General Information about Hiroshima University

University Name: Hiroshima University / 広島大学

University Features:
Hiroshima University is one of the main academic centers in Western Japan and attracts students from all over Japan. For undergraduate level, Hiroshima University consists of 12 schools which provide undergraduate courses including majors in the natural sciences, humanities, the social sciences, and many others. Graduate level studies at Hiroshima University consist of 4 graduate schools that offer academic and research opportunities in the fields of natural sciences, humanities and social sciences. As higher education in Japan is currently undergoing far-reaching reforms, Hiroshima University is striving hard to secure its place among the top universities in Japan and pursue its five guiding principles: - the pursuit of peace, the creating of new forms of knowledge, nurturing well-rounded human beings, collaborate with the local, regional and international community and continuous self-development.

Hiroshima University is selected as one of Japan’s 13 Top Global Universities in December 14, 2014 and has been working to become the globally competitive university in research and education.

Total Numbers of Students:
Undergraduate and Graduate Students – approximately 15,000
International Students – approximately 1,650
Professors and Office Staff – approximately 3,500 (As of May 2021)

Academic Calendar (Term Dates) and Class Schedule:

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The schedule is subject to change slightly every year.

Academic Calendar and Class Schedule

Semester Period & Quarter System:

Fall Semester (2nd Semester) [Beginning of October ~ Middle of February]

| 3rd Term         | Early October ~ Early December |
| 4th Term         | Early December ~ Mid February |

Spring Semester (1st Semester) [Beginning of April ~ Middle of August]

| 1st Term         | Early April ~ Mid June |
| 2nd Term         | Mid June ~ Mid August |

Access and Campus Map:
Access [Higashi-Hiroshima Campus (Main Campus)]
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/access/higashihiroshima

Campus Map
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/access/higashihiroshima/map_higashihiroshima

University Website
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en

Contact Information for General Inquiries:
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/inquiry

The site above provides the contact address of the general inquiries on studying at Hiroshima University.
**Hiroshima University Exchange Program [HUSA Program]**

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**Exchange Program Features**
Established in 1996, the Hiroshima University Study Abroad Program, or HUSA, is an exciting and eye-opening international exchange program. Designed specifically for university students who are interested in Japanese culture and society or students who want to deepen and broaden their studies with a period of study abroad, HUSA offers an unparalleled cultural experience for either 1 semester (6 months) or for a full academic year.

**Participation Period**
* HUSA Program participation is to be planned as follows;
  A. Attending two semesters (Fall & Spring)
  B. Attending one semester (Fall Only)
  C. Attending one semester (Spring Only) *
  *Spring Admission is available for the limited partners.

**Student Status**
Special Auditing Students
[Undergraduate Student or Graduate Student]
- Japanese Immigration Law requires students to take at least 10 hours of classes per week, meaning students have the requirement to take at least 7 courses per semester except intensive courses and to successfully complete courses.
- If a student fails to meet the requirement above in the 1st semester, the HUSA Committee will put students on probation and if necessary, participation in the HUSA Program will be discontinued (first semester).

Whether the credits taken at Hiroshima University can be transferred to the Program in the students’ home university is up to the decision of the home university.

**Language Requirement**
Applicants need to be proficient either in English OR Japanese.

1. **Criteria for English:** Equivalent to
   * TOEFL (iBT) : above 61
   * TOEFL (CBT): above 173
   * TOEFL (PBT): above 500
   * IELTS (Academic) : above 5.0

2. **Criteria for Japanese:** Equivalent to
   * Japanese Language Proficiency Test 2nd Grade
     [Nihongo Noryoku Shiken 日本語能力試験 2級] or above
   * Native English speakers do not need to submit the document of language proficiency tests.
   * If a student has enrolled in a program or courses whose instruction language is English, you can provide a letter of proof written by a professor or the Program Director. The letter needs to state the followings:
     (A) English language level required to be enrolled in the course or the program
     (B) You are eligible to comprehend courses taught in English.
   * Please consult Global Initiatives Group (kokusai-ryugaku(at)office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp) if you have difficulties providing a document specified above. [Please replace (at) with @.]

**Other Requirements**
(1) Students must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at their home university during their stay in Hiroshima.
(2) Student must be a student of a university with which Hiroshima University has concluded a formal short-term student exchange agreement.
(3) Students must have a good academic record.

**Areas of Study Open for Exchange Students**
HUSA students are eligible to choose from most of the undergraduate courses.
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husa/aboutusaprogram_top/academicprogram/coursetypes
*In the field of medicine, law, practicum for pedagogy, and laboratory training for science and engineering courses, there are courses that HUSA students are not eligible to take.*
https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/syllabusHtml_en/

**Tuition**
No charge

**Scholarship**
Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) has awarded scholarships in the past years. Please be notified that it has been very competitive to be awarded the JASSO Scholarships since the number of scholarships is very limited, and they conduct a very strict screening.
# Information for Coordinators and HUSA Program Applicants

## Application Procedures (Application Deadlines)

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<td>15th March *</td>
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<td>Late March *</td>
<td>Application guideline with the materials will be sent to the nominees (CC: Partners) by email</td>
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<td>TBA *</td>
<td>Submission of ALL the Application materials</td>
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## Application Materials
- HUSA Program application documents will be uploaded by the end of March on the HUSA Program Homepage. The application documents can be renewed every year.
- The application guideline with the materials will be sent to the nominated student directly with CCing partners around the end of March.

## Certificate of Eligibility (CoE, Student Visa)
- After the notification of admission into the HUSA Program, the Global Initiatives Group of HU will assist the students to obtain ‘Certificate of Eligibility’ (CoE).
- Please be reminded that the CoE application will become invalid if students apply for CoE individually before the official announcement from International Exchange Group of Hiroshima University.

## Orientation Schedule for Incoming Students
- The specific dates will be announced on the HUSA Program homepage.
- **Attendance is mandatory for all the participants of the HUSA Program.**
- Orientation will cover all the important issues for exchange students, such as class registration, administrative procedures, staff introduction, cultural awareness, dormitory, student ID card, cross-cultural seminar, international events, etc.

## Accommodation
**University Dormitory (Ikenoue Student Dormitory)**
Majority of HUSA students are housed in the Ikenoue Student Dormitory Complex, located at ten minutes walking distance from the campus.

https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/myugaku/shien/gyukyo/gakuseisyukuya

## Meal Plan
Not available

## Vaccination Requirement
None

## Health Service Facilities on Campus
There is Health Service Center on campus where students can see a general doctor. ALL students are also required to take free health check-ups at the beginning of semester.

## Other
**Precaution for biological materials**
When students utilize biological materials from overseas (the countries outside of Japan, including their own home country) for their research, ABS procedures are required, in compliance with the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Nagoya Protocol.

URL for ABS: [http://www.idenshigen.jp](http://www.idenshigen.jp)

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## Contact Us - Hiroshima University Study Abroad (HUSA) Program

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                      | **Fax:** +81-82-424-4545 (from overseas) 082 424 4545 (domestic) |
| **E-mail Address**   | kokusai-ryugaku (at) office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp  
                      | *Please replace ‘at’ with @.* |
| **Mailing Address**  | Hiroshima University  
                      | Global Initiatives Group (Student Plaza 2F)  
                      | 1-7-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima, 739-8514 JAPAN |
| **HUSA Program Homepage** | [https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husa](https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husa) |