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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 are 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 twentieth academic year of the program (Fall semester of **OUSSEP** 2015-2016) seventy nine students were admitted from forty five universities in twenty one 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 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

Participants in the FrontierLab@OsakaU Program will be assigned to a particular research group in one of Osaka University`s internationally renowned science and technology fields where they will learn thematic studies, which will be supervised by the faculty. With the advice of their supervisors, participants may attend Japanese language courses or courses relating to their own study fields.

This program offers a wide range of potential research directions and emphasizes hands-on laboratory experience.

<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange\_program/frontierlab">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange\_program/frontierlab</a>

#### **♦** Maple

In the Maple Program, students are encouraged to compare and contrast Japanese language and culture with those of their home countries. The curriculum is designed to enable students to study the Japanese language, culture and society in a comprehensive manner, while at the same time improving their Japanese language proficiency. The program provides international students with diverse opportunities for direct communication with Japanese students and to learn various aspects of Japanese through hands-on learning programs concerning Japanese society and culture.

<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange\_program/maple">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange\_program/maple</a>

#### **♦** 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 professor. 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.

<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange\_program/iexpo">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange\_program/iexpo</a>

In the case of student exchange under Inter-University Exchange Agreements, an Osaka University Inter-University Exchange authentication password 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.

<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html</a>



Graduate School of Information Science and Technology (Suita)



### **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.











Osaka University Hall (Toyonaka)

1724	Establishment of the Kaitokudo ( <b>懐徳堂</b> )
	(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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (287 <sup>th</sup> 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, 2016) comprised of 11 schools/faculties, 16 graduate schools, 5 research institutes, 36 research facilities, 2 hospitals, 4 libraries, 19 joint-use facilities (including CIEE), and 3 national joint-use facilities. Furthermore, the University maintains a downtown extension, the Nakanoshima Center, Tokyo office, 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:

<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp</a>

(as of May 1, 2014)



School of Foreign Studies (Minoh)



European Center for Academic Initiatives (The Netherlands)

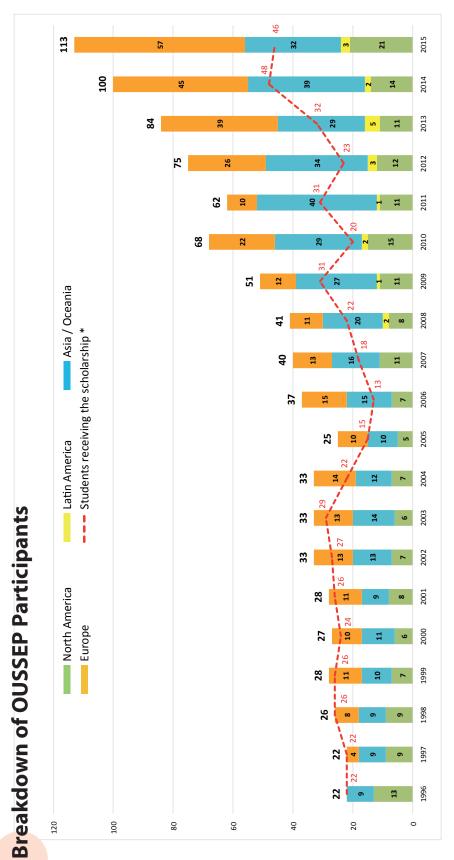


North American Center for Academic Initiatives (USA)

### **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 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.



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	Xex	Female	10	11	7	6	13	14	18	17	15	14	16	19	21	24	39	4	40	43	9	64	498
Number of Students	Students'	Number of Humanities & Students' Social Sciences	19	15	15	15	15	17	16	17	18	11	24	24	21	34	51	37	57	26	69	77	809
	Major	Natural Sciences & Engineering	3	7	11	13	12	11	17	16			13	16	20	17	17	25	18	28	31	36	340
	Total		22	22	56	28	27	28	33	33	33	22	37	40	41	51	89	62	75	84	100	113	948

\*The name of scholarship: JASSO, OU, JENESYS, or IAJ Scholorship

See the following page: '115 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP for 1996-2015'

### 115 UNIVERSITIES which sent their student(s) to OUSSEP between 1996-2015

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 (4)	McGill University, McMaster University, University of British Columbia, University of Toronto				
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				
Czech Republic (1)	Charles 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, Consortium of Universities in Strasbourg, Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, Joseph Fourier University, Lille Institute of Political Studies, Louis Pastuer University, MarcBloch University, Robert Schuman University, University of Grenoble, University of Stendhal Grenoble, University of Strasbourg				
Germany (15)	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 Universität Berlin, Technische Universitat Munchen, The University of Goettingen, University of Augsburg, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster				
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, Gasper 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, Vaxio 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. (4)	Durham University, The University of Nottingham, University of Leeds, University of London				
U.S.A. (7)	Nazareth College, Purdue University, Texas A & M University, University of Georgia, University of California, University of Washington, Wesleyan College				
Vietnam (3)	Hong Bang University International, Hue University, Nong Lam University				

## 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 Techno	ology	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 (spring)

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 2016 and the Spring semester of 2017 are listed on pages 20-22.

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

# 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 ( $2\sim4$  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 six levels of Japanese courses (4 credits each semester), according to their proficiency level.

#### **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 culture.







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#### **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. (AS of january, 2016)

#### **Academic Year: OUSSEP 2016-2017**

#### **Fall Semester**

The end of September, 2016

The beginning of October, 2016

December 23, 2016-January 3, 2017

January 4, 2017

The middle of February, 2017

The middle of February-The end of

March, 2017

Orientation

Classes start

Year end/ New Year break

Classes restart

Classes end

Spring break

#### **Spring semester**

The beginning of April, 2017

The beginning of April, 2017

The beginning of August, 2017

Orientation

Classes start

Classes end



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# 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 <b>OUSSEP</b> student. Incoming students must have successfully completed at least one academic year at their home University at the time of application.
3	Pay tuition fees to his/her home institution during his/her study duration as an <b>OUSSEP</b> student.
4	Be recommended by the academic staff of his/her home institution.
5	Return to his/her home institution upon completion of <b>OUSSEP</b> .

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 80 or higher on the internet based test (iBT), is a prerequisite for students from non-English speaking countries. Other internationally recognized tests, such as IELTS 6.0 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 contact the international or student mobility office of the home university which administrates student exchange and ask about the recruiting and screening schedule, and minimum requirements for the exchange. On approval by the office, applicants should obtain an authentication password to use Osaka University's online application system from their university or college office. These should be completed and submitted online.

When applicants are selected and online nomination is completed by the exchange coordinator of the home university they will receive (1) a student authentication password from the exchange coordinator of your university 2 an email of registration notification with authentication web page URL (to your contact email your coordinator has registered.)

Once students have both, they can go to the webpage to be authenticated and get their own ID and password to log on their personal web page to apply for the OU university-wide exchange program.

#### The following documents are required:

	Document	Notes	How to submit
1	Application	(Online submission Only) The application includes: student personal information, education history and other experiences, intended program and period, inquiry on exchange scholarship etc	Online form
2	Statement of Pu	irpose	PDF upload
3	Career goal		
4	School affiliation	n request	
5	Intended list of	courses	
6	Independent Study application	Those who apply for the "Independent Study" should submit it.	
7	Academic transcripts	A copy of latest official academic transcripts in English or a version with English/Japanese translation. The documents should include enrolment year, program, course titles with grade and number of credit hours, issue date and course grading details.	
8	Academic reference letter	An academic reference letter from faculty member in the student's major who knows him/her well.  However, the letters from a teaching assistant or coordinator will not be accepted.	
9	Official language test report	Applicable from non-English speaking countries	
10	Photocopy of passport	Applicable from non-English speaking countries	JPEG upload



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#### What Should be Prepared for Application

In order to use Osaka University's online application system, student and /or coordinators will need to have access to the following system and hardware.

#### Windows PC or Mac computer with secured internet access

The online application system is designed to operate with traditional desktop/laptop computers and not guaranteed to work on tablet computers, smartphone or other mobile devices. Please make sure to use a PC or Mac in the application.

#### **PDF** converter software

Required documents will have to be submitted in PDF. If you use Microsoft Office 2007,2010 or 2013, you can save a Word file as a PDF. If not, the computer should have a PDF convertor, such as Adobe Acrobat.

#### **Image scanner**

Students will have to upload scanned PDFs of their transcripts, reference letter etc. from the encrypted web page. They will need a scanner to create a PDF from print documents. Scanned PDF documents must be legible and reproducible.

(Taking a picture from a smartphone or digital camera is not recommended as the image often is too dark, blurry, or with some cut-off at the bottom, which we do not accept.)

#### E-mail

As we are unable to check undelivered emails on the system, it is extremely important students register an active and reliable email account. Both university and personal email, web-based and client based email can be used.



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#### Selection Process for the 2016 Fall and 2017 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



Koyasan



Trip to Koyasan



Hiroshima

# 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 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 is not willing to 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 Point 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		Α	В	С	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	Α	В	С	F
Pattern 6	Α	В	С	D	F
Grade Point (GP)	3	3	2	1	0

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

 $(Total\ Credits\ of\ GP\ 3)\times 3 + (Total\ Credits\ of\ GP\ 2)\times 2 + (Total\ Credits\ of\ GP\ 1)\times 1 + (Total\ Credits\ of\ GP\ 0)\times 0$ **Total Credits** 







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Trip to Hiroshima

### Fall Semester 2016: Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP

Title	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue
Literature and language of Japan and China	Masao SAITO	Letter	Thu.2	Toyonaka
Gender Studies	Paola Cavaliere		Tue.3	Toyonaka
Sociology I	Viktoriya KIM		Tue.2	Toyonaka
Sociology II	Viktoriya KIM		Thu.2	Toyonaka
Anthropology II	Christie LAM		Wed. 2	Toyonaka
Introduction to Civil Society Movements	Christie LAM		Thu.3	Toyonaka
Media Sociology	Viktoriya KIM	Human Sciences	Fri. 2	Toyonaka
Japanese Myths and Legends	TBA		Wed.5	Toyonaka
Primatology in Japan	Masayuki NAKAMICHI		Mon.4	Suita
Multivariate Statistical Science	Kohei ADACHI		Mon.4	Suita
Global Issues in Education	ТВА		Tue.3	Suita
Contemporary Japanese Thoughts	Wolfgang SCHWENTKER		Tue.4	Suita
Special lecture (Topics in Comparative Contract and Torts Law)	Leonardo Ciano		Wed. 3	Toyonaka
Topics in Comparative Law	Pedriza Luis	Law	Fri.4	Toyonaka
Topics in Japanese Law	Pedriza Luis		Tue.2	Toyonaka
Current Topics in Earth and Space Science	Kentaro NAGAMINE	Science	Thu. 3	Toyonaka
Introduction of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science	Masahiko SHIBAHARA		Mon.3	Suita
Frontiers in Electronics	Nobuya MORI		Fri. 3	Suita
Energy and Environment: A multidisciplinary approach towards world's energy crisis	Toshihiro TANAKA	Engineering	Fri. 2	Suita
Introduction to International Understanding	Kiyoshi FUJITA		Mon3	Suita
Invitation to Electronics	Utako TANAKA	Engineering Science	Tue.5	Toyonaka
Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	MURAKAMI-SMITH, Andrew	Language and Culture	Wed.3	Toyonaka
Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	Fri.3	Minoh
Regional Integration	Hiro LEE	International Public Policy	Tue.4	Toyonaka
Psychology of Language and Japanese Language Acquisition	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		Mon.3	Suita
Approaches to Understanding Cultures	Tomoko ARIKAWA		Thu. 4	Toyonaka
Social Entrepreneurship	Yukari ITO		Thu. 3	Toyonaka
Computers in Language Learning	Noriko UOSAKI		Tue. 5	Toyonaka
Media and Communications in Japan	Sachihiko KONDO		Wed. 4	Toyonaka
Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications (II)	Keizo MIYAHARA	. Center for	Thu. 5	Toyonaka
Translation and Translators	Saeka TOSHIOKA	International Education and	Mon.2	Suita
Japanese JA100	Koji NAMBA	Exchange	3 classes per week	Toyonaka
Japanese JA200	Mioko YOSHINAGA		3 classes per week	Toyonaka
Japanese JA300	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka
Japanese JA400	未定		3 classes per week	Toyonaka
Japanese JA500	Koji NAMBA		3 classes per week	Toyonaka
Japanese JA600	Shinya OTANI		3 classes per week	Toyonaka
Independent Study I-A,B,C				

## **Spring Semester 2017: Full-year OUSSEP, Half-year OUSSEP**

	Title	Lecture	School	Schedule	Venue
	Philosophical Thinking and Japanese Traditions	Fumio ENOMOTO	Letters	TBA	Toyonaka
	Anthropology I	MOHACSI GERGELY		TBA	Toyonaka
	Comparative Sociology	Scott NORTH		TBA	Suita
S	eminar in Studies of Multicultural Societies	Viktoriya KIM		TBA	Suita
	Politics I	Philip Streich		TBA	Toyonaka
	Self, Identity and Society	Don BYSOUTH		TBA	Toyonaka
	International Development and Collaboration I	Yasuhide NAKAMURA	Human Sciences	ТВА	Suita
	Social Stratification in Japanese Society	Paola CAVALIERE		ТВА	Suita
C	urrent Issues in Japanese Law and Society	Viktoriya KIM		ТВА	Suita
	Human Rights	Christie LAM		ТВА	Toyonaka
I	ntroduction to Sociology of Marriage and Family	Viktoriya KIM		ТВА	Toyonaka
	Topics in Japanese Law	Pedriza Luis		ТВА	ТВА
	Topics in Comparative Law	Pedriza Luis	Law	ТВА	Toyonaka
	ioethics and Health Law:Legal Issues Concerning iotechnology, Medicine and Health Care System	Koichi SEYTOYAMA		ТВА	Toyonaka
	Chemistry and Human Life	Naoto ISHIKAWA	Science	ТВА	Toyonaka
	Health Service and Medical Care in Japan	Hiroyasu ISO	Medicine	ТВА	Suita
-	Introduction to Global Architecture Role of Global Architecture in Sustainable Development -	Susumu ARAKI	Engineering	ТВА	Suita
	Osaka in Modern Japanese Literature	Andrew MURAKAMI-SMITH	Language and Culture	ТВА	Toyonaka
	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding	Tomoya HORIKAWA	Foreign Studies	ТВА	Minoh
	Managing Innovation and Change	Yaeko MITSUMORI	International Collage	ТВА	Toyonaka
	Second Language Learning with Online Resources	Noriko UOSAKI		ТВА	Toyonaka
	Japan: Society and Ideology	Sachihiko KONDO		ТВА	ТВА
٦	opics in Mathematics and its Engineering Applications (I)	Keizo MIYAHARA		TBA	ТВА
	Language and Translation	Saeka TOSHIOKA		TBA	Suita
	Japanese JA100	Koji NAMBA	Center for International	ТВА	Toyonaka
	Japanese JA200	Mioko YOSHINAGA	Education and Exchange	ТВА	Toyonaka
	Japanese JA300	Koichi NISHIGUCHI		ТВА	Toyonaka
	Japanese JA400	TBA		ТВА	Toyonaka
		Koji NAMBA		ТВА	Toyonaka
	Japanese JA500	ROJI NAMBA			
	Japanese JA600	Shinya OTANI		TBA	Toyonaka

## Time Table

## International Exchange Subjects Timetable for the Second Semester (Fall 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)	
2	Translation and	Sociology I	Anthropology II	Literature and language of Japan and China	Energy and Environment: A multidisciplinary approach towards world's energy crisis
-	Translators	Topics in Japanese Law	All all opening of the second	Sociology II	Media Sociology
	Introduction to International Understanding	Gender Studies	Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	Social Entrepreneurship	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding
3	Psychology of Language and Japanese Language Acquisition	Global Issues in Education	Special lecture (Topics in Comparative Contract and Torts Law)	Introduction to Civil Society Movements	Frontiers in Electronics
	Introduction of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science			Current Topics in Earth and Space Science	
4	Multivariate Statistical Science	Regional Integration	Media and Communications in	Approaches to	Topics in Comparative
7	Primatology in Japan	Contemporary Japanese Thoughts	Japan	Understanding Cultures	Law
5		Computers in Language Learning	Japanese Myths and	Topics in Mathematics and its Engineering	
3		Invitation to Electronics	Legends	Applications(II)	

## 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 the 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, 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.



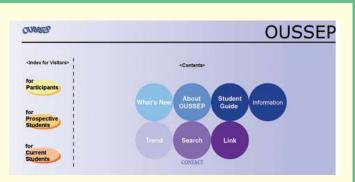
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Assembly

### **OUSSEP Home Page**

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



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

# 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). 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 homestays 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 country.



With Buddy (Buddy Program)



Bazaar



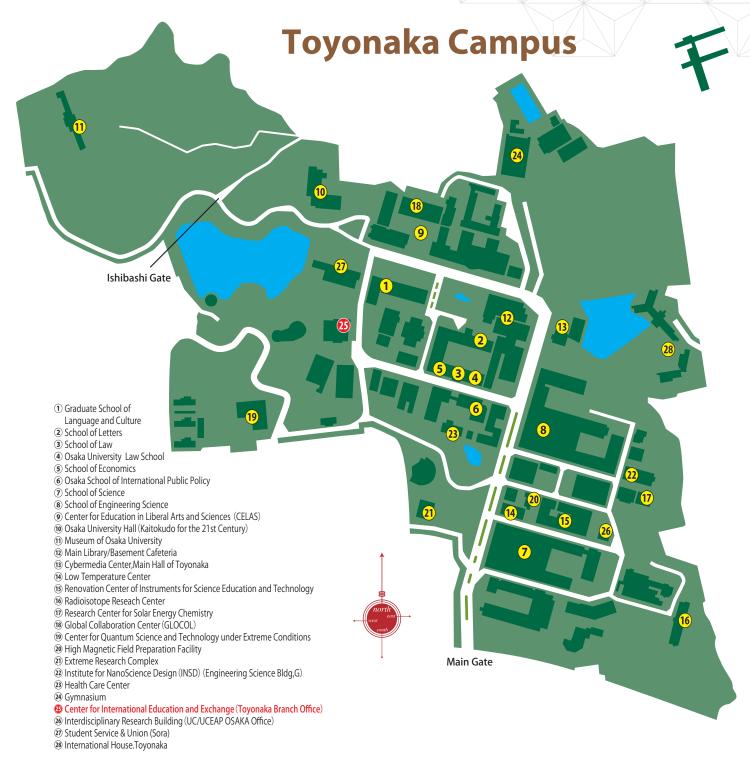
Cooking class (Okonomiyaki)



Assembly



Talk by A-bomb survivor in Hiroshima





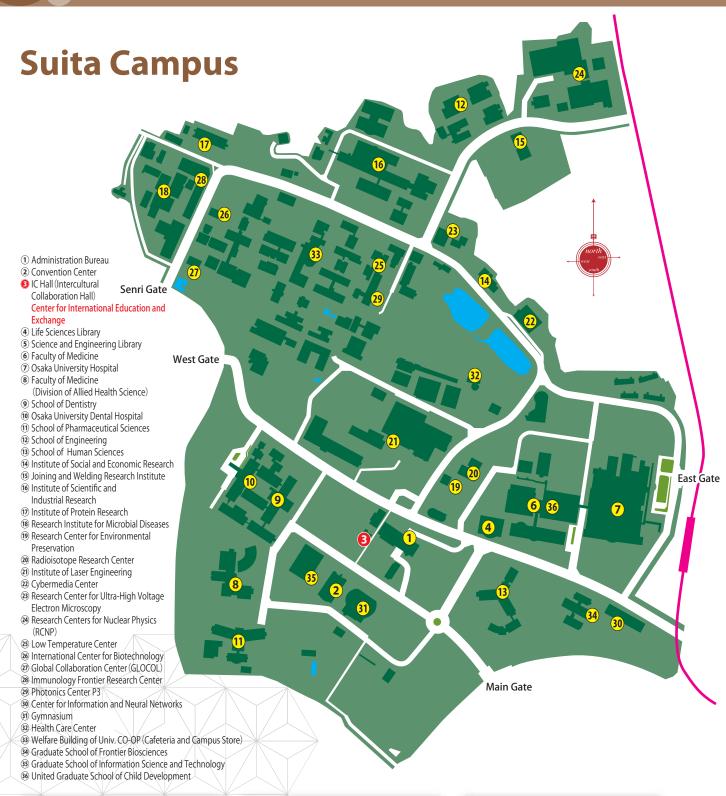
Student Service & Union (Toyonaka)



Toyonaka Campus



Toyonaka Main Gate





Faculty of Medicine and University Hospital (Suita)



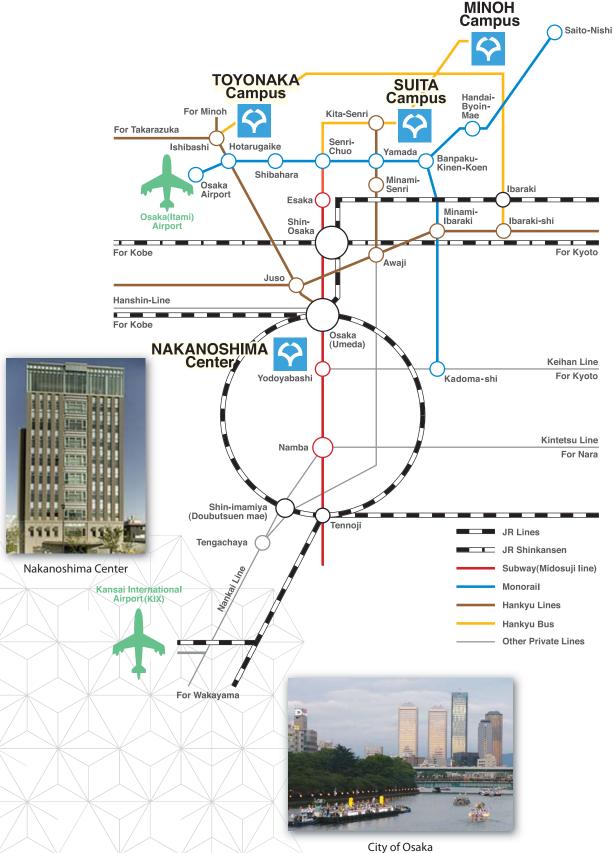




Suita Main Gate



### **Transportation from the City of OSAKA to the Campuses**



# Students Quotes

#### **Students' Comments**

Participating in **OUSSEP** has been a great opportunity for me to broaden my horizons in many ways. I have learned so much from the classes, I have been travelling, and I have met other exchange students, my host family and also my Japanese buddy. In addition, I found my new favorite foods while living in Osaka; okonomiyaki and takoyaki! **Emmi, Finland** 

I applied for **OUSSEP** to learn about Japanese language, culture and meet other exchange students. From exciting field trips to fascinating classroom discussions, this has been a truly eye opening Angel, Canada experience.

It's only been about a month and a half and I've already experienced a lot of good things because of OUSSEP. I've been to Hiroshima and Mlyajima with amazing people and I've already learned how to make my very own Okonomiyaki! 留学なら OUSSEP でよかった! Janine, Philippines

I was so glad to be a part of student life at Osaka University and I had an unforgettable experience in Japan. I LOVE OSAKA. Keumsun, Korea

The **OUSSEP** program provides multiple opportunities to explore Japan and learn about several aspects of the Japanese culture and language. I have learned so much about myself and people from all over the world. Wherever you go, there is a network of friendly professors, dorm neighbors, classmates, and others eager to help you along the way. I highly recommend coming to Osaka University and starting what will surely be the most exciting adventure of your college career!

#### Hannah, United States

If you want to enjoy the colorful campus life and the wonderful trip with friends from all over the world,OUSSEP could be your first choice! The considerate teachers and the friendly tutors will help you to experience a new culture in Japan. Nancy (Xuenan), China



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#### **Students' Comments**

The **OUSSEP** Program is brilliant, because it provides a lot of insight in various parts of Japanese culture.

It also gave me the freedom to mostly focus on learning Japanese and getting to know both Japanese people and people from other countries. I would choose it again anytime!

#### **Alexander, Germany**

The **OUSSEP** program is very well organised and the helpful coordinators are always there for you if you need assistance. As an OUSSEP student I met lots of nice people from all over the world, and had the opportunity to take classes from different academic fields as well as Japanese language classes. I had a great time in Osaka. Annika, Germany

Meeting different people from all over the world, traveling to some famous places in Japan, learning how to cook Japanese food... Thanks **OUSSEP** for giving me such an unforgettable experience in Osaka, Japan! I will definitely miss here! Xiaoshuo, China

**OUSSEP** was even more than I expected. More fun, more stimulating, more experiences and a lot more variety. OUSSEP courses, graduate courses and independent study allow for as broad or as specific a study as you would like, while the coordinators ensure that you enjoy the most of your time Diederik, the Netherlands here. Highly recommended!

If I were to choose again, I would definitely still choose **OUSSEP** as my first choice of exchange program. With all the super cool people from all over the world, we can literally discover, experience, and enjoy Japan up to 200 percent here;) **OUSSEP** is that awesome! Dhilla, Indonesia

From an helpful staff to really nice Japanese students, from interesting debates to a lot of fun with exchange students, Japan is an exceptional exchange in very different ways! And Osaka is a city fitting it perfectly with access to most historical and cultural sites of Japan and the right support for **OUSSEP**, the exchange program growing every year! Florian, Belgium



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Cooking class (Okonomiyaki)

Participating in the **OUSSEP** program is like joining a big family with members from all over the world.

Everybody who has the possibilty to stay here for more than one semester should take the chance and enjoy Japan in an unique and absolutely awesome way! Michael, Germany

I am really happy that I chose **OUSSEP** program. We have a lot of events which help us to understand Japanese culture and everyday life better. The process of education is exciting and all the teachers are positive and friendly. At the moment I have been living in Osaka only for 2,5 months but I feel like years have already passed because the university engages you into various activities and you do not have time to be homesick, the process of adaptation was very quick and smooth. I am very grateful to all the staff of **OUSSEP** program and to Osaka University in general! Yana, Russia

The **OUSSEP** program gave me an opportunity to study many interesting subjects. I was also able to improve my Japanese and English communication skills. Meeting awesome people and learning about not only Japanese culture but cultures from all around the world has been a great experience. Time in Japan has been the best time in my life and I would definitely recommend OUSSEP program to anyone! Teemu, Finland

The **OUSSEP** program gave us the opportunity to meet the nicest people from all over the world and to really enjoy Japan, so it will stay a wonderful moment for both of us. **Agathe & Sandra, France** 



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Orientation (Fall)



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



Cooking class (Okonomiyaki)

## Year at OUSSEP



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With Host Family



Making Japanese sweet



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Last Assembly



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Farewell Party



Bazaar



Farewell Party

# 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. <a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl/">http://www.ets.org/toefl/>

### **Application Deadline:**

Fall of 2016 Enrollment / March 31, 2016 Spring of 2017 Enrollment /The end of October, 2016 Documents must be submitted on line no later than the above dates.

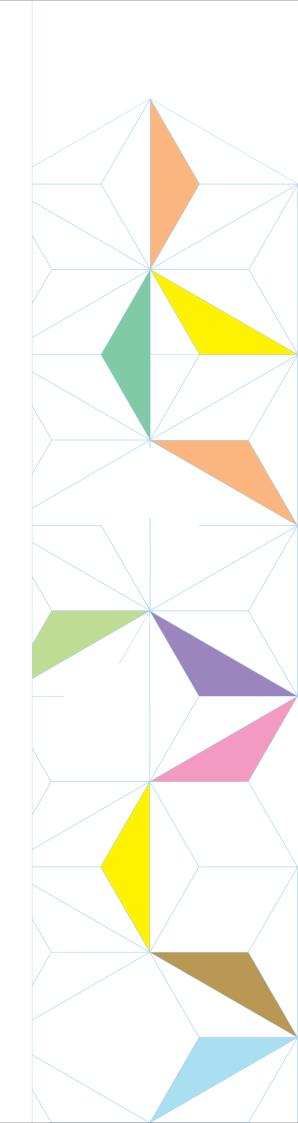
For application, please use Osaka University's online application system. For further information, please contact the international student affairs division.

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