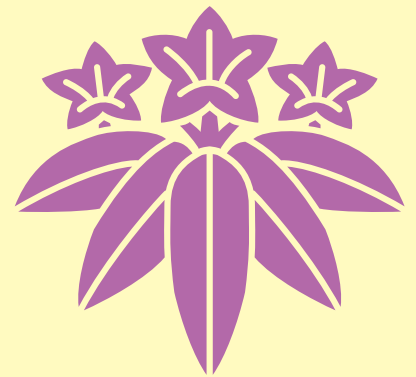
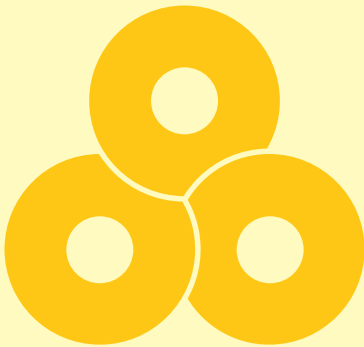


OUSSEP CALENDAR

2015-2016

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 fifty 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 nineteenth academic year of the program (Fall semester of [OUSSEP](#) 2014-2015) seventy five students were admitted from forty four universities in twenty three 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.**

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>

◇ Maple

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

This program has now been reorganized and is known as **Maple** and is administered by the 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>

◇ 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 the 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.

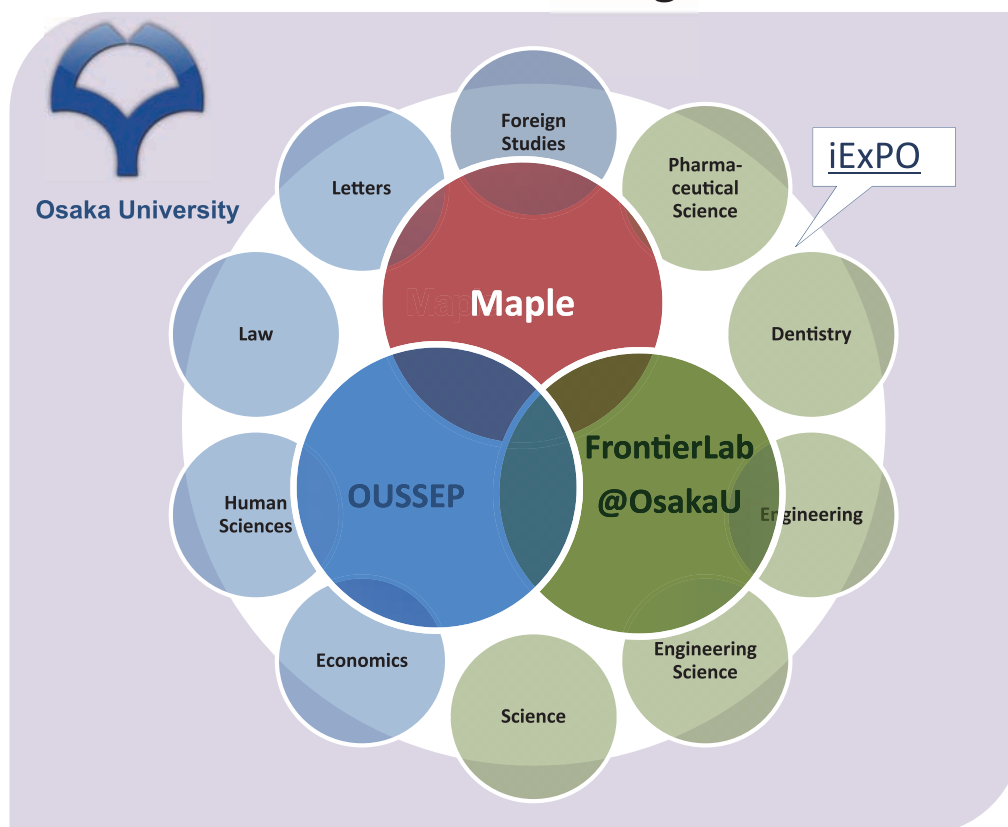
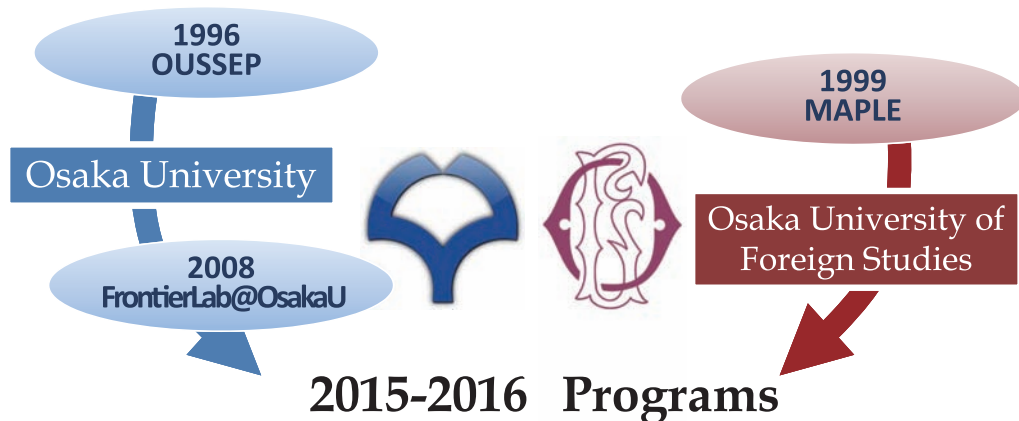
In the case of student exchange under **Inter-University Exchange Agreements**, an Osaka University Inter-University Exchange Application Package must be obtained by the student at the international exchange office of the student's home institution. The International Student Affairs Division of Osaka 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>



Graduate School of Information
Science and Technology
(Suita)

Variety of Exchange Programs at Osaka



- (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 these Programs individually, but do so through the international offices or offices responsible for exchange affairs of their own universities.

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

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

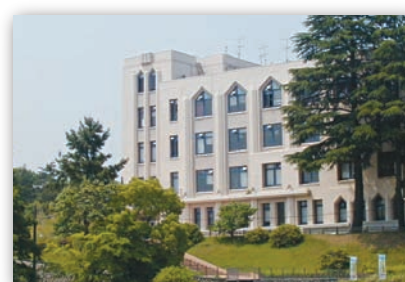
In April of 2004, it became one of 84 National University Incorporations founded under the National University Law that resulted from the recent national university reform plan in Japan. OU was divided into two main campuses, Toyonaka and Suita. At Toyonaka, there are the Schools of Science, Engineering 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 Osaka Imperial University
1949	Establishment of Osaka University (new system)
2004	Becoming “National University Corporation” (Semi-Privatization)
2007	Merger with Osaka University of Foreign Studies
2011	80 th Anniversary (28 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.

Osaka University is now (as of January, 2015) comprised of eleven undergraduate schools, sixteen graduate schools, twenty eight research institutes and centers (including CIEE and CJLC), 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>

(as of May 1, 2014)



School of Foreign Studies
(Minoh)



Groningen Center
(Netherlands)



San Francisco Center
(US)

Top Global University Project

The Japanese government 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 of the Global 30 project. These core universities have played a major role in dramatically boosting the number of the international students educated in Japan. Succeeding the successful Global 30 Project, in late September 2014, Osaka University was, again, selected as one of the 13 Top Global University Project institutes, which were awarded generous ten-year financial support from the Japanese government to increase academic credentials, research competitiveness and global recognition amongst the top research universities in the world. Top Global University Project selected institutes are expected to develop cutting-edge research and provide world-class education. With respect to the Osaka University project, **OUSSEP** has been considered as one of the indispensable programs for the internationalization of the university.

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	Com.
Home Universities	6	11	15	19	22	24	23	27	29	22	31	27	27	31	35	41	39	43	52	110*
Countries of Home Universities	5	9	11	15	14	16	14	15	15	16	19	17	19	20	21	21	20	21	23	29
Total	22	22	26	28	27	28	33	33	33	25	37	40	41	51	68	62	75	84	100	835
	[22]	[22]	[26]	[26]	[24]	[26]	[27]	[29]	[22]	[15]	[13]	[18]	[22]	[31]	[20]	[31]	[23]	[32]	[48]	[477]
North America	13	9	9	7	6	8	7	6	7	5	7	11	8	11	15	11	12	11	14	177
	[13]	[9]	[9]	[7]	[6]	[8]	[7]	[6]	[6]	[4]	[2]	[5]	[3]	[8]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[8]	[115]
Latin America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	5	2	16
													[2]	[1]	[1]	[1]			[1]	[6]
Asia / Oceania	9	9	9	10	11	9	13	14	12	10	15	16	20	27	29	40	34	29	39	355
	[9]	[9]	[9]	[10]	[10]	[9]	[12]	[14]	[10]	[7]	[5]	[9]	[15]	[17]	[13]	[23]	[11]	[12]	[23]	[227]
Europe	0	4	8	11	10	11	13	13	14	10	15	13	11	12	22	10	26	39	45	287
		[4]	[8]	[9]	[8]	[9]	[8]	[9]	[6]	[4]	[6]	[4]	[2]	[5]	[4]	[4]	[8]	[15]	[16]	[129]
Male / Female	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	40/60	401/434
Students' Major : Humanities & Social Sciences / Natural Sciences & Engineering	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	69/31	531/304

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

* See the following page: '10 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP for 1996-2014'

110 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP between 1996-2014

Nation	University
Australia (5)	Australian National University, Monash University, The University of Adelaide, The University of Melbourne, The University of Queensland
Austria (1)	University of Vienna
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 (10)	Beijing Normal University, East China University of Politics & Law, Fudan University, Nanjing University, Shenzhen University, Tongji University, Tsinghua University, Wuhan University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Zhejiang University
Denmark (2)	University of Copenhagen, University of Southern Denmark
Finland (2)	Abo Akademi University, University of Jyväskylä
France (11)	Consortium of Universities in Grenoble, Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, University of Grenoble, University of Stendhal Grenoble, Consortium of Universities in Strasbourg, University of Strasbourg, Joseph Fourier University, Lille Institute of Political Studies, Louis Pasteur University, MarcBloch University, Robert Schuman University,
Germany (13)	Augsburg University of Applied Sciences, Bielefeld University, Free University of Berlin, Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nuernberg (FAU), Heidelberg University, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munchen, Oldenburg University, Ruhr-University Bochum, RWTH Aachen University, Technische Universitat Munchen, The University of Goettingen, University of Augsburg
Hong Kong (2)	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Hungary (2)	Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Gaspar Karoli University of the Reformed Church
Indonesia (2)	Institut Teknologi Bandung, Universitas Gadjah Mada
Italy (1)	University of Padova
Korea (9)	Chonnam National University, Chungnam National University, Dong-A University, Gyeongsang National University, Kyung Hee 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)	Lodz University of Technology
Russia (3)	Far Eastern State University, Saint Petersburg State University, Ural State University
Spain (1)	Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
Sweden (4)	Linnaeus University, Royal Institute of Technology, University of Gothenburg, Vaxjo University
Taiwan (4)	National Cheng Kung University, National Chiao Tung University, National Taiwan University, National Tsing Hua University
Thailand (8)	Chiang Mai University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, Khon Kaen University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Mahidol University, Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology, Thammasat University
U.K. (3)	Durham University, The University of Nottingham, University of London
U.S.A. (7)	Nazareth College, Purdue University, Texas A & M University, The University of Georgia, University of California, University of Washington, Wesleyan College
Vietnam (3)	Hong Bang 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

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 2015 and the Spring semester of 2016 are listed on pages 21-24.

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

4. 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.**

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)

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 go on trips as a part of the academic courses, including overnight trips, to different parts of the country to meet local people and experience local cultures.



Koyasan



Miyajima



Miyajima



Miyajima

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 2015-2016

Fall Semester

The end of September, 2015	Orientation
The beginning of October, 2015	Classes start
December 22, 2015-January 3, 2016	Year end/ New Year break
January 4, 2016	Classes restart
The middle of February, 2016	Classes end
The middle of February-The end of March, 2016	Spring break

Spring semester

The beginning of April, 2016	Orientation
The beginning of April, 2016	Classes start
The beginning of August, 2016	Classes end



Miyajima



Miyajima

5. 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.	A completed OUSSEP application form(refer to Form: Appl). ① A short essay of approximately 500 words in total outlining the student's rationale for joining the OUSSEP Program. ② Those who apply for the Independent Study should submit an Independent Study Form and proposal of the topic for the Independent Study. *Approximately 500 words in total. ③ A Financial Resources Confirmation. *Fill out on the web. After filling it out on the web, print yourself out a copy. *Bank letters or other kinds of financial certificates should be sent after the students get the acceptance letters.
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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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Selection Process for the 2015 Fall and 2016 Spring Enrollment

The International Affairs Committee of Osaka University will be responsible for selecting the students to be admitted to [OUSSEP](#). In May (fall semester enrolment) or in December (spring semester enrolment), Osaka University will notify the home universities of the results of the preliminary selection. 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.

After that, we will request each of those selected to submit a confirmation of his/her intention to come to [OUSSEP](#).

Understand that withdrawal from the [OUSSEP](#) program of any applicant after this point will be highly detrimental to the program.



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COORDINATOR



Nominations to OUSSEP at Home

- Applicant must be nominated as one of the OUSSEP applicants at 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.

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



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

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

APPLICANTS

1. Student exchange is an inter-university business. So that those who are not nominated by student exchange coordinator / officer shall be automatically disqualified.
2. If you are short-listed as an OUSSEP 2015-2016 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 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 2015-16 candidate.**



Written Confirmation / Authorizations

- Print-out the PDF forms, revise the entire application format.
- Then fill-out the appropriate slots in your own hand writing. 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, 2015 (Fall Enrollment) or November 10, 2015 (Spring Enrollment).



* As of Nov.2014. The procedure for application is subject to change. Please obtain the latest information on our website.
http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/oussep/oussepapp

6. 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.



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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).

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



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7. Course Outline

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

Title	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue
History Matters: A Japan Perspective	Kojiro TAGUCHI	Letters	Thu. 4	Toyonaka
Gender Studies	Beverley YAMAMOTO	Human Sciences	Fri. 3	Suita
Global Issues in Education	Mayumi ISHIKAWA		Tue. 3	Suita
Multivariate Statistical Science	Kohei ADACHI		Mon. 4	Suita
Psychology of Aging	Yasuyuki GONDO		Wed. 3	Suita
Primateology in Japan	Masayuki NAKAMICHI		Mon. 4	Suita
Politics II	Haruko SATOH		Wed. 2	Toyonaka
Sociology I	Viktoriya KIM		Tue. 2	Toyonaka
Sociology II	Viktoriya KIM		Thu. 2	Toyonaka
Introduction to Civil Society Movements	Christie LAM		Thu. 3	Toyonaka
Anthropology II	Christie LAM		Wed. 2	Toyonaka
Special lecture (Topics in Comparative Contract and Torts Law)	Leonardo Ciano		Law	Wed. 5
Topics in Comparative Law	Pedriz Luis	Wed. 3		Toyonaka
Topics in Japanese Law	Pedriz Luis	Tue. 3		Toyonaka
Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture	Koichi Setoyama	Thu. 5		
Economic History of Japan	Pierre-Yves Donze	Economics	Thu. 2	Toyonaka
Current Topics in Earth and Space Science	Satoru Nakashima	Science	Thu. 2	Toyonaka
Introduction of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science	Masahito MOCHIZUKI	Engineering	Mon. 3	Suita
APPLIED PHYSICS FOR ADVANCED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	Hideaki Kasai		Mon. 4	Suita
Energy and Environment: A multidisciplinary approach towards solving world's energy crisis	Toshihiro Tanaka		Fri. 2	Suita
Introduction to International Understanding	Kiyoshi Fujita		Mon. 3	Suita
Cutting Edge of Biotechnology	Hiroshi Umakoshi	Engineering Science	Tue. 5	Toyonaka
Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	MURAKAMI-SMITH, Andrew	Language and Culture	Thu. 2	Toyonaka
Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	Fri. 3	Minoh
Psychology of Language and Japanese Language Acquisition	Koichi NISHIGUCHI	Center for International Education and Exchange	Mon. 3	Suita
Social Entrepreneurship	Yukari ITO		Thu. 3	Toyonaka
Approaches to Understanding Cultures	Tomoko ARIKAWA		Thu. 4	Toyonaka
Computers in Language Learning	Noriko UOSAKI		Tue. 5	Toyonaka
Media and Communications in Japan	Sachihiko KONDO		Tue. 4	Toyonaka
Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(II)	Keizo MIYAHARA		Tue. 2	Toyonaka
Translation and Translators	Saeka TOSHIOKA		Mon. 2	Suita
Japanese JA100	Hyogyung KIM		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA200	Hideharu ISONO		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA300	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA400	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA500	Koji NAMBA		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA600	Shinya OTANI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Independent Study I-A,B,C				

Spring Semester 2016: Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue
A Glimpse at Japanese Arts	Haruhiko Fujita	Letters	Thu. 5	Toyonaka
Comparative Sociology	Scott NORTH	Human Sciences	Tue. 3	Suita
Politics I	Haruko SATOH		Wed. 3	Toyonaka
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	Viktoriya KIM		Wed. 3	Suita
Seminar in Studies of Multicultural Societies	Viktoriya KIM		Fri. 2	Suita
Human Rights	Christie LAM		Thu. 3	Toyonaka
Anthropology I	MOHACSI GERGELY		Tue. 2	Toyonaka
Topics in Japanese Law	Pedriza Luis		Law	Tue. 3
Topics in Comparative Law	Pedriza Luis	Wed. 4		Toyonaka
Polymers in Daily Life and Science	Katsumi IMADA	Science	Tue. 2	Toyonaka
Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Go Yoshizawa	Medicine	Mon. 2	Suita
ENGINEERING APPROACHES TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Akira KONDO	Engineering	Wed. 3	Suita
Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature	MURAKAMI-SMITH, Andrew	Language and Culture	Thu. 2	Toyonaka
Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	Fri. 3	Minoh
Social Security and Service Design	Yukari ITO	Center for International Education and Exchange	Thu. 3	Toyonaka
Second Language Learning with Online Resources	Noriko UOSAKI		Tue. 5	Toyonaka
Japan: Society and Ideology	Sachihiko KONDO		Tue. 4	Toyonaka
Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(I)	Keizo MIYAHARA		Thu.2	Toyonaka
Language and Translation	Saeka TOSHIOKA		Mon. 3	Suita
Japanese JA100	Hyogyung KIM		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA200	Hideharu ISONO		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA300	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA400	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA500	Koji NAMBA		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Japanese JA600	Shinya OTANI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka/Suita
Independent Study II-A,B,C				

Time Table

Fall semester (2015)

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Campus	Suita	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka	Suita/Minoh
1		Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600)	Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600)	Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600)	Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 500, 600)
2	Translation and Translators	Sociology I	Politics II	Economic History of Japan	Energy and Environment: A multidisciplinary approach towards solving world's energy crisis
		Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(II)	Anthropology II	Sociology II	
3	Introduction to International Understanding	Topics in Japanese Law	Topics in Comparative Law	Current Topics in Earth and Space Science	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding
	Psychology of Language and Japanese Language Acquisition	Global Issues in Education	Psychology of Aging	Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	
	Introduction of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science			Social Entrepreneurship	
4	Multivariate Statistical Science	Media and Communications in Japan		History Matters: A Japan Perspective	Gender Studies
	Primateology in Japan			Approaches to Understanding Cultures	
	Applied Physics for Advanced Science and Technology				
5		Computers in Language Learning	Special lecture (Topics in Comparative Contract and Torts Law)	Introduction to Japanese Legal / Political System and Culture	
		Cutting Edge of Biotechnology			

Spring semester (2016)

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Campus	Suita	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka	Suita/Minoh
1		Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600)	Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600)	Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600)	Japanese JA(100, 200, 300, 500, 600)
2	Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Polymers in Daily Life and Science	Self, Identity and Society	Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature	Seminar in Studies of Multicultural Societies
		Anthropology I		Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications(I)	
3	Language and Translation	Topics in Japanese Law	Politics I	Social Security and Service Design	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding
			Engineering Approaches to Energy and Environmental Issues		
		Comparative Sociology	Social Stratification in Japanese Society	Human Rights	
			International Development and Collaboration I		
Current Issues in Japanese Law and Society					
4		Japan: Society and Ideology	Topics in Comparative Law	Introduction to Sociology of Marriage and Family	
5		Second Language Learning with Online Resources		A Glimpse at Japanese Arts	

8. How Do I Obtain a Student VISA ?

Ryugaku (Student) Visa

Before coming to Japan, students who have been accepted need to obtain a "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 the end of August (for fall semester)/the middle of March (for spring semester). We will forward the CESR by an express courier service to each student's address as indicated in the **OUSSEP** Application Form. Therefore, please make sure to write the address that you can certainly receive CESR by postal mail in the **OUSSEP** Application Form.

It is therefore important that applicants provide us with accurate information about their 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.



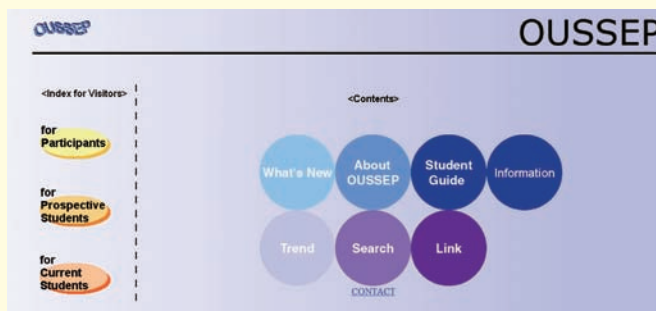
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OUSSEP Home Page

More Information related to **OUSSEP**, including study and living guides for students may be found at the **OUSSEP** web site.



<http://ex.ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/eindex.html>

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, the [OUSSEP](#) coordinator allocates JASSO scholarship awardees for the UR Senri-Aoyamadai Flat. The residents share an apartment flat among three [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 obtain that insurance in order to cover their own risk. OU staff and [OUSSEP](#) coordinators collect information of insurance details of each participant during orientation.**

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.



Buddy program



Bazaar



Presentation in class



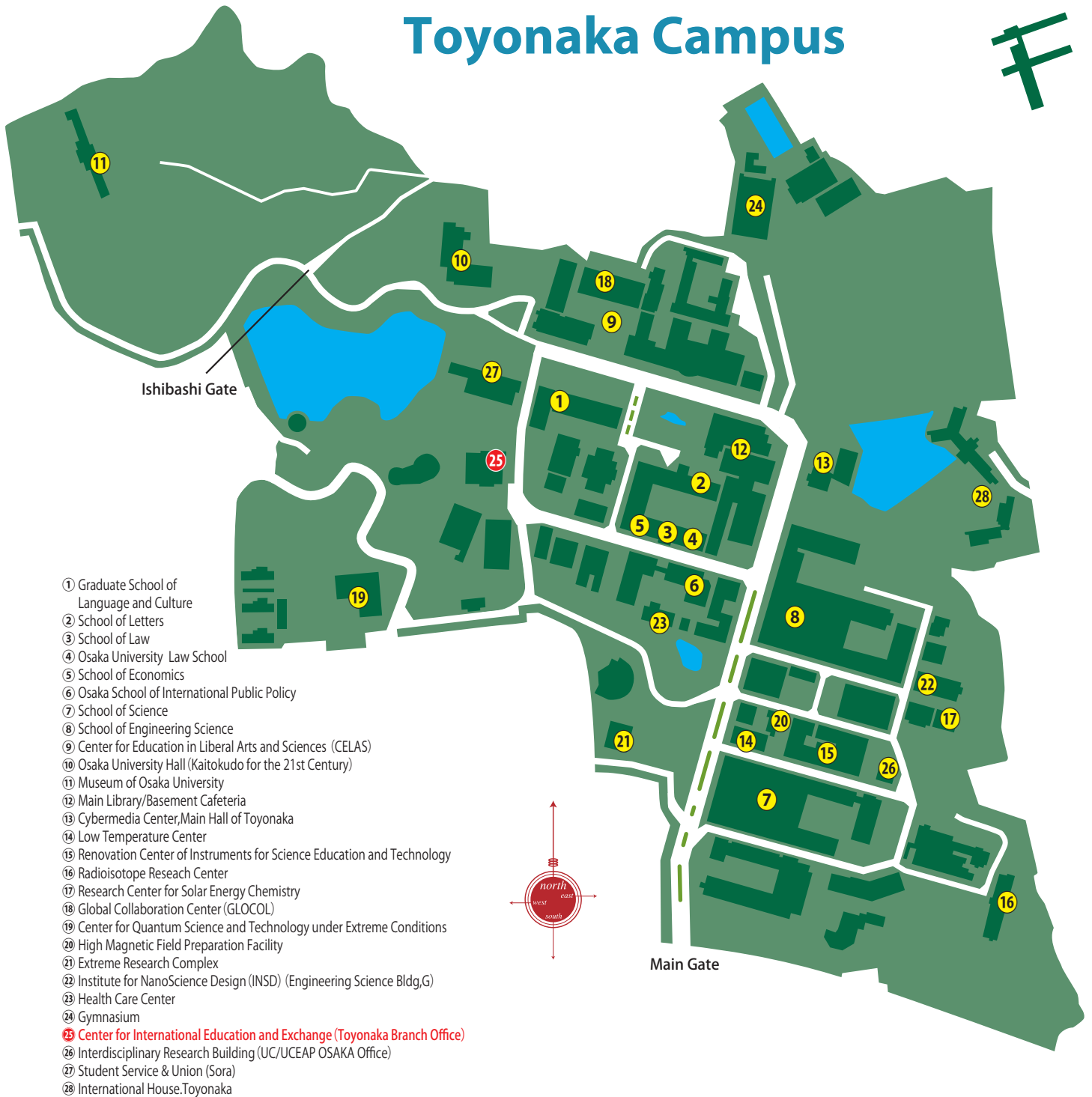
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Talk by A-bomb survivor in Hiroshima

10. Campus Map

Toyonaka Campus



Student Service & Union
(Toyonaka)

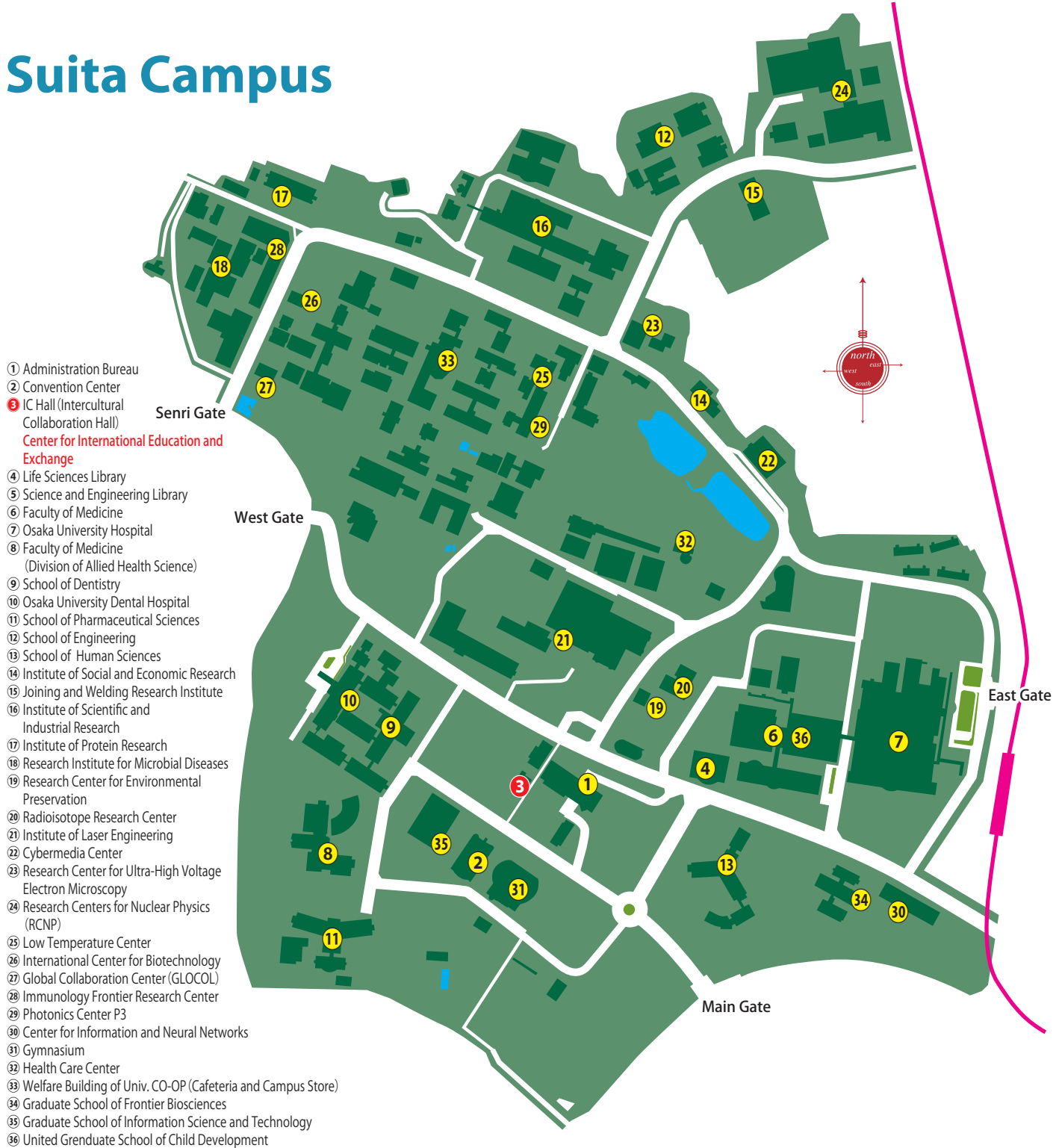


Toyonaka Campus



Toyonaka Main Gate

Suita Campus



Faculty of Medicine and University Hospital (Suita)



Suita Campus

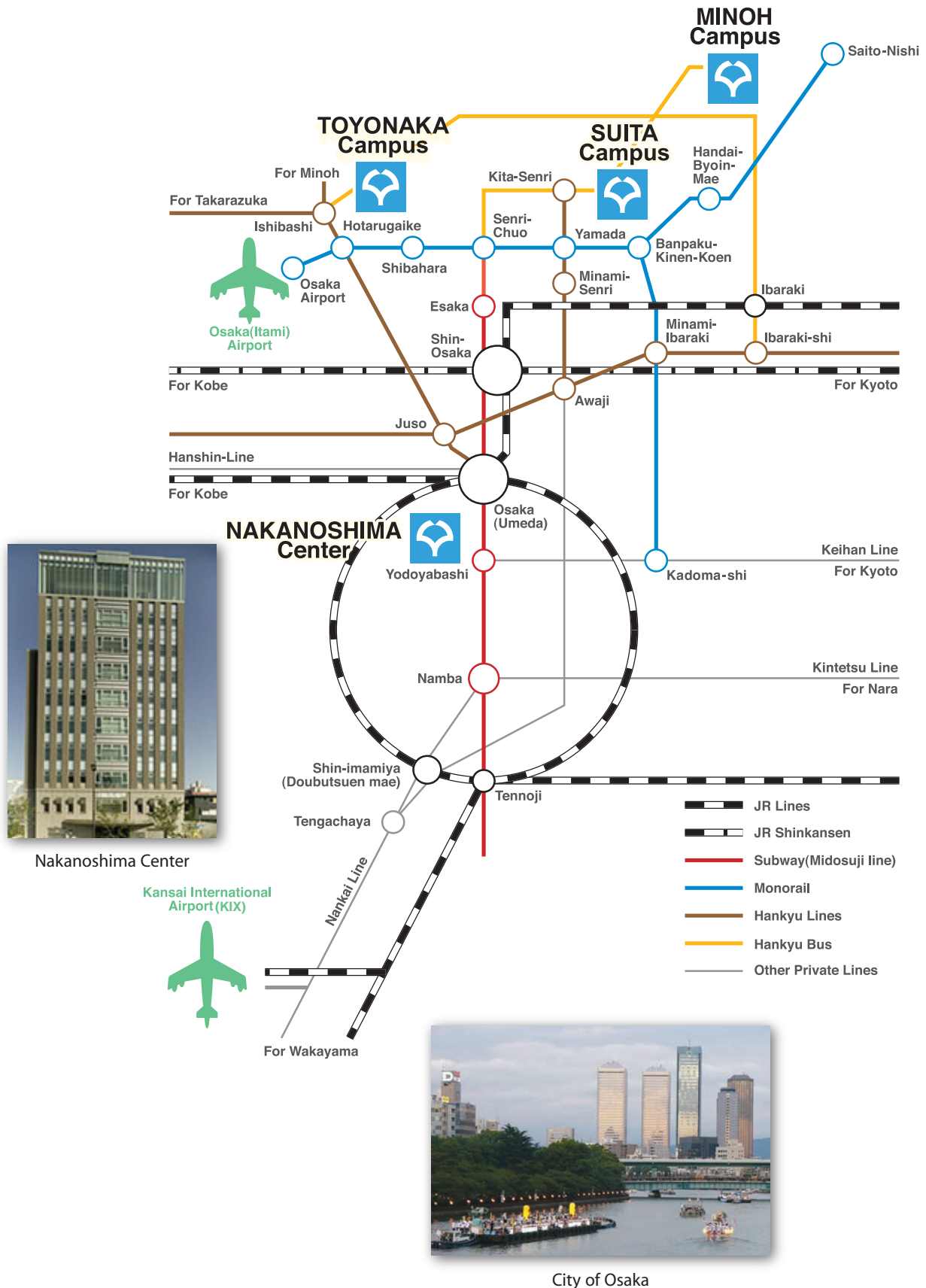


Suita Main Gate

Minoh Campus



Transportation from the City of OSAKA to the Campuses



11 . Students' Quotes

Students' Comments

The **OUSSEP** Program is good if you want to come to Japan and study, although you are not so good at Japanese. But living here for one year it is guaranteed your level of in Japanese will improve! With the **OUSSEP** Program, you will also make get many friends from all over the world and have many unforgettable experiences. **Katja, Finland**

Absolutely friendly and helpful coordinators.

They readily provide information and advice concerning any question or problem an exchange student might have, and does so in an amicable way. **Eszter, Hungary**

The **OUSSEP** Program enables you to interact with the other students from different countries by organizing events like trips. **Anne, France**

I love my new life in Osaka University! Everyone is helpful and smiling, always ready to give a hand. The campus is very clean and well organized. I am very happy to be part of the **OUSSEP** Program.

Nicolas, France

I really like the **OUSSEP** Program because you can study many interesting subjects, improve your language skills in English and Japanese and last but not least you will have a great time with a lot of new friends all over the world. **Taina, Finland**

Participating in the **OUSSEP** Program not only gave me the opportunity to improve my Japanese language skills but also gave me the chance to meet many people and to make many new friends. My studies profit from the courses taken here and I am glad I decided to join the program.

Sarah, Germany

OUSSEP is a very interesting way to study and have fun in at the same time. We learn not only what we are supposed to study but also from cultures and countries all over the world. It is a very nice experience and I will choose it again if I had to. **Marie-Noelle, France**

OUSSEP is a really great program if you're like me and have difficulty getting out of your comfort zone - not only class subject-wise but also social-wise too. **Nancy, Australia**



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Students' Comments

OUSSEP will always be my first and foremost recommendation to those who want to study in Japan. Coming here is the best investment I have ever made so far. **Patrawut, Thailand**

Taking part in the **OUSSEP** program has been one of the best decisions I've ever made. I've made friends from all over the world, experienced Japanese culture and lifestyle and with all the activities and events it's never getting boring and feels very much like a new home. Osaka University soon has become an unforgettable experience. **Simone, Austria**

OUSSEP is just perfect for learning about Japanese language and culture. Plus you get to know a bunch of awesome people from all over the world! Joining **OUSSEP** was definitely the best decision I ever made. **Rupert, Germany**

The **OUSSEP** program provides the perfect international atmosphere and excellent globalized education, within which either study or living is so much enjoyable and productive. Don't miss it! **Han, China**

The **OUSSEP** program's versatility has enabled me to learn Japanese and study international subjects while writing my master's thesis in the Engineering Sciences. It is also a great chance for enjoying Japan! **Jimmy, Sweden**

A great host family, nice buddies and fellow students, very friendly, helpful coordinators and interesting lectures make **OUSSEP** a great choice - I am happy about having decided for **OUSSEP**! **Eva, Germany**

I can say without hesitation that coming to Osaka University and participating in the **OUSSEP** Program is the best decision I have ever made.

Everything about my time here so far has exceeded my expectations; from the friends that I have made to the opportunities that Osaka University have given me. I will forever remember Osaka as my second home. **Madelaine, Australia**



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Joining the **OUSSEP** program has allowed me to meet and befriend both local Japanese students and other international exchange students, thus widening my perspective of other world cultures.

Cindy, Canada

I came to Japan without any experience in Japanese language or culture but the staff and students at Osaka University made me feel welcome. They'll help you with anything you need and everyone is eager to become your friend. The classes are interesting and there are always events going on that allow you to experience cultures from all over the world! **OUSSEP** is an amazing experience and I would recommend it to anyone! **Jeremy, Canada**

The **OUSSEP** program has given me the opportunity to connect with my culture.

My grandmother is Japanese and my mother is half and I have several relatives in Japan. I am only a beginner in Japanese, but since the **OUSSEP** program offers a variety of courses in English, I have been able to not only fulfill my course requirements at my home university, but I have also been able to experience Japan and see my relatives. This has been a truly once in a lifetime experience and I am so grateful! **Mariya, USA**

Coming here for exchange is a decision I won't regret--the school is extremely helpful, I've met some crazy but incredible people, and by putting myself out there, I was reminded how learning can be fun and done outside of books. Even a year becomes too short once you're in Japan. **Maple, Australia**

I remember the last time when all members of **OUSSEP** went to Koya san. During those two days, we ate together, lived together and played together. It was really a fantastic time and I miss it so much. **OUSSEP** は最高！ **Helen, China**

OUSSEP has helped me a lot to accustomize to life in Japan with a great variety of programs such as host family or buddy program. It gave me the possibility to learn Japanese and get to know people from all over the world while going on trips together! **Rene, Germany**



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My year at Osaka University is one of the best experiences of my life. Osaka is amazing, and my everyday life is all about discovering, experiencing and making friends from all over the world. Thanks to the **OUSSEP** Program, I've also had the chance to meet a nice Japanese buddy and a really kind host family. If you want to study in Japan, don't hesitate and join the **OUSSEP** Program! The staff will be there for you, all the time, guiding you through this new thrilling life! **Lea, France**

Spending a year in Japan has been the best time of my life, and given the chance, I'd do it all over again. **Amnon, Canada**

I'm very enjoyed my life in japan. Thanks to **OUSSEP** program and Osaka University, I can spend one year in Japan to study Japanese culture; eat many delicious Japanese foods; travel around Japan. It's my precious experiences that I have ever had.

Especially, I also have a lot of Japanese and foreign friends: Sunny, Nitcha, Helen, Not, Akari san, Eri san... They are really amazing. I will miss them a lot!

I also wanna say "thank you" to all of **OUSSEP** teachers and staff who helped me during the time I had lived in Japan. **Vicky, Vietnam**



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Year at OUSSEP



OUSSEP Orientation



Farewell party



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Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



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12. 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 in proficiency to CBT (Computer Based Test) 213 and iBT (internet Based Test) 80 score range.
<<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>>

Application Deadline:

Fall of 2015 Enrollment / March 25,2015 (by post)

Spring of 2016 Enrollment / November 10,2015 (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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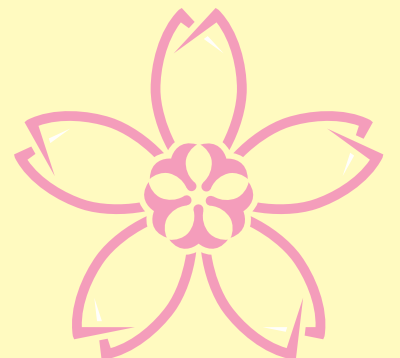
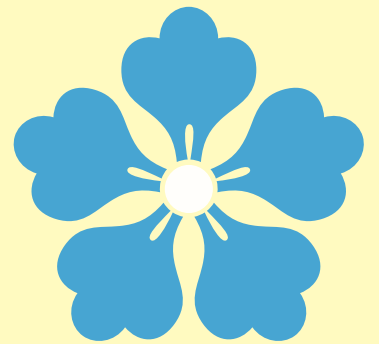
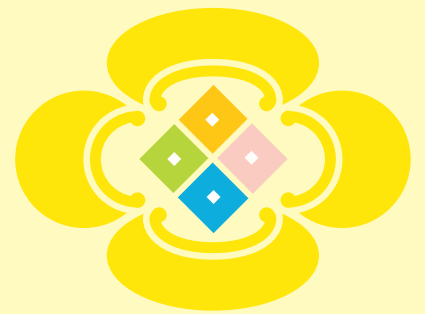
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