



OUSSEP CALENDAR

2010-2011

**OSAKA UNIVERSITY SHORT-TERM
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

**Full-year OUSSEP
Half-year OUSSEP**

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1. What Is OUSSEP?

The Osaka University Short-term Student Exchange Program (OUSSEP) was launched in the 1996-97 academic year at Osaka University (hereafter referred to as OU) as an English speaking exchange program for those who have difficulties earning credits in Japanese. In this OUSSEP scheme, the participants have been offered special academic lectures taught in English.

Meanwhile, at Osaka University of Foreign Studies (hereafter referred to as OUFS), a specially designed international exchange program for Japanese learners, known as the MAPLE program, was launched in the 1999-2000 academic year, and has been popular amongst non-Japanese students who wished to study the Japanese language and culture.

This program has now been reorganized and is known as Maple and is administrated by the new Osaka University's Center for Japanese Language and Culture (hereafter referred to as CJLC). For more details of the Maple program, see the URL below.

<http://www.cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp/index.html>

The University grants credits to the students who attend OUSSEP, for the courses they take at Osaka University, and presents a certificate of completion to the students who successfully meet the program requirements. The credits can be transferred to the student's home university according to the provisions included in the pertinent inter-institutional exchange agreement.

The new Osaka University English speaking program (which includes the Full-year OUSSEP and Half-year OUSSEP) will admit more than thirty students who opt to study a variety of subjects such as medical sciences, natural sciences, engineering sciences, social sciences, arts and foreign studies. Students who participate in these programs will likely attend the same classes, join several extracurricular activities together and develop very close friendships amongst themselves. Needless to say, they will also make friends with Japanese students. Students are expected to earn at least 15 credits in each semester (30 credits annually), from lectures in English, Independent Study and Japanese language classes, then transfer the credits to their home institutions.

OUSSEP; Full-year and Half-year program

OUSSEP was designed to give students from overseas who do not speak Japanese well or who have not studied Japanese at all, an opportunity to earn transferable credits at Osaka University under the close coordination of the International Student Center (hereafter referred to as the ISC). Participants are offered special academic lectures taught in English called International Exchange Subjects, which are administrated by the International Affairs Committee. The University grants credits to students who attend Full-(Half-) year OUSSEP for the courses they take as International Exchange Subjects, and presents a certificate of completion to students who successfully complete the requirements of OUSSEP. The credits can be transferred to the student's home university according to the provisions included in the relevant inter-institutional exchange agreement.

Students who enroll in OUSSEP are from a variety of countries around the world and study in a unique international environment. They come with different cultural backgrounds and various academic majors. In the fourteenth academic year of the program (Fall semester of OUSSEP 2009-2010) forty five students were admitted from thirty one universities in twenty countries. Asia, Oceania, North America, Latin America and Europe are almost equally represented among the students. Students have a choice of participating in the program for two semesters (Full-year OUSSEP) or one semester only (Half-year OUSSEP).

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FrontierLab@OsakaU and Regular Short-term Exchange Programs

In addition to the Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP and Maple courses, there are other types of regular short-term (i.e. less than one academic year) exchange opportunities at Osaka University.

FrontierLab@OsakaU

FrontierLab@OsakaU is a specially designed exchange program, which offers laboratory experiences for science / engineering major students. Participants may join the laboratory activities, according to their research interests as one of the team members, and then concentrate on their subjects under the supervision of OU professors. Detailed information can be found at the following URL;

<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/jp/international/iab/e/FrontierLab.html>

Regular Short-term Exchange Program;

In the **Regular Class Course**, overseas students enroll as a special auditor in regular courses taught in Japanese in one of the schools or the graduate schools of the University. In the **Regular Research Course**, students usually enroll as special research students in one of the graduate schools of the University. Students who are interested in the regular short-term exchange programs should follow the admission procedures explained below.

In the case of student exchange under **Inter-University Exchange Agreements**, an Osaka University Inter-University Exchange Application Package must be obtained by the student at the international exchange office of the student's home institution. The International Student Affairs Division of Osaka University deals with the admission of exchange students, in cooperation with its counterparts in partner institutions. In the case of exchange under **Inter-Faculty Exchange Agreements**, contact should be made through the relevant office of the faculty of the student's home institution and the individual school or graduate school of Osaka University. Useful information may be found at the following web site.

<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html>

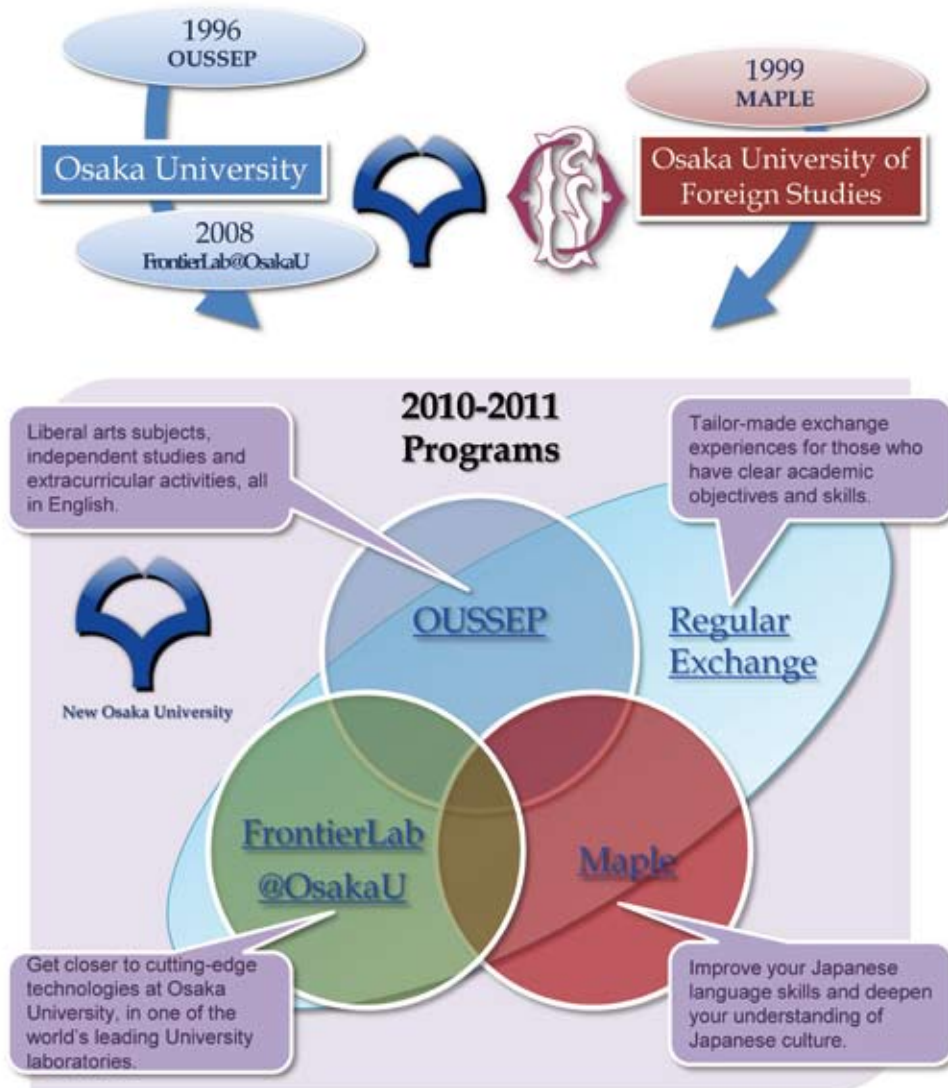


Studying Japanese;

OUSSEP is an English speaking program which caters to students with a variety of backgrounds. Although students may take elective Japanese classes, three classes per week, the program is not suitable for those who wish to study Japanese intensively in Japan, such as more than four classes per week. **If your main purpose for the exchange is to develop your Japanese language skills or to enhance your cultural knowledge of Japan, consider joining Maple, instead of OUSSEP.**

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Variety of Exchange Programs at Osaka University



The Programs are outlined in this URL; <<http://www.gcn-osaka.jp/exchange/index.html>>

Profile of Osaka University

Osaka University's historical roots originated from a Liberal Arts College for Osaka merchants in the eighteenth century and School of Dutch Studies in the nineteenth century. Osaka University was officially founded in 1931 by the Japanese Government with strong support from local governments in the Osaka area. It was established with the aim of creating a center of higher

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education inheriting the liberal and progressive academic tradition of the Osaka area that had been the center of trade for the nation for many centuries.

In April of 2004, it became one of 84 National University Incorporations founded under the National University Law that resulted from the recent national university reform plan in Japan. OU was divided into two main campuses, Toyonaka and Suita. At Toyonaka, there are the School of Science, Engineering Science, Letters, Law, Economics and several Graduate Schools. The Institute of Higher Education and Practice and other research institutions are also located on the Toyonaka campus. At Suita, there are the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Science, Engineering, Human Science and several Graduate Schools. The University's Main Administration Office and many research and educational institutions, including the International Student Center (ISC) are also located on the Suita campus.



Engineering Buildings
(Suita)



Ginkgo Hall
(Suita)



Classic University Building
(Toyonaka)

1724	Establishment of the Kaitokudo (懐徳堂) (School of General Education)
1838	Establishment of the Tekijuku (適塾) (School of Dutch Studies in the Edo Period)
1869	Establishment of the hospital supervised by the Ministry of Education (Presently, MEXT)
1880	Establishment of the Osaka Prefecture Medical School and the Osaka Prefecture Hospital
1896	Establishment of the Osaka Industrial School
1915	Establishment of the Osaka Prefecture University Hospital
1931	Establishment of the Osaka Imperial University
1949	Establishment of the Osaka University (new system)
2004	Becoming "National University Corporation" (Semi-Privatization)
2007	Merger with Osaka University of Foreign Studies
2011	80 th Anniversary (287 th since Kaitokudo)

OUFS was first established in December 1921 in downtown Osaka, Uehonmachi, and was committed to international peace and friendship. Financially it was helped by a large donation from Choko Hayashi, an Osaka business woman. Having survived the Second World War, it moved to the city of Takatsuki, a northern suburb of Osaka, and then back to Uehonmachi. In 1979, it moved again to a new location in Minoh City for more extensive academic activities. On October 1, 2007, OUFS became a part of Osaka University as the School of Foreign Studies and some other institutions, such as the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC). OUFS's Minoh campus became OU's third main campus, the Minoh campus, where the School of Foreign Studies and CJLC are located.

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The Osaka University is now (as of January, 2010) comprised of eleven undergraduate schools, fifteen graduate schools, the Institute for Higher Education Research and Practice, five research institutes, twenty education and research centers (including ISC and CJLC), three nation-wide joint-use facilities, one main library with three branch libraries and two hospitals attached to the Faculty of Medicine and the School of Dentistry.

Furthermore, the University maintains a downtown extension, the Nakanoshima Center, and three overseas offices: in the US (San Francisco), in the Netherlands (Groningen) and in Thailand (Bangkok). More information about Osaka University may be found at the following web site: <http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp>



School of Foreign Studies (Minoh)



Groningen Center



San Francisco Center

Where is Osaka University located? (World University Rankings)

	THES*					IHE, Shanghai Jiao Tong University**				Thomson Scientific***				News-week
	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'06	'07	'08	'09	'06	'07	'08	'09	'06
Osaka University	105	70	46	44	43	61	67	68	71	35	34	33	34	57
The University of Tokyo	16	19	17	19	22	19	20	19	20	14	13	12	11	14
Kyoto University	31	29	25	25	25	22	22	23	24	31	30	28	30	25
Tohoku University	136	168	102	112	97	76	76	79	84	76	70	65	64	69
Tokyo Institute of Technology	99	118	90	61	55	89	99	101-151	101-151	172	163	162	165	—

* The Times Higher Education Supplement

** Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

*** The ranking is based on the analysis of Essential Science Indicators on 2006(1995-2005), 2007(1996-2006), 2008 (1997-2007) and 2009(1998-2008).

2. OUSSEP RECORDS

Breakdown of Enrollment into OUSSEP

Year of Enrollment	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Cum.
Home Universities	6	11	15	19	22	24	23	27	29	22	31	27	27	31	67*
Countries of Home	5	9	11	15	14	16	14	15	15	16	19	17	19	20	28
Total	22	22	26	28	27	28	33	33	33	25	37	38	39	45	436
Number of Students by Region of Home Universities															
North America	13	9	9	7	6	8	9	6	7[1]	5[1]	7	12	8	6	112
Latin America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Asia / Oceania	9	9	9	10	11	9	11	14	12	10	15	13	18	25	175
Europe	0	4	8(1)	11 [2]	10[2]	11[2]	13[5]	13[4]	14[7]	10[6]	15	13	11	12	145
Male / Female	12/10	11/11	19/7	19/9	14/13	14/14	15/18	16/17	18/15	11/14	20/17	21/17	18/21	23/22	231/195
Students' Major :															
Humanities & Social Sciences /	12/10	12/10	13/13	17/11	13/14	18/10	17/16	17/16	17/16	12/13	22/15	16/22	21/18	31/14	246/188
Natural Sciences & Engineering															

* The number of students refers to those who studied at Osaka in October of the corresponding year.

() refers to enrollment from April until March of the following year

[] Students attending OUSSEP without receiving the JASSO Scholarship (or OU Scholarship with respect to the 2008 period)

* See below: '67 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP between 1996-2009'



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67 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP between 1996-2009

Australia(4): Australian National University, Monash University, The University of Melbourne, The University of Adelaide / **Belgium(1):** Catholic University of Louvain / **Canada(3):** McGill University, McMaster University, University of British Columbia / **China(5):** Nanjing University, Wuhan University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Zhejiang University, Shenzhen University/ **Denmark(1):** University of Copenhagen / **Finland(1):** Abo Akademi University / **France(8):** Joseph Fourier University, Marc Bloch University, Louis Pasteur University, Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, Robert Schuman University, University of Grenoble, University of Stendhal Grenoble, Consortium of Universities in Strasbourg/ **Germany(3):** Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Oldenburg University, Technical University of Munich / **Hungary(1):** Budapest University of Technology and Economics / **Indonesia(2):** Gadjah Mada University, Institut Teknologi Bandung / **Italy(1):** University of Padova / **Korea(7):** Chonnam National University, Dong-A University, Pusan National University, Seoul National University, Yeungnam University, Yonsei University, Gyeongsang National University / **Mongolia(1):** National University of Mongolia / **Netherlands(3):** University of Groningen, Eindhoven University of Technology, Delft University of Technology / **Poland(1):** Technical University of Lodz / **Russia(1):** Far-Eastern State University / **Sweden(2):** Royal Institute of Technology, Växjö University / **Thailand(3):** Chulalongkorn University, Mahidol University, Thammasat University/ **U.K.(3):** University of Durham, University of London, University of Nottingham / **U.S.A.(6):** Purdue University, Nazareth College, Texas A & M University, University of California, University of Washington, Wesleyan College / **Vietnam(2):** Hue University, Nong Lam University/ **Hong Kong (1):** Hong Kong University of Science and Technology/ **Taiwan(2):** National Cheng Kung University, National Tsing Hua University/ **Philippines(2):** University of Philippines, De La Salle University/ **Brazil(1):** Rio de Janeiro State University/ **Peru(1):** La Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú/ **Spain (1):** Autonomous University of Madrid/



3. Coordination and Administration

Coordination and Administration

Students who attend the **OUSSEP** program must be enrolled in one of the undergraduate* or graduate schools** of Osaka University as a Special Auditor*** The International Affairs Committee, which is made up of faculty members representing a variety of the University's institutions, is responsible for the management of **OUSSEP**. The International Student Center (ISC) is in charge of coordinating the program and takes care of the students in collaboration with the institutions. Faculty members, who belong to the ISC, are appointed as the OUSSEP and international exchange coordinators.

***A "Special Auditor" refers to an exchange student who attends classes and is graded on course work, exams, etc., but does not pursue a degree.

	Undergraduate schools*	Graduate schools**
Dentistry	X	X
Economics	X	X
Engineering	X	X
Engineering Science	X	X
Foreign Studies	X	
Frontier Biosciences		X
Human Sciences	X	X
Information Science and Technology		X
International Public Policy		X
Language and Culture		X
Law	X	
Law (Law School)		X
Law and Politics		X
Letters	X	X
Medicine	X	X
Pharmaceutical Sciences	X	X
Science	X	X



X indicates an institution in which a student may be enrolled



Farewell Party



Campus tour

3. Coordination and Administration

International Exchange Course Subjects

Since the foundation of the original OUSSEP program in 1996, OU has offered a series of lecture courses (2 credits each) in English, taught by academic staff from various faculties of the University. Titles and a brief description of the courses to be given in the Fall semester of 2010 and the Spring semester of 2011 are listed on pages 31-34.

Osaka University has officially designated these courses as International Exchange Subjects. They are designed for OUSSEP program participants and are taught in English. Enrolment in the courses is open to both international students and domestic students to allow for all of them to study in a truly international environment.

Students may select their courses according to their major and interests. However, students are also encouraged to take courses outside their own major. This will help them to broaden their perspectives and at the same time gain a deeper understanding of Japanese society and culture. The courses cover a wide variety of subjects from **culture** to **science** and **technology**. The students, both domestic and international, will also learn about **Osaka** and **Japan**. We believe this will help students to understand the world and the importance of international awareness and mutual respect. This program underscores the motto of Osaka University; „Live Locally, Grow Globally (**Be rooted in the community and grow into the world**)'.

Due to the fact that we can offer only a limited number of courses taught in English, but also try to satisfy students of different majors and from different universities in different countries, the courses often cannot help but be broad in scope. Truly specialized studies are also possible by taking the **Independent Study Course**.



Orientation



Administration Bureau



Welcome Party in April

4. Who Is Eligible for OUSSEP?

Academic Exchange Agreement

The **OUSSEP** program is a purposefully designed exchange program for students from abroad who have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies at their home institution and who are interested in studying at OU. Students majoring in any field of study are welcome to participate in the OUSSEP program. As courses are taught in English, Full-year OUSSEP and Half-year OUSSEP students need not be fluent in Japanese.

OUSSEP is open to students from institutions that have concluded an **Inter-University (or Inter-Faculty) Student Exchange Agreement with Osaka University**.^{*} Students are expected to register as full-time students, to pay the appropriate tuition fees at their home institutions and to return there, after finishing the **OUSSEP** program, in order to complete their own academic studies.

^{*} OUSSEP is strictly a University student exchange program and does not accept students from other institutions.

Osaka University has concluded Inter-University or Inter-Faculty Academic Exchange Agreements that include provisions for a mutual tuition waiver and credit transfer with more than one hundred universities around the world.



Welcome Party in April



Field trip to Koya-san



My country & My University



4. Who Is Eligible for OUSSEP ?

Academic Calendar

The academic year for regular educational programs in most Japanese universities, including Osaka University, begins in April and ends in March. However, the OUSSEP year which is divided into two 15-week semesters, runs from late September until early August of the following year. Half-year **OUSSEP** participants will join either of these 15-week semesters; September-February or April-August.

Academic Year; OUSSEP 2010 – 2011

Fall Semester

September 25-30, 2010

October 1, 2010

December 23, 2010-January 5, 2011

February 14, 2011

February 15-April 5, 2011

Orientation

Classes start.

Year end / New Year break

Classes end.

Spring Break

Spring Semester

April 6, 2011

April 8, 2011

July 28, 2011

Orientation

Classes start.

Classes end.

*Spring semester schedules can be revised, in accordance with Osaka University's 2011 academic year calendar, which will be finally approved in mid-2010.

English Requirements;

As **OUSSEP** is an international program in which courses are taught in English, all applicants applying from non-English speaking countries have to demonstrate TOEFL 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT), 79(iBT) or more level English proficiency in their applications.

Recommendations by Home Institutions

All applicants have to be short-listed by their home institution and their applications must be sealed and signed by the appropriate personnel within their institution. Official transcripts and letters of recommendation from academic staff are also essential for the eligibility of **OUSSEP** applications. One of these letters of recommendation should be filled out on the Confidential Reference Form, enclosed in the application package.

All applications should be made through the student's home institution.

5. What Will I Study in OUSSEP?

Full-year OUSSEP / Half-year OUSSEP

i) International Exchange Subjects

In the English speaking program, the University tries to equalize the number of students majoring in the fields of the physical sciences including engineering and health sciences, and humanities and the social sciences. Students may select their courses according to their major and interests. At the same time, students are encouraged to take courses outside their own major as this will help them to broaden their perspective and at the same time gain a deeper understanding of Japanese society and culture. All participants are expected to earn at least 15 credits from International Exchange Subjects per semester.

ii) Independent Study Course

One of the unique features of the Full-year and Half-year OUSSEP program is the Independent Study Course (2 credits per semester). Students can propose a study topic and are then assigned to a supervising professor in an appropriate faculty. A student may wish to study a particular subject that is not found in the International Exchange Subjects (Individual Study) or to conduct a research project on a particular theme (Independent Research). The student and their supervising professor will agree upon the scope and depth of the study at the beginning of the program.* With respect to Full-year OUSSEP students, the study usually continues for two semesters. At the end of each semester the student will submit a report on his/her topic to their supervising professor. Refer to the "Guide to Independent Study" found at the OUSSEP Website for further details. Those who wish to take the Independent Study Course must fill out the Independent Study Proposal (Form:Ind.Study-1 and Form:Ind.Study-2) along with the other application documents.

*When the amount of work required for the study is particularly large, the supervising professor and the International Affairs Committee may decide to grant up to 4 credits instead of 2 credits per semester for Independent Study. Refer to the "Guide to Independent Study" for details.



Arrangements for Independent Study (Full-year and Half-year OUSSEP)

OUSSEP coordinators of the ISC are in charge of the arrangements with supervising professors for Independent Study for Full-year and Half-year OUSSEP students. Appointing the most appropriate professor for each student according to their Independent Study Proposal is a very time consuming process. **It is therefore imperative that students wishing to do Independent Study apply to do so in their original applications, as it is usually too late for the ISC to make any additional arrangements once the student has arrived.**

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iii) ISC Japanese Language Course

In addition to these courses, OUSSEP students may take any of the four Japanese courses (3 credits each semester), according to their proficiency level. Students must take a placement test. Japanese language classes will take place three times a week.

Completion of the OUSSEP program

All the courses offered for Full-/Half-year OUSSEP including the Japanese language and Independent Study courses, are electives.

Students select and register for the courses of their choice at the beginning of each semester. **The minimum requirement in each semester for satisfactory completion of the OUSSEP program is 15 credits.** The International Affairs Committee of Osaka University will award Certificates of Completion to those students who have successfully completed the Full-year OUSSEP. As for Half-year OUSSEP students, the participants will receive a (Half-year) Certificate of Completion issued by the International Affairs Committee if they take more than 15 credits during the semester.



ISC (Suita)



ISC (Suita)

5. What Will I Study in OUSSEP?

International Exchange Activities

In addition to the academic programs, students are encouraged to participate in various international exchange activities throughout the year, which the ISC organizes. Other groups including those within the University (such as the student organized international exchange group of Brothers and Sisters Program (BSP)), as well as those in neighboring communities, also participate in these programs. One example of a neighboring community group is the Osaka University Host Family Program (OHP), which is coordinated by the ISC and provides international students with an opportunity to closely interact with a local Japanese family living nearby the university.

Field Trips

The **OUSSEP** program offers field trips for students in order to give them opportunities to see as many things and to meet as many people as possible during their full-year or half-year stay in Japan. They visit industries and public institutions as a part of the academic courses and also go on trips, including overnight trips, to different parts of the country to meet local people and to experience the local culture.



Field trip to Koya-san



Field trip to Miyajima



Field trip to Miyajima



Hiroshima & Miyajima




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.



Knowledge of the Japanese language is not an essential requirement for applicants of the OUSSEP program; Full-year OUSSEP and Half-year OUSSEP.

Applicants must, however, be proficient in English. A TOEFL score of 550 or more on the Paper based test, or 79 or more on the internet based test, is a prerequisite for students from non-English speaking countries. Other internationally recognizable tests, such as IELTS CPE or CAE, can be considered.

Application Process;

Osaka University plans, for the 2010-2011 exchange programs, to introduce an advanced internet-based application system. Editing this Calendar, the system is still in the process for the final set-up. Detailed information for the application procedures will be distributed via **OUSSEP** Home Page.

With respect to the 2010-2011 Program, all of the applicants;

1. Should have an e-mail address
2. Should have access to a computer with internet
3. Should have a printer connected to the above computer
4. Are recommended to prepare for their application documents, including essays and research proposals as word or text files in advance, then copy and paste these texts into the appropriate fields on the Osaka University e-apply[®] system (see page19)

6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

1. GPA Calculation

- ① GPA of the latest 1 year of academic performance from the current transcript

2. Date of Graduation (Must be after the exchange study period)

3. Degree to be Awarded

4. School / Graduate School Choice

- ① Supervisor (1st and 2nd choice)
- ② Supervisor's Affiliation
- ③ Supervisor search:
http://www.dma.jim.osaka-u.ac.jp/kg-portal/aspi/RX0011S_E.ASP

5. Information of Scholarship Application

- ① Source of Scholarship Foundation
- ② Name of the scholarship
- ③ Scholarship type (Benefit or Loan)
- ④ The announcement of result (Year & Month)
- ⑤ Monthly amount

6. Motivation Essay

- ① Approximately 3,000 characters (500 words) long in total.

7. Study Plan after Exchange Program

- ① Approximately 250 words long in total.

8. Independent Study Information

- ① Topic
- ② Theme
- ③ Detail (Approximately 500 words long)
- ④ Related Courses which appear in your transcript.

9. Financial Supporter's Information

- ① Name
- ② Address
- ③ Phone Number
- ④ Occupation
- ⑤ Annual income



6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

5. Need almost 30-60 minutes to complete the on-line application procedure
6. Must note that on-line procedure is just a half-way point of the complete application process
7. All applicants must print out the required documents, and fill them out and sign them with their appropriate signatures
8. All applicants must submit the documents to their coordinators with some necessary documents, such as reference letters
9. All applicants request coordinators to send the documents to Osaka University, after the coordinators fill the forms out appropriately

First and foremost, Osaka University International Student Affairs Division will send a password, which allows the applicants to access the distinguished application site of Osaka University Exchange System, to the International Office of partner institutions. Students interested in the **OUSSEP** program should first consult their academic adviser and student exchange officer. On approval from the adviser, applicants obtain the necessary PASS from their university or college office. Then applicants can access the internet and fill out the application, using PASS. After filling out the forms on the web, applicants must print-out the forms, and then fill in their signatures appropriately. 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 (**Fill out on the web. After filling it out on the web, print yourself out a copy**)
2. At least two letters of recommendation written by faculty members of the home institution. One letter from a language instructor is acceptable.
3. Academic transcripts
4. A short essay of approximately 500 words in total (**Fill out on the web. After filling it out on the web, print yourself out a copy**)
5. Independent Study Form and proposal of the topic for the Independent Study (**Fill out on the web. After filling it out on the web, print yourself out a copy**)
6. TOEFL score record (For applicants from non-English speaking countries)
7. A completed Certificate of Enrollment of the Applicant for the JASSO Short-term Student Exchange Promotion Program (Inbound) Scholarship* (refer to Form: 3-3) (For applicants who wish to apply for the JASSO Scholarship)
9. A Financial Resources Confirmation Form (**Fill out on the web. After filling it out on the web, print yourself out a copy**) and Bank Statement

6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

Recently, the number of OUSSEP applicants has been constantly increasing. Owing to this, we believe the newly introduced digitalized application system helps to avoid some confusion, such as misunderstanding information from the hand-written documents. This system also offers a fairer and transparent application process amongst the increasing number of applicants, since their submission timing is clearly time stamped. Moreover, it helps to reduce the burden on our staff, and they can concentrate on more creative business. The contents of the applications are fairly controlled, since all applicants are required to use the same forms.

Osaka University's digitalized application system is cooperatively manufactured and managed by Osaka University and DISCO Co. Inc., customizing DISCO's e-apply® system.

For more details of DISCO Co. Inc., please visit;
<<http://www.disc.co.jp/index.shtml>>

Original and Authentic Documents/Signatures

The University requires hand-written signatures in the application forms. The University also strongly requires all of the supporting documents to be original ones. Without proper authorization or authentic documents, it is not possible for the University to recognize the applicants as being serious enough and qualified candidates for the exchange.

In this way, the entire application process shall not be completed until the University receives the printed out application with hand-written signatures and original supporting documents. We do not accept photocopied or scanned supporting documents.

Also, it is essential that all of the communications, including the submission of the application forms should be done between the coordinator of Osaka University and that of partner institutions. The University shall reject any applicants, who apply to the program without any recognition from their home university.



At the Hiroshima Youth Hostel



Field trip to Koya-san

6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

COORDINATOR



Nominations at Student's Home University

- Applicant must be nominated as an OUSSEP applicant by his/her home institution.
- Applicant must have discussed their exchange plans with their coordinators and supervisor.
- The Coordinator supervises the applicants' preparations and distributes an access PASS for the Osaka University e-apply® system to each applicant.

1. We Strongly recommend that applicants have all their application documents in order before accessing the on-line application system.
2. Applicants are expected to have calculated their GPA score prior to applying.
3. Using the PASS, each individual applicant accesses the Osaka University e-apply® system.
4. Choose OUSSEP for your program on e-apply®.
5. Each individual applicant should fill out all the required fields.
6. The applicant will then receive a PDF formatted application, with your personal information, proposed program, duration, essay, research proposal and so on.
7. Osaka University naturally expects, all of the PDF formatted application forms to be printed out by applicants, signed by applicants and coordinators, using pen or ball-point pen.
8. Osaka University and JASSO shall not accept any documents without appropriate written confirmation or confirmation signatures using erasable pencils.
9. The Osaka University e-apply® system will be used to communicate between Osaka University and each applicant thereafter.



There will be a link between the OUSSEP Homepage and the Osaka University e-apply® system

(<http://ex.isc.osakau.ac.jp/oussep/about/caleindex.html>)



Send Hard-copy Forms to Osaka University through the Office

- Coordinator collects the completed paper forms and some other supporting documents from individual students.
- Coordinator checks and certifies the application documents.
- Coordinator sends the documents to Osaka University by post or international courier services.

6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

APPLICANTS

1. Student exchange is an inter-university business. Therefore, those who are not nominated by their student exchange coordinator / officer shall be automatically disqualified.
2. If you are short-listed as an OUSSEP 2010-2011 applicant from your institution, read the OUSSEP Calendar carefully (this leaflet) and understand the characteristics of this English speaking program.
3. Obtain a PASS from the coordinator.
4. Those who apply from non-English speaking countries need TOEFL scores of 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT) , 79 (iBT) or above.



Preparations on the Computer

- Prepare for the documents well beforehand, such as personal information, GPA calculation, Essay and Research Proposal.
- Have access to a Computer with internet access which has an OS that is either Windows XP/Vista or higher (Windows) or MAX OS X 10.5 or higher (MAC)
- Using the PASS, access the Osaka University e-apply® system.



Preliminary Submission Online

- Copy and paste from the documents you have prepared for the Osaka University e-apply® system.
- Once you fill-out the form, click the 'submit' button.
- At this stage, Osaka University recognizes you as a potential OUSSEP candidate, **but without the process below, you shall not be short-listed as a qualified OUSSEP 2010-2011 candidate.**



Written Confirmation / Authorizations

- You will get a PDF formatted application once you have submitted your forms on-line.
- Print-out the PDF forms, then fill-out the appropriate fields in your own hand writing. Use Pen or Ball-point pen.
- Ask your supervisor to sign the documents as well.

1. Before submitting the documents to the international office at your home institution, please use the check list to confirm whether your documentations are sufficiently prepared.
2. Osaka University never accepts any OUSSEP application sent by individual applicants. **All OUSSEP applications must be posted by exchange coordinators / international officers with their appropriate authorizations.**
3. The deadline for the entire process above is March 20, 2010



6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

Selection Process for the 2010 Fall Enrollment

The International Affairs Committee of Osaka University will be responsible for selecting the students to be admitted to OUSSEP. In-May, Osaka University will unofficially notify the applicants and their home universities of the results of the preliminary selection. At this point, through the communications 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.

We will request, by mid or late May, each of those selected to submit a confirmation of his/her intention to come to **OUSSEP**. Based on their response, the International Affairs Committee will decide its final selection by the middle or end of May. **Understand that withdrawal from the OUSSEP program 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 2010.



Bazaar



The Traditional Bean-Throwing Ceremony



The Traditional Bean-Throwing Ceremony



With Host Family

7. How Do I Get Financial Aid?

Tuition Waiver

The tuition fee for the degree courses at Osaka University is currently 14,400 JPY per credit. The fee is liable to change without notice. Students from institutions that have concluded a mutual tuition waiver contract with Osaka University will be granted a tuition waiver.

JASSO Short-term Student Exchange Promotion Program (Inbound) Scholarship

Prospective OUSSEP students are eligible to apply for the following scholarship offered by the Japanese government, namely the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). However, those who receive financial aid from other sources, worth 80,000 JPY or more, are not eligible to apply for the scholarship from JASSO. Please also note that in the present financial climate, qualifying for JASSO scholarships has become more difficult. Therefore, this year JASSO may not offer a sufficient number of scholarships for OUSSEP participants. We naturally welcome students who are prepared to come to OUSSEP without applying for the JASSO scholarship. The total number of students OUSSEP can admit, however, will remain at around 25-30 regardless of the number of students to whom JASSO grants scholarships.

We request applicants to refrain from applying for JASSO scholarships concurrently with other Japanese universities.

Qualified students selected by JASSO are provided with the following financial aid

1. A monthly stipend of about 80,000 JPY. OUSSEP students will receive the stipend for the months they spend in Japan.
2. A settling-in allowance of 80,000 JPY upon arrival.

GPA Requirement for JASSO applicants;

In order to receive a grant from JASSO, applicants must satisfy JASSO's General Pass Average (hereafter referred to as GPA) markings of 2.30.

* How to Calculate GPA

Pattern 1	Grade				
		Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Fail
Pattern 2		A	B	C	F
Pattern 3		100-80	79-70	69-60	59 and below
Pattern 4	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59 and below
Pattern 5	S	A	B	C	F
Pattern 6	A	B	C	D	F
Grade Point (GP)	3	3	2	1	0

Use the formula above to calculate GPA (Round to two decimal places).

8. How Do I Obtain a Student VISA?

Ryugaku (Study Abroad) Visa

Before coming to Japan, students who have been accepted need to obtain a "college student" (Ryugaku) visa, issued by the Japanese Embassy or Consulate, in their country of residence.

We will send a letter of acceptance to students who are officially accepted to OUSSEP. At this time, Osaka University will request the Japanese Immigration Bureau to issue a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (CESR) for each of the students. Only the CESR document will serve as proof of status when applying for a visa to enter Japan as a student.

The Process of obtaining a CESR takes time and the certificate usually does not come through until early September. We will forward the CESR by an express courier service to each student's summer address as indicated in the OUSSEP Application Form. We often have to make urgent contact with applicants during the summer.

It is therefore important that applicants provide us with accurate information about their summer address, including the street address, phone, fax numbers, and an e-mail address.

Each applicant should follow the advice of the Japanese diplomatic office in his/her home country concerning the procedure for obtaining an appropriate visa.



With Host Family



The Traditional Bean-Throwing Ceremony



On the Ferry to Miyajima



Bazaar

8. How Do I Obtain a Student VISA ?

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) / New Strains of Influenza such as Swine Influenza

In order to prevent the spread of avian influenza together with new strains of influenza, and thus maintain the university's pleasant education and research environment, Osaka University has issued the guidelines for their prevention. In order to promote the early detection of any cases of the above illnesses, and thus decrease the sphere of possible infection, all members of Osaka University, including OUSSEP students, are expected to respect these guidelines, which are enclosed in the application package.



Hiroshima & Miyajima



With Host Family



Field trip to Miyajima



Field trip to Koya-san



OUSSEP Home Page

More Information related to OUSSEP, including study and living guides for students may be found at the [OUSSEP web site](http://ex.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/).

[<http://ex.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/>](http://ex.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/)



9. Life In Osaka

Housing

Osaka University will have a room ready for each of the participants by the time they arrive. Osaka University will make its best effort to provide the OUSSEP program participants with low-cost accommodation in one of the University residences for overseas students located near the three campuses. Due to an increase in demand for campus dormitories by international students, however, we have to optimize the University resources for the most appropriate students. In the 2008-2009 period, self-funded students (without JASSO or OU grants) had higher priority in receiving the low-cost university accommodation than the JASSO and OU scholarship awardees. The University will maintain the same policy during the 2009-2010 period. Needless to say, OU's International Student Affairs Division will certainly help all well qualified exchange students to find relatively low-cost public sector accommodation such as that at Senri International House, which belongs to Osaka Prefecture, before these students arrive at Osaka.

Those who wish to stay in a private apartment house in the Osaka area should expect their average monthly living expenses (food, rent, and transportation) to be no less than 100,000 JPY. The University does not currently arrange home-stays for OUSSEP students. Students may seek opportunities for home-stays after they move in to the above accommodation.

Health and Liability Insurance

Upon arrival in the Osaka area, OUSSEP students must join a comprehensive health and personal accident insurance plan arranged by the University, which includes the compulsory National Health Insurance and the Disaster and Accident Insurance for Student Education and Research. The plan covers medical care and hospitalization. The cost is reasonable and will be carried by the students. In addition, students are expected to have liability insurance. An adequate student liability insurance can be purchased at the Osaka University COOP (student union).

Some students may have already bought international insurance in their home countries, and are not pleased to have to join the above plan provided by the University. Note that in the event they need personalized certified translations for their own insurance companies, such as medical certificates or police accident reports, the University is not able to translate these official documents. Students will need to find professional translation services by themselves outside the University.



Field trip to Koya-san



Farewell Party



The Traditional Bean-Throwing Ceremony

9. Life In Osaka



Farewell Party



Farewell Party

GCN-Osaka (Global Campus Net Osaka)

Osaka University provides the unique online virtual community of GCN-Osaka, which is primarily aimed at foreign researchers and exchange students at Osaka University. On this site, information for foreigners such as online Japanese learning materials, medical/child care information, scholarship information, database for private accommodations, second hand goods information, etc. is posted, and exchanging information between fellow community members is possible through the use of a bulletin board system or forum (BBS). This BBS is designed to be multilingual, so foreigners can use their native language to exchange information. The BBS can be used to exchange information and receive online counseling on studying abroad. Prospective students of the OUSSEP program are able to get their IDs and Passwords before they come to Osaka through the home page below, and are able to prepare for their studies at Osaka University, such as using the e-learning materials.

<http://www.gcn-osaka.jp/>



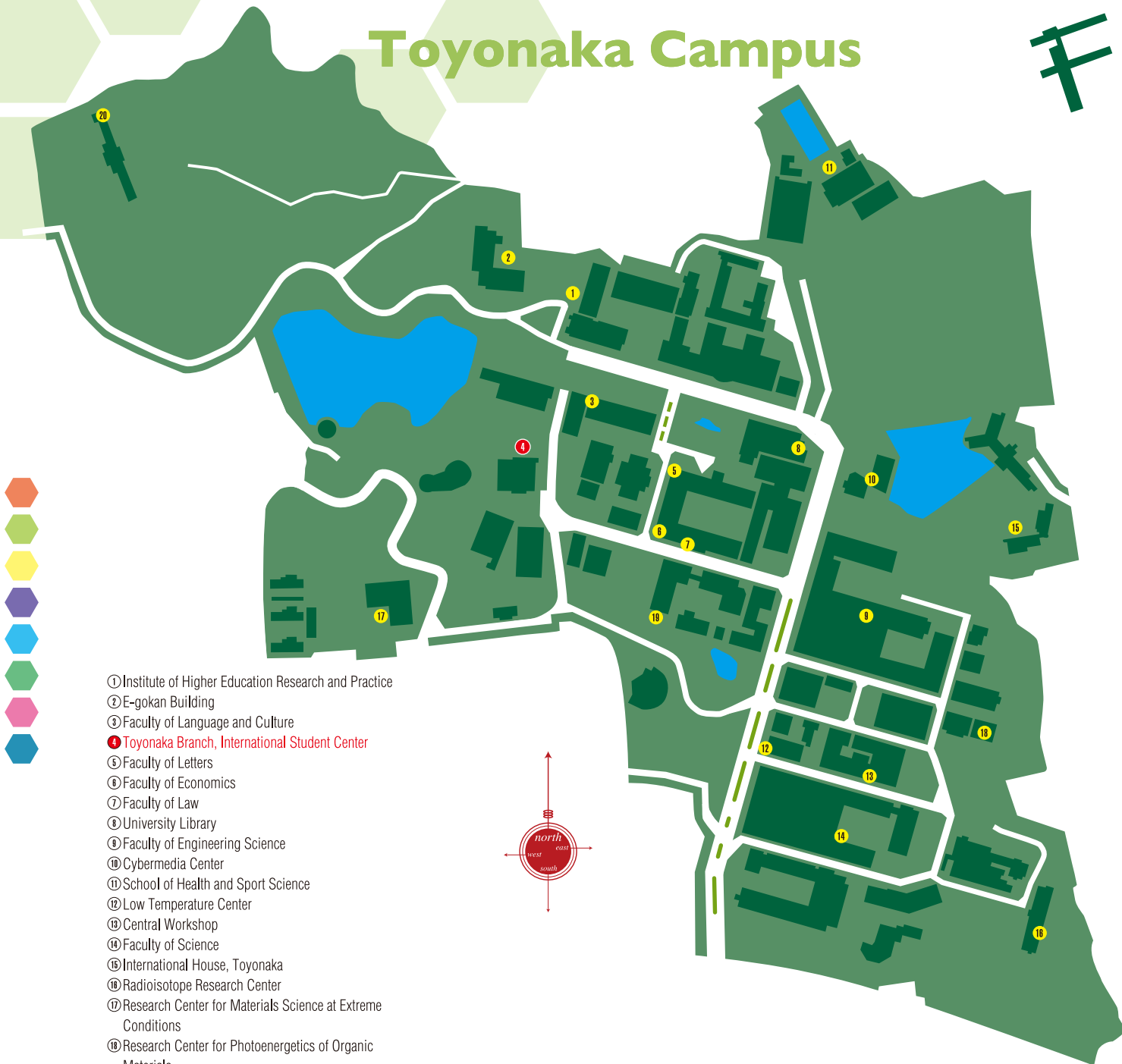
Field trip to Koya-san



My country & My University

10. Campus Map

Toyonaka Campus



- ① Institute of Higher Education Research and Practice
- ② E-gokan Building
- ③ Faculty of Language and Culture
- ④ Toyonaka Branch, International Student Center
- ⑤ Faculty of Letters
- ⑥ Faculty of Economics
- ⑦ Faculty of Law
- ⑧ University Library
- ⑨ Faculty of Engineering Science
- ⑩ Cybermedia Center
- ⑪ School of Health and Sport Science
- ⑫ Low Temperature Center
- ⑬ Central Workshop
- ⑭ Faculty of Science
- ⑮ International House, Toyonaka
- ⑯ Radioisotope Research Center
- ⑰ Research Center for Materials Science at Extreme Conditions
- ⑱ Research Center for Photoenergetics of Organic Materials
- ⑲ Osaka School of International Public Policy
- ⑳ Museum of Osaka University



New Student Union Building



Institute of Higher Education Research and Practice



Toyonaka Main Gate

10. Campus Map

Suita Campus

- ① Administration Bureau
- ② Faculty of Human Sciences
- ③ Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- ④ Research Institute for Microbial Diseases
- ⑤ Institute for Protein Research
- ⑥ Faculty of Engineering
- ⑦ Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research
- ⑧ Low Temperature Center
- ⑨ Suita Branch Library
- ⑩ Institute of Laser Engineering
- ⑪ Cybermedia Center
- ⑫ Institute of Social and Economic Research
- ⑬ Research Center for Ultra-High Voltage Electron Microscopy
- ⑭ Joining and Welding Research Institute
- ⑮ Research Center for Nuclear Physics
- ⑯ Faculty of Dentistry
- ⑰ Osaka University Dental Hospital
- ⑱ Cybermedia Center
- ⑲ Radioisotope Research Center
- ⑳ Institute for Molecular and Cellular Biology
- ㉑ Research Center for Super-conducting Materials and Electronics
- ㉒ Faculty of Medicine
- ㉓ Osaka University Hospital
- ㉔ Life Sciences Branch Library
- ㉕ Administration Office of the Faculty of Engineering
- ㉖ International Center for Biotechnology
- ㉗ Faculty of Medicine (Dept. of Allied Health Sciences)
- ㉘ Cooperative Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology
- ㉙ Venture Business Laboratory
- ㉚ Research Center for Environmental Preservation
- ㉛ Center for Advanced Research Projects
- ㉜ International Student Center



School of Medicine and University Hospital



International Student Center



Suita Main Gate

10. Campus Map

Minoh Campus

- ① Administration Building
Center for Health Care
- ② Library
- ③ Classrooms and Faculty Offices of FFS
(Building A, incl. Student Division)
- ④ Classrooms and Faculty Offices of FFS
(Building B) **Minoh Branch, International
Student Center**
- ⑤⑥⑦ Classrooms and Faculty Offices of FFS
(Building C,D,E)
- ⑧ General Research Building
- ⑨ **Center for Japanese Language and culture
(incl. International Students Affairs Division)**
- ⑩ Gym
- ⑪ University Hall
(incl. Bookshop and Cafeteria)
- ⑫ Dormitory for Foreign Students
(incl. Cafeteria)
- ⑬ Dormitory for Students
- ⑭ International Student House
- ⑮ Training Camp
- ⑯ Extra Curricular Activities Facilities
- ⑰ Lodging Facilities
- ⑱ Memorial Hall
- ⑲ Guard



FFS: Faculty of Foreign Studies

Bus terminal

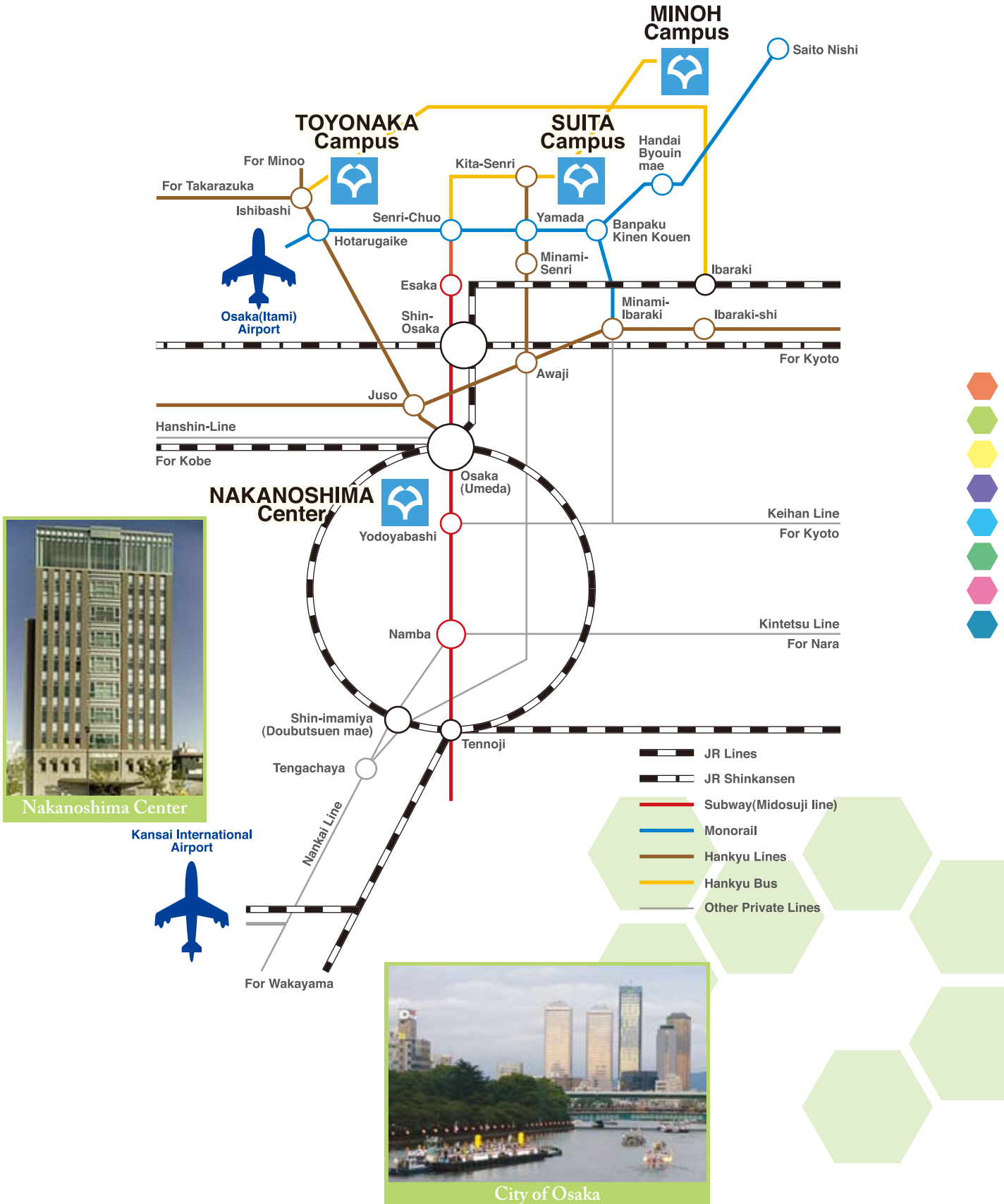
West gate

Main gate



10. Campus Map

Transportation from the City of OSAKA to the Campuses



Nakanoshima Center

Kansai International Airport



City of Osaka

11. Course Outline

Fall Semester 2010; Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title;	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue	Remarks
Literature and Language of Japan and China	Yorimitsu HASHIMOTO	Letters	Thu. 2	Toyonaka	
Advanced Management Accounting	Takayuki ASADA	Economics	Wed. 4	Toyonaka	
Gender Theory	Beverley Anne YAMAMOTO	Human Sciences	Fri. 2	Suita	
Current Topics in Earth and Space Science	Tadashi KONDO	Science	Wed. 2	Toyonaka	
Introduction of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science	Toshihiro TANAKA	Engineering	Fri. 3	Suita	
Electronic Engineering in the 21st Century	Kenji TANIGUCHI		Fri. 4	Suita	
Japan and the Afro-Asian countries		Foreign Studies	Thu. 3	Minoh	
Approaches to Understanding Cultures	Tomoko ARIKAWA	International Student Center	Tue. 2	Toyonaka	
Media and Communications in Japan	Sachihiko KONDO		Wed. 3	Toyonaka	
Bioethics and Health Law: Legal Issues Concerning Biotechnology, Medicine and Health Care System	Koichi SETOYAMA		Thu. 5	Toyonaka	
Urban Disaster Prevention	Juan Jose CASTRO		Tue. 3	Toyonaka	
Promoting "Human Rights Education"	Mino MIYAMOTO		Mon. 3	Suita	
Japanese JA100 Level	Koji NAMBA et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA200 Level	Shinya OTANI et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA300 Level	Koichi NISHIGUCHI et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA400 Level	Mioko YOSHINAGA et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA500 Level	Yoko MIMAKI et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Independent Study I-A,B,C					



11. Course Outline

Spring Semester 201 I; Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title;	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue	Remarks
Philosophical Thinking and Japanese Traditions	Narifumi NAKAOKA	Letters	Tue. 2	Toyonaka	
Topics in Asian Law	Kwang Jun TSCHE	Law	Fri. 5	Toyonaka	
Topics in Japanese Law	Colin JONES	Law	Tue. 5	Toyonaka	
Topics in Comparative Law	Marcelo DE ALCANTARA	Law	Thu. 5	Toyonaka	
Chemistry and Human Life	Mitsutaka OKUMURA	Science	Tue. 3	Toyonaka	
Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Ryoji MATOBA	Medicine	Mon. 2	Suita	
Introduction to Global Architecture-Nature & Human Environment and Sustainable Development	Hisako KOURA	Engineering	Mon. 4	Suita	
Introduction to Information Science	Shinji KUSUMOTO	Engineering Science	Mon. 5	Suita	
Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature	Andrew MURAKAMI-SMITH	Graduate School of Language and Culture	Thu. 2	Toyonaka	
Japan and the Western countries		Foreign Studies	Thu. 3	Minoh	
Japan: Society and Ideology	Sachihiko KONDO	International Student Center	Wed. 3	Toyonaka	
Japan's Relations with Asian Countries after the Second World War	Keinichi NISHIMURA		Tue. 4	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture	Koichi SETOYAMA		Thu. 4	Toyonaka	
International Education Exchange Studies	Jianxiu PAN		Fri. 2	Suita	
Introduction to Architectural and Environmental Safety	Juan Jose CASTRO		Wed. 2	Toyonaka	
Practicing "Education for International Understanding"	Mino MIYAMOTO		Mon. 3	Suita	
Human Motivation and Behavior in Social Context	Kiho TANAKA		Wed. 4	Toyonaka	
Japanese JA100 Level	Koji NAMBA et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA200 Level	Shinya OTANI et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA300 Level	Koichi NISHIGUCHI et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA400 Level	Mioko YOSHINAGA et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA500 Level	Yoko MIMAKI et al.		3 Classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Independent Study II –A,B,C					



Time Table

Fall Semester (2010)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Suita	Toyonaka	Suita/Toyonaka	Suita/Toyonaka/Minoh	Suita
1	Japanese JA (100,200) <ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500) <ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500) <ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500) <ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200) <ISC>
2		Approaches to Understanding Cultures <ISC>	Current Topics in Earth and Space Science <School of Science>	Literature and Language of Japan and China <School of Letters>	Gender Theory <School of Human Sciences>
	Assembly				
3	Promoting "Human Rights Education" <ISC>	Urban Disaster Prevention <ISC>	Media and Communications in Japan <ISC>	Japan and the Afro-Asian countries <School of Foreign Studies>	Introduction of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science <School of Engineering>
4			Advanced Management Accounting <School of Economics>		Electronic Engineering in the 21st Century <School of Engineering>
5				Bioethics and Health Law: Legal Issues Concerning Biotechnology, Medicine and Health Care System <School of Letters>	



Time Table

Spring Semester (2011)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Toyonaka	Toyonaka	Suita/Toyonaka	Suita/Toyonaka/Minoh	Suita/Toyonaka
1	Japanese JA (100,200) <ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200,300, 400,500)<ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200,300, 400,500) <ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200,300, 400,500)<ISC>	Japanese JA (100,200) <ISC>
2	Health Service and Medical Care in Japan <Faculty of Medicine>	Philosophical Thinking and Japanese Traditions <School of Letters>	Introduction to Architectural and Environmental Safety <ISC>	Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature <Graduate School of Language and Culture>	International Education Exchange Studies <ISC>
	Assembly				
3	Practicing "Education for International Understanding" <ISC>	Chemistry and Human Life <School of Science>	Japan: Society and Ideology <ISC>	Japan and the Western countries <School of Foreign Studies>	
4	Introduction to Global Architecture- Nature & Human Environment and Sustainable Development <School of Engineering>	Japan's Relations with Asian Countries after the Second World War <ISC>	Human Motivation and Behavior in Social Context <ISC>	Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture <ISC>	
5	Introduction to Information Science <School of Engineering Science>	Topics in Japanese Law <School of Law>		Topics in Comparative Law <School of Law>	Topics in Asian Law <School of Law>



12. Students' Quotes

Students' Comments

"I think OUSSEP is a gateway to knowing Japan and the different countries around the world. Through OUSSEP, I was able to experience Japanese culture and get to know other different cultures from the friends I have made here. This is a very good learning experience for me not only academically but also to have a broader perspective about life in general. I also realized how interesting it is that we can be similar in spite of how different we are." Kimberly, Philippines

"Now I have a dream instead of my dream to make a better Indonesia, To tell and bring other Indonesians, my friends, my family, my brothers and my sisters to join OUSSEP in Osaka University, To see the real world, another culture, and also the kindness of Japanese people. To learn more knowledge from grateful education system, facility and research in Osaka University. I have an experience which I can't forget till the end here, an experiences that made me learn how big this world is. God bless us." Daniel, Indonesia

"Too good to be put into words. Great intercultural experience in Japan. Just find out by yourself!" Joerg, Germany

"OUSSEP Program gave me the opportunity of coming to Japan and learn more about Japanese culture, language and custom. On top of that I am be able to meet more international students from all around the world and share ours ideas, culture and thoughts. Classes give you a chance to meet Japanese student too, so I can practice my Japanese. Furthermore, all the help from BSP and Iris staff is good and important for us so we can adjust easily our new life. Thanks to OUSSEP program we can live and learn all about Japan all together." Anais, Spain

"OUSSEP has allowed me to experience a Japanese education and also the Japanese culture, through engaging classes and interaction with new friends. It has given me the opportunity to learn in an exciting and new environment and to have fun at the same time. Osaka University is a great place to be!" Nakisha, Jamaica

"I think this is a great chance for us to learn not only Japanese, but also Japanese culture. Besides, we can know more about the other countries. I think it will be one of my best experiences in my life." Jui-Chieh, Taiwan

"This is the experience that I will remember for a lifetime. OUSSEP helps me to open my mind, to think from different perspectives, to be a "global person". The friends I made here, the experience I got here will be my lifetime wealth." Nei, China

"During the OUSSEP program you have a lot of free time and you meet many international students from around the world." Asahi, Australia

"I am really glad and thankful to be in the OUSSEP program. It has been a great experience so far and I have learnt heaps. People in the program have been amazing as well. Japan is definitely my favorite place." Pei Xuan, Malaysia

"If you have only image about foreign people all over the world, you can get that experience from OUSSEP. I have many friends who share their differences, so it's very interesting to know and learn to live with a people who have different backgrounds. I like OUSSEP." Lalil, Thailand

"I think OUSSEP program can provide opportunitys for students to have cultural exchange and it is a memorable experience for them. And we can widen our horizons. Also, it is the best way to learn Japanese and communicate with Japanese students." Chin Man, China

"It has been nice to take classes with many students from different countries to understand more about Japan. Moreover, having a good time to know about the Japanese culture and also language. However I think that it would be better if there are more language classes and interactions with Japanese." Su Yeon, Korea

"OUSSEP is a really good exchange program. It provides many opportunities for us to meet students not only from Japan but from all around the world. The OUSSEP program also has classes in different fields so we can choose classes that we are interested in. In additional, there are many fun events and parties. Therefore, I enjoy my life in Osaka very much." Rain, China

"Friends, Cultures, Fun and lots of new Experiences. The OUSSEP program offers many opportunities for us exchange students. Besides the diverse classes we can choose, die OUSSEP staff is very active to organize parties, trips and help us with the issues we might have. Meeting so many students from all countries of the world is one of the most exciting experiences one can have as a student. Learning about Japanese culture and people, getting to know what it means to live in a culturally diverse world, and making friends from all over the globe makes this semester the time of my life!" Rath, Germany

"Being an OUSSEP student, you can experience a lot of things probably for the first time in your life. When you become older, you must miss life here." Jieli, China

"A Chance to have friends around the world! A Chance to come across diverse cultures! Challenge yourself, go and join OUSSEP!" Seung Min, Korea



12. Students' Quotes

"This time spent here is more than what words can describe. The experience is amazing, people, friends, and food, scrumptious. Osaka University, definitely a place to remember for life." Dawei, China

"From OUSSEP, I gained so many unforgettable experiences and memories of lifetime. It is a great chance to deepen knowledge about Japanese culture and language. Also, having friends from different places all over the world helps broaden my worldview and gain a better understanding towards other cultures." Sutthiporn, Thailand

"Studying and living in Osaka is really an Adventure. Meeting so many people from all over the world as well as getting to know the Japanese culture first-hand is an amazing experience. Having chosen Osaka I am able to study in one of the top Universities in Japan and at the same time I am near to the cultural hotspots like Kobe, Nara and Kyoto. There is no better place to let your personality unfold." Matthias, Germany

"Forget everything that you have heard about Japan before, it is way better than the stories you were told. Osaka University is an excellent institute, Japan's culture is very colorful, but the main reason this place is so magnificent, is because of the people here. The academic staff is excellent and up to date, the OUSSEP students are awesome, and Japanese people are very friendly. This is the place to be! That is why I think that applying here was one of the best choices in my life." Imre, Hungary

"OUSSEP is a great opportunity to meet others from around the world and enjoy an enriched cultural experience of many different cultures and Japan." Joshua, Canada

"OUSSEP provided me with the opportunity to meet and study with students from all over the world. OUSSEP deserves to be regarded as a model for the future of cross-cultural academic exchange programs! I am proud to call myself a member of OUSSEP!" Ciaran, Canada

"I had great time, got new experiences, learned many things, met multicultural friends, and really enjoyed living & socializing in Japan. It completely broadened both my global and cultural knowledge!" Andra, Indonesia

"I have never expected to learn so much through an exchange program before I joined OUSSEP in Osaka University. Here, we are exposed to a variety of field trips, cultural exchange activities, and of course the hospitality of Japanese people!! I am sure it will be one of the most memorable experiences in my life!!" Jiahua, China

"OUSSEP provides various lectures and activities for us to get to know Japanese culture and also enjoy the lives here." Tzu-Yin, Taiwan

"OUSSEP brings new things in to my life : new friends, knowledge, broad point of view ,experiences and even architecture which is one of the programs in the independent study, where I can do many things to support my final study in my home university." Fanitra, Indonesia

"Although you are in Japan OUSSEP allows you to make friends from all over the world and broaden your global perspective. Especially for those that have little knowledge of the Japanese language, OUSSEP provides all that you need to settle into Japan and pursue your studies. OUSSEP allows you to take classes from various different faculties and allows time for independent study which proved to be very useful for completing my home university's requirements as well. Furthermore, being in Osaka is a great base to seeing the Kansai area of Japan - Kyoto, Kobe, and Nara are just a few places that are easily accessible. Good luck future OUSSEPIans!" Karlis, Australia

"OUSSEP is a great program that gives you an incredible opportunity of being in Japan. Surrounded by students from different countries you discover new cultures and languages. Together you explore Japan, learn about its history, customs, traditions. The OUSSEP program gives a chance to broaden your knowledge by studying subjects outside your major. That is an opportunity that you cannot miss!" Malgorzata, Poland

"The moments I spent at Osaka University are among the best in to my life. The facilities are fantastic, the people are incredibly nice and helpful and the student life in Osaka is so full of excitement! I wish I could stay here forever." Allan, France

"I think OUSSEP is an unique program that gives the opportunity to "experience" cultures, religions, costumes that you've only heard about and to know so many people from all over the world, that you can be amazed by how they are so different but at the same time so similar!" Giulia, Italy

"I have been an OUSSEPIan for almost 3 months, and the life here is fantastic! As an exchange student in Osaka University, I learned a lot about Japanese knowledge and culture, experienced academic atmosphere, and made a lot of friends from all over the world. At first I was a little nervous, but soon I found every teacher and students were warm-hearted and helpful. OUSSEP is like a huge family." Xin Ran, China



Year at OUSSEP



Welcome Party



The Traditional Bean-Throwing Ceremony



Field trip to Hiroshima



Welcome Party



Bazaar



Field trip to Koya-san



Field trip to Koya-san



Field trip to Miyajima



Year at OUSSEP



Orientation



Welcome Party in April



Field trip to Koya-san



Field trip to Miyajima



Campus tour



Field trip to Koya-san



Hiroshima & Miyajima

13. Terminologies

Following is an explanation of some of the abbreviations and terminology used in the OUSSEP program;

OUSSEP: This stands for Osaka University Short-term Student Exchange Program.

CESR: Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence. This is necessary for an overseas student to get a student visa. In order to receive the document, the OUSSEP participants are expected to follow the instructions of OU's International Student Affairs Division, once they get official admission letters.

CJLC: Center for Japanese Language and Culture. In 1954, the Center was first established as the Special Course for Foreign Students at OUFs. In 2005, the institution was renamed as the CJLC. It provides International Exchange Subjects (English) in Japanese studies and core Japanese language classes for Maple students. It is also responsible for the Maple educational program. (Refer Maple)

Full-year OUSSEP: An English speaking program two semesters in length focused on the majors of participants as well as other academic subjects. It is not suitable for those who wish to study Japanese more than 3 classes per week.

Half-year OUSSEP: An English speaking program that runs for one semester only. It is focused on the majors of participants as well as other academic subjects. It is not suitable for those who wish to study Japanese more than 3 classes per week.

ISC: International Student Center. This Center was founded in 1992, and has been responsible for the coordination of student exchange at OU. The programs on this calendar are entirely coordinated by ISC staff. It also provides Japanese classes for Full- (/Half-year) OUSSEP students for up to three classes per week.

International Exchange Subject: Special academic lectures taught in English and administrated by the International Affairs Committee. Domestic students may attend the classes with OUSSEP students. CJLC's courses concerning Japanese studies are also included in this category.

JASSO: Japan Student Services Organization. The main funding body of the OUSSEP program: http://www.jasso.go.jp/index_e.html

MAPLE: A program focused on the Japanese language and culture. CJLC is responsible for its academic content and day to day operations with participants, such as the offering of individual academic advice. (Refer CJLC)

OU: Osaka University

OUFs: (former) Osaka University of Foreign Studies

TOEFL: Test Of English as a Foreign Language. PBT refers to Paper Based Test. PBT 550 is almost equal proficiency to CBT (Computer Based Test) 213 and iBT (internet Based Test) 79 score range. <http://www.ets.org/toefl/>



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Application Deadline;

Fall of 2010 Enrollment / March 20, 2010

Spring of 2011 Enrollment / November 01, 2010

Individual students should refrain from sending inquiries directly to Osaka University. The OUSSEP program (Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP) is an inter-institutional exchange program. Students should therefore direct inquiries to the relevant office at their home institutions. The application should be sent as a complete package containing all of the necessary documentations. Please use the application check-list. It is important that applicants provide us with accurate information about their vacation address, including street address, phone and fax numbers as well as an e-mail address. All of the application documents should be addressed and sent to;

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