

Why Hokkaido University?



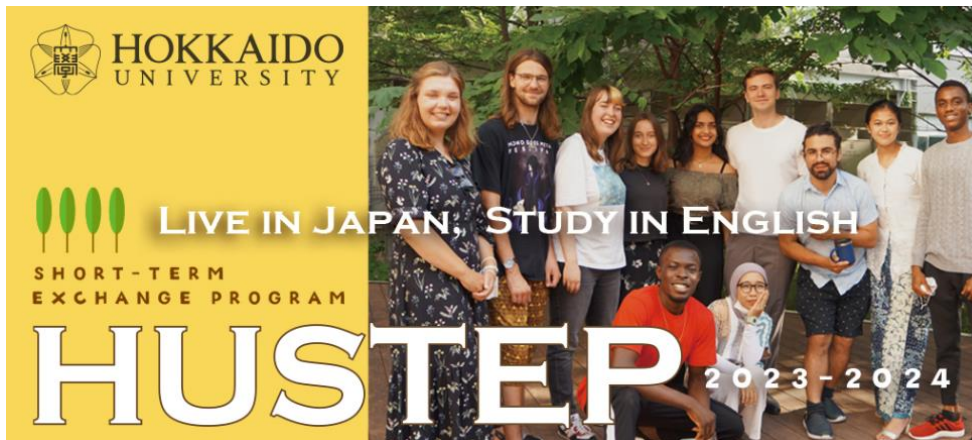
Hokkaido University is one of the oldest, largest, and most prestigious universities in Japan. Boasting the largest number of faculties of Japan's national universities, we cover almost all areas of the humanities and social and natural sciences and are leader in research activities in Japan and the world. Our alumni include a Nobel laureate, business leaders, research pioneers, artists and writers.

Our graduates benefit from the University's determination to develop curious minds that are ready to embrace challenges and acquire knowledge, reveal new global perspectives and find solutions which change society for the better.

In 2014, Hokkaido University was ranked 39th in the QS World University Rankings in the field of Agriculture/Forestry and within the top 100 in six fields—Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Materials Science, Biological Sciences, and Earth/Ocean Sciences. Since our inclusion as one of the Imperial Universities back in 1907, we have remained in the top tier of universities in Japan.

We offer a broad-based educational experience, world-class research facilities, and all the attractions of living in the cosmopolitan city of Sapporo. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, our campuses clean and safe, and we are located in a breath-takingly beautiful setting.

Take a [journey](#) and discover Hokkaido University for yourself.



Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program - HUSTEP -	
Brochure & Application Form	Issued in December
Application Deadline	2023 Fall Semester: February 3, 2023 2024 Spring Semester: October 20, 2023
Results Notification	[Fall 2023] Early-April [Spring 2024] Mid-December
Course Duration	Fall One Year: October, 2023 – Mid-August, 2024 (11 months) Fall Half Year: October, 2023 – Mid-February, 2024 (5 months) Spring Half Year: Early April, 2024 – Mid-August, 2024 (5 months)
Number of Students	We decide the number of participants on a yearly basis. There is a screening process and not all students who apply will be accepted.
Program Details	
<p>HUSTEP is a ‘junior year abroad’ type program designed to provide undergraduate students from affiliated universities with the opportunity to study in Japan at Hokkaido University. Participants in this program take a wide variety of classes offered in English. For more information, please see the website below.</p> <p>https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/exchange-programs-in-english-hustep/</p>	
Eligibility	
<p>To be eligible to apply for HUSTEP, students must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. be enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs at overseas universities that have concluded a student exchange agreement with Hokkaido University. 2. be enrolled and pay tuition fees at their home universities as full-time students during the entire period of study in Japan. 3. have completed at least two years of undergraduate study at their own university prior to arrival in Japan. 4. have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale or equivalent. 5. be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers must have a score of at least TOEFL iBT 79 or IELTS 6.5. 6. be able to arrive by late September or the first week of April. <p>*A different internationally-recognized English test result such as CEFR (at least C1) may be accepted. TOEIC and Duolingo are not accepted.</p>	
Application Procedure	
<p>*Application form is available online.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home University Coordinator provides students with application form. 2. Student completes the form. 3. Home University Coordinator sends the application together with required documents. 4. Hokkaido University reviews the application. 5. Hokkaido University notifies successful applicant and issues further instructions. 	
Required Documents	
<p>The application package should include the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed HUSTEP application form (with Cover Page) 2. Completed Certificate of Enrollment Form 3. Recommendation letter from an academic supervisor 4. Official transcript of academic record 5. University Grading System 6. Certificate of health 7. Three photos (3×4 cm, color and clear) 8. TOEFL, IELTS, or CEFR score record (non-native English speakers only) 9. Photocopy of your passport 10. Content to Transfer and Process Personal Data (For EEA students only) (PDF) <p>Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.</p>	
Credits	
Credits and grades are issued for each semester.	
Scholarship	
<p>The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) offers the following scholarship: 80,000 yen per month.</p> <p>Please note that due to a limited number of scholarships offered, only a few students will be able to receive them.</p>	
Accommodation	
University dormitory. Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.	
Contact e-mail address	
hustep@oia.hokudai.ac.jp	

Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program
- JLCSP-

Brochure & Application Form	Issued late December
Application Deadline	2023 Fall Semester: February 3, 2023 2024 Spring Semester: October 20, 2023
Results Notification	[Fall 2023] Early-April [Spring 2024] Mid-December
Course Duration	Fall(One year) : October, 2023 – Mid-August, 2024(11 months) Fall(Half year) : October, 2023 – Mid-February, 2024 (5 months) Spring(Half year): Early April, 2024 – Mid-August, 2024 (5 months)
Number of Students	We decide the number of participants on a yearly basis. Please note that there is a screening process in place for each course. Not all applicants will be accepted.

Program Details
<p>Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program(JLCSP) is a “junior year abroad” type program for undergraduate student majoring in Japanese language and culture to develop their Japanese skills and broaden their horizons about Japan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Japanese Language Courses 2. Japanese linguistics, culture and society courses <p>For more information, please see the website below. https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/exchange-programs-in-japanese-jlcsp/</p>

Eligibility
<p>Students who meet the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undergraduate students 2. Majoring in Japanese Language and/or Japanese Culture 3. Equivalent to JLPT level N3 or higher 4. Enrollment at home university: Exchange students are required to be enrolled at their home university as a full-time student during the entire period of exchange. 5. Possessing a good academic record at university level.

Application Procedure
<p>[Embassy Recommendation] (Only for One Year course) Procedures are different from each country. Applicants should inquire at the Japanese Embassy in their country.</p> <p>[Direct application]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home University Coordinator provides students with application forms. 2. Student completes the form. 3. Home University Coordinator sends the application together with required documents to Hokkaido University. 4. Hokkaido University reviews the documents. 5. Hokkaido University notifies successful applicants and issues further instructions.

Required Documents
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application form 2. Certificate of Enrollment 3. Recommendation letter 4. Transcript of academic record 5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT test 6. Photocopy of passport 7. 2 copies of photo (4.5×3.5 cm, color and clear) 8. Application form for MEXT scholarship (if you want to apply)

Credits
<p>The program is a credited program. Students will receive their academic transcripts at the end of the program.</p>

Scholarship
<p>Some students will be eligible to receive the following scholarship: Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship / JASSO scholarship Monthly stipend: 117,000 JPY / 80,000 JPY Detailed information will be provided together with application form.</p>

Accommodation
<p>University dormitory Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.</p>

Contact e-mail address
<p>jlcsp@oia.hokudai.ac.jp</p>

Special Auditor (Undergraduate)

Application Form	Issued on nomination basis
Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2023] April 21, 2023 [Spring Semester 2024] November 17, 2023
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2023] March 20, 2023 [Spring Semester 2024] October 17, 2023 Applicants who need unofficial acceptance letter (Letter of provisional acceptance) earlier with rational reason, must consult exchange office of home university and consult HU through International Office or Exchange Coordinator of the home university. We do not accept questions directly from an individual student.
Results Notification	[Fall Semester 2023] early July [Spring Semester 2024] early February
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 Spring (One year): April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 <i>*The actual last day of the course may differ by School and/or the weekly schedules of the Course. Please confirm when you apply</i>
Number of Students	Decided on a yearly basis. There will be a screening at each faculty. Not all applicants will be accepted.

Program Details
Half year or full year study abroad opportunity in which students are assigned to a particular faculty and take classes related to their specialized area together with full-time regular students. For more information, please see the website below. https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/61960-2/

Eligibility
Students who meet the following: 1. High academic record at home university in the field of desired faculty 2. Equivalent to JLPT level N2 or higher (preferably native level) 3. Enrollment at home university: Exchange students are required to be enrolled at their home university as a full-time student during the entire period of exchange.

Application Procedure
1. Home university coordinator nominates students by submitting the nomination sheet. * The nomination sheet will be provided on request basis. 2. Hokkaido University provides the latest application form based on the nomination. 3. Students prepare the application documents. 4. Home university coordinator submits the application documents. 5. Hokkaido University screens the application. 6. Hokkaido University notifies the screening results and gives further instruction.

Required Documents
1. Application form 2. Certificate of Enrollment from Home University 3. Recommendation letter 4. Transcript of academic record 5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT 6. Photocopy of passport 7. Three photos (3×4 cm, color and clear) <i>*This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on Schools</i>

Credits
Credits and grades are issued for each semester. (Excl. Japanese language classes)

Scholarship
N/A

Accommodation
University dormitory / Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

Contact e-mail address
exchange-programs@oia.hokudai.ac.jp

Special Auditor (Graduate)

Application Form	Issued on nomination basis
Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2023] April 21, 2023 [Spring Semester 2024] November 17, 2023
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2023] March 20, 2023 [Spring Semester 2024] October 17, 2023 China Scholarship Council (CSC) *Chinese universities only CSC applicants must be nominated earlier than the nomination deadlines above. If you have CSC applicants, please contact us more than a month before CSC deadline Please go through proper procedures through home university exchange offices.
Results Notification	[Fall Semester 2023] early July [Spring Semester 2024] early February
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 Spring (One year): April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 <i>*The actual last day of the course may differ by School and/or the weekly schedules of the lecture. Please confirm when you apply.</i>
Number of Students	Decided on a yearly basis. There will be a screening at each graduate school. Not all applicants will be accepted.

Program Details

Half year or full year programs in which students are assigned to a particular faculty and take classes related to their specialized area together with full-time students. For more information, please see the website below.
<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/61960-2/>

Eligibility

Students who meet the following:

1. High academic record at home university in the field of desired faculty
2. *Equivalent to JLPT level N2 or higher (preferably native level) *depending on a graduate school.
3. Enrollment at home university:

Exchange students are required to be enrolled at their home university as a full-time student during the entire period of exchange.

Application Procedure

1. Home university coordinator nominates students by submitting the nomination sheet. * The nomination sheet will be provided on request basis.
2. Hokkaido University provides the latest application form based on the nomination.
3. Students prepare the application documents.
4. Home university coordinator submits the application documents.
5. Hokkaido University screens the application.
6. Hokkaido University notifies the screening results and gives further instruction.

Required Documents

1. Application form
2. Certificate of Enrollment from Home University
3. Recommendation letter
4. Transcript of academic record
5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT
6. Photocopy of passport
7. Three photos (3×4 cm, color and clear)

**This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on graduate schools.*

Credits

Credits and grades are issued for each semester. (Excl. Japanese language classes)

Scholarship

N/A

Accommodation

University dormitory / Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

Contact e-mail address

exchange-programs@oia.hokudai.ac.jp

Special Research Student -SRS-

Application Form	Issued on nomination basis
Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2023] April 21, 2023 [Spring Semester 2024] November 17, 2023
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2023] March 20, 2023 [Spring Semester 2024] October 17, 2023
	China Scholarship Council (CSC) *Chinese universities only CSC applicants must be nominated at least one month before the deadline above. If you have CSC applicants, please contact us earlier. CSC Joint Scholarship Program Researchers are accepted as SRS at HU. They need to be nominated and go through application procedures as SRS applicants. If a student individually contacts a professor and gets permission, the procedures are ineffective or incomplete. Please go through proper application procedures through home university exchange office and Student Exchange Division HU.
Results Notification	[Fall Semester 2023] early July [Spring Semester 2024] early February
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 Spring (One year): April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024
Number of Students	Decided on a yearly basis. There will be a screening at each graduate school. Not all applicants will be accepted.

Program Details
Half year or full year exchange in which students are assigned to a particular graduate school and undertake research centered on their specialized areas same as regular students. https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/61960-2/

Eligibility
Students who meet the following: 1. High academic record at home university in the field of desired graduate school 2. English or Japanese fluency to communicate with academic supervisor

Application Procedure
1. (Before applying) Students contact a professor to request academic supervision and receive unofficial agreement. *Some faculty does not require this process. Please confirm when applying. 2. Home university coordinator nominates students by submitting the nomination sheet. * The nomination sheet will be provided on request basis. 3. Hokkaido University provides the latest application form based on the nomination. 4. Students prepare the application documents. 5. Home university coordinator submits the application documents. 6. Hokkaido University screens the application. 7. Hokkaido University notifies the screening results and gives further instruction. *Procedures differ by each Graduate School. Please confirm and follow application guidelines.

Required Documents
1. Application form 2. Certificate of Enrollment from Home University 3. Recommendation letter 4. Transcript of academic record (Undergraduate/Graduate) 5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT (if any) 6. Photocopy of passport 7. Three photos (3×4 cm, color and clear) <i>*This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on the graduate schools.</i>

Credits
No credits are issued. Special Research Students only receive supervision.

Scholarship
N/A

Accommodation
University dormitory / Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

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