



School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University
Information Sheet 2021-2022 for Exchange Program

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of University	Osaka University (大阪大学)
Host institution	Undergraduate level: School of Law (法学部) Graduate level: Graduate School of Law and Politics (法学研究科)
Office in charge of student exchange	Educational Affairs Section
Address	1-6 Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka 560-0043, JAPAN *Located on Toyonaka campus http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/index.html
Exchange coordinator (Inbound & Outbound)	Name: NAKAYAMA Tomomi (Ms.) Tel: +81-6-6850-6942 Fax: +81-6-6850-5089 E-mail: nakayama-t@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

PROGRAM INFORMATION	
Level of study	Undergraduate/Graduate
Exchange student's registration status at Osaka University	Special Auditor Special Auditor can take courses offered by School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics, or courses opened for all Osaka University students. Special Auditor can be given credits. *Note: The courses offered by Graduate Schools of Osaka University can be registered by graduate students only.
Academic requirements	Undergraduate students: Completion of one year of study, and being in good academic standing at home university Graduate students: Completion of a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in order to take courses at a graduate level, and being in good academic standing at home university
Language of instruction	Japanese or English
Language Requirement	It is desirable for exchange students to have sufficient English or Japanese language proficiency and submit one of the following certificates issued within 2 years: (English) - TOEFL iBT 80 or higher - IELTS 6.0 or higher - TOEIC 750 or higher - Cambridge CAE or CPE with a grade of B2 or better - Official certificate/letter which proves English is the medium of instruction at home university (Japanese) - JLPT N2
Date of enrolment	April 2021 or October 2021

Period of exchange	1 semester (2 terms) from April 1 2021 to September 30, 2021 or from October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 or 2 semesters (4 terms) from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 or from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022
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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar	<p>Osaka University operates on the four-term system since April 2017. Term courses are completed in single term. The number of term courses is limited. Most courses are completed in one semester (= two terms).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center; font-size: small;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Apr.</td> <td>May</td> <td>Jun.</td> <td>Jul.</td> <td>Aug.</td> <td>Sep.</td> <td>Oct.</td> <td>Nov.</td> <td>Dec.</td> <td>Jan.</td> <td>Feb.</td> <td>Mar.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="3">Spring term (Apr. 1 to mid-Jun.)</td> <td colspan="3">Summer term (Mid-Jun. to Sep. 30)</td> <td colspan="2">Fall term (Oct. 1 to early Dec.)</td> <td colspan="4">Winter term (Early Dec. to Mar. 31)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Spring vacation</td> <td>Term courses</td> <td>Exams</td> <td>Term courses</td> <td>Exams</td> <td colspan="2">Summer vacation</td> <td>Term courses</td> <td>Exams</td> <td>Term</td> <td>courses</td> <td>Exams</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="4">Semester courses</td> <td colspan="2"></td> <td colspan="2">Semester courses</td> <td colspan="2">Winter vacation</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="4">Full-year courses</td> <td colspan="2"></td> <td colspan="2">Full-year courses</td> <td colspan="2"></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>For details, please check the following website: http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/academic_reform/academic_calendar/academic_calendar</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="background-color: #cccccc;">Spring Semester (Spring and Summer terms): April 1 - September 30</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Mandatory orientation for exchange students</td> <td>early April (TBD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Start of teaching</td> <td>April 6 (TBC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examination period</td> <td>late July - early August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer vacation</td> <td>mid August –September 30</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="background-color: #cccccc;">Fall Semester (Fall and Winter terms): October 1 – March 31</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Mandatory orientation for exchange students</td> <td>late September (TBD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Start of teaching</td> <td>October 1 (TBC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter vacation</td> <td>late December – early January (TBD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examination period</td> <td>late January - early February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spring vacation</td> <td>mid February – March 31</td> </tr> </table>		Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Spring term (Apr. 1 to mid-Jun.)			Summer term (Mid-Jun. to Sep. 30)			Fall term (Oct. 1 to early Dec.)		Winter term (Early Dec. to Mar. 31)				Spring vacation	Term courses	Exams	Term courses	Exams	Summer vacation		Term courses	Exams	Term	courses	Exams			Semester courses						Semester courses		Winter vacation					Full-year courses						Full-year courses						Spring Semester (Spring and Summer terms): April 1 - September 30		Mandatory orientation for exchange students	early April (TBD)	Start of teaching	April 6 (TBC)	Examination period	late July - early August	Summer vacation	mid August –September 30	Fall Semester (Fall and Winter terms): October 1 – March 31		Mandatory orientation for exchange students	late September (TBD)	Start of teaching	October 1 (TBC)	Winter vacation	late December – early January (TBD)	Examination period	late January - early February	Spring vacation	mid February – March 31
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Course information	<p>[1. Courses taught in English]</p> <p>1-1. Courses in English offered by School of Law School of Law offers some courses for each semester. Both undergraduate-level and graduate-level students can take the courses. The followings are those offered in academic year 2019-2020. Note that some of the courses might be canceled and thus unavailable in academic year 2021-2022.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="background-color: #cccccc;">Spring Semester (Spring and Summer terms): April 1 - September 30</th> </tr> <tr> <td>[Semester course] *two-credit courses</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Topics in Japanese Law</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Topics in Comparative Law</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bioethics and Health Law</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economic Development</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legal Presentation and Negotiation in English</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Spring Semester (Spring and Summer terms): April 1 - September 30		[Semester course] *two-credit courses		Topics in Japanese Law		Topics in Comparative Law		Bioethics and Health Law		Economic Development		Legal Presentation and Negotiation in English	
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[Semester course] *two-credit courses

Topics in Japanese Law
Topics in Comparative Law
Topics in Comparative Law and Torts Law
Academic Writing

[Term course] *one-credit courses

Focal Points of Public and Private Law in Japan 1 *Fall term only
Focal Points of Public and Private Law in Japan 2 *Winter term only

[Intensive course]

Gateway to Europe – Contemporary Dutch Studies

1-2. Courses in English offered by the Schools/Graduate Schools other than School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics

A large number of courses are offered by various departments, schools and graduate schools at Osaka University. For the course list for academic year 2020 spring/summer, please refer to the following website.

http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/eng_course

*Note 1: The course list will be updated later and is subject to change.

*Note 2: The courses offered by the departments/schools/graduate schools other than School of Law/Graduate School of Law and Politics are required to get approval from the faculty staff in charge of the course prior to course registration. Please note some courses might not be allowed to register due to some reasons such as course capacity. Exchange students will receive instructions on how to get approval and make course registration at mandatory orientation.

*Note 3: The courses offered by graduate schools of Osaka University (e.g. Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka School of International Public Policy(OSIPP)) can be registered by master/doctoral-level students ONLY.

[2. Course Timetable]

2-1. Timetable offered by School of Law

Both undergraduate-level and graduate-level students can take the courses.

Timetable for spring semester (spring term and summer term):

http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/undergraduate/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/06/2020_hougakubu_springsummer.pdf (*in Japanese only)

Timetable for fall semester (fall term and winter term):

<http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/undergraduate/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/2020FW-UndergradTimeTable-1.pdf> (*in Japanese only)

*Note: The timetable above is for academic year 2020-2021. Some of the courses might be canceled and thus unavailable in academic year 2021-2022.

2-2. Timetable for courses offered by Graduate School of Law and Politics

Only graduate-level students can take the courses.

Timetable for spring semester (spring term and summer term):

http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/06/2020_hougakukennyuuka_springsummer.pdf (*in Japanese only)

	<p>Timetable for fall semester (fall term and winter term): http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/10/2020FW-GraduateSchoolTimeTable-r3.pdf (*in Japanese only)</p> <p>*Note: The timetable above is for academic year 2020-2021. Some of the courses might be canceled and thus unavailable in academic year 2021-2022.</p> <p>[3. Web Syllabus] https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex/campus https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus</p> <p>*Note: The information for academic year 2021-2022 will be updated between February and March 2020 before the academic year starts.</p>						
Japanese Language Program	<p>Credited course called “JA” is available for exchange students. The course is offered 3 times a week. The number of credits earned per semester is 4. There are six levels from Elementary (JA100) to Advanced (JA600).</p>						
Length of each class	90 minutes						
Weeks of study per semester	15 weeks except for examination period						
Credit	<p>45 hours of study including 15-30 class hours = 1 credit (approx. 1.8 ECTS) *Most single-semester courses are worth 2 credits.</p> <p>1 class = 90 minutes 1 course = 15 weeks 15 weeks = 2 credits</p>						
Workload requirements (Minimum credits to be registered)	<p>Exchange students are required to take a minimum workload of 10 hours (600 minutes) per week by the Immigration Contral Law in order to be eligible for Student visa. Since one class basically takes 90 minutes, exchange students should register 7 courses or more per week to fulfill the requirement.</p> <p>7 courses = approx. 14 credits per semester</p>						
Maximum credits to be registered	No limitation						
Course registration	Exchange students submit a course registration form to Educational Affairs Section for designated period after each semester starts.						
Grading scale	<p>100=full mark S (100~90) A (80~89) B (70~79) C (60~69) F (59~) = Fail</p>						
Issue of academic transcript	<p>At the end of exchange period, one hard copy of transcript in English will be mailed to the international office at student’s home university.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>When exchange period ends</th> <th>Expected date to be mailed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Summer term</td> <td>mid September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter term</td> <td>mid March</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	When exchange period ends	Expected date to be mailed	Summer term	mid September	Winter term	mid March
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APPLICATION PROCEDURES	
Nomination deadline	Spring Semester enrolment: November 15, 2020 Fall Semester enrolment: May 15, 2021
How to nominate	Exchange coordinators should inform following information by the deadline via email. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominated student name 2. His/Her registered program at home university (e.g. Undergraduate/Master) 3. His/Her affiliation and major at home university (e.g. School of Law, Civil Law) 4. Expected graduation/completion date at home university 5. Intended period of exchange <p>* Please note that applicants are supposed to be the student of their home institution during all exchange period* and return to their home institution to graduate after the period. *April-September/ April-March/ October-March/ October-September If he/she will graduate from his/her institution during the period, we will NOT be able to accept him/her.</p>
Application deadline	Spring Semester enrolment: November 25, 2020 Fall Semester enrolment: May 25, 2021
How to apply	Please collect all applications from your institution and send application documents below by post by the deadline from international office.
Application documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Form (*prescribed form) 2. Study Plan (*prescribed form) 3. Nomination letter from home institution 4. Official academic transcript from home university in English or Japanese 5. Certificate of language proficiency in Japanese and/or English 6. Financial Resources Confirmation Form (*prescribed form) 7. Bank balance statement in English or Japanese If it is written in other language, please attach a translation in English or Japanese. 8. Certificate of scholarship in English or Japanese (if applicable) 9. A photocopy of passport, which students will enter Japan with <p>*Please clip the papers together instead of staple, if possible.</p>
Results notification	Acceptance letter will be sent by post to the international office of students' home university after their admission is officially approved. Expected date of prior notification by email is as follows: - For Spring Semester enrolment: late December - For Fall Semester enrolment: late June In addition to the above, notification by email and instruction on visa and dormitory application will be made directly to students.

ACCOMMODATIONS	
University dormitory	<p>University dormitory is available to exchange students. Some of the residences are located off campus. https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/housing/ Online application system will be introduced once applicants are officially accepted as an exchange student.</p> <p>The system will start to accept applications from 0:00 (JST) of the 1st day of 3 months before to 14 days before residency on first-come-first-served basis. For those who will study from spring, 0:00 (JST) of January 1. For those who will study from fall, 0:00 (JST) of July 1.</p> <p>*Note: The number of rooms available is limited and the demand for university dormitory often outweighs supply. Applicants should note that placement into university dormitory is not guaranteed. If Osaka University cannot offer a room for exchange students, we will provide the students with other options such as private housing.</p>

VISA	
Visa application	<p>All international students who will stay in Japan more than 90 days are required to obtain Student (留学) visa prior to entry into Japan at the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in their home country. Certificate of Eligibility (CESR) is one of the necessary documents to apply for visa at the Embassy/Consulate. CESR should be applied by host university to the Immigration Bureau. Osaka University will apply to the Osaka Immigration Bureau for exchange students. Detailed information on CESR application will be notified to students after their acceptance at Osaka University is officially decided. For more details on CESR and Student visa, refer to the following URL of the Support Office for International Students and Scholars, Osaka University. https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/visa/about/</p>

ORIENTATION	
Mandatory orientation for exchange students	<p>Spring Semester: Early April Fall Semester: Late September Detailed information such as date and venue will be informed students as soon as it is determined.</p>

ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES	
Living expenses	<p>The average monthly expenses (excluding tuition) of international students are approximately 81,000yen(US\$711) in Kinki area, where Osaka is located. For more details, refer to the 29 page of the “Student Guide to Japan”, published by the Japan Student Services Organization(JASSO)</p> <p>https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/sgtj.html https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/sgtj.html</p> <p>*Multi-language versions are available from the website.</p>
Tuition	<p>Exchange students pay tuition to home university even while they study at Osaka University. The tuition for Osaka University is exempted based on student exchange agreement between partner universities.</p>

INSURANCE	
<p>Mandatory insurance that exchange students are required to purchase</p>	<p><u>National Health Insurance:</u> Covers 70% of medical bills. Insurance premium: 2,000 – 3,000 JPY per month (depends on the city where students live)</p> <p><u>Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) called in Japanese “Gakkensai”</u> Osaka University students are required to purchase PAS. Insurance premium: 1,000 JPY per year.</p> <p>How to apply for the insurances is informed at mandatory orientation.</p>
<p>Strongly recommended insurance to purchase</p>	<p>Overseas traveller’s personal accident insurance and Liability insurance covering the period from your departure until your return home.</p>