



School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University  
Information Sheet 2017-2018 for Exchange Program

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of University	Osaka University (大阪大学)
Host institution	Undergraduate: School of Law Graduate: Graduate School of Law and Politics
Office in charge of student exchange	Educational Affairs Section
Address	1-6 Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka 565-0871, JAPAN *Located in Toyonaka campus <a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/index.html">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/index.html</a>
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PROGRAM INFORMATION	
Level of study	Undergraduate/Graduate
Exchange student's registration status at Osaka University	<b>Special Auditor</b> Special Auditor can take classes provided by School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics or classes opened for all Osaka University students. Special Auditor can be given credits.  *Note: The classes offered by Graduate School of Law and Politics can be registered by only graduate students.
Academic requirements	<b>Undergraduate students:</b> Completion of one year of study, and being in good academic standing at home university  <b>Graduate students:</b> Completion of a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in order to take classes at a graduate level, and being in good academic standing at home university
Language of instruction	Japanese and English
Period of exchange	1 semester or 2 semesters

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Academic Calendar	Spring Semester: April 1 to September 30 Course schedule: early April to mid August Fall Semester: October 1 to March 31 Course schedule: October 1 to mid February

Course information	<p><b>[Classes taught in English offered by School of Law]</b>  School of Law offers some classes for each semester.  The followings are those offered in academic year 2016-2017</p> <p><b>Spring Semester:</b>  Japanese Constitutional Law, Special Lecture (Topics in Japanese Law), Special Lecture (Topics in Comparative Law), Special Lecture (Legal Presentation and Negotiation in English), Special Lecture (Bioethics and Health Law), Special Lecture (Introduction to Anglo-American: Constitution)</p> <p><b>Fall Semester:</b>  Special Lecture (Focal Points of Public and Private Law in Japan), Special Lecture (Topics in Japanese Law), Special Lecture (Topics in Comparative Law), Special Lecture (Topics in Comparative Law and Tort Law), Special Lecture (Academic Writing)</p> <p><b>[Classes offered in English at Osaka University]</b>  <b>For undergraduate students:</b>  <a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/international/inbound/exchange_program/CoursesTaughtinEnglish2016forUndergraduate.pdf">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/international/inbound/exchange_program/CoursesTaughtinEnglish2016forUndergraduate.pdf</a></p> <p><b>For graduate students:</b>  <a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/international/inbound/exchange_program/CoursesTaughtinEnglish2016forGraduate.pdf">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/international/inbound/exchange_program/CoursesTaughtinEnglish2016forGraduate.pdf</a></p> <p>*Note 1: Each school/department at Osaka University offers classes taught in English. The classes offered by the school/department other than our school are required to get approval from the faculty staff in charge of the class prior to the registration. Please note some classes might not be allowed to register due to some reasons such as class capacity.  *Note 2: The lists for the academic year 2017-2018 will be available for viewing in March 2017 and are subject to change after the academic year 2017 starts.</p> <p><b>[Web Syllabus]</b>  <a href="https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus">https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus</a>  *Note: The information will be updated from February to March before the academic year starts.</p>
Japanese Language Program	Available, both credited and non-credited course *Most of exchange students usually take a credited course.
Course registration	Exchange students submit a course registration form to Educational Affairs Section for designated period after each semester starts.
Minimum credits per semester	Approx. 14 credits (7 classes)
Maximum credits per semester	No limit
Credit	45 hours study including 15-30 class hours = 1 credit (approx. 1.8 ECTS) *Most of the classes are 2 units (90 minutes).
Grading System	100=full mark S (100~90) A (80~89) B (70~79) C (60~69) F (59~) = Fail

When the official transcript will be sent to the partner universities	<p>Spring Semester: mid September          Fall Semester: mid March</p> <p>At the end of the exchange period, a copy of transcript will be mailed to student's home university.</p>
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<b>APPLICATION PROCEDURES</b>	
Nomination deadline	<p>Spring Semester enrolment: November 20, 2016          Fall Semester enrolment: May 20, 2017</p>
How to nominate	<p>Exchange coordinators should nominate by the deadline via email with the following information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nominated student name</li> <li>2. His/Her registered program at home university (e.g. Undergraduate/Master)</li> <li>3. His/Her major/department at home university</li> <li>4. Expected graduation/completion date at home university</li> <li>5. Intended exchange period</li> </ol>
Application deadline	<p>Spring Semester enrolment: November 25, 2016          Fall Semester enrolment: May 25, 2017</p>
How to apply	<p>Please submit an application form and supporting documents by post by the deadline.</p>
Application documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application form (*prescribed form)</li> <li>2. Nomination letter from home institution</li> <li>3. An official transcript of records from the student's home university</li> <li>4. Study plan (*prescribed form)</li> <li>5. Financial resources confirmation form (*prescribed form)</li> <li>6. Bank statement</li> <li>7. Certificate of language proficiency in Japanese and/or English</li> <li>8. A photocopy of passport, which students will travel on</li> </ol>

<b>ACCOMMODATIONS</b>	
University residence	<p>University residence is available to exchange students but rooms are limited. Some of the residences are located off campus.</p> <p><a href="https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/housing/information/#D03">https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/housing/information/#D03</a></p>
How to apply	<p>Check "Yes" to the related section in the application form</p>
Accommodation arrangement	<p>Once a room of one of the university residences has been assigned, we will contact the student(s) via email.</p> <p>*Note 1: Due to the limited number of rooms available, we might not be able to secure a room for all of the exchange students. If not, we will provide the students with other options such as private housing.</p> <p>*Note 2: Applicants are not able to choose their university residence by themselves.</p>

**ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES**

Living expenses	<p>The average monthly expenses (excluding tuition) of an international student are approximately 86,000yen(US\$735) in Kinki area, where Osaka is located.</p> <p>For more details, refer to the following URL. (34 page)  <a href="http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2016/07/07/sgte_2016_e.pdf">http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2016/07/07/sgte_2016_e.pdf</a>          ("Student Guide to Japan" published by the Japan Student Services Organization)          *Calculated at US\$1=117JPY</p>
Tuition	Must pay to the home university

**INSURANCE**

Mandatory insurance that exchange students are required to purchase.	<p><b>National Health Insurance:</b>          2,000 – 3,000 JPY per month (depends on the city)          Covers 70% of medical bills</p> <p><b><u>Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS)</u></b>          1,000 JPY per year.          Osaka University students are required to purchase <b>PAS</b>.</p>
Strongly recommended insurance to purchase	Overseas traveller's personal accident insurance and Liability insurance covering the period from your departure until your return home.

**ORIENTATION**

Orientation session	<p>Spring Semester: Beginning of April          Fall Semester: Late September</p>
Recommended arrival date	<p>Spring Semester: Early April          Fall Semester: Late September</p> <p>Classes for spring semester usually start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, and Classes for fall semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.</p>