

O S A K A UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

Guide for
International Students





On a campus where emergent wisdom occurs, each and every student creates new value.

President | Dr. Shunichiro Yamamoto

Our Ideal Campus

Osaka University of Economics aims to be a place of emergent wisdom based on sustained learning through life. Sustained learning through life refers to the core of a person's intellect, which continues to be updated even after they enter the working world, and emergent wisdom refers to the process by which new value is created through the interaction of each instance of learning. Osaka University of Economics has carried out its plan to establish a new faculty and is actively launching new programs in each faculty. We hope to produce talent who can play active roles in a variety of fields by creating an attractive campus full of emergent wisdom.

Our Ideal Graduates

One aspect of our academic culture that has remained unchanged over our 90-year history is the conscientiousness of our students. We intend to cultivate students who possess the ability to persevere while continuing to maintain a commitment to what they believe in. In an age when change is unpredictable, it is essential for students to think and move forward on their own. We hope that with the diverse array of experiences they accumulate while enrolled at Osaka University of Economics, our students will acquire the skills to overcome difficulties while co-creating with those around them as well as the mindset that enables them to continue learning and growing on their own. We also hope that our students will develop the tolerance that is the foundation for co-creation.

The Role of the University in Society

With the vast amount of information now accessible via the internet, the image of universities as centers of knowledge is becoming a thing of the past. It is now time to move away from the one-way relationship between teaching and learning. We believe that the ideal shape of the university of the future is to break down barriers—whether they be between students and faculty, between on-campus and off-campus activities, or otherwise—and to create new value together. We will further reinvigorate our efforts to foster interaction with people from outside the university by regarding the entire city of Osaka as a campus, and we aim to create a platform where companies, local residents, and researchers can come together and collaborate.



Our Vision

- FOUNDING PHILOSOPHY
- TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Freedom and
harmony

Humanistic
practical learning

- MISSION

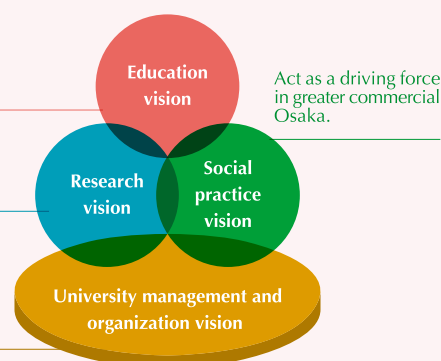
By building a place for emergent wisdom based on sustained learning throughout life, the commercial hub of Osaka will produce truly exceptional graduates who will contribute to society.

- FOUR VISIONS

Produce students who
are capable of designing
their own curriculum.

Become a junction of
knowledge.

Create a relaxed and
comfortable site that
makes for a pleasant
learning experience.





History

Osaka University of Economics (OUE) traces its history back to the establishment of its predecessor, Naniwa Higher Commercial School, in 1932. The school was reorganized for various reasons, and in 1935, Dr. Iwao Kokusho, then a professor at Kyoto Imperial University, and his colleagues invested their own funds to reopen the school as Showa Higher Commercial School. In 1944, the school was converted to Osaka Girls College of Economics concurrent with the mobilization of male students during World War II. After the war, in 1946, the school became a coeducational college and was renamed Osaka College of Economics. It assumed its current name, Osaka University of Economics, in 1949, and Dr. Iwao Kokusho was called upon again, this time to become its first president. Since then, OUE has operated as a private university in the fields of economics and business administration. We opened the Faculty of Information Management in 1997 (reorganized as the Faculty of Information Technology and Social Sciences in 2012), the Faculty of Human Sciences in 2002, and the Faculty of International Co-creativity and Innovation in 2024, bringing the total number of faculties to five, and we continue working to enhance all of our undergraduate faculties and graduate schools.



Data As of 2024.5.1 -Student Figures-

Undergraduate

7,693 as of May, 2024

Graduate

152

International

127 (Chinese 101, South Korean 2, Malaysian 1, Mongolian 1, Taiwanese 3, Vietnamese 18, Myanmar 1, as of July, 2024)

Alumni

107,600 as of March, 2024

Library collection

approx. **590,000** titles

PCs for educational purposes

approx. **1,600**

Participants in internship programs

186 (academic year 2023)

Organizations accepting interns

116 (academic year 2023)

Overseas partner universities

39 universities in 16 countries

Student clubs

84

Faculty members (full time)

181



FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

The Faculty of Economics offers four courses, in which students can study a variety of specialist fields in depth, according to their interests.

Courses

• Industry and Finance Course

Students will gain an understanding of the current situation of and issues facing the industrial and financial sectors and acquire the skills to become excellent businesspersons by studying the economics of industries and companies as well as advanced financial knowledge. During the factory visits, students will conduct practical research on the management strategies and organizations of manufacturers, trading companies, financial institutions, and other enterprises to develop a hands-on approach.

• International Politics and Economics Course

In this age where people, goods, and money move across national borders, students will learn about the issues facing each country and region and the political and economic problems that arise between nations, and they will consider solutions to these issues through the lens of economics and political science. In the Overseas Practicum, students will conduct field research in countries such as France, Germany, South Korea and Thailand to cultivate a realistic international perspective.

• Public Policy Course

Students will study theories (public economics, jurisprudence, etc.) related to the public sector (national and local governments), which is responsible for solving social problems such as poverty and environmental degradation, and public policies for solving social issues (policies related to social security, labor, education, welfare, environment, taxation, etc.) to develop the skills required for policy making and institutional design.

• Regional Policy Course

This course emphasizes actual fieldwork on various issues facing Japanese municipalities based on the study of economics, public administration, and other social science theories. Students will develop the ability to analyze local communities from a wide range of perspectives and proactively propose solutions to problems unique to each region.

Educational Programs

• Data Science Program

This program offers classes in statistics, econometrics, programming, etc., and provides support for the acquisition of data science-related qualifications. Three levels of certification (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) have been established according to the number of course credits earned and the level of qualification attained in order to cultivate talent equipped with data science skills.

• Global Human Resources Program

To produce students with the ability to work as global human resources, this program cultivates (1) language and communication skills, (2) independence and enterprising spirit, and (3) multicultural and international understanding. Completion of the program is certified once students have taken courses related to English, problem-based learning, and multicultural and international understanding and have obtained the required score on the TOEIC®.

Purpose of Human Resource Development

The first goal of the Faculty of Economics is to build a foundation for practical learning through broad-based and flexible education in small classes based on learning programs set by students themselves as well as programs implemented together with faculty and staff.

The second goal is to teach students the history, theory, and policies of economics and society through a systematic and specialized practical education consisting of theoretical learning and on-site experience, so that each student can grow and act as a receptive and creative person in the economy and society.

Through this humanistic, practical education, we will train talented people with the aspiration to govern the nation and provide relief to people and who will contribute to the corporate world, local community, and international society.

Classes



Machine Learning I

Learn techniques to build machine learning models from collected data.



American Society and Culture

Learn, discuss, and present topics about American history, culture, and contemporary social issues in English.



Modern and Current History of China

Learn about Chinese history from the Opium Wars of 1840 to the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949.



Practical Training for Social Survey II

Experience the entire process of social research, from conducting surveys to analyzing data and writing reports.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Faculty of Business Administration has three courses. Students can study management and business law in depth according to their interests and lifestyle.



Courses

Department of Business Administration Daytime Course

Learn about what makes a good corporate organization that creates valuable products and services through the dual lenses of theory and practice

Studying management is profound and fascinating; Management refers to the collaborative effort by which a company provides good products and services to the world and creates a prosperous society together with its users. Students in this department will thoroughly learn the essence of this kind of management mindset through both theory and practice.



Point 01 Practical Learning

We emphasize learning from real-world experiences through case studies, fieldwork, problem-based learning (PBL), collaboration with companies, and dialogue with professionals, and you will hone your practical management sense as well as skills that can be applied in the field.

Point 02 Essential Learning

We approach these questions using a wide range of advanced management theories, such as strategic management and organizational theory. You will cultivate the ability to thoroughly analyze practical business challenges by asking "why" and "how."

Department of Business Law

By studying in the Department of Business Law in the Faculty of Business Administration, you will gain the ability to think about business from a legal perspective.

Knowing the law is an essential skill for conducting business smoothly. There are rules in business that must be followed, and understanding the law allows you to negotiate with other parties calmly and advantageously. There are times when a company's business activities can even influence changes in these rules. There are many laws related to business, and these are frequently amended.



Point 01 Business dispute resolution and prevention strategies

By studying law, you will gain an understanding of how disputes are resolved in court. Having this knowledge also helps you to prevent conflicts before they occur. You will learn about the role of law in business disputes in a practical manner.

Point 02 Synergies between law and management

By studying both business administration and law in the Department of Business Law, our students grow to become business professionals who possess both business acumen and a legal mindset, which enables them to excel in the business world.

Department of Business Administration Evening Course

A comfortable learning environment even for working students. Acquire advanced management theories and practical skills in a way that fits into your lifestyle.

This is an evening course that students can attend while working. The curriculum is designed to help each and every student realize their ideal career, whether they are seeking to obtain a qualification, develop further professional skills, start a business, or take over or expand their family business.



Point 01 Balancing work and school

We offer one of the few evening courses for working students in Japan. Students can study on weekday evenings and Saturdays while working their day jobs. In order to realize learning that fits each student's lifestyle, all courses are electives, thus allowing students to choose any combination of courses they wish.

Point 02 Small group learning

Students study in a small, select groups of 50 students per academic year. The small class size and participatory teaching style, in which students actively exchange opinions and raise questions, is a characteristic of the Department of Business Administration Evening Course, where students of various ages and backgrounds learn from each other.



FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

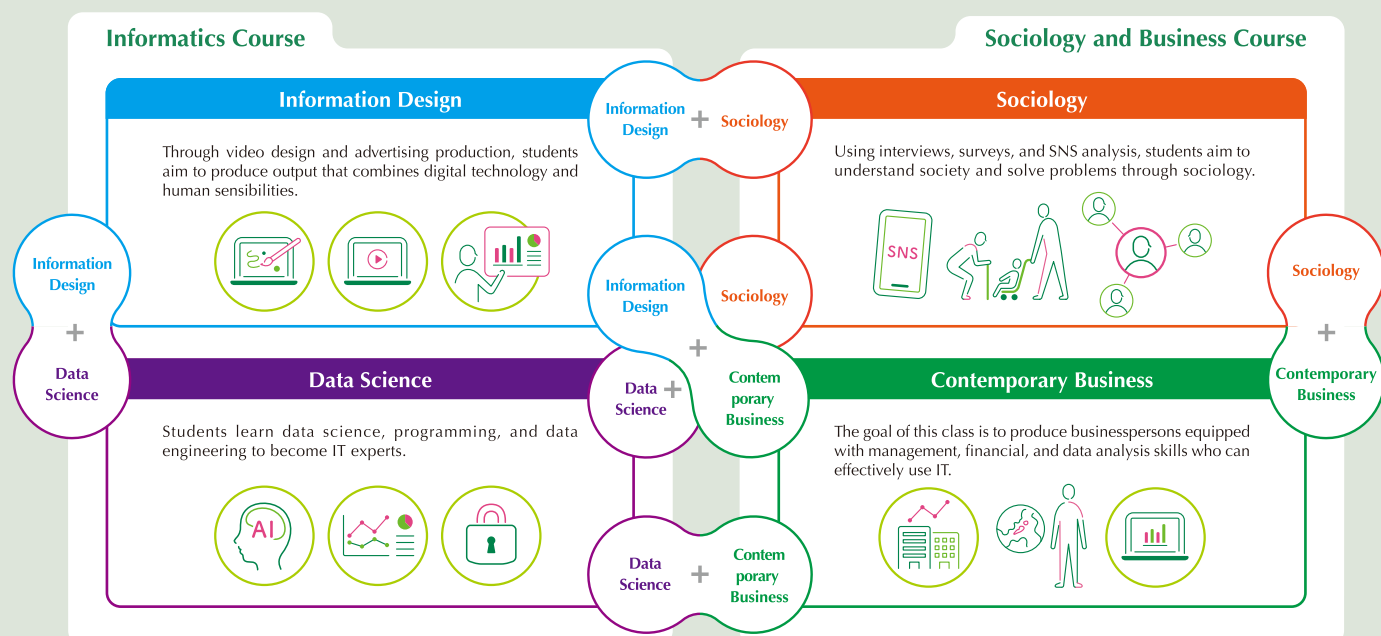
The Faculty of Information Technology and Social Sciences offers courses in four academic fields, with established curricula that allow them to be studied in combination.



Courses

Two Courses and Four Areas

The faculty offers two courses, the Informatics Course and the Sociology and Business Course, and four areas of study. Students join one of the two Courses in their second year, but they are free to take classes in any area that interests them regardless of their Courses. There are four areas of study and six different models of learning, allowing students to freely combine two or more areas of study and acquire a multifaceted perspective.



Purpose of Human Resource Development

The Faculty of Information Technology and Social Sciences trains students to have the ability to discover, analyze, and solve various problems in modern society. The faculty fosters human resources who are motivated to lead society by taking a multifaceted approach to the various phenomena that occur in society, developing a broad perspective on society, specific analytical methods, and the planning and conceptual abilities to solve problems by pursuing studies in various fields, including sociology, economics, and informatics.

Classes



Accounting History

Give presentations in English about accounting and its history.



Design for Moving Image Advanced

Learn about the digital video production process in a hands-on manner by creating works.



Consumer Society

Gain an understanding of consumer society from a sociological perspective and examine the social issues that arise from consumption.



Applied Data Science

Learn methods for data analysis while referring to actual examples from business and society.

FACULTY OF HUMAN SCIENCES

The Faculty of Human Sciences offers courses in three academic fields, with established curricula that allow them to be studied in combination.

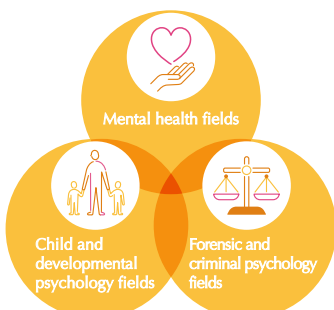
Courses

Three courses and eight areas of study in which you will acquire expertise and broad-based knowledge in line with your career path. Students will choose one of these courses in the second year and proceed with their studies.

Clinical Psychology Course

Learn the extensive range of psychology from the basics

Focusing on clinical psychology, you will use a wide range of psychology knowledge to develop the ability to foresee, understand, and solve people's psychological problems. While learning basic psychology, you will acquire the skills you need to work as a member of a team in the real world, including the ability to take the initiative, the ability to listen, and situational awareness. You can also acquire specialized knowledge and skills to help you obtain Certified Psychologist and Clinical Psychologist certifications.



Sports Science Course

Learn sports and health science from the basics

In this course, we aim to provide students with knowledge and skills in sports science through the lens of sports, exercise, and training. We train people who obtain health and physical education teaching licenses, health and fitness instructor or sports leadership certificates, and other qualifications, and who go on to work as health and physical education teachers in junior and senior schools, sports and health instructors, or health and fitness club managers.



Social Life Design Course

Learn how to live in contemporary society

Students will learn how to deal with the diverse array of issues in today's uncertain world and develop the practical skills needed to live resiliently and thrive in an ever-changing society. We cultivate individuals who understand the challenges brought about by interpersonal relationships within families, schools, and organizations, learn the systems of disaster prevention, health, and medical care that protect lives without leaving anyone behind during natural disasters or pandemics, and contribute to the creation of a sustainable society.



Purpose of Human Resource Development

The goal of the Faculty of Human Sciences is to study human beings from a variety of angles. Students will investigate how the human mind and body work, how human societies and cultures are formed, and what it means to exist as a human living within these societies and cultures. We will cultivate the ability to connect with and bring people together by learning about humans in a comprehensive and interdisciplinary manner and by expertly exploring the mind, body, societies, and cultures through fieldwork and hands-on learning.

Classes



Body Measurement and Data Analysis

Learn the appropriate methods for measuring physical strength and applying the results of assessments through practical training and classroom lectures.



Psychological Assessment

Learn the interview methods, observation methods, and psychological tests needed to conduct psychological assessments.



Sports Coaching (Sports Psychology) Practicum

Acquire the knowledge of sports psychology and the ability to apply this knowledge to actual coaching situations.



Towards a Livable Society for Everyone

Learn through practice what mechanisms are needed to create a society where people with major neurocognitive disorder can work.

FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL CO-CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

The Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation offers various courses in which students can acquire knowledge of both society and culture and economy and management from a global perspective.



Courses



The Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation offers a comprehensive educational foundation, including (1) in-depth knowledge of society, culture, economics, and management, (2) essential language skills for global citizenship, and (3) critical thinking and information literacy skills for effective data collection, investigation, and analysis.

Based on this robust foundation, students then specialize in one of four key areas: Global Culture, International Society, Policy Design, and Social Creation.

This multifaceted approach equips students with the tools and expertise they will need to thrive in an increasingly interconnected global landscape.

Course Introduction

The Faculty of International Co-Creativity and Innovation blends language, cultural, and international studies with practical economics and management training. This unique approach, built on OUE's strengths, prepares students to make meaningful contributions to society with a global mindset.

- **Introduction to International Co-Creativity and Innovation**

This comprehensive course provides students with fundamental knowledge spanning four critical areas: global culture, international society, policy design, and social creation.

- **Multicultural Communication**

Students will develop a deeper understanding of societies where people with diverse values and backgrounds communicate and coexist.

- **International Relations Theory**

This class offers a systematic and multifaceted approach to understanding various aspects of modern international relations such as environmental issues, energy concerns, inequality, and poverty.

- **Public Policy**

This course equips students with a comprehensive understanding of public policy concepts and theories, while developing their skills to address complex social and policy challenges effectively.

- **Social Enterprise Theory**

This course aims to enhance students' comprehension of the significance and role of social enterprises in addressing societal challenges through business methods and by exploring entrepreneurial strategies for launching such ventures.

- **Regional Environment and Sustainability**

By examining international environmental initiatives, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of environmental design and sustainability governance practices both within Japan and globally.

A compulsory short-term study abroad program as part of the first-year curriculum

As part of the curriculum, students engage in a three-week study abroad program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa during their first-year spring break, which focuses on the acquisition of practical English skills.

Domestic and international small group exercises and practical programs to deepen learning

By interacting with individuals and organizations in both international settings and regions throughout Japan, students will develop practical perspectives that synthesize global and local viewpoints.



Campus Life



At Osaka University of Economics, students are encouraged to improve themselves in a free and open atmosphere while enjoying a diverse campus life. The time you spend as a student is not just about academics; it's a time to gain invaluable experiences that will shape your future and to strengthen bonds with your peers. There are numerous opportunities to explore your interests and talents. You can participate in club and circle activities, on-campus events, activities in the community, cultural exchange, internships, and study abroad programs. The university offers various spaces like study spaces, research labs, lounges, and cafes where you can freely study and interact with each other on campus. The natural environment on campus inspires creativity, enriching and expanding your thinking about a sustainable future. The campus is not just a place to acquire knowledge; it also provides you with invaluable opportunities to understand the importance of taking responsibility for the environment and recognizing its value. As Osaka University of Economics approaches its 100th anniversary in 2032, we are continuously working to evolve and restructure the campus in a wide variety of ways with an eye on creating a sustainable future for the next generation. The university is also home to a wide range of clubs and circles, including sports, arts, and academic organization, which allows you to meet many new people and enjoy a rewarding four years.

The following is a list of our major student organizations.

- Baseball
- Handball
- Rugby
- Track and field (short and long-distance)
- Soccer
- Judo
- Basketball
- Kendo
- Badminton
- Semi-hard baseball
- Ice skating (speed skating and figure skating)
- Nippon Kempo
- American football
- Kyudo (Japanese archery)
- Glee Club
- Tea ceremony
- Photography
- E.S.S.
- Shogi
- Brass band

... and more



Research & Innovation

Support for teaching, learning and research



Library

The library has a collection of approximately 570,000 books, with around 100,000 books available in the open stacks. In addition to books and periodicals, the library has a wide range of DVDs and other audiovisual materials. The library is barrier-free, and each floor is easily accessible by elevator. In addition, in September 2023, we added a learning commons called the Fountain of Emergent Wisdom in the library to enrich students' peer learning activities and help improve the quality of education at the university.



Support Center for Teaching and Learning (SCTL)

In April 2019, we established the Support Center for Teaching and Learning, which plans and implements projects related to teaching and learning support, to encourage students' independent learning, and the SCTL actively offers PBL and other educational programs in collaboration with the local community and companies as well as career education for students.

Center for Social Cooperation

In April 2024, we established the Center for Social Cooperation to contribute to the development of society by working to solve social and regional issues in collaboration with society and the community and to enhance the educational and research functions of the university. The Center actively conducts collaborative projects in the region as well as industry-government-university partnership projects, and it also focuses on providing business startup support.

Research Centers

Institute for Research in Economics History of Japan

Opened in 1933, mainly by Dr. Iwao Kokusho, the first President of OUE, and Dr. Eijiro Honjo, the Institute has operated as a center for historical research on economics and businesses. As a base of research for economic history, we collect meaningful historical materials, disclose various scholarly information, and hold "Kokushojuku" lectures.



Institute of Small Business Research and Business Administration

Established in 1963, mainly by Dr. Keizo Fujita, to promote research and study of small businesses and corporate management. We are engaged in various activities, such as publishing research results on small businesses and corporate management, compiling specialized materials, and holding academic exchanges with overseas universities and research institutes.



International Student Support



We welcome students from all over the world and are dedicated to making their transition to life in Japan as smooth as possible. The International Student Office provides a range of services, including visa assistance, orientation programs, and ongoing support to ensure that our international students feel at home.

Summer program

Osaka University of Economics (OUE) holds a short summer program which was designed for students who are studying at our current and future partner universities.



Global Commons

Global Commons is where international exchanges such as language training, parties, and other events are held. Staff members are on hand to provide various types of support to our international students.



Zuiko Center (for female students only)

The large window in the lobby of the Zuiko Center affords a view of a Japanese-style garden. It is a popular spot where students can enjoy the changing of the seasons.



Join Us at OUE

Osaka flourished as a commercial city (and the breadbasket of the nation) during the Edo period (1603-1867), when foods and various other goods from all over Japan flooded into the city. Later, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it developed into an industrial city centered on the textile industry and was called the Manchester of the Orient. Even today, given our location in Osaka, the center of the Kansai economy, Osaka University of Economics hopes to be a place where all students can acquire the specialized knowledge they desire, think together, and proactively take action.

We look forward to welcoming you to OUE, where you can achieve your academic goals and embark on an exciting journey of personal and professional growth.

Admission Information

With the International Student Entrance Examination, we evaluate the motivation of international applicants to study at OUE by way of a document screening and oral examination.

Application requirements

(1) Individuals with a foreign nationality who have completed or are expected to complete 12 years of school education in a foreign country by March in the applicable year.

* Individuals who were enrolled in a Japanese high school for no more than three years out of the 12 years of schooling are also eligible to apply.

(2) Individuals who possess qualifications equivalent to or higher than those in Item (1) above pursuant to an ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, or individuals recognized by OUE as having qualifications equivalent to or higher than Item (1) above.

(3) Individuals who can obtain or renew "Student" status of residence as provided for in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.

(4) Individuals who can take the "Japanese" subject test of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by the Japan Student Services Organization in the first session (June) or second session (November) of the academic year and submit a notification of their scores.

* Overseas residents are not eligible to take this entrance examination.

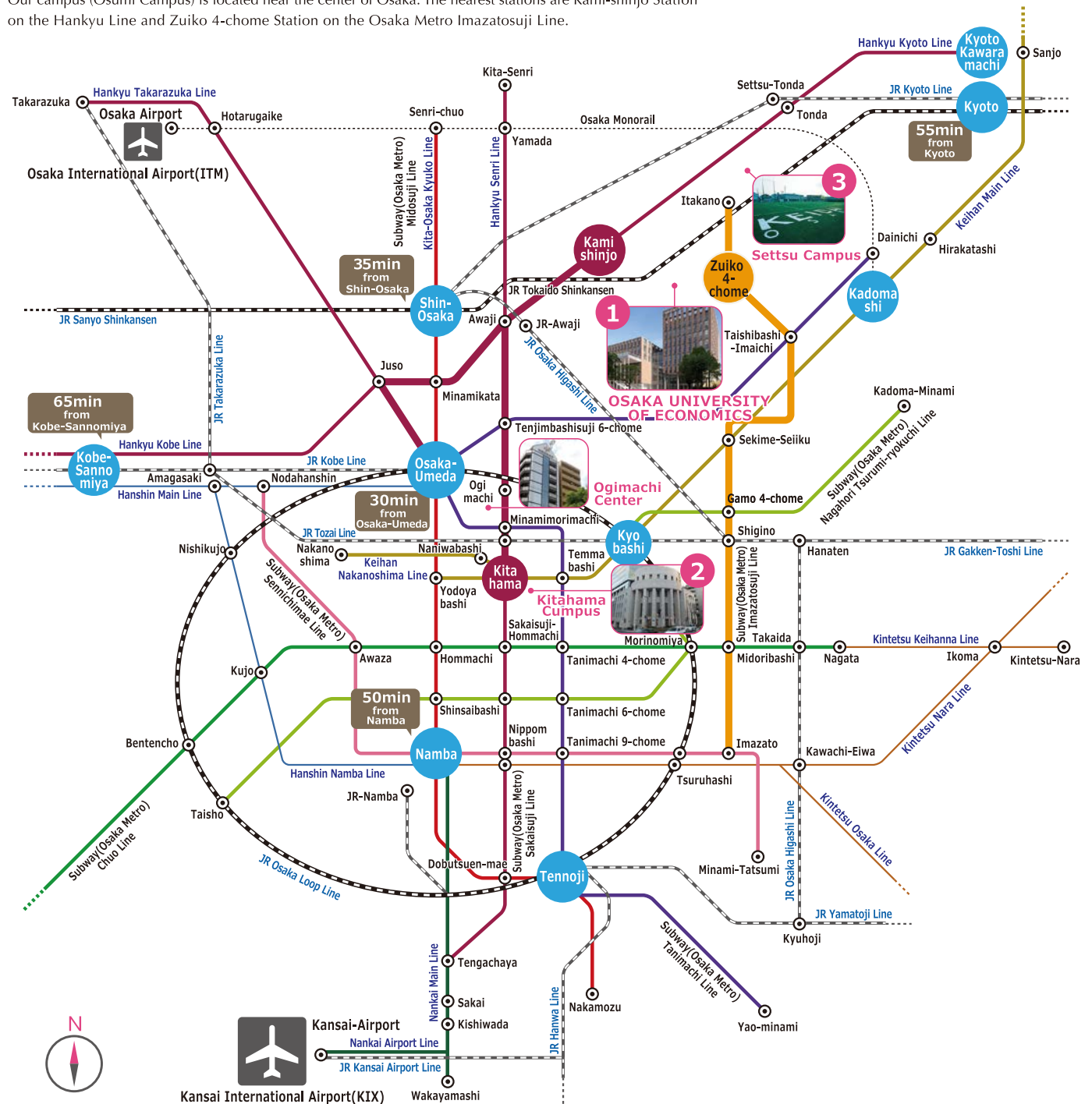
* Examination venue : Osaka (OUE Campus)

* Contents may change depending on the year.

ROUTE MAP

Access to OSAKA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

Our campus (Osumi Campus) is located near the center of Osaka. The nearest stations are Kami-shinjo Station on the Hankyu Line and Zuiko 4-chome Station on the Osaka Metro Imazatosuji Line.



Access by Public Transport

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Kansai International Airport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Hankyu Osaka-umeda Station | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From JR Shin-Osaka Station |
| To Kami-shinjo Station 1 hr 30 mins | To Kami-shinjo Station 15 mins | To Kami-shinjo Station 20 mins |
| To Zuiko 4-chome Station 1 hr 50 mins | | |

Access from nearest station on foot

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Kami-shinjo Station to Osumi Campus 15 mins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Zuiko 4-chome Station to Osumi Campus 3 mins |
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