

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

## Information for Students on Exchange

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| <b>University</b>                       | University of Osaka  |
| <b>Country</b>                          | Japan  |
| <b>Academic Calendar</b>                | <p>1st semester (Spring and Summer Terms): April 1. ~ September 30 (classes are held: early April ~ mid-August) Students arrive in Japan late March ~ early April</p> <p>2nd semester (Autumn and Winter Terms): October 1 ~ March 31 (classes are held: October 1 ~ mid-February) Students arrive in Japan in mid-September</p>   |
| <b>Exchange Duration</b>                | One semester   |
| <b>Language Proficiency Requirement</b> | <p>Japanese language proficiency is not required for the Osaka University Short Term Student Exchange Program (OUSSEP) and FrontierLab@OsakaU, where participants mainly study research themes while attached to science laboratories. However, it is recommended that students have basic Japanese language knowledge.</p> <p>For English: TOEFL iBT 80 / IELTS 6.0 / Cambridge English B2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official assessment report (both receptive and productive) from a language center in their home university.</li> <li>• Official certificate/letter certifying that English is the medium of instruction in their school/faculty/graduate school.</li> </ul> <p>JLPT N1 or N2 is required for iExPO, in which students are placed in a school/faculty at Osaka University to take courses in a specific major.</p> <p>Japanese language proficiency equivalent to or higher than Level N4 of the JLPT is required for the Maple Program, an intensive year-long Japanese language and culture program for exchange students.</p> |
| <b>Course Information</b>               | <p>For OUSSEP: Minimum of 14 credits per semester For FrontierLab: 10 or 14 credits per semester</p> <p><a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/syllabus">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/syllabus</a></p> <p>The regular semester workload for full- time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 15.5. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer</p>  |

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|                             | to the <a href="#">SEP Credit Transfer Calculator</a> for information on units exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer.  |                             |   |                           |                    |                |                        |                             |               |
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| <b>Accommodation</b>        | <p>At Osaka University, there is both on-campus and off-campus housing available for students. As a general rule, those from universities with agreements with OU who will participate in the University-wide Exchange Program are guaranteed a single room in university housing; however, due to lack of housing or other circumstances, you may not be placed in the dormitory of your choice. (OU will not recognize any changes or extensions in housing.)</p> <p>Dormitory fees/rent, including electricity, gas, and water fees, come to about 30,000~40,000 yen/month. Exchange student dormitories at Osaka University contain no dining facilities.</p> <p>Applications for housing will be accepted through the exchange program application webpage simultaneously with the confirmation of intent to enter the university after acceptance into the exchange program.</p>  |                             |   |                           |                    |                |                        |                             |               |
| <b>Visa</b>                 | <p>Accepted students must obtain a student visa issued by the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence. The Support Office for International Students and Scholars of University of Osaka will assist with the visa application process.</p> <p><b>Certificate of Eligibility (COE) application: the Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS):</b></p> <p>Applicants who hold the nationality of designated countries must submit a <b>Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Certificate</b> along with their COE application documents to verify that they are not infected with TB.</p> <p>For further details, please refer to <a href="#">the official website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)</a>.</p> <p><b>【Who Must Undergo JPETS】</b></p> <p>Applicants who are nationals of MHLW-designated countries.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>TB screening target country</th><th>Starting date of the submission of “TB Clearance Certificate”</th></tr> <tr> <td><b>Philippines, Nepal</b></td><td>From June 23, 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Vietnam</b></td><td>From September 1, 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Indonesia / Myanmar / China</td><td>To be decided</td></tr> </table> <p><b>For 2026 Spring semester, applicants who hold nationality of the Philippines, Nepal, or Vietnam must undergo JPETS.</b></p> | TB screening target country | Starting date of the submission of “TB Clearance Certificate” | <b>Philippines, Nepal</b> | From June 23, 2025 | <b>Vietnam</b> | From September 1, 2025 | Indonesia / Myanmar / China | To be decided |
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| <b>Vietnam</b>              | From September 1, 2025  |                             |   |                           |                    |                |                        |                             |               |
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|                         | <p><b>【Exceptions】</b></p> <p>Applicants who hold the nationality of a designated country but currently reside in a different country will be exempt from JPETS if they submit the following two documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of residence permit or other document proving their current country of residence.</li> <li>• Residence Permit (Please download the document from <a href="#">here</a> and fill in the necessary information.)</li> </ul> <p><b>【Required Procedures】</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please undergo TB screening at a <a href="#">designated panel clinic</a> and obtain a "TB Clearance Certificate".</li> <li>- Please submit the certificate as an additional document for your COE application.</li> </ul> <p><b>【Important Notes】</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please ensure that the TB screening is conducted within an appropriate timeframe.</li> </ul> <p>Certificates are generally valid for 180 days, and early testing may result in expiration before the COE application is processed.</p> <p>For reference, COE applications are typically submitted in December for the Spring semester and in June for the Fall semester, in accordance with the requirement that students must enter Japan within three months of COE issuance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants from Indonesia, Myanmar, and China are not currently required to undergo JPETS. However, this requirement is expected to be implemented in the future.</li> <li>- This information is as of August 21, 2025. For the latest updates, please refer to MHLW's <a href="#">website</a>.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Insurance</b></p> | <p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident &amp; Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a>.</p> <p>It is compulsory for exchange students in Japan to join the National Health Insurance program. The insurance fee is around 1,500 JPY each month and you will only need to pay 30% of the medical costs when seeing doctors.</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within Japan. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p>   |

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|                     | Students are strongly encouraged to access the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.   |
| <b>Useful Links</b> | Student Exchange Information: <a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/outline">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/outline</a><br><br><a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/international/inbound/exchange_program/files/OU-ExchangePrograms_2022_A4.pdf">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/international/inbound/exchange_program/files/OU-ExchangePrograms_2022_A4.pdf</a> |