however, be proficient in English. A TOEFL score of 550 or more on the paper based test, or 213 or more on the computer based test, is a prerequisite for students from non-English speaking countries.

***For those who do not have a sufficient TOEFL scores***

If more than 4 lectures / seminars per week (8 credits) are offered in the applicant's first language as International Exchange Subjects(Comparative Studies Course), the applicant may be exempt from the English requirement. (Refer to Page 10).

***Application Process;***

Students interested in the **OUSSEP** programs should first consult their academic adviser and student exchange officer. On approval by the adviser, applicants should obtain the necessary forms from their university or college office. These should be completed and submitted through the same office to Osaka University together with supporting documents. The following documents are required:

1. **A completed OUSSEP application form (refer to Form: Appl)**
2. **At least two letters of recommendation written by faculty members of the home institution. Only one letter from a language instructor is acceptable. At least one of these letters should be filled out on the recommendation form enclosed in the application package (Form: Conf. Ref). The other one can be written on the home institution's letterhead.**
3. **Academic transcripts**
4. **A short essay of approximately 500 words in total (Form: Essay)**
5. **Independent Study Form (Form: Ind. Study-1) (All applicants)**
6. **A proposed topic for the Independent Study Course of approximately 500 words in total (Form: Ind. Study-2)**  
(Applicants who elect to take the Independent Study Course)
7. **TOEFL score record (Applicants from non-English speaking countries)**
8. **A completed Certificate of Enrollment of the Applicant for the JASSO Short-term Student Exchange Promotion Program (Inbound) Scholarship (Form: 3-3)**  
(Applicants who wish to apply for the JASSO Scholarship)
9. **A Financial Resources Confirmation Form and Bank Statement**

***For all applicants for the OUSSEP programs***

All the documents should be written either in English or in Japanese.

***For OUSSEP-Maple applicants;***

It is advisable to prepare documents #4, #5 and #6 in Japanese.

### **Selection Process in the case of 2008 Fall Enrollment**

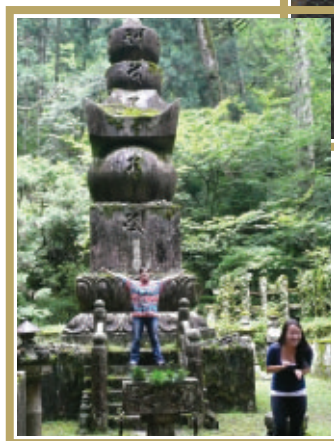
The International Affairs Committee will be responsible for selecting the students to be admitted to OUSSEP. By mid-May, OU will unofficially notify the applicants and their home universities of the results of the preliminary selection. At this point, through communication with exchange coordinators of partner institutions, we may require some applicants to reconsider the programs to be participated in, in order to optimize our educational resources and to offer the best program for each applicant according to his/her skills and/or purpose of his/her exchange study.

We will request, in mid-May, each of those selected to submit confirmation of his/her intention to come to **OUSSEP**. Based on their response, the International Affairs Committee will make its final selection by the middle or end of May. **Understand that withdrawal from the OUSSEP programs of any applicant after this point will be highly detrimental to the program.**

In late May, upon approval by the committee, Osaka University will immediately file JASSO applications for those applicants selected, except for those who do not need the scholarship. At the same time, Osaka University will officially notify the applicants and their home universities of the decision regarding admission to **OUSSEP**. We will notify those admitted and their home universities of the official decisions concerning JASSO Scholarships by the end of June 2008.



*Morning calm (Koya-san)*



*Enjoy the tombs (Koya-san)*



*Deva King (Koya-san)*

### **OU Scholarship**

**Excellent JASSO Scholarship applicants who are not chosen by JASSO may have a second chance of receiving an Osaka University Scholarship for Exchange Students (OU Scholarship), which consists of 80,000 JPY monthly stipends, but without a settling-in allowance. This university's own funding system is to promote student exchange and the internationalization of OU. No scholarship application form is required for the OU Scholarship. JASSO Scholarship applicants will be automatically shortlisted to the OU Scholarship list. Note that it is not possible for any students to be funded by the JASSO Scholarship and OU Scholarship concurrently.**