

OSAKA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

Application Guidelines for Incoming Exchange Students 2027 Spring Semester

Introduction

This document provides information regarding the application procedures for students wishing to study at Osaka University of Economics (OUE) as incoming exchange students.

Nominations and application documents must be submitted through the international office of the applicant's home institution.

The deadline for nominations and applications for the 2027 Spring Semester is October 31, 2026.

1. Academic Calendar (Tentative)

2027 Spring Semester	2027 Fall Semester, Tentative
Classes: Early April to late July Examinations: Late July to early August Summer break: Early August to mid-September Evaluation: September (Official transcripts will not be issued before evaluation.)	Classes: September to January Examinations: Late January to early February Winter break: Late December to early January Evaluation: February (Official transcripts will not be issued before evaluation.)

2. Benefits

In accordance with the student exchange agreement between OUE and the student's home institution, exchange students are not required to pay tuition fees to OUE.

All other expenses, including accommodation, meals, living costs, transportation, and personal expenses, must be borne by the student.

Dormitory fees are waived only when this condition is explicitly stated in the student exchange agreement between OUE and the student's home institution.

3. Courses and Language Requirements

From the 2027 Spring Semester, OUE will accept incoming exchange students under the following two course categories. Students should select the appropriate category according to their language proficiency and study plan.

In both categories, exchange students must register for at least seven courses in order to apply for the status of residence as a "Student." Students who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Completion and an Official Transcript.

Item	Japanese-Based Regular Course	English-Based Limited Course
Eligible students	Students who meet the Japanese language requirement.	Students who do not meet the Japanese language requirement but meet the English language requirement.
Japanese language requirement	JLPT N2 or above. If no objective certificate is submitted, OUE will separately confirm the applicant's Japanese proficiency through an online interview.	Not required.

Item	Japanese-Based Regular Course	English-Based Limited Course
English language requirement	Not required.	IELTS 5.5 or above, TOEFL iBT 61 or above, or TOEIC L&R 600 or above. If English is the applicant's first language, an English proficiency certificate is not required.
Courses available	Students may take undergraduate courses, subject to academic requirements and class capacity. Japanese language classes are, in principle, compulsory.	In principle, students may take Global Subjects and Japanese language classes.
Seminar courses	Compulsory.	Seminar courses are not available. However, the accepting faculty will appoint an academic advisor to provide guidance and advice on course registration and student life.
Course registration style	Course registration is generally the same as for Japanese students.	Course registration is limited to designated subjects.

For students in the English-Based Limited Course, the Global Subjects listed in the Reference section at the end of this document are provided as examples based on the 2026 academic year. Courses to be offered in the 2027 academic year have not yet been finalized.

Please note that some courses may not be available due to academic requirements, class capacity, timetable conflicts, or other reasons. Details of each course should be confirmed in the syllabus.

Syllabus: <https://syllabus.osaka-ue.ac.jp>

Credits earned at OUE may be transferred to the student's home institution in accordance with the regulations of the home institution. Students should confirm the credit transfer rules of their home institution before applying for the exchange program.

Students are responsible for confirming that the credits and grades they may or may not earn at OUE will not affect their graduation requirements or academic plans at their home institution.

4. Dormitory Information

Female Dormitory: Zuiko Center University-operated dormitory	Male Dormitory: Dormy Shojaku Privately operated dormitory under contract with OUE
Address: 4-8-12 Zuiko, Higashiyodogawa-ku, Osaka 533-0005 Access: 3-minute walk from the main campus Facilities: Private single room, free Wi-Fi, shared laundry facilities Fees: One semester: 240,000 yen; one academic year: 480,000 yen Cleaning fee: 10,000 yen, one-time at move-in	Address: 1-10-1 Kishibe-minami, Suita-shi, Osaka 564-0011 Access: About 30 minutes by train and walk from Osumi Campus Facilities: Private single room, free Wi-Fi, shared laundry facilities Meals: Breakfast and dinner, six days a week Fees: One semester: 360,000 yen; one academic year: 720,000 yen Cleaning fee: 10,000 yen, one-time at move-in

Dormitory fees are not prorated. Staying even one day in a month requires payment of the full monthly fee.

Futon set: Approx. 7,000 yen. Students who prepare their own futon and bedding must arrange delivery by the evening of the move-in day.

Payment method: Students must pay each month's dormitory fee in cash to Keidai Service by the 25th of the previous month.

Dormitory regulations: Students staying in a university-designated dormitory must comply with the applicable dormitory rules. Please note that the female dormitory has a curfew of 23:00. Detailed information on dormitory rules and daily life will be provided after acceptance and during orientation.

5. Application Procedure

Overview

The application procedure consists of the following steps.

Step	Procedure	Main party responsible
Step 1	Nomination and application	Home institution
Step 2	Application for Certificate of Eligibility, CoE	Nominated student
Step 3	Student visa application	Nominated student
Step 4	Arrival in Japan and dormitory check-in	Nominated student
Step 5	Orientation and administrative procedures after arrival	Nominated student and OUE

Step 1. Nomination and Application

Nominations and application documents must be submitted through SpeedVisa by the international office of the applicant's home institution.

SpeedVisa: <https://n.s-visa.com/login>

The deadline for nominations and applications is October 31, 2026.

Required Documents

The following documents must be uploaded through SpeedVisa.

1. Application for Exchange Program
2. Personal Information Sheet
3. Certificate of Health
4. Certificate of Financial Guarantorship, issued by the applicant's home institution
5. Student Registration Certificate, issued by the applicant's home institution
6. Copy of passport
7. Certificate proving the applicant's Japanese or English language proficiency, according to the selected course category
8. ID photo data in JPEG format, 4 cm x 3 cm, bare-headed, full face, taken within the last three months
9. Self-introductory statement in Japanese or English
10. Statement of Purpose for Graduate Exchange Study (required only for applicants wishing to study at the OUE Graduate School)

Documents 1, 2, 3 and 10 (for applicants wishing to study at the OUE Graduate School) must be submitted using the designated forms.

Documents 3 (Certificate of Health) and 6 (Copy of passport) are not required at the time of application and may be submitted later when available.

Step 2. Application for Certificate of Eligibility, CoE

After the nomination and application documents have been submitted, an invitation email for the CoE application will be sent directly to each nominated student through SpeedVisa.

Nominated students must complete the following procedures.

- Create their own SpeedVisa account
- Complete the CoE application promptly

The issuance of the CoE usually takes one to three months.

Step 3. Student Visa Application

Once the CoE is issued, a PDF copy will be sent to the student by email. If the student or home institution requires the original CoE, it can be sent by EMS upon request. After receiving the CoE, the student must promptly apply for a student visa at the nearest Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan. If a student cannot obtain a visa by the designated arrival date, OUE is not responsible for any resulting delays.

Step 4. Arrival in Japan and Dormitory Check-in

Students will be asked to arrive in Japan on the date and time designated by OUE. The exact arrival date will be announced later.

Support upon arrival includes the following.

- Free airport pick-up to the dormitory, available upon request
- Dormitory check-in from the designated arrival date

Step 5. Orientation and Administrative Procedures after Arrival

After arrival in Japan, students must complete the following administrative procedures and attend the required orientations. Detailed instructions will be provided after acceptance and before arrival.

- Resident registration at the ward office
- Enrollment in National Health Insurance
- Dormitory orientation
- Student life orientation
- Academic advising
- Course registration guidance

6. Contact

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Reference: Global Subjects listed for the 2026 Academic Year

The following list, including the semester information, is based on the 2026 Global Subjects reference sheet and is provided for reference only.

Courses to be offered in the 2027 academic year have not yet been finalized. Please check the syllabus for details of each course.

Please note that some subjects may have timetable conflicts. Therefore, students may not be able to enroll in all of the subjects listed below.

Subject	Credits	Semester	Offering Faculty
American Society and Culture	2	Fall	Faculty of Economics
Contemporary Chinese Economy	2	Fall	Faculty of Economics
Economics & the Global Economy	2	Spring	Faculty of Economics
International Communication	2	Fall	Faculty of Economics
Japan-China Relations	2	Fall	Faculty of Economics
Japanese Politics	2	TBD	Faculty of Economics
International Commercial Law	2	TBD	Faculty of Business Administration
Introduction to Japanese Business	2	Fall	Faculty of Business Administration
Accounting History	2	TBD	Faculty of Information Technology and Social Sciences
Comparative Civilizations	2	Fall	Faculty of Information Technology and Social Sciences
Financial Accounting	2	Spring	Faculty of Information Technology and Social Sciences
Global History	2	Fall	Faculty of Information Technology and Social Sciences
Global Issues	2	Spring	Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation
Japanese Culture	2	Fall	Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation
Urban Geography	2	Spring	Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation
Regional Environment and Sustainability	2	TBD	Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation
Development and Management	2	Fall	Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation
Peace and Coexistence	2	Fall	Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation

Note: This reference list does not guarantee that the same subjects will be offered in 2027 or that all subjects will be available to every student. Course availability may vary depending on the academic year, timetable, registration conditions, and class capacity.