Osaka Gakuin University
International Exchange Program
2013-2014
Experience the Real Japan!
The International Center’s mission for international students:

A commitment to:

Providing international exchange students with a life-changing authentic Japanese experience.

2. Giving students a personalized experience that they will be able to reflect on and build upon after leaving OGU, where their lives and future will never be the same.
Welcome To Osaka Gakuin University!

Konnichi wa!

Osaka Gakuin University invites you to become a part of the most ideal Japanese studies program to study Japanese language and culture in Japan. Our location is second to none! The campus is located only thirty minutes from Kyoto, the cultural center of Japan; ten minutes from the downtown hub of the Osaka business and entertainment district; forty minutes from Kobe, one of the world’s leading trading ports; sixty minutes from Nara, the oldest historical region of Japan, and about two and a half hours by Shinkansen (Bullet Train) from the nation’s capital, Tokyo. Our Japanese studies program is the most progressive, practical and unique in all of Japan. In the morning, we offer intensive Japanese language classes and in the afternoon, subject courses related to Japan and Asia which are instructed in English, or easily understandable Japanese by our highly qualified teachers. Many of our students live with home stay families and join cultural/sport club activities, which are often the highlight of their study abroad experience. The International Center staff also offer extensive support and guidance for each student. They pride themselves on the individual attention given to each and every international student. If you are interested in a "life-changing," and unforgettable study abroad experience; we await you at Osaka Gakuin University!

Mike Matsuno, Director
International Center
What Can I Study?

The OGU Japanese Studies Program consists of comprehensive Japanese Language course in the morning, followed by a variety of elective classes in the afternoon suitable for every level of Japanese proficiency from complete beginner to confident Japanese speakers.

Japanese Language Course

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❖ The above explanation is intended as a guide, as the classes offered may differ depending on the level of the students who participate in the program.

JSL1–3 (Comprehensive Japanese)

These Japanese classes cover the basic skills of listening, speaking, writing (including Kanji) reading to enable students to engage in natural conversation and become comfortable with life in Japan. Students make a final presentation in Japanese at the end of the year.

JSL4–6 (Grammar, content-based study and personal consultation.)

In addition to consolidating their Japanese in the grammar lessons, students also have a specially designed, 4 hours per week of content-based lessons to offer a hands-on opportunity to study current Japanese cultural and societal issues and topics in the Japanese language. Students will become engaged in cultural/social issues, thought and discussion, and express their opinions using “real life” Japanese reading and media materials, while incorporating all four skills of reading, speaking, writing, and listening. Students make a short presentation in class and make a final presentation at the end of the year.

❖ Students will be placed in classes according to their ability as determined by OGU teaching staff.
❖ JSL classes offered may vary depending on the semester and student requirements.
The elective courses are designed so that students of all Japanese levels can take a variety of subjects. J-Bridge courses are exclusive to OGU and a great opportunity for students to practically apply their Japanese language skills while learning another subject. This type of class allows students to challenge themselves by taking lectures in Japanese to see how much they can comprehend and do.

❖ Entry to J-bridge and regular faculty classes is restricted to higher level students, and in most cases permission from the Japanese teaching staff is required.
Study Workload

Studying and living in Japan can often be challenging, so students are advised to be aware of their workload, and manage their time accordingly.

Example of Weekly Course Workload (Beginner level student)

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Example of Weekly Course Workload (Advanced level student)

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International Exchange Program
Academic Calendar 2013-2014

Fall Semester
9 Sep – 20 Dec 2013

- Aug 30-31: Arrival in Osaka (pick up from KIX)
- Sep 2-5: Orientation
- Sep 7: Welcome Party
- Sep 9: Classes begin
- Oct 18-20: Kishibe-sai Festival
- Dec 20: Classes end
- Dec 20: Farewell lunch

Spring Semester
20 Jan – 9 May 2014

- Jan 16: Arrival in Osaka (pick up from KIX)
- Jan 17: Orientation
- Jan 20: Classes begin
- Mar 17-21: Spring Break
- May 9: Classes end
- May 10: Farewell Party
OGU students and staff provide a support network to help students when they come to Japan, and offer individual help when necessary.

**Some of the services we provide are:**

**Airport pick up on arrival**
OGU staff and students welcome students at the airport and escort each student to his/her host family’s house or apartment. International students must cover necessary transportation fees.

**Off-Campus support**
Assistance with residence registration, Japanese national health insurance, purchasing of cell phones, opening bank accounts, and other related matters.

**Arrival Orientation**
We provide an arrival orientation, campus tour, and answer questions that the international students may have.

**International Events**
We offer a host of opportunities to meet other Exchange students and Japanese students from all backgrounds.

**INSURANCE:**

**Japanese National Health Insurance**
All international students are required to purchase Japanese National Health Insurance while living in Japan. Applications are submitted at the city hall in the area you live in. The average costs are about ¥2,000 per month. The Japanese national health insurance plan pays 70% and students pay the remaining 30% of any health care expenses.

**Liability Insurance**
All international students are required to purchase liability insurance upon their arrival at OGU. Depending on your length of study, you will purchase either a one semester or one-year policy. Costs are about ¥1,000 per month, the liability insurance total costs for your entire stay will be collected after you arrive at OGU. Liability insurance is to protect you from damage and injury expenses when an international student accidentally causes damage or injury to someone else and/or their property. The liability insurance does not cover your own personal injury and/or damage to your personal items. Therefore, driving motor vehicles is prohibited.

* Whether you have your home country health/liability insurance or not, it will be mandatory for all international students to purchase the Japanese National Health Insurance Plan in Japan (city hall) and liability insurance (OGU) after arrival into Japan. Failure to do so may result in the student being sent back home.
Where Can I Stay?

HOMESTAY
In contrast to many other Japanese study abroad and exchange programs, living with a Japanese host family in a long-term home stay living arrangement is considered to be one of the most valuable opportunities while studying at OGU. The long-term home stay experience offers the unique opportunity for international students to gain invaluable experience and insight while observing, living, and understanding Japanese daily life and customs.

- Monthly fee: ¥50,000
- Private room- includes a desk or table to study at and a bed or futon.
- Two meals per day
- Shared bath/toilet

OGU STUDENT APARTMENTS
Searching for an apartment in Japan can be very difficult for International Students due to the Japanese system requiring reikin (gift money for the landlord) shikikin (deposit) and hoshonin (A Japanese Guarantor). For that reason Osaka Gakuin University has arranged a selection of apartments for its Exchange Students that do not require any deposit, gift money or guarantor. Students who wish to take advantage of this accommodation option must fill in and return the Housing Questionnaire together with their admission application.

These apartments are contracted to Osaka Gakuin University and the minimum period of stay is 1 month. In the event that a student wishes to move out during the first month, one months rent and the futon charge will be collected. The OGU student apartments will vary depending on their location.

- Monthly rent: ¥50,000 or less
- Meals not included
- No curfew
- A futon mattress (¥10,000) must be purchased
- Gas and electricity fee not included
- A kitchen, mini-bathroom, bed, TV, microwave, fridge, desk and chair.
- Plates, pots, kitchen utensils and curtains are not included

As availability of Student Apartments Homestay Families is limited please ensure your state your first and second choices clearly on the admission application. Please be aware that due to the large numbers of applications that OGU receives, your first choice may not always be available.
# How Much Will It Cost?

## Course costs:

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<td><strong>Tuition</strong>¹</td>
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<td>-Tuition waived for exchange students</td>
<td>(¥1,048,000/year regular tuition)</td>
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<td>Books</td>
<td>approx. ¥3,000-¥5,000/semester</td>
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<td><strong>Field Trips</strong></td>
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*1 Regular Japanese student tuition: ¥1,048,000 / year  
Special Direct enrollment tuition: (Only for International Center Japanese Studies Program) ¥350,000 / semester, ¥700,000 / year

## Monthly estimated living costs:

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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>National health insurance</td>
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<td><strong>Personal expenses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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*2 The price varies depending on the type of accommodation. Please refer to the table below for details.  
*3 For exchange students, when the transportation fee exceeds ¥5,000 per month, OGU will reimburse up to ¥5,000 per month of the excess amount. JASSO/JENESYS scholarship recipients and direct enrollment students are responsible for their entire commuting costs. Transportation Fee (OGU à home stay/dorm à OGU)  
*4 The liability insurance fee varies depending on the length of stay.

### Commuting

Public transportation such as buses and trains are commonly used to commute to and from OGU. An average commuting time is approximately an hour. Students are not allowed to drive motor vehicles.

## Housing costs:

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<td>OGU Student Apartments</td>
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*If students do not wish to stay either at a home stay or at the OGU student apartments, they are responsible for arranging their housing on their own.  
**Example of average apartment costs in Japan:**  
* Monthly rent: ¥60,000  
* Key money: ¥250,000 (one time fee)  
* Non-furnished: (renter must purchase all furniture, appliances, electric lights, phone, and bedding)  
* Meals: Cook on your own  
* Monthly utilities: ¥7,500 (approximately: electricity ¥4,000, water ¥1,500, gas ¥2,000)
What Is The Application Process?

For students enrolled in OGU`s partner schools

Important General Information:

Visa Application Process

Once all of the applications materials are received by the International Center, and the student’s admission is approved by the president in May, OGU will apply for the certificate of eligibility on your behalf at the immigration office in June. Once it is approved and issued here in Japan, we will send it to your home institution along with your admission letter via post in July. When you receive your certificate of eligibility, you must visit the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate in your country where you will submit your certificate of eligibility and passport to apply for your student visa for Japan. Sometimes if there is ample time, you can send your passport and certificate of eligibility by mail or courier to your closest Japanese consulate or embassy for processing, but be sure to call and check first with their office. Once you have your student visa and passport, you are ready to come to Japan during the designated time.

Information of your host family and apartment/mailing address

Details regarding your host family’s and apartment address will be provided by the end of July. The International Center address can be used as an additional mailing address.

- Early February
  - Application Information and Application Documents available on Osaka Gakuin University’s English Website

- March 31
  - Application Deadline - all the documents must have arrived at the office

- May
  - Application Acceptance by the OGU President

- June
  - Certificate of Eligibility Application Submission by OGU at the Osaka Immigration office

- End of July
  - Acceptance letter, Certificate of Eligibility, Housing information, Arrival information sent to applicants from OGU

- August 30 & 31
  - Airport Pick-Up by OGU at Kansai International Airport
What Facilities Does OGU Offer?

I-Chat Lounge
The I-Chat Lounge is the ideal place for students who are interested in communicating with others in foreign languages (mainly English). Here you can read English newspapers and magazines, watch the news, and enjoy movies in English. The I-Chat Lounge is also a great place where you can make many Japanese friends!

Library
The Shirai Memorial Library was built in April 1977. The Library provides a quiet, academic area for study and research. At present, the library holds approximately 1,070,000 books. Open Mon-Sat, 09:00~20:00 Sun 10:00~18:00 (Hours may change during vacation periods.)

Cafeteria
There are two cafeterias, a bakery and convenience store on campus, in Building 12. A small café is located in front of the I-Chat Lounge in Building 13. Vending machines are also available at the cafeterias and in K.M.36 BANCHI, under the gymnasium.

Kinokuniya Book Center/Student Shop
Students can purchase a variety of goods such as textbooks, reference books, dictionaries, school supplies, OGU T-shirts and the famed OGU Aloha shirts! You can use the 10% student discount to purchase books and magazines. Open Mon-Fri 8:45~17:00, Sat 10:00~17:00 (Hours may change during vacation periods.)

Computers
Various computer rooms are located on campus for student use. In order to enter the rooms you will need to swipe your student ID, and log on to the PC with your OGUNET ID. Printing is available in most rooms, however, you must provide your own A4 paper. A timetable is published each week and displayed outside the computer rooms showing the rooms available for student use.
Sports Facilities
OGU features a state-of-the-art fitness/training center in Building 20. OGU’s gym is available for international students and will be introduced during the orientation. Students are required to take their student card, change of clothes and indoor shoes, and sign a waiver during orientation.

Japanese Bank Cash Card and ATM Machines
Japanese Bank ATM machines (Mitsubishi Tokyo UFJ and JP Bank) are located on the 2nd floor of Building 13, and can be used to withdraw, deposit, and transfer money. Some International Cash Cards can be used with these machines, but not all.

Health Center
Located on the 3rd floor of Building 12. The health center takes care of minor injuries and referrals to doctors/hospitals for more serious medical conditions.

Extra-curricular Club Activities
More than one hundred clubs, groups, and organizations are offered on campus. Students are welcome to observe and join some of these clubs. If you are interested in joining them, please ask at the International Center.

International Center
Both the International Center administration office and the international exchange student lounge are located on the first floor of Building #1. The International Center faculty and the Japanese language teachers’ offices are located on the fourth floor.

Communication
Phones are available to make calls. Additionally free wi-fi is available in certain areas on campus for the use of International Students. Skype, Facebook and other Social Networking are often used to communicate with family and friends back home.
What Is It Like In Japan?

**Japanese Currency**
Japan uses 4 types of banknotes (¥1,000, ¥2,000, ¥5,000, ¥10,000) and 6 types of coins (¥1, ¥5, ¥10, ¥50, ¥100, ¥500). The check writing system does not exist in Japan as purchases are commonly made using cash. Japan is still a cash-based society. Most internationally recognized credit cards are accepted in Japan, however, only at department stores, large businesses and restaurants. Foreign currency or traveler’s checks may be exchanged at most major nation-wide banks.

**Consumption Tax**
A 5% tax is attached to all merchandise purchased and services utilized by consumers. Marked prices often already include such tax.

**Tipping**
Tipping is not customary in Japan. However, hotels and restaurant bills often include service charges within the bill.

What is the climate in Osaka?

**Winter (December - February)**
The temperature rarely drops below 0°C during the wintertime. It is also quite dry and often sunny. Clothing: overcoats, sweaters.

**Spring (March - May)**
The plum blossom is a good sign that the cold winter will soon end and spring is just around the corner. This is followed by the cherry blossoms which appear between the end of March and the beginning of April. Clothing: light jackets and sweaters.

**Summer (June - August)**
Summer begins in June with a three to four week rainy season. It becomes extremely hot and humid from July through mid-September. Summer is host to many interesting festivals. Various events are held throughout the country. Clothing: light, 100% cotton clothes.

**Autumn (September - November)**
Autumn always brings renewed freshness with a light breeze and cool temperatures after the hot and humid summer. Autumn is also the season for many exhibitions, music concerts, and sports tournaments in Japan. Clothing: light jackets and sweaters.

**OSAKA**
Covers an area of approximately 1,890 square kilometers or 0.5% of the nation’s entire land area. Osaka is the second smallest prefecture. However, it has a population of 8.8 million, or 7% of the entire population, making it the second most populous prefecture after Tokyo. Approximately 1,500,000 foreigners, or 25% of all foreigners registered in Japan reside in Osaka (2011).

Useful web site links about Japan:

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Please look on the OGU English web page for several website links on various subjects, issues and news on Japan: http://www.osaka-gu.ac.jp/english/international/index.html
Who are OGU's Partners?

Australia
- Central Queensland University
- University of the Sunshine Coast

Korea
- Baekseok University
- Paichai University
- Sookmyung Women’s University
- Soochunhyang University
- Hallym University
- Dankook University

Lithuania
- Vilnius University

Mexico
- Cetys Universidad

Netherlands
- Fontys University of Applied Sciences
- HZ University of Applied Sciences

Philippines
- University of San Carlos

Taiwan
- Providence University
- Southern Taiwan University
- Tatung University
- Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages

USA
- California State University/Long Beach
- Dowling College
- Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii
- Kapiolani Community College, Hawaii
- Marywood University, Pennsylvania
- The University of Mississippi, Mississippi
- University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
- Coastal Carolina University, South Carolina

Austria
- Fachhochschule Kufstein Tirol University of Applied Sciences

Barbados
- The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

Canada
- Medicine Hat College
- University of the Fraser Valley
- College of the Rockies

China
- Dalian Polytechnic University
- Guangdong Ocean University
- Southwest University of Political Science and Law
- Peking University Law School
- Southwest University of Science and Technology
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Faculty of Humanities

Czech Republic
- Metropolitan University Prague

Finland
- HAAGA-HELIA University of Applied Sciences
- Laurea University of Applied Sciences
- Satakunta University of Applied Sciences

France
- Université d’Orléans
- ISCID
- ESCE
- Ecole de Management de Normandie

Germany
- Fachhochschule Mainz-University of Applied Sciences
- Universitäts Bayreuth
- Universität Trier

Iceland
- The University of Iceland

Italy
- University of Brescia
What Events Are There At OGU?

International lunch
OGU hosts a regular event called ’International Lunch’. The aim of this is to promote interaction between Japanese and foreign students, and give them the opportunity to make new friends while learning about other cultures.

OGU Language Partners
Language partners, where a Japanese and foreign student teach each other or exchange their languages. This is a unique opportunity to get to know students directly and improve your Japanese skills.

International exchange Events
A variety of International exchange events are held from time to time, including a joint class with International Exchange students and freshmen Japanese Students. This is a great way for students to get to know each other.

Local Community Events
OGU students are invited to take part in events together with Suita City residents, promoting exchange at a local level.

I-chat Events
The International chant lounge on campus (I-chat) offers a variety of events to celebrate festivals around the world, such as Chinese New Year, Christmas, Cherry Blossom viewing, and more. All students are welcome.
At Osaka Gakuin University we offer a range of short term programs for students in Winter (3 weeks), Spring (2 weeks) and Summer (3 weeks) in which you can experience all that Japan has to offer. Our programs are designed to meet the needs of students from various countries, and have a great combination of Japanese language, cultural activities, sightseeing and events to give you the experience of a lifetime. Check out our programs below and follow your dream!

**Spring Camp**
May 1 2012 (Two weeks)

**Winter School**
January 14 - February 1, 2013

**Summer School**
July 1 - July 20, 2013
Where Is OGU?

By JR train (Kishibe Station)

Tokaido Line
Osaka---(local)---Kishibe (approx.12 minutes)
Tokaido Line
Shin Osaka---(local)---Kishibe (approx.7 minutes)
Tokaido Line
Kyoto---(rapid)---Takatsuki---(local)---Kishibe (approx.26 minutes)
Tokaido Line
Kansai International Airport---(super express Haruka)---
---Shin Osaka ---(local)---Kishibe (approx.78 minutes)

By Hankyu train (Shojaku Station)

Kyoto line
Umeda(Osaka)---(local)---Shojaku (approx.20 minutes)
Kyoto line
Kawaramachi(Kyoto)---(express)---Ibaraki-shi---(local)---
---Shojaku (approx.34 minutes)
Q. How did you like Osaka Gakuin Daigaku?
I think it’s a good university. The classes and the support I got from the International office were really good.

Q. Please tell your most memorable experience.
I don’t have exactly one experience but all of the classes I had with everyone everyday were a really good experience and I wont forget them.

Q. Why did you choose Japan?
I chose Japanese as my second foreign language in junior high school and since then I have been interested in Japan. Even though I’m Asian myself, I wanted to see a different culture.

Q. Do you have message to the new applying students?
In this university you wont only discover Japanese culture but also cultures from other countries. After exchange you will hopefully feel that you became more global as I did!
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International Center

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