

OUSSEP CALENDAR

2011-2012

OSAKA UNIVERSITY SHORT-TERM
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



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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 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.

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 Osaka University English speaking program (which includes the Full-year **OUSSEP** and Half-year **OUSSEP**) will admit more than forty 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 14 credits in each semester (28 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 Center for International Education and Exchange (hereafter referred to as the CIEE).

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 Fifteenth academic year of the program (Fall semester of **OUSSEP** 2010-2011) fifty six students were admitted from thirty five universities in twenty one countries. Asia, Oceania, North America, Latin America and Europe are 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 Maple and Regular Short-term Exchange Programs

In addition to the Full-year **OUSSEP** and Half-year **OUSSEP** 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 Osaka University professors. Detailed information can be found at the following URL;

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

◇ Maple

Meanwhile, at Osaka University of Foreign Studies (hereafter referred to as OUFSS), 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>

◇ 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.

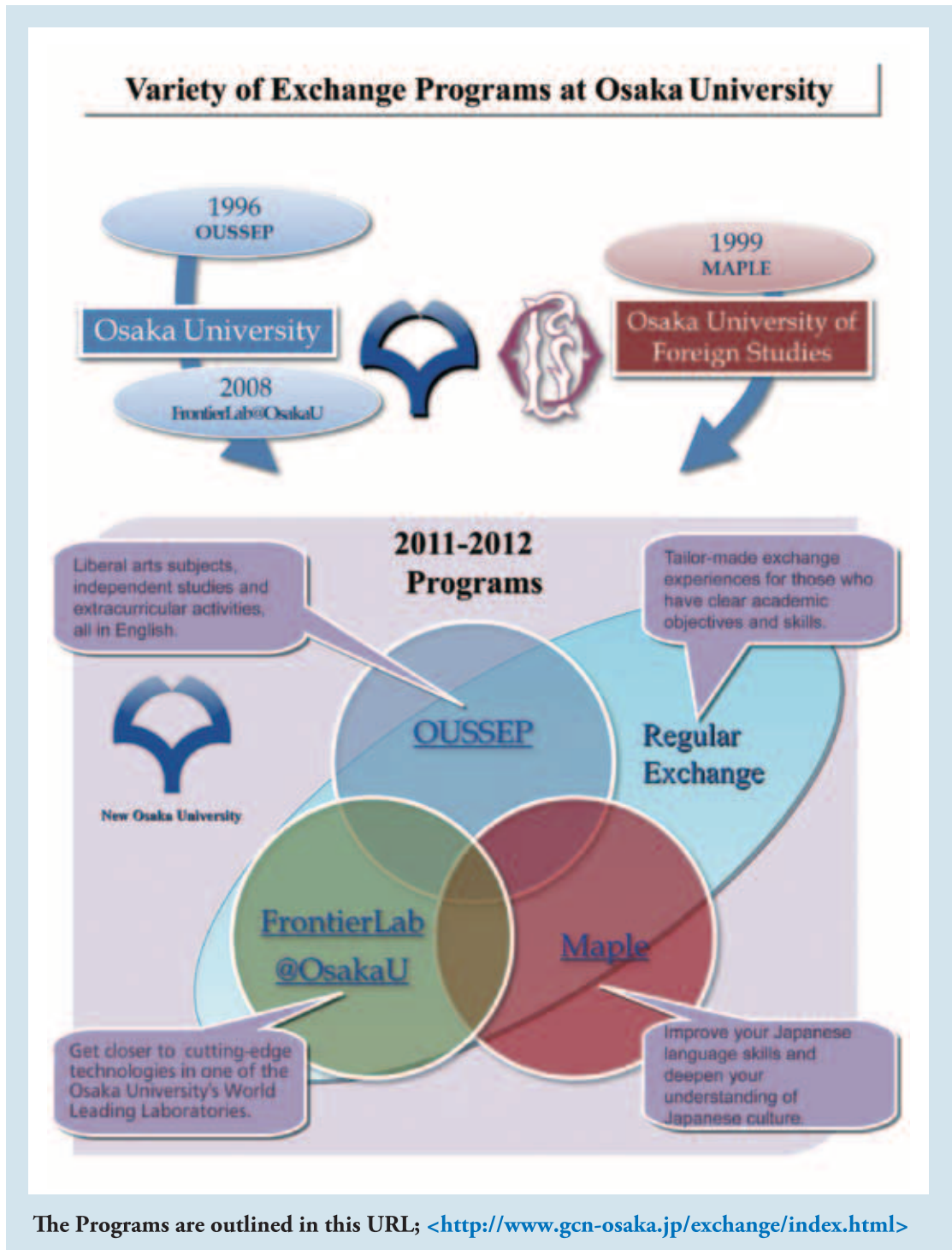
<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html>

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.**



1. What Is OUSSEP?



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 education inheriting the



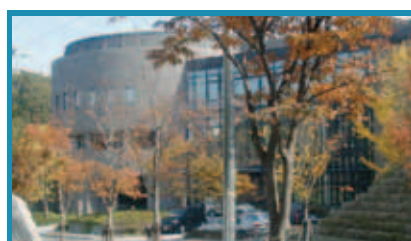
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liberal and progressive academic tradition of the Osaka area that had been the center of trade for the nation for many centuries.

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. Osaka University was divided into two main campuses, Toyonaka and Suita. At Toyonaka, there are the Schools 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 Center for International Education and Exchange (CIEE) are also located on the Suita campus.



**Engineering Buildings
(Suita)**



**Ginkgo Hall
(Suita)**



**Original 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)

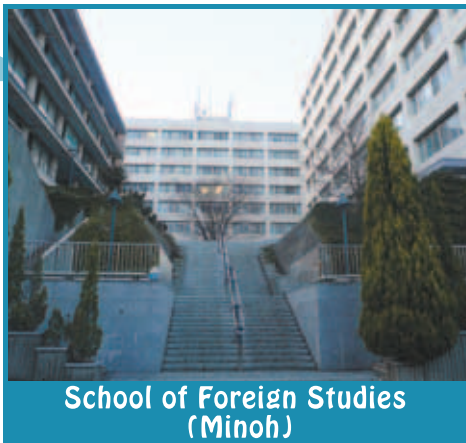
OUFS was first established in December 1921 in downtown Osaka, Uehonmachi, and was committed to international peace and friendship. Financially it was helped by a large donation from Choko Hayashi, an Osaka business woman. Having survived the Second World War, it moved to the city of Takatsuki, a northern 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 Osaka University's third main campus, the Minoh campus, where the School of Foreign Studies and CJLC are located.



1. What Is OUSSEP?

Osaka University is now (as of January, 2011) comprised of eleven undergraduate schools, sixteen graduate schools, the Institute for Higher Education Research and Practice, five research institutes, twenty one education and research centers (including CIEE 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 four overseas offices: in the US (San Francisco), in the Netherlands (Groningen) in Thailand (Bangkok) and in China (Shanghai). More information about Osaka University may be found at the following web site:

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



Global 30 Project

Japan formulated the 300,000 International Students Plan in July of 2008, with the aim of receiving 300,000 international students by 2020. The “Global 30” Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization is being implemented to realize this goal by selecting measures for the internationalization of universities including the recruitment of international students, along with forming Japan’s centers of internationalization. In 2009, thirteen universities, including Osaka University, were selected as core institutions. These core universities are expected to play a major role in dramatically boosting the number of international students educated in Japan. Under this circumstance, **OUSSEP** is one of the four exchange programs at Osaka University, part of which participants are financially supported by the Japan Student Support Organization (JASSO).



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	2010	Cum.
Home Universities	6	11	15	19	22	24	23	27	29	22	31	27	27	31	35	75
Countries of Home Universities	5	9	11	15	14	16	14	15	15	16	19	17	19	20	21	28
Total	22	22	26	28	27	28	33	33	33	25	37	38	39	45	56	491
Number of Students by Region of Home Universities		(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	[27]	(4)	(2)	(4)	(5)	[163]
North America	13	9	9	7	6	8	9	6	7[1]	5[1]	7	12	8	6	7	119
Latin America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	6
Asia / Oceania	9	9	9	10	11	9	11	14	12	10	15	13	18	25	28	203
Europe	0	4	8(1)	11 [2]	10[2]	11[2]	13[5]	13[4]	14[7]	10[6]	15	13	11	12	19	164
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	27/29	258/224
Students' Major : Humanities & Social Sciences / Natural Sciences & Engineering	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	43/13	289/201

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 Osaka University Scholarship with respect to the 2010 period)

* See below: '75 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP for 1996-2010'



2. OUSSEP RECORDS

75 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP between 1996-2010

Australia(4): Australian National University, Monash University, The University of Melbourne, The University of Adelaide / **Belgium(2):** Catholic University of Louvain, Universite Catholique de Louvain / **Canada(3):** McGill University, McMaster University, University of British Columbia / **China(7):** Beijing Normal University, East China University of Politics and Law, Nanjing University, Wuhan University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Zhejiang University, Shenzhen University / **Denmark(1):** University of Copenhagen / **Finland(1):** Abo Akademi University / **France(9):** Consortium of Universities in Strasbourg, 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(8):** Chonnam National University, Chungnam 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(2):** Far Eastern State University, Saint Petersburg State University / **Sweden(3):** Royal Institute of Technology, University of Gothenburg, 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 / **Mexico(1):** Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México /



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 Center for International Education and Exchange (CIEE) is in charge of coordinating the program and takes care of the students in collaboration with the institutions. Faculty members, who belong to the CIEE, 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



Orientation



Orientation at CyberMedia Center



3. Coordination and Administration

Since the foundation of the original **OUSSEP** program in 1996, the University 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 2011 and the Spring semester of 2012 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, mainly focusing upon 3rd year undergraduate students. 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)

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**. What is more, two credits from the regular courses can be included towards the requirement of 14 credits for the completion of **OUSSEP**.



Field Trip to Hiroshima



Hiroshima Youth Hostel

4. Who Is Eligible for OUSSEP ?

Academic Exchange Agreement

The **OUSSEP** program is a purposefully designed exchange program for junior or senior (3rd or 4th year) students from abroad who have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies at their home institution and who are interested in studying at Osaka University. 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 four hundred universities around the world.



Field Trip to Koyasan



Koyasan



My Country & My University



Koyasan

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 2011 – 2012

Fall Semester

September 25-30, 2011	Orientation
October 3, 2011	Classes start
December 23, 2011-January 5, 2012	Year end/ New Year Break
The Middle of February, 2012	Classes end
The Middle of February –The end of March, 2012	Spring Break

Spring semester

The beginning of April, 2012	Orientation
The beginning of April, 2012	Classes Start
The beginning of August, 2012	Classes end

*Spring semester schedules can be revised, in accordance with Osaka University's 2012 academic year calendar, which will be finally approved in mid-2011.

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. IELTS(6.0 or more), CPE and CAE will be considered.

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.

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



5. What Will I Study in OUSSEP ?

Structure of the Program

The International Exchange subjects are offered by a variety of faculties, which are designed for mainly 3rd year undergraduate students

i) International Exchange Subjects

In this 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 14 credits from International Exchange Subjects per semester.

ii) Independent Study

One of the unique features of the Full-year and Half-year **OUSSEP** programs is the Independent Study (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 the 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 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 CIEE 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 CIEE to make any additional arrangements once the student has arrived.**



5. What Will I Study in OUSSEP ?

iii) CIEE Japanese Language Course

In addition to these courses, **OUSSEP** students may take any of the four levels of Japanese courses (4 credits each semester), according to their proficiency level. Students must take a placement test and 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 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 14 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 14 credits during the semester.

Besides the International Exchange Subjects, Independent study and CIEE Japanese Language, the University will count two of the Osaka University's regular credits towards the completion of **OUSSEP**.



Life Sciences Library



CIEE (Suita)



Administration Bureau



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 CIEE 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 CIEE 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 experience local cultures.



Field Trip to Koyasan



Koyasan



Miyajima



Field Trip to Hiroshima



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** programs; 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 2011-2012 exchange programs, to introduce an advanced internet-based application system. The Calendar is still being edited and the system is still in the process for the final setup. Detailed information for the application procedures will be distributed via the **OUSSEP** Home Page.

With respect to the 2011-2012 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. Applicants will 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 the necessary documents, such as reference letters
9. All applicants should request their 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 (PASS), 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 burdens of 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://e-apply.jp/shutsugan/c/osaka-u-exchange/>

Original and Authentic Documents/Signatures

The University requires hand-written signatures in the application forms. The University also strictly 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.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



Atomic Bomb Dome



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 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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, 2011



6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

Selection Process for the 2011 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 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 2011.



Field Trip to Hiroshima



On the Ferry to Miyajima



Field Trip to Hiroshima



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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.

Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-Term Study in Japan)

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 45-55 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.

A monthly stipend of about 80,000 JPY. **OUSSEP** students will receive the stipend for the months they spend in Japan.

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

	Grade				
Pattern 1		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.



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On the Ferry to Miyajima



On the Ferry to Miyajima



Bazaar

8. How Do I Obtain a Student VISA?

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)/ New Strains of 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.*



On the Ferry to Miyajima



With Host Family



Miyajima



On the Ferry to Miyajima

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/>>



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 2010-2011 period, self-funded students (without JASSO grants) had higher priority in receiving the low-cost university accommodation than the JASSO scholarship awardees. The University will maintain the same policy during the 2011-2012 period. Needless to say, Osaka University's International Student Affairs Division will certainly help all well qualified exchange students to find relatively low-cost public sector accommodation.



UR Flat

Well equipped off-campus apartments are offered for limited numbers of international students, who study in the **OUSSEP** program. In the 2011-2012 period, **OUSSEP** operates off-campus accommodations in collaboration with UR (Urban Housing Agency). In principle, **OUSSEP** coordinator allocates JASSO scholarship awardees for the UR Senri-Aoyamadai Flat. The residents share an apartment flat between two **OUSSEP** students, and reside with Japanese people of the local community. Off-campus UR Flat residents can experience real Japan and exchanges with Japanese people.

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.

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 (NHI) and the Disaster and Accident Insurance for Student Education and Research (DAISER). 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).

Besides NHI and DAISER, all **OUSSEP** students must buy additional international insurance. All students of Osaka University are covered by NHI and DAISER, and they are very good value-for-money packages in Japan. On the other hand, they do not cover special needs for international students, such as cost of cross-border emergency assistance or repatriation, in case of serious accidents. It is the students' own responsibility to buy adequate insurance in order to cover their own risk. Osaka University staff and **OUSSEP** coordinators collect information about the insurance details of each participant.



9. Life In Osaka

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.



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/>



Itsukushima Shrine



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10. Campus Map

Toyonaka Campus



- ① Institute for Higher Education Research and Practice (IHERP)
- ② E-gokan Building (Kaitokudo for the 21st Century)
- ③ Graduate School for Language and Culture
- ④ Toyonaka Branch, Center for International Education and Exchange
- ⑤ Faculty of Letters
- ⑥ Faculty of Economics
- ⑦ Faculty of Law
- ⑧ University Library
- ⑨ Faculty of Engineering Science
- ⑩ Cybermedia Center Main Hall of Toyonaka
- ⑪ Gymnasium
- ⑫ Low Temperature Center
- ⑬ Renovation Center of Institute for Science Education and Technology
- ⑭ Faculty of Science
- ⑮ International House, Toyonaka
- ⑯ Radioisotope Research Center
- ⑰ Center for Quantum Science and Technology under Extreme Conditions
- ⑱ Research Center for Solar Energy Chemistry
- ⑲ Health Care Center
- ⑳ Museum of Osaka University



New Student Union Building



Toyonaka Campus



Toyonaka Main Gate



10. Campus Map

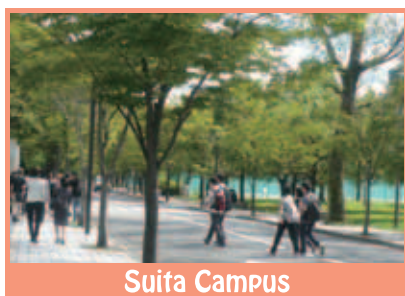
Suita Campus



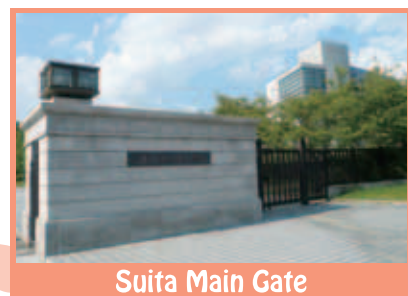
- ① Administration Bureau
- ② Faculty of Human Sciences
- ③ Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- ④ Research Institute for Microbial Diseases
- ⑤ Institute for Protein Research
- ⑥ Faculty of Engineering
- ⑦ Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research
- ⑧ Low Temperature Center
- ⑨ Science and Engineering Library
- ⑩ Institute of Laser Engineering Experimental Building
- 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 Health Care Center
- ⑲ Radioisotope Research Center
- ⑳ Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences
- ㉑ Welfare Building of Univ. CO-OP
- ㉒ Faculty of Medicine
- ㉓ Osaka University Hospital
- ㉔ Life Sciences Library
- ㉕ Administration Office of the Faculty of Engineering
- ㉖ International Center for Biotechnology
- ㉗ Faculty of Medicine (Dept. of Allied Health Sciences)
- ㉘ Graduate School of Information Science and Technology
- ㉙ Convention center
- ㉚ Research Center for Environmental Preservation
- ㉛ gymnasium
- ㉜ Center for International Education and Exchange



School of Medicine and University Hospital



Suita Campus



Suita Main Gate



10. Campus Map

Minoh Campus

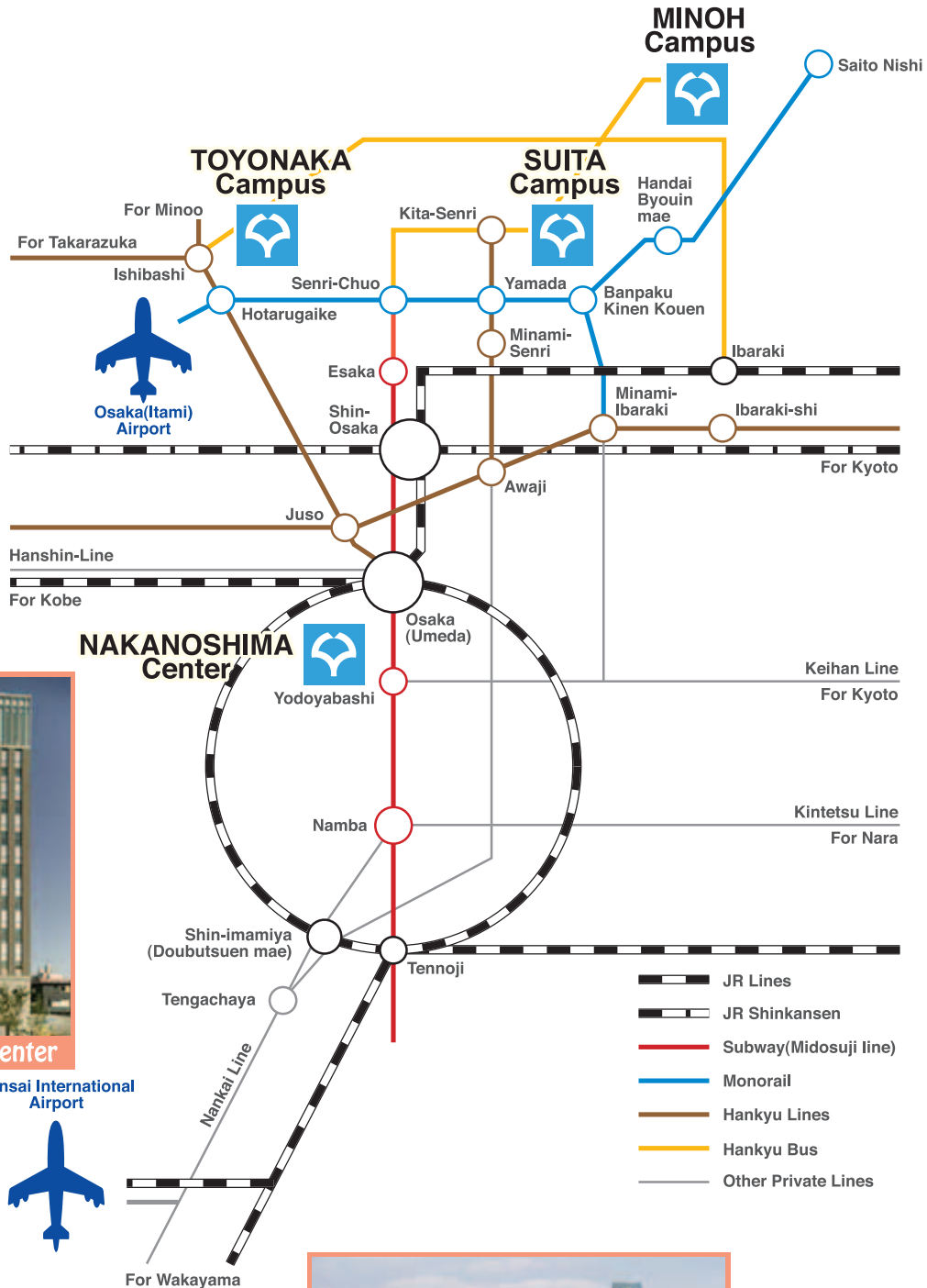
- ① Administration Building (Health Care Center)
- ② International Studies Library
- ③ Classrooms and Faculty Offices of FFS (Building A, Minoh Student Center)
- ④ Minoh Branch, Center for International Education and Exchange
- ⑤⑥⑦ Classrooms and Faculty Offices of FFS (Building C,D,E)
- ⑧ Research Institute for World languages
- ⑨ Center for Japanese Language and culture (incl. International Students Affairs Division)
- ⑩ Gymnasium
- ⑪ Welfare Building of Univ. CO-OP (incl. Bookshop and Cafeteria)
- ⑫ Minoh International Student Dormitory (incl. Cafeteria)
- ⑬ Dormitory
- ⑭ Minoh International Student House
- ⑮ Training Camp
- ⑯ Extra Curricular Activities Facilities
- ⑰ Lodging Facilities (Minoh Kaikan)
- ⑱ OUS Memorial Hall
- ⑲ Guard

FFS: Faculty of Foreign Studies



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 2011 ; Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title;	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue	Remarks
Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Japan	Kenji TSUTSUMI	Letters	Tue. 2	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Gerontology	Hiroshi UEDA	Human Science	Mon. 3	Suita	
Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	Thu. 3	Minoh	
Comparative History of Living Standards: the West and the East	Chiaki YAMAMOTO	Economics	Wed. 3	Toyonaka	
Current Topics in Modern Physics	Yasuo NOZUE	Science	Wed. 2	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Information Systems Engineering	Koji NAKAMAE	Engineering	Fri. 4	Suita	
Introduction to Biotechnology	Eiichiro FUKUSAKI	Engineering	Wed. 5	Suita	
Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	MURAKAMI-SMITH, Andrew	Graduate School of Language and Culture Foreign Studies	Thu. 2	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Japanese Literature	Debashirita GHOSH	Cybermedia Center	Fri. 3	Suita	
Approaches to Understanding Cultures	Tomoko ARIKAWA	Center for International Education and Exchange	Tue. 3	Toyonaka	
Media and Communications in Japan	Sachihiko KONDO		Tue. 4	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. 5	Toyonaka	
Promoting "Human Rights Education"	Mino MIYAMOTO		Mon. 4	Suita	
Educational Psychology	Kiho TANAKA		Fri. 2	Suita	
Japanese JA100	Koji NAMBA		3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA200	Shinya OTANI		3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA300	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA400	Mioko YOSHINAGA		3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA500	Yoko MIMAKI	3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka		
Independent Study I-A,B,C					



11. Course Outline

Spring Semester 2012 ; Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title;	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue	Remarks
Japanese Literature Songs Old and New	Paul HARVEY	Letters	Tue. 2	Toyonaka	
Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	Fri. 3	Minoh	
Topics in Japanese Law	Colin P. A. JONES	Law	Tue. 5	Toyonaka	
Topics in Comparative Law		Law	Thu. 5	Toyonaka	
Chemistry and Human Life	Mitsutaka OKUMURA	Science	Wed. 2	Toyonaka	
Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Yuri KITAMURA	Medicine	Mon. 2	Suita	
Introduction to Global Architecture	Kazuhiro ODA	Engineering	Wed. 5	Suita	
Introduction to Chemistry World	Ken-ichi FUKUI	Engineering Science	Tue. 3	Toyonaka	
Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature	MURAKAMI-SMITH, Andrew	Graduate School of Language and Culture	Thu. 2	Toyonaka	
Japanese Society and Culture: Influences on Literature	Debashirita GHOSH	Cybermedia Center	Fri. 2	Suita	
Japan: Society and Ideology	Sachihiko KONDO	Center for International Education and Exchange	Wed. 4	Suita	
Japan's Relations with Asian Countries after the Second World War	Kenichi NISHIMURA		Mon. 4	Suita	
Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture	Koichi SETOYAMA		Thu. 4	Toyonaka	
International Education Exchange Studies	Jianxiu PAN		Tue. 4	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Sustainable Building Engineering	Juan Jose CASTRO		Wed. 3	Suita	
Practicing "Education for International Understanding"	Mino MIYAMOTO		Mon. 5	Suita	
Human Motivation and Behavior in Social Context	Kiho TANAKA		Mon. 3	Suita	
Japanese JA100	Koji NAMBA		3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA200	Shinya OTANI		3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA300	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka	
Japanese JA400	Mioko YOSHINAGA	3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka		
Japanese JA500	Yoko MIMAKI	3 classes per Week	Suita / Toyonaka		
Independent Study II – A,B,C					





Time Table

Fall Semester (2011)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Suita	Toyonaka	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka/Minoh	Suita
1		Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,300)
2		Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Japan	Current Topics in Modern Physics	Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	Educational Psychology
	Assembly				
3	Introduction to Gerontology	Approaches to Understanding Cultures	Comparative History of Living Standards: the West and the East	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Introduction to Japanese Literature
4	Promoting "Human Rights Education"	Media and Communications in Japan			Introduction to Information Systems Engineering
5		Urban Disaster Prevention	Introduction to Biotechnology	Bioethics and Health Law: Legal Issues Concerning Biotechnology, Medicine and Health Care System	



Time Table

Spring Semester (2012)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Suita	Toyonaka	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka	Suita/Minoh
1		Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,300,400,500)	Japanese JA (200,300)
2	Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Japanese Literature Songs Old and New	Chemistry and Human Life	Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature	Japanese Society and Culture: influence on Literature
	Assembly				
3	Human Motivation and Behavior in Social Context	Introduction to Chemistry World	Introduction to Sustainable Building Engineering		Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding
4	Japan's Relations with Asian Countries after the Second World War	International Education Exchange Studies	Japan: Society and Ideology	Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture	
5	Practicing "Education for International Understanding"	Topics in Japanese Law	Introduction to Global Architecture	Topics in Comparative Law	





12. Students' Quotes

Students' Comments

"Japan, Osaka University and OUSSEP are some of the best choices I have ever made. I am so thankful for being given the opportunity to get somewhat of another family that reaches throughout the world. No regrets!" Josephine, Finland

"If you love Japan and its culture, love meeting new people and create friendship that transcends nationality and differences. Then, OUSSEP is what you are looking for." Nattawat, Thailand

"OUSSEP is really an unforgettable experience in my life. Being away from my hometown, I learned about independence and the ability to adapt in a very different situation. I was also able to see many interesting aspects of Japan : the great view, the delicious food, the unique culture. OUSSEP is about becoming a better person through fun way!" Devy, Indonesia

"Before coming to Osaka University I expected a lot of this exchange program. The surprise is that my experience here is even better than what I hoped." Adrien, Belgium

"If you like Japan and love to travel while being able to stay on top of your academic goals, then OUSSEP is perfect for you." Tim, Canada

"Welcome to OUSSEP, here you can make international friends, feel friendly Japanese culture, have a free trip to beautiful places in Japan and learn much knowledge. Anyway, I would definitely appreciate this unforgettable journey in my life." Peng, China

"It is fascinating to meet people from all over the world and you can feel different cultures besides Japanese culture!" Crystal, China

"OUSSEP is a nice place to meet people of different cultures from all over the world, as well as to meet Japanese people and experience Japanese culture." Sam, Netherlands

"OUSSEP is the perfect program for exchange students. It gives us opportunities to enjoy our stay in Japan and the staff are also very helpful and friendly!" Jennifer, Indonesia

"OUSSEP is a great opportunity to meet other students from various countries. It offers the possibility to study in a foreign and wonderful environment even without speaking Japanese." Magali, France

"I had a good time so far at the OUSSEP program. I met a lot of interesting people and even though my Japanese isn't developing as fast as I imagined, my experiences with this foreign culture have been interesting." Matthias, Germany

"OUSSEP represents an exciting and new chapter in my life that I will forever cherish and remember. It has thus far provided me the opportunity to meet people with varying cultures, befriend them, and learn from them. And OUSSEP has allowed me to intimately experience Japanese culture on a level I have never experienced before." Anna Liza, Philippines

"OUSSEP is a program that allows you to meet new people and make lots of friends from Japan and all around the world. I am really glad I came here." Andrej, Sweden

"This is one of the best choices I ever made. Never expected it to be as perfect as it all turned out. I love Japan!" Martijn, Netherlands

OUSSEP has provided the opportunities in learning not only studying in the classroom, but also the chances outside that can be found only when being the exchange student. (For example, activities with the Japanese community, making new friends, experiencing Japanese Lifestyle)" Bo, Thailand



Field Trip to Hiroshima



Field Trip to Hiroshima



12. Students' Quotes

"Being in OUSSEP makes me feel like I was brought back to the good old days of being a university freshman again. There are lots of fun activities, and lots of interesting people. I just have been here for about two months, but it is the best two months I ever had since entering high school." Nattapat, Thailand

"..if I am asked to tell you about OUSSEP, there is nothing better word except..AWESOME! People who want to have a really good time in Japan and amazing friends from over the world while experience Japanese culture, should join OUSSEP..infinite.." Andyan, Indonesia

"If you like Osaka foods, Osaka humor or Osaka dialect, join us! OUSSEP is a great opportunity to experience Japanese culture firsthand. It allows you to make friends from all over the world and expand your horizons. Take time to indulge!" Jue, China

"Do you want to explore Japan in the most enjoyable way? – OUSSEP is your program! Learn about the culture through interesting classes, experience the „Japanese life” during the time you spend here and have FUN with the several new friends from all over the world you will definitely make here!!!" Andrea, Hungary

"I've only been in the OUSSEP program for two months, but this is the greatest experience of my life. I was originally enrolled for six months but I knew after the first week I wanted to stay longer! The staff are lovely and will go out of their way to help you, I have new friends from around the world, my Japanese is getting better by the day and I'm learning to be more independent." Emily, Australia

"So far the OUSSEP experience is the best of my student life! It is the best way to improve both English and Japanese, to meet international friends and to create international network." Maël, France

"OUSSEP is great program to meet people from all over the world. Amazing atmosphere between people in a wonderful country." Marie-Caroline, Belgium

"OUSSEP has already been an extraordinary experience. Not only is Japan an incredible country, but to be surrounded by International students and to share new and exciting adventures together is amazing." Haley, USA

"OUSSEP would be a really precious experience of your life. You can not only access and understand the Japanese culture, but also cultures from all over the world. If you can catch this great opportunity, don't let it go." Jie, China

"At OUSSEP, you can meet people from all over the world. Hanging around with these people is really fun." Binbin, China

"OUSSEP Program bring me the opportunity to have all my classes in English, to learn Japanese, to discover Japanese culture, to have International teachers and to meet international students from different countries. That's exactly what I was expected from the program!!!" Soraya, France

"I am grateful for being able to participate in the OUSSEP program, which is well-coordinated including living in a Japanese community, courses and cultural meetings directed to broaden my knowledge about Japan." Kim, Denmark

"OUSSEP is a perfect programme if you're an undergraduate student who wants to learn about Japan and how to speak Japanese. Attending OUSSEP you'll have lots of fun and get to know students from all over the world." Agnete, Denmark



Field Trip to Hiroshima



UR Sports Day



Year at OUSSEP



Orientation



Hiroshima Youth Hostel



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



Itsukushima Shrine



Hiroshima Youth Hostel



Hiroshima Youth Hostel



Field Trip to Koyasan



Assembly



Year at OUSSEP



Field Trip to Hiroshima



Field Trip to Hiroshima



Itsukushima Shrine



Field Trip to Hiroshima



Field Trip to Hiroshima



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



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.

CIEE: Center for International Exchange and Education. 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 CIEE staff. It also provides Japanese classes for Full- (/Half-year) **OUSSEP** students for up to three classes per week.

CJLC: Center for Japanese Language and Culture. In 1954, the Center was first established as the Special Course for Foreign Students at OUFUS. 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.

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

OUFUS: (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 2011 Enrollment / March 20, 2011

Spring of 2012 Enrollment / November 01, 2011

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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