



OUSSEP

OSAKA UNIVERSITY SHORT-TERM
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

What is OUSSEP ?

OUSSEP (Osaka University Short-term Student Exchange Program)

◇ Guidelines

Since the 1996-97 academic year, the Osaka University Short-term Student Exchange Program (OUSSEP) has offered academic lectures taught in English (International Exchange Subjects) under the close coordination of the Center for International Education and Exchange (hereafter referred to as the CIEE).

◇ Language Requirements

- TOEFL iBT 80 or higher
- IELTS 6.0 or higher
- Cambridge English with CEFR B2 level or higher
- Official assessment report (on both receptive and productive skills) of home university's language center
- Official certificate/letter which proves English is the medium of instruction at the student's school/faculty/graduate school

◇ Student Status

Special Auditor (Credited): Applicable for both undergraduate student and graduate students

i. Duration: Fixed period (semester based)

1) 1 semester (15 weeks): From April to August, or from October to February

2) 2 semesters (30 weeks): From April to February, or from October to August

ii. Applicant will participate in credited supervised research, and have an option to take other credited courses

◇ Credits and Completion

All OUSSEP courses, including the Japanese Language Program, Independent Study, and Internship Course, are electives. The minimum requirement each semester for the satisfactory completion of OUSSEP is 14 credits and the mandatory participation in that semester's field trip. The International Affairs Committee of Osaka University will award Certificates of Completion to students who successfully complete OUSSEP. Aside from the International Exchange Subjects, Independent Study Course, Internship Course, and CIEE Japanese Language course, two of Osaka University's regular credits can be counted toward the completion of OUSSEP.

Studying Japanese

OUSSEP is an English speaking program which caters to students with a variety of backgrounds. Although students may take three elective Japanese classes per week, the program is not suitable for those who wish to study Japanese intensively such as for 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**.



Koya-san



Assembly



Miyajima



Koya-san



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

What Will I Study in OUSSEP ?

Structure of the Program

International Exchange Subjects are offered by a variety of faculties and are designed mainly for 3rd year undergraduate students. Exchange students for **OUSSEP** are expected to earn at least 14 credits each semester mostly from International Exchange Subjects (28 credits in an academic year). This includes Independent Study Course, Internship Course, and Japanese language classes. Students can then transfer the credits to their home institutions.

i) International Exchange Subjects

Osaka University tries to balance the number of students majoring in the natural sciences (including engineering and medicine), the humanities, and the social sciences. Students may select their subjects according to their majors and interests. At the same time, students are encouraged to take subjects outside their own majors as this will help them to broaden their perspective and gain a deeper understanding of Japanese society and culture.

ii) Independent Study Course

One of the unique features of the Full-year and Half-year **OUSSEP** programs is the Independent Study (2-4 credits per semester). Students can propose a study topic and are then assigned to a supervising professor in an appropriate school/faculty/graduate school. Students may study a particular subject that is not found in the International Exchange Subjects (Individual Study) or conduct a research project on a particular theme (Independent Research). Students and their supervising professor will agree upon the scope and depth of the study at the beginning of the program*. For Full-year **OUSSEP** students, the Independent Study usually continues for two semesters. At the end of each semester students submit their report on the topic to the supervising professor. Refer to the Guide to Independent Study found on 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 Independent Study is particularly large in scope, the supervising professor and the International Affairs Committee may decide to grant up to 4 credits per semester for graduate students, instead of the usual 2 credits.

iii) OUSSEP Internship Course

From October 2020, **OUSSEP** launched a new Internship Course to provide an opportunity for participants to gain practical work experience and earn academic credits. In this course, **OUSSEP** cooperates with partner in the private sectors.

iv) 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.

v) 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. As a part of the academic courses, students go on field trips to different parts of the country to meet local people and experience local culture. Students have traveled to Hiroshima to listen to English testimony of atomic bombing survivors, and to Koyasan to visit the mountain temples that was once at the heart of esoteric Buddhism. **OUSSEP** participants who successfully acquire the required credits for completion will be able to join these field trips without having to pay a fee.

Arrangements for Independent Study / Internship Courses

OUSSEP coordinators need the amount of preparation for independent study and internship course arrangements. Students who wish to take an Independent Study and/or Internship Course must indicate so when applying for an OUSSEP program.

***Participants who enroll in the Internship will be unable to take CIEE Japanese classes due to schedule conflicts.**



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



OUSSEP Hoodies

Sample Time Table

International Exchange Subjects Timetable (Sample)

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Campus	Suita	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka/Suita	Toyonaka/Suita/Minoh
1		Japanese JA (100, 200, 300, 400), JGU (500, 600)	Japanese JA (100, 200, 300, 400), JGU (500, 600)	Japanese JA (100, 200, 300, 400), JGU (500, 600)	
			UC Frontier Science	UC Frontier Science	
2	Sociological Theory	Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Japan	Sociology of Migration	UC Frontier Science	Media Sociology
		Topics in Japanese Law	Topics in Comparative Law	Science and Society	Introduction to Materials Chemistry
				Japanese Literature, Modern and Contemporary	
				Diversity and Human Rights in Japan	
3		Language Communication and Performance	Special lecture (Topics in Comparative Contract and Torts Law)		
4	Primatology in Japan	Computers in Language Learning	Introduction to Intercultural Communication-Strategies for Intercultural Learning	2-Dimensional Geometry	Seminar Course for Intercultural Understanding
	Multivariate Statistical Science	Social Innovation and Social Design		Approaches to Understanding Cultures	
5			Media and Communications in Japan	Frontiers of Materials Physics	Role of Global Architecture in Sustainable Development

* This time table is based on the 2020 Fall/Winter Semester



My Country/Region My University



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A year at OUSSEP



Orientation



Shaved Ice Party



Koya-san



Okonomiyaki Party



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



Farewell Party



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