

Student Exchange Program Information Sheet For 2017-2018 Academic Year

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Office hour	8:30~18:30 Monday-Friday / 8:30~17:30 Saturday
Nomination deadline	For Spring semester (April ~ August) : September 30 For Fall semester (September ~ February) : February 28
Application deadline	For Spring semester (April ~ August) : October 31 For Fall semester (September ~ February) : March 31
Language requirement	<u>For course in English</u> • TOEFL iBT score 61 or the equivalent of a 61 TOEFL iBT score <u>For regular course in Japanese</u> • N2 on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or the equivalent of a N2 JLPT level <u>For Intensive Japanese Course</u> • One-year study of Japanese is desirable
Duration of program	1 or 2 semesters
Course load	Minimum : 10 credit hours per week Maximum : No limitation (average 14~18 credits per semester)
Orientation	We offer an on-site orientation to newly incoming exchange students 1-2 days prior to the beginning of the semester.

<p>Visa information</p>	<p>Please fill out an Application for Certificate of Eligibility. We submit the completed Application for Certificate of Eligibility to the Immigration Bureau of Japan to apply for a visa to stay/study in Japan.</p> <p>We send a Certificate of Eligibility provided by the Immigration Bureau of Japan 1.5-2 months prior to beginning of the intended semester of Student Exchange Program. It takes 1-1.5 months until the Immigration Bureau of Japan provides us with a Certificate of Eligibility.</p> <p>A visa to stay/study in Japan as an exchange student is issued at the local Japanese embassy/consulate general by submitting the Certificate of Eligibility provided by the Immigration Bureau of Japan.</p>	
<p>Arrival in Osaka</p>	<p>Designated arrival date</p>	<p>To be announced as soon as it is fixed: normally 2-3 days prior to an orientation for new incoming exchange students.</p>
	<p>Preferred arrival time</p>	<p>In the morning or before 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>A residence card (to stay in Japan more than three months) will be provided to you at the immigration section in the airport.</p> <p><u>From Kansai International Airport to Higashiosaka campus :</u> If you are arriving on the designated arrival date, a special pick-up service should be arranged by the Center for International Affairs.</p> <p>If you cannot arrive on the designated arrival day, an exchange student is responsible for arriving at Kindai University on his/her own.</p>	
<p>Campus life (Higashiosaka Campus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wi-Fi • Clinic • Library • Dining facilities (Cafeterias, Fast-food restaurants, Bakery) • Bookstore • Convenience stores • Travel agency • Gym • Computer laboratory • English Village (Only English is allowed to speak) 	

*The information for 2017-2018 to be announced when available.

2016-2017
Academic calendar

Spring Semester (April - August)

Friday, April 1 . . . Beginning of the semester
 Saturday, April 2 . . . Entrance ceremony
 Wednesday, April 6 . . . First day of classes
 Tuesday, July 26 . . . Last day of classes
 Wednesday, July 27 ~ Thursday, August 4 . . . Exam Week
 Friday, August 5 . . . Beginning of the summer vacation
 Monday, September 12 . . . End of the semester

Fall Semester (September - February)

Tuesday, September 13 . . . Beginning of the semester
 Tuesday, November 1 ~ Friday, November 4 . . . School festival
 Saturday, November 5 . . . School Foundation day (No classes)
 Saturday, December 25 . . . Beginning of the winter recess
 Tuesday, January 10 . . . Resuming classes
 Thursday, January 26 . . . Last day of classes
 Friday, January 27 ~ Monday, February 6 . . . Exam Week
 Tuesday, February 7 . . . Beginning of the spring vacation
 Friday, March 31 . . . End of the semester

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Public Holidays
(No classes)

January 1	New Year's Day
January 11	Coming-of-Age Day
February 11	National Foundation Day
March 21	Vernal Equinox Day
April 29	Showa Day
May 3	Constitution Day
May 4	Greenery Day
May 5	Children's Day
July 18	Marine Day
September 19	Respect-for-the-Aged Day
September 22	Autumnal Equinox Day
October 10	Health and Sports Day
November 3	Culture Day
November 23	Labor Thanksgiving Day
December 23	The Emperor's Birthday

Accommodation	We arrange a studio apartment equipped with appliances such as TV, microwave, washing machine, refrigerator, air conditioner within a walking distance to our campus. The rent per month is approximately 30,000 yen plus utilities (water/electricity/gas) and Internet OR 45,000yen including those.	
Surrounding area	(Higashiosaka campus) There are supermarkets/grocery stores, post office, convenience stores, 100 yen shop and diners in the neighborhood. It is about 15 minutes to the nearest train station on foot.	
Estimated monthly living costs (The actual living costs will depend on the choices and the lifestyle)	Food	approximately 20,000 ~ 25,000 yen (mainly self-catering)
	Utility charges	approximately 7,000 ~ 8,000 yen (water, gas, electric bill)
	Personal expenses	approximately 50,000 ~ 80,000 yen (transportation, clothing, phone, leisure, etc)
National Health Insurance and Study Abroad Health(sickness) / Accident insurance	All international students who stay in Japan over 3 months are required to subscribe to National Health Insurance (NHI). NHI covers 70% of medical expense and an international student is responsible for the rest, 30% of the expense. (Treatment which is not considered as “medical treatment” such as complete medical checkup, treatment for cavity prevention, orthodontic and cosmetic surgery are not covered by NHI) NHI premium per month is around 2000 yen. NHI does not pay a residual disability benefit and an emergency reunion benefit, therefore we require all exchange students to purchase a Study Abroad health (sickness) / accident insurance before they leave for Japan. A Study Abroad health (sickness) / accident insurance certificate is one of the required documents for application.	
Credit card	We recommend all incoming exchange students to bring at least one credit card to Japan just in case. Visa card and Master card are widely accepted in Japan. UnionPay card and Discover credit card are not convenient to use in Japan. (Limited availability)	
Mobile Phone	SIM-Free mobile phones / smart phones will work with an appropriate SIM card which is available in Japan. There are two ways to get a SIM card. One is a purchase of a pre-paid SIM card and the other is a subscription SIM card plan. It is necessary to make sure if the device is compatible with a SIM card on the service provider website. The device should be unlocked and compatible with Japanese mobile network (typically 3G UMTS 2100MHz,	

	<p>3G CDMA2000 800 MHz, or LTE band 1) to use in Japan. Most modern 3G and 4G phones are compatible with one or more of these networks. There is no GSM network in Japan, so GSM-only phones do not work. Many older phones may not work due to different technologies. Most of the SIM cards which are available in Japan are compatible with SIM-Free iPhones.</p>																																																																						
<p>Lectures for international students on disaster control in Japan</p>	<p>http://www.jpss.jp/en/life/crisis/ (English) http://www.jpss.jp/ko/life/crisis/ (Korean) http://www.jpss.jp/zh-cn/life/crisis/ (Chinese) http://www.jpss.jp/zh-tw/life/crisis/ (Chinese) http://www.jpss.jp/th/life/crisis/ (Thai)</p>																																																																						
<p>Climate in Osaka</p>	<p>Osaka has a humid subtropical climate with four distinct seasons. Winters are fairly mild, with temperatures ranging from 37°F (3°C) to 54°F (12°C) and little precipitation. Snowfall is rare but there are occasional light flurries. Summers are quite humid and hot, with temperatures ranging from 68°F (20°C) to 92°F (33°C); summers are also the wettest season in Osaka, with around 10 rainy days per month between May and September. The weather in spring and autumn is mild.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="624 1128 1313 1821"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2"></th> <th colspan="3">Temperature (°C)</th> <th>Humidity</th> </tr> <tr> <th>average</th> <th>lowest</th> <th>highest</th> <th>average</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>January</td> <td>5.9</td> <td>2.2</td> <td>9.8</td> <td>62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February</td> <td>5.8</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>9.8</td> <td>63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March</td> <td>9.9</td> <td>6.0</td> <td>14.0</td> <td>61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April</td> <td>14.8</td> <td>10.1</td> <td>20.0</td> <td>55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May</td> <td>19.8</td> <td>15.5</td> <td>24.9</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June</td> <td>23.9</td> <td>20.7</td> <td>28.5</td> <td>69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>27.8</td> <td>24.5</td> <td>32.1</td> <td>70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>27.8</td> <td>25.0</td> <td>31.7</td> <td>74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td>24.0</td> <td>20.3</td> <td>28.8</td> <td>65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October</td> <td>19.5</td> <td>15.9</td> <td>24.1</td> <td>66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November</td> <td>14.2</td> <td>10.5</td> <td>18.3</td> <td>65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December</td> <td>6.8</td> <td>3.8</td> <td>10.1</td> <td>62</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Temperature (°C)			Humidity	average	lowest	highest	average	January	5.9	2.2	9.8	62	February	5.8	2.5	9.8	63	March	9.9	6.0	14.0	61	April	14.8	10.1	20.0	55	May	19.8	15.5	24.9	60	June	23.9	20.7	28.5	69	July	27.8	24.5	32.1	70	August	27.8	25.0	31.7	74	September	24.0	20.3	28.8	65	October	19.5	15.9	24.1	66	November	14.2	10.5	18.3	65	December	6.8	3.8	10.1	62
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<p>Places of interest in Osaka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umeda Sky Building (One of TOP 20 BUILDINGS AROUND THE WORLD) • Tenjinbashiuji Shotengai (The longest straight shopping street in Japan, approx. 2.6km) • Abeno Harukas (The tallest building in Japan, approx. 300m) • Osaka castle • Shinsekai (A retro downtown area of Osaka) • Kaiyukan (One of the largest aquariums in the world) • Dotonbori (A popular dining, shopping and entertainment district. Famous for hundreds of neon lights and mechanized signs at night) • Universal Studio Japan 	       																		
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