



OUSSEP CALENDAR

2014-2015

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 under the close coordination of the Center for International Education and Exchange (hereafter referred to as the CIEE).

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 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 Programs

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 eighteenth academic year of the program (Fall semester of **OUSSEP** 2013-2014) sixty four students were admitted from thirty eight universities in nineteen countries. Asia, Oceania, North America, Latin America and Europe were 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**). Although the regular **OUSSEP** semester starts at the end of September, if necessary, **OUSSEP** accepts a certain number of the enrollments in April. In so doing, this allows participants the flexibility of choosing the best duration and period for their studies at Osaka University.

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.**

<<<<<< What is OUSSEP? >>>>>>



FrontierLab@OsakaU, Maple and iExPO Programs

In addition to the Full-year **OUSSEP** and Half-year **OUSSEP** courses, there are other types of 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>](http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/jp/international/iab/e/FrontierLab.html)

◇ **Maple**

At Osaka University of Foreign Studies (hereafter referred to as OUFU), 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 administered by 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>](http://www.cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp/index.html)

◇ **iExPO**

In the iExPO (Immersion Exchange Program Osaka), schools and graduate schools at Osaka University accept international students from institutions with an exchange agreement with OU. Students are able to freely choose classes from courses there and conduct research under the guidance of a teacher. However, international students in this program are required to have a good level of fluency in Japanese language in order to take classes for regular students. Students joining this program can take classes or receive research guidance at the school or graduate school as special auditors or research students without a change in their status at their home university.

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>](http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html)

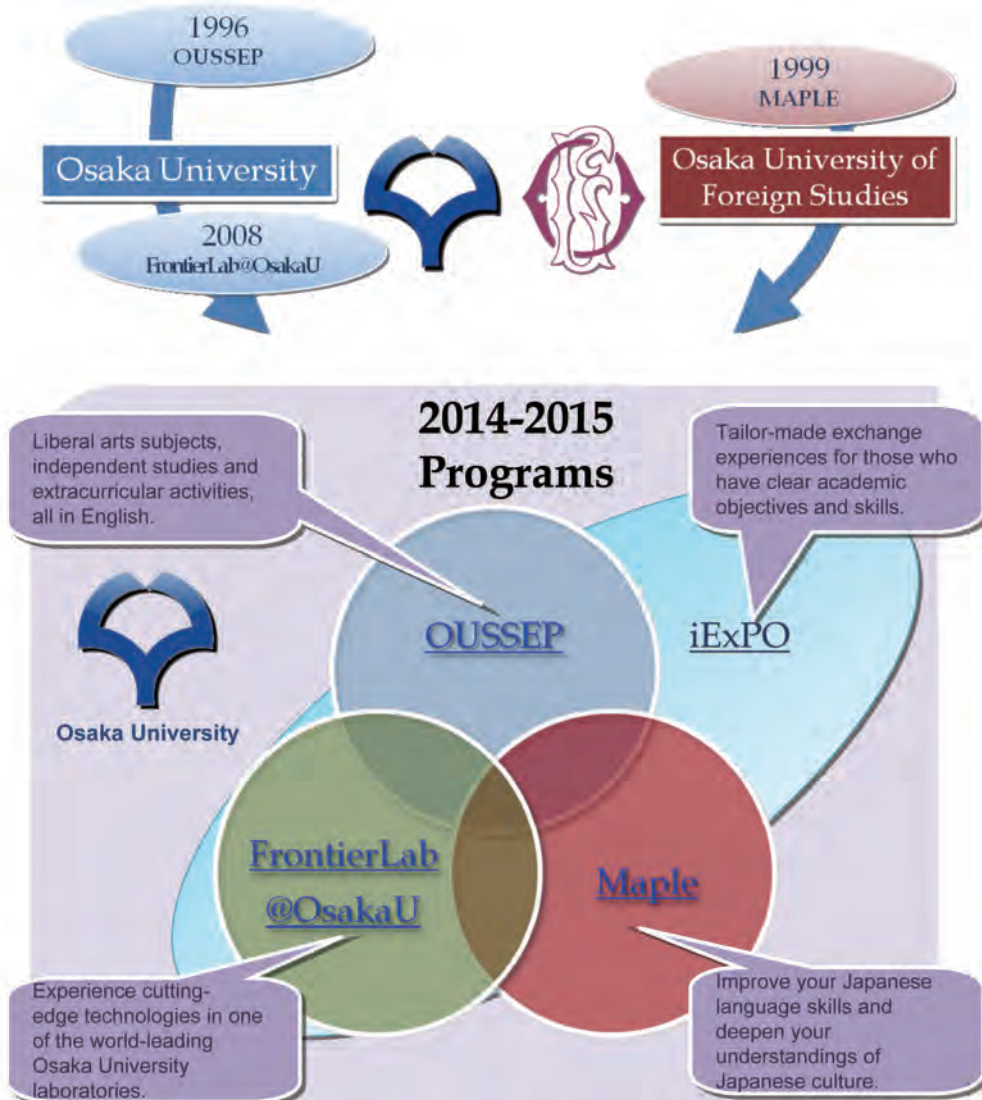


**Graduate School of Information
Science and Technology
(Suita)**



What is OUSSEP ?

Variety of Exchange Programs at Osaka University



- (1) Each program has its own requirements of admission and of completions. Visit the home pages of each program for more details.
- (2) Applicants should not apply to these Programs individually, but should do so through the international offices or offices responsible for exchange affairs of their own universities.

The Programs are outlined in this URL: http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program

Profile of Osaka University

Osaka University's historical roots originated from a Liberal Arts College for Osaka merchants in the eighteenth century (1724) and School of Dutch Studies in the nineteenth century (1838). 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

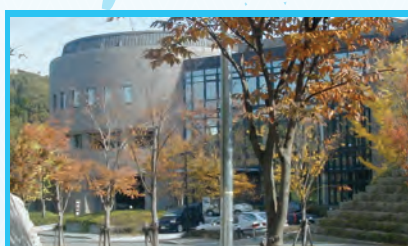
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inheriting the liberal and progressive academic tradition of the Osaka area that had been the center of trade for the nation for many centuries.

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 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 Sciences 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.



**School of Engineering
(Suita)**



**Ginkgo Hall
(Suita)**



**Osaka University Hall
(Toyonaka)**

1724	Establishment of the Kaitokudo (懷徳堂) (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.



What is OUSSEP ?



Osaka University is now (as of January, 2014) comprised of eleven undergraduate schools, sixteen graduate schools, the Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Sciences, five research institutes, nineteen education and research centers (including CIEE and CJLC), three nation-wide joint-use facilities, four main 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:

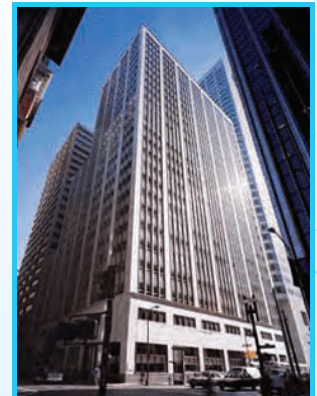
<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp>



**School of Foreign Studies
(Minoh)**



**Groningen Center
(Netherlands)**



**San Francisco Center
(US)**

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 the auspices of this project, **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).



Breakdown of Enrollment into OUSSEP

Year of Enrollment	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Cum.
Home Universities	6	11	15	19	22	24	23	27	29	22	31	27	27	31	35	41	39	43	101*
Countries of Home Universities	5	9	11	15	14	16	14	15	15	16	19	17	19	20	21	21	20	21	28
Total	22	22	26	28	27	28	33	33	33	25	37	40	41	51	68	62	75	84	735
North America	(0)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(4)	(2)	(4)	(4)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(43)
Latin America	[22]	[22]	[26]	[26]	[24]	[26]	[27]	[29]	[22]	[15]	[13]	[18]	[22]	[31]	[20]	[31]	[23]	[32]	[429]
Number of Students by Region of Home Universities	13[13]	9[9]	9[9]	7[7]	6[6]	8[8]	7[7]	6[6]	7[6]	5[4]	7[4]	11[5]	8[3]	11[8]	15[2]	11[3]	12[4]	11[5]	163(1)[107]
Asia / Oceania	9	9	9	10	11	9	13	14	12	10	15	16	20	27	29	40	34	29	316
Europe	[9]	(1)[9]	[9]	(2)[10]	(2)[10]	(2)[9]	(3)[12]	(3)[14]	(3)[10]	(2)[7]	[5]	(4)[9]	(2)[15]	(4)[17]	(4)[13]	(2)[23]	(3)[11]	(3)[12]	(40)[204]
Male / Female	0	4	8	11	10	11	13	13	14	10	15	13	11	12	22	10	26	39	242
Students' Major : Humanities & Social Sciences / Natural Sciences & Engineering	[4]	(1)[8]	(1)[8]	[9]	[8]	[9]	[8]	[9]	[6]	[4]	[6]	[4]	[2]	[5]	[4]	[4]	[8]	[15]	(1)[113]
	12/10	11/11	19/7	19/9	14/13	14/14	15/18	16/17	18/15	11/14	21/16	21/19	20/21	27/24	29/39	18/44	35/40	41/43	361/374
	19/3	15/7	15/11	15/13	15/12	17/11	16/17	17/16	18/15	11/14	24/13	24/16	21/20	34/17	51/17	37/25	57/18	56/28	462/273

The number of students refers to those who studied at Osaka University in October of the corresponding year
() refers to enrollment from April until March of the following year

[] Students attending OUSSEP with receiving the Scholarship (JASSO, OU, JENESYS and IAJ Scholarship)

* See the next page: '101 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP for 1996-2013'

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101 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSSEP between 1996-2013

Australia(5): Australian National University, Monash University, The University of Adelaide, The University of Melbourne, The University of Queensland/ **Belgium(2):** Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Universite Catholique de Louvain/ **Brazil(2):** Rio de Janeiro State University, University of Sao Paulo/ **Canada(3):** McGill University, McMaster University, University of British Columbia/ **China(9):** Beijing Normal University, East China University of Politics and Law, Nanjing University, Shenzhen University, Tongji University, Tsinghua University, Wuhan University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Zhejiang University/ **Denmark(1):** University of Copenhagen/ **Finland(2):** Abo Akademi University, University of Jyväskylä/ **France(10):** Consortium of Universities in Strasbourg, Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, Joseph Fourier University, Lille Institute of Political Studies, Louis Pasteur University, Marc Bloch University, Robert Schuman University, Strasbourg University, University of Grenoble, University of Stendhal Grenoble/ **Germany(10):** Bielefeld University, Free University of Berlin, Heidelberg University, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Oldenburg University, Ruhr University Bochum, RWTH Aachen University, Technical University of Munich, University of Augsburg, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg/ **Hong Kong(2):** The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology/ **Hungary(1):** Budapest University of Technology and Economics/ **Indonesia(2):** Gadjah Mada University, Institut Teknologi Bandung/ **Italy(1):** University of Padova/ **Korea(9):** Chonnam National University, Chungnam National University, Dong-A University, Gyeongsang National University, Kyunghee University, Pusan National University, Seoul National University, Yeungnam University, Yonsei University/ **Mexico(1):** Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico/ **Mongolia(1):** National University of Mongolia/ **Netherlands(3):** Delft University of Technology, Eindhoven University of Technology, University of Groningen/ **Peru(1):** La Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru/ **Philippines(3):** Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, University of Philippines/ **Poland(1):** Technical University of Lodz/ **Russia(3):** Far Eastern State University, Saint Petersburg State University, Ural State University/ **Spain(1):** Autonomous University of Madrid/ **Sweden(4):** Rinneaus University, Royal Institute of Technology, The University of Gothenburg, Växjö University/ **Taiwan(4):** National Cheng Kung University, National Chiao Tung University, National Taiwan University, National Tsing Hua University/ **Thailand(7):** Chiang Mai University, Chulalongkorn University, Khon Kaen University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Mahidol University, ThaiNichi Institute of Technology, Thammasat University/ **U.K.(3):** University of Durham, University of London, University of Nottingham/ **U.S.A.(7):** Nazareth College, Purdue University, Texas A & M University, University of California, University of Georgia, University of Washington, Wesleyan College/ **Vietnam(3):** Hongbang University International, Hue University, Nong Lam University.

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 at Osaka University.

	Undergraduate schools*	Graduate schools**
Dentistry		
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)		
Law and Politics		X
Letters	X	X
Medicine	X	X
Pharmaceutical Sciences		
Science	X	X

X indicates an institution in which a student may be enrolled



IT Orientation



Orientation



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 2014 and the Spring semester of 2015 are listed on pages 29-32.

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 classes according to their major and interests, (the academic level of lectures is mainly geared towards 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 per semester for the completion of **OUSSEP**.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



Trip to Hiroshima



Miyajima

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.



Koyasan



Koyasan



Miyajima



Miyajima

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 2014-2015

Fall Semester

September 26,29,30, 2014

October 1, 2014

December 23, 2014-January 4, 2015

January 5, 2015

The middle of February, 2015

The middle of February-The end of

March, 2015

Orientation

Classes start

Year end/ New Year break

Classes restart

Classes end

Spring break

Spring semester

The beginning of April, 2015

The beginning of April, 2015

The beginning of August, 2015

Orientation

Classes start

Classes end

*Spring semester schedules can be revised, in accordance with Osaka University's 2015 academic year calendar, which will be finally approved in mid-2014.

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), 80 (iBT), or more level English proficiency in their applications. IELTS(6.0 or higher), 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. **OUSSEP** coordinators of the CIEE are in charge of the arrangements / coordination of the subjects.

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 aspect (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 undertake Independent Study must fill out the Independent Study Proposal 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 for graduate students 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 students have arrived.**

What Will I Study in OUSSEP?

iii) CIEE Japanese Language Course

In addition to the aforementioned 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 following which, 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**.



**Graduate School/ Faculty of Medicine
(Suita)**



**CIEE
(Suita)**



**Administration Bureau
(Suita)**

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.



Miyajima



Miyajima



Trip to Hiroshima



Trip to Hiroshima



6. How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for **OUSSEP**, the 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 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 students of the **OUSSEP** programs: Full-year **OUSSEP** and Half-year **OUSSEP**.

Applicants of these English speaking courses must, however, be proficient in English. A TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 550 or higher on the paper based test (PBT), or 80 or higher on the internet based test (iBT), is a prerequisite for students from non-English speaking countries. Other internationally recognizable tests, such as IELTS 6.0 or higher, TOEIC 750 or higher, CPE or CAE, can be considered. **If your main purpose for the exchange is to develop your already acquired Japanese language skills, consider joining other programs, such as Maple, instead of OUSSEP.**

Application Process

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

The following documents are required:

1.	<p>A completed OUSSEP application form(refer to Form: Appl).</p> <p>① A short essay of approximately 500 words in total outlining the student's rationale for joining the OUSSEP Program.</p> <p>② Those who apply for the Independent Study should submit an Independent Study Form and proposal of the topic for the Independent Study.</p> <p>*Approximately 500 words in total.</p> <p>③ A Financial Resources Confirmation.</p> <p>*Fill out on the web. After filling it out on the web, print yourself out a copy.</p> <p>*Bank letters or other kinds of financial certificates should be sent after the students get the acceptance letters.</p>
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2.	At least two letters of recommendation written by faculty members of the home institution. Only one letter from a language instructor is acceptable. These letters should be written in either Japanese or English on the home institution's letterhead.
3.	Academic transcripts.
4.	Certificate of English Language Proficiency (Applicants from non-English speaking countries).
5.	A Certificate of Enrollment at Home Institution with Institution's Seal.
6.	Verification of unofficial acceptance (If applicable).

All documents above must be written in English, except for the recommendation letters.

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 except for TOEFL/IELTS certificates.

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.



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Trip to Hiroshima



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How Do I Apply to OUSSEP?

COORDINATORS



Nominations to OUSSEP at Home

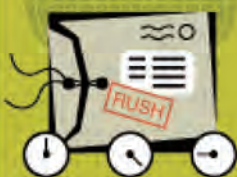
- ☐ Applicant must be nominated as one of the OUSSEP applicants at their home institution.
- ☐ Applicant must have discussed their exchange plans with their coordinator and supervisor.
- ☐ Coordinator supervises the applicants' preparations, and distributes password for the PDF application to each applicant.

1. We strongly recommend applicants to prepare well for their application documents before they fill-out the PDF formatted application form.
 2. Applicants are expected to have calculated their JASSO GPA scores as well.
 3. An applicant then will fill out a PDF formatted application, with his/her personal information, proposed program, duration, essay, financial supporter's information and so on.
 4. Those who would like to take the Independent Study option must prepare for the independent study proposal.
- * In that process, applicants may use Osaka University's Research database, in order to identify which Osaka University professor works upon a particular topic, in which the applicant is interested.



<http://www.dma.jim.osakau.ac.jp/search?m=home&l=en>

5. Osaka University naturally expects, all of the PDF formatted application forms are printed out by applicants, and signed by applicants and coordinators, using a pen or ball-point pen.
6. The University and JASSO shall not accept any documents without appropriate written confirmation or confirmation signatures using erasable pencils.



Send Hard-copy Forms to Osaka University through the Office

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



How Do I Apply to OUSSEP ?

APPLICANTS

1. Student exchange is an inter-university business. So that those who are not nominated by the student exchange coordinator / officer shall be automatically disqualified.
2. If you are short-listed as an **OUSSEP** 2014-2015 applicant from your institution, read the **OUSSEP** Calendar carefully (this leaflet) and understand the characteristics of this English speaking program.
3. Obtain password from coordinator.
4. Those who apply from non-English speaking countries need TOEFL scores of 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT), 80(iBT), 6.0 (IELTS) or higher.



Preparations on the Computer

- ☐ Prepare well for the documents, such as Personal Information, GPA calculation, Essay and Research Proposals, beforehand.
- ☐ Use a computer with internet access, which OS is either Windows XP/Vista or higher (Windows) or MAC OS X 10.5 or higher (MAC)
- ☐ Using password, open the Osaka University PDF application form.



Preliminary Submission through Internet

- ☐ Copy and Paste from the documents you have prepared for the Osaka University PDF application form.
- ☐ Once you fill-out the form, save the application as a PDF and send it to exchange@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp
- ☐ 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 2014-15 candidate.**



Written Confirmation / Authorizations

- ☐ Print-out the PDF forms, check the entire application form.
- ☐ Then fill out appropriate slots in your own hand writings. Use a Pen or Ball-point pen.
- ☐ Ask your supervisor to sign the document as well.

1. Before submitting the documents to the international office of your home institution, 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. Documents must arrive at Osaka University no later than March 25, 2014 (Fall Enrollment) or October 31, 2014 (Spring Enrollment).



How Do I Apply to OUSSEP?

Selection Process for the 2014 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, in 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. **Understand that withdrawal from the OUSSEP program of any applicant after this point will be highly detrimental to the program.**

In the middle of June, 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 2014.



Koyasan



On the Ferry to Miyajima



Miyajima



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7. How Do I Apply for 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 whose academic record is GPA 2.30 (see below) or above 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.

Under these circumstances, as a general rule, Osaka University allocates JASSO scholarships, a monthly stipend of about 80,000 JPY to each scholarship awardee under the following rules:

1. Osaka University will not award more than two JASSO scholarships to the applicants who are sent from the same university.
2. Osaka University prioritizes Full-year **OUSSEP** students over Half-year participants.

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



Koyasan

How Do I Apply for Financial Aid ?

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 out of 3.0 JASSO GPA.

* How to Calculate JASSO 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 below to calculate GPA (Round to two decimal places).

$$\frac{(Total\ Credits\ of\ GP3) \times 3 + (Total\ Credits\ of\ GP2) \times 2 + (Total\ Credits\ of\ GP1) \times 1 + (Total\ Credits\ of\ GP0) \times 0}{Total\ Credits}$$



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Boys' Dormitory

8. How Do I Obtain a Student VISA ?

Ryugaku (Student) 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.



OUSSEP T-shirts

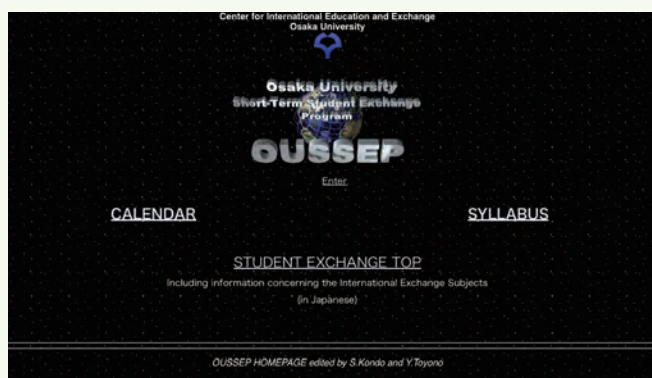


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OUSSEP Home Page

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/)



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 reasonably priced 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. Needless to say, Osaka University's International Student Affairs Division will certainly help all well qualified exchange students to find relatively reasonably priced accommodation.



Senri Aoyamadai UR Flat

Well equipped off-campus apartments are offered for limited numbers of international students, who study in the **OUSSEP** program. Since the 2011 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 120,000 JPY. The University does not currently arrange home-stays for exchange students.

Note that, in principle, those who decide not to live in the university arranged rooms, are no longer eligible to apply to the same kind of university organized rooms again. Those who need special considerations with their accommodation, such as the physically handicapped, please inform us in advance.

Any students who prefer staying in private accommodation not arranged by the university, please inform us, but be advised that contracts with private housing agencies will be the sole responsibility of the student.

Health and Liability Insurance

Upon arrival in the Osaka area, **OUSSEP** students must join three insurance plans arranged by the University, which includes the compulsory National Health Insurance (NHI), the Disaster and Accident Insurance for Student Education and Research (PAS) and the Comprehensive Insurance for Students Life coupled with PAS. These plans cover medical care and hospitalization. The cost is reasonable and will be the responsibility of the students. In addition, students are expected to have overseas travelers' personal accident insurance. **It is the students' own responsibility to buy those insurance in order to cover their own risk. OU staff and OUSSEP coordinators collect information of insurance details of each participant during orientation.**

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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. Also, note that you should pay the medical fees at first by yourself, and after you have got receipts, you should ask for refunds from the insurance companies by yourself, even if you have joined an international insurance policy in your home countries.



My Country & My University



Bazaar



Assembly



Assembly



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

10. Campus Map

Toyonaka Campus



- ① Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Sciences (CELAS)
- ② Osaka University Hall (Kaitokudo for the 21st Century)
- ③ Graduate School of Language and Culture
- ④ Toyonaka Branch, Center for International Education and Exchange
- ⑤ School of Letters
- ⑥ School of Economics
- ⑦ School of Law
- ⑧ University Library
- ⑨ School of Engineering Science
- ⑩ Cybermedia Center Toyonaka Main Hall
- ⑪ Gymnasium
- ⑫ Low Temperature Center
- ⑬ Renovation Center of Institute for Science Education and Technology
- ⑭ School 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
- ㉑ Osaka School of International Public Policy
- ㉒ Student Service & Union (Sora)



**Student Service & Union
(Toyonaka)**



Toyonaka Campus



Toyonaka Main Gate

<<<<<< **Campus Map** >>>>>>



Suita Campus

- ①Administration Bureau
- ②School of Human Sciences
- ③School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- ④Research Institute for Microbial Diseases
- ⑤Institute for Protein Research
- ⑥School of Engineering
- ⑦Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research
- ⑧Low Temperature Center
- ⑨ Science and Engineering Library
- ⑩Institute of Laser Engineering
- ⑪Cybermedia Center
- ⑫Institute of Social and Economic Research
- ⑬Research Center for Ultra-High Voltage Electron Microscopy
- ⑭Joining and Welding Research Institute
- ⑮Research Center for Nuclear Physics
- ⑯School of Dentistry
- ⑰Osaka University Dental Hospital
- ⑱Health Care Center
- ⑲Radioisotope Research Center
- ⑳Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences
- ㉑Welfare Building of Univ. CO-OP (Cafeteria and Campus Store)
- ㉒Faculty of Medicine
- ㉓Osaka University Hospital
- ㉔Life Sciences Library
- ㉕Administration Office of the School of Engineering
- ㉖International Center for Biotechnology
- ㉗Faculty of Medicine (Dept. of Allied Health Sciences)
- ㉘Graduate School of Information Science and Technology
- ㉙Convention Center
- ㉚Research Center for Environmental Preservation
- ㉛Gymnasium
- ㉜Center for International Education and Exchange



Faculty of Medicine and University Hospital (Suita)



Suita Campus



Suita Main Gate

Minoh Campus

Campus Map

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

SFS: School of Foreign Studies



Center for Japanese Language and Culture



Minoh campus and Monorail

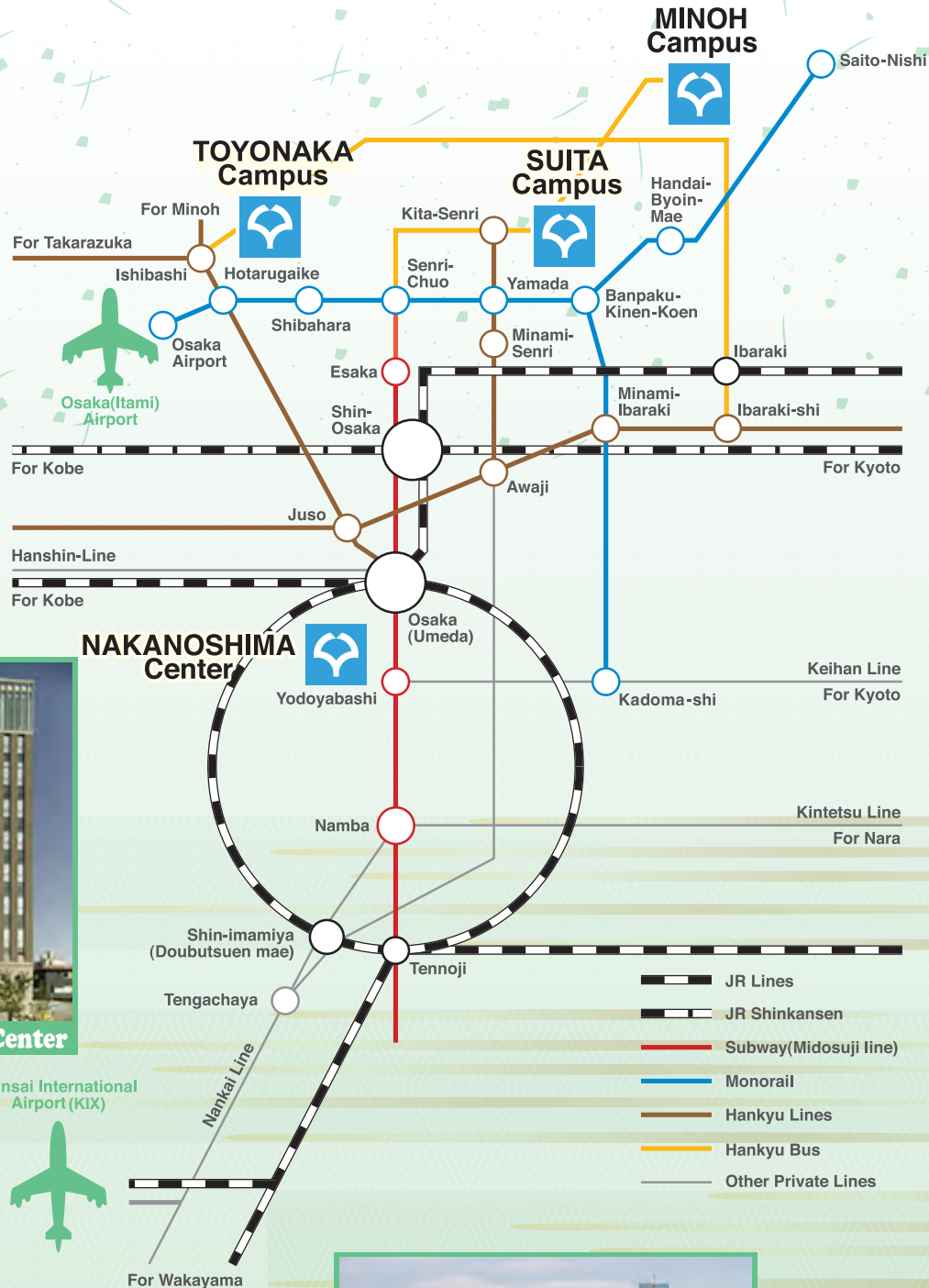


Minoh Main Gate

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Transportation from the City of OSAKA to the Campuses



Kansai International Airport (KIX)



11. Course Outline

Fall Semester 2014: Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue	
Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Japan	Megumi KITAHARA	Letters	Tue.2	Toyonaka	
Issues in Gerontology	Hiroshi UEDA	Human Sciences	Wed.3	Suita	
Gender Studies	Beverley YAMAMOTO		Fri.3	Suita	
Global Issues in Education	Mayumi ISHIKAWA		Mon.3	Suita	
Multivariate Statistical Science	Kohei ADACHI		Mon.4	Suita	
Psychology of Aging	Yasuyuki GONDO		Fri.2	Suita	
Primatology in Japan	Masayuki NAKAMICHI		Mon.4	Suita	
International Law	Suguru NAKASONE		Tue.5	Toyonaka	
Sociology I	Viktoriya KIM		Tue.2	Toyonaka	
Sociology II			Thu.2	Toyonaka	
Global Citizenship	Christie LAM		Thu.4	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Civil Society Movements			Thu.3	Toyonaka	
Anthropology II			Tue.2	Toyonaka	
Economics II	Jeremiah MOCK		Fri.2	Suita	
Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	Fri.3	Minoh	
Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture	Koichi SETOYAMA	Law	Thu.5	Toyonaka	
Topics in Comparative Law	Undecided		Tue.3	Toyonaka	
Introduction to International Business	Tomoki SEKIGUCHI	Economics	Thu.2	Toyonaka	
Experimental Mathematics	Joe SUZUKI	Science	Tue.4	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Precision Science and Technology	Yuji KUWAHARA	Engineering	Wed.5	Suita	
Introduction to Global Architecture- Role of Global Architecture in Sustainable Development -	Michihiro KITA		Fri.5	Suita	
Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	Andrew MURAKAMI-SMITH	Language and Culture	Thu.3	Toyonaka	
Introduction to Japanese Literature	Debashrita GHOSH DASTIDAR	Institute for Academic Initiatives	Wed.3	Suita	
Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(II)	Keizo MIYAHARA	Center for International Education and Exchange	Wed.2	Toyonaka	
Translation and Translators	Saeka TOSHIOKA		Mon.2	Suita	
Media and Communications in Japan	Sachihiko KONDO		Thu.4	Toyonaka	
Approaches to Understanding Cultures	Tomoko ARIKAWA		Mon.4	Suita	
Computers in Language Learning	Noriko UOSAKI		Tue.5	Toyonaka	
Japanese JA100	Undecided		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita	
Japanese JA200	Hideharu ISONO		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita	
Japanese JA250	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka	
Japanese JA300			3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita	
Japanese JA400	Koji NAMBA		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita	
Japanese JA500	Shinya OTANI		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita	
Independent Study I-A,B,C					



Course Outline



Spring Semester 2015: Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue
Art and Neuroscience-An Interdisciplinary Approach	Chiyo YOSHII	Letters	Thu.3	Toyonaka
Comparative Sociology	Scott NORTH	Human Sciences	Wed.5	Suita
Japanese Myths and Legends	Tamas CARMEN		Fri.4	Suita
Politics I	Haruko SATOH		Fri.5	Suita
International Development and Collaboration I	Yasuhide NAKAMURA		Wed.3	Suita
Self, Identity and Society	Don BYSOUTH		Wed.2	Toyonaka
Social Stratification in Japanese Society	Saori YASUMOTO		Wed.3	Suita
Introduction to Sociology of Marriage and Family	Viktoriya KIM		Thu.4	Toyonaka
Current Issues in Japanese Law and Society			Wed.3	Suita
Seminar in Studies of Multicultural Societies			Fri.2	Suita
Anthropology I	Mohacsi GERGELY		Tue.2	Toyonaka
Human Rights	Christie LAM		Thu.2	Toyonaka
Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	Fri.3	Minoh
Polymers in Daily Life and Science	Katsumi IMADA	Science	Tue.2	Toyonaka
Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Tomotaka SOBUE	Medicine	Mon.2	Suita
ICT Technology: Current Status & Future Perspective	Ken-ichi KITAYAMA	Engineering	Wed.3	Suita
Introduction to Information Science	Toru HASEGAWA	Engineering Science	Mon.5	Suita
Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature	Andrew MURAKAMI-SMITH	Language and Culture	Thu.2	Toyonaka
Introduction to Japanese Literature	Debashrita GHOSH DASTIDAR	Institute for Academic Initiatives	Mon.3	Suita
Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(I)	Keizo MIYAHARA	Center for International Education and Exchange	Tue.3	Toyonaka
Language and Translation	Saeka TOSHIOKA		Mon.4	Suita
Japan: Society and Ideology	Sachihiko KONDO		Tue.5	Toyonaka
Second Language Learning with Online Resources	Noriko UOSAKI		Tue.4	Toyonaka
Japanese JA100	Undecided		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA200	Hideharu ISONO		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA250	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka
Japanese JA300			3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA400			3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA500	Shinya OTANI		3 classes per Week	Toyonaka/Suita
Independent Study II –A,B,C				



Time Table

Fall semester (2014)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Suita	Toyonaka	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka	Suita/Minoh
1		Japanese JA (100,200,250,300, 400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,250,300, 400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,250,300, 400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,300, 400,500)
2	Translation and Translators	Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Japan	Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(II)	Introduction to International Business	Psychology of Aging
		Sociology I		Sociology II	Economics II
		Anthropology II			
3	Global Issues in Education	Topics in Comparative Law	Introduction to Japanese Literature	Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding
			Issues in Gerontology	Introduction to Civil Society Movements	Gender Studies
4	Multivariate Statistical Science	Experimental Mathematics		Global Citizenship	
	Approaches to Understanding Cultures			Media and Communications in Japan	
	Primatology in Japan				
5		Computers in Language Learning	Introduction to Precision Science and Technology	Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture	Introduction to Global Architecture - Role of Global Architecture in Sustainable Development -
		International Law			

Time Table



Spring semester (2015)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Suita	Toyonaka	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka	Suita/Minoh
1		Japanese JA (100,200,250,300, 400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,250,300, 400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,250,300, 400,500)	Japanese JA (100,200,300, 400,500)
2	Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Polymers in Daily Life and Science Anthropology I	Self, Identity and Society	Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature Human Rights	Seminar in Studies of Multicultural Societies
3	Introduction to Japanese Literature	Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(I)	ICT Technology: Current Status & Future Perspective International Development and Collaboration I Current Issues in Japanese Law and Society Social Stratification in Japanese Society	Art and Neuroscience -An Interdisciplinary Approach	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding
4	Language and Translation	Second Language Learning with Online Resources		Introduction to Sociology of Marriage and Family	Japanese Myths and Legends
5	Introduction to Information Science	Japan: Society and Ideology	Comparative Sociology		Politics I



12. Students' Quotes

Students' Comments

With such wonderful trips, with such a nice host family, with such a kind Buddy, with so unconditional teachers, with so lovely friends, I bet this program is the most impressive and significant one of Osaka U.

Wenqing, China

It is a good chance to meet friends from around the world and diverse cultures, you have chances to travel around with your friends, you can learn from each other and it makes you a better person with meaningful experiences. **Quanyi, China**

Applying for the **OUSSEP** program was one of the best choices I've ever made. Participating in this program is a great and enriching experience. I had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world and made a lot of new friends. I had the chance to learn Japanese and a lot about the Japanese culture first hand. It makes me grateful there are such opportunities to study abroad. **Jakob, Germany**

"Taking part in the **OUSSEP(-J)** program is a great opportunity to learn more about Japan and Japanese culture. Because of the intensive Japanese course, you will make progress in learning the language pretty fast. Apart from that, you will meet a lot of new people from different cultures and gain many new unique experiences." **Melanie, Germany**

"With the **OUSSEP (-J)** program I was able to improve my Japanese language skills a lot, which had been one of my main goals when going to Japan. Furthermore I became friends with people from all over the world. A time that I will never forget for sure!" **Robert, Germany**

"**OUSSEP** does not only let me experience Japan, but also let me experience the whole world."

Ponapat, Thailand

OUSSEP is the best opportunity to improve your Japanese, not only because of the Japanese lessons taught at the University, but also thanks to all the extracurricular activities they organize: School visit, Buddy and Host Family programs are all incredible, as well as the Japanese Café etc. **Paula, Spain**

Thanks to **OUSSEP**, I can improve both my Japanese and my English and it is so easy to meet a lot people and make friends from all over the world! **Sara, France**

I will never regret my opportunity to join **OUSSEP**!! I got so many precious friends, experiences and memories that cannot be purchased by anything!! Very valuable thing of my life! **Tika, Indonesia**



Miyajima



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Students' Quotes



"I can't help recommending the **OUSSEP** program to you now. I enjoyed it too much. It will also be one of the most unforgettable, remarkable and breathtaking landscape in your life. **Song, China**

I will be here for "only" 6 months. Now I regret not staying for a whole year. The University, the staff and Japan as a whole is great! **Lars, Germany**

The Osaka University Short-term Study Exchange Program (**OUSSEP**) is a great opportunity to learn about Japanese culture and language. It gives you the opportunity to make friends from Japan and from all around the world as well. It will become one of the best experiences for you. **Moisés, Mexico**

Although I can not speak in Japanese very well, **OUSSEP** provides me with a great chance to experience Japan! With friends from around the world, I enjoy superb courses taught in English and explore Japanese culture by various interesting activities! Staff of **OUSSEP** are all very supportive and warmhearted, making **OUSSEP**ians like a big family. I also acquire a precious chance to improve my academic skills by my independent study, a very unique part of **OUSSEP** which allows us to choose a supervisor in Osaka University and do a small research under his/ her instruction. My days as an **OUSSEP**ian will definitely become my beautiful memories in my life and I will keep them with sincere gratitude. **Xue, China**

"By doing the **OUSSEP** programme I did not only broaden my own horizons but also made a lot of friends and strengthened the bond with the friends I already had with Japan. Choosing the **OUSSEP** programme was a good decision." **Sieger, Netherlands**

As an **OUSSEP** student, I had the opportunity to meet so many nice people and have many wonderful experiences in Japan, and I'm so glad that I participated. **Mira, Finland**

"By participating in the **OUSSEP**-program I was able to find new friends, improve my Japanese skills and learn many interesting things about Japan's culture and society." **Katharina, Germany**

I'm really happy that I chose to follow the **OUSSEP** program. Not only did I learn a lot about Japan, but I now have friends from around the globe. **Stef, Netherlands**

"I got **OUSSEP (-R)** and I love it. I attend the English **OUSSEP** classes and in addition I have my independent study. It really fits me perfectly :)" **Jasmin, Germany**

"The **OUSSEP** program is a unique offering of interdisciplinary studies and intercultural experiences for students of all Japanese proficiencies and academic backgrounds at one of Japan's top universities."

Esther, Canada



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The **OUSSEP** Program is far more than a language learning environment. It is a playground where like-minded students develop globe-spanning friendships and make irreplaceable memories. **Kevin, USA**

"I recommend the **OUSSEP** program to those who want to have an interdisciplinary experience, while having the golden opportunity to interact with students from overseas." **Shinji, Brazil**

The **OUSSEP** Program is the best avenue to learn about Japanese Culture and Language while forming unbreakable bonds with people from all over the world! **Faye, Philippines**

A chance to come across diverse cultures, a chance to get to know curious and interesting people from all over the world. Come and find out! **Florian, Germany**

The **OUSSEP** program is a great opportunity to study abroad in Japan. Not only because of the well organized trips to famous places, like Hiroshima. Especially, because whenever you feel over challenged by difficulties or by reaching your study aims, you can rely on the **OUSSEP** crew. **Pierre, Germany**

"The **OUSSEP** program provided various opportunities that allowed me to grow as a person by acquiring new knowledge on various things and establishing new-found friendships!" **Kat, Philippines**

What I like about **OUSSEP** is that I have both Japanese classes and at least five other courses from different academic areas – it enriches my education! **Jana, Denmark**

OUSSEP so far has been in incredible and amazing experience for me. I've met a lot of interesting people from all over the world and learned a lot about Japanese culture. I am very happy that I've chosen to join **OUSSEP**. **Anna, Netherlands**

"Came to Japan; not only got to learn about Japanese but also the world through international environment here" **Pin, Thailand**

OUSSEP is a really well-organized exchange program, that offers the possibility to study so many interesting subjects you would never have thought of at home. And even better, you can do your own research with a lot of support! **Felix, Germany**

The **OUSSEP** Program is an amazing adventure and a great opportunity to get in touch with Japan and it's people. **Colin, Germany**



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OUSSEP is the most special exchange program I experienced or heard from others, and what contribute to its extraordinary significance is the whole **OUSSEP**'s staff's devotion - I have never met these cordial and responsible university crew pour their heart into only an exchange program before! Also, my classmates are all brilliant and friendly. They make me know a big, different and beautiful world which is beyond my imagination deeply! **Sumin, China**

If you're thinking about going to Japan to study I'm more than happy to recommend the **OUSSEP** program that is provided by Osaka University. The staff is very professional and always happy to help in order to make you enjoy your semester at Handai. **Viktor, Sweden**

OUSSEP is an awesome opportunity to make friends from all over the world, learn about Japan and Japanese and simply put: have a wonderful time in a beautiful country." **Reija, Finland**

"One semester being a part of Osaka University with **OUSSEP** gives me the greatest experiences of my life that I could never find from anywhere else. I always dream to study aboard. Learning here, I get a lot of new things not only in class but also everything about cultures and living from all the people around me. I've got very wonderful friends from different corners of the world to share new perspectives. We also share a lot of priceless memories every day. Don't be afraid if you don't know Japanese language before coming, because here in Japan you will enjoy learning and living with a motivated atmosphere! There will be endless discovery waiting you here in Japan :) I hope other student friends will come and experience by yourself by being an Exchange Student :) And I really want to say that **OUSSEP** truly fulfilled my dreams. " **Atiya, Thailand**



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Last Assembly



Trip to Hiroshima



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Farewel Party



Bazaar



Koyasan





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 letters of admission..

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 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.

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 offering Japanese studies are also included in this category.

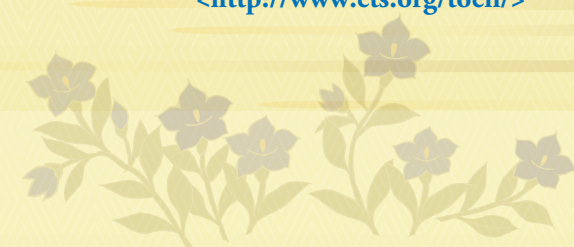
JASSO: Japan Student Services Organization. The main funding body of the **OUSSEP** program:
http://www.jasso.go.jp/index_e.html

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) 80 score range.
<<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>>





Application Deadline:

Fall of 2014 Enrollment / March 25, 2014 (by post)

Spring of 2015 Enrollment / October 31, 2014 (by post)

Documents must arrive at Osaka University no later than the above dates.

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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