



HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD (HUSA) PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

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General Information about Hiroshima University

University Name	Hiroshima University / 広島大学
University Features	<p>Hiroshima University is one of the main academic centers in Western Japan and attracts students from all over Japan. Beside the 12 faculties and schools, there are 11 graduate schools that offer master's and doctoral degree courses: Letters, Education, Social Sciences, Biomedical & Health Sciences, Science, Advanced Sciences of Matter, Engineering, Biosphere Science, International Development and Cooperation, Integrated Arts and Sciences, and Law.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Total Numbers of Students / International Students / Professors and Office Staffs	<p>Undergraduate and Graduate Students – approximately 15,000 International Students – approximately 2,100 Professors and Office Staffs – approximately 3,400 (As of November 2019)</p>
Academic Calendar (Term Dates) and Class Schedule	The academic year in Japan starts in April and ends in March of the next year.



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<p>Semester Period & Quarter System</p>	<p>Currently Hiroshima University has adopted two systems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Semester system (2 semesters) Quarter system (4 terms) <p>* Students can take courses by combining both semester course and term course if they want if there is no class clash.</p> <p>* Please also refer to the chart above 'Academic Calendar & Class Schedule'.</p> <p>[Semester System: 2 semesters per year] The academic year in Japan starts in April and ends in March of the following year.</p> <p>Spring Semester (early April – middle of August) Fall Semester (early October – middle of February)</p> <p>* HUSA program participation is to be planned as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attending two semesters (Fall & Spring), or Attending one semester (Fall Only). Attending one semester (Spring Only) <p>[Quarter System: 4 terms per year] * Hiroshima University introduced the "Quarter System" (a 4-term system) in 2015. * The class periods of the first semester and the second semester are divided into two terms, in quarter system.</p>																				



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<p>Student Status</p>	<p>Students selected in the HUSA program will have the status as follows during their exchange period at Hiroshima University. <u>Special Auditing Students</u></p> <p>[Undergraduate Student or Graduate Student]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japanese Immigration Law requires students to take at least 10 hours of classes per week. ● 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. <p><u>Special Research Students</u></p> <p>[Graduate Student ONLY]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special research students are expected to conduct research in their specialized area and do not obtain credits. ● They are required to submit the 'Detailed Plan of Research' at the time of application. ● Special research students are required to find their own academic supervisor for the research by themselves, and report it in their 'Detailed Plan of Research' at the time of application. Please contact the professor who can supervise the research beforehand. 																
<p>Access and Campus Map</p>	<p>Access</p> <p>https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/access (Japanese) https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/access (English)</p> <p>Regarding the "Airport Shuttle Bus," please refer to the section about the access (P.8).</p> <p>Campus Map</p> <p>[Higashi-Hiroshima Campus (Main Campus)]</p> <p>https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/access/higashihiroshima (Japanese) https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/access (English)</p>																
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<p>Contact Information for General Inquiries</p>	<p>https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/inquiry (Japanese) https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/inquiry (English)</p> <p>The site above provides the contact address of the general inquiries on studying at Hiroshima University.</p>																



Hiroshima University Exchange Program [HUSA program]	
Program Name	Hiroshima University Study Abroad (HUSA) Program 広島大学短期交換留学(HUSA)プログラム ひろしまだいがく たんき こうかんりゅうがくプログラム
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	<u>Spring Semester Only (one semester only)</u> OR <u>Fall Semester Only (one semester only)</u> OR <u>Fall Semester & Spring Semester (two semesters)</u>
Language Requirement	In order to participate in the HUSA program, applicants need to be proficient either in English OR Japanese . (Native English speakers do not need to submit the document of language proficiency tests.) 1.Criteria for English : Equivalent to * TOEFL (iBT) : above 61 * TOEFL (CBT): above 173 * TOEFL (PBT): above 500 * IELTS (Academic) : above 5.0 OR 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 *If a student has enrolled in a program or courses whose instruction language is English (e.g. Europe, Asia, etc.), 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. *Students who have provided this letter does not have to submit the language score, such as TOEFL or IELTS. * Please consult the International Exchange Group (kokusai-ryugaku(a)office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp) if you have difficulties providing a document specified above. [Please replace (a) 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. (4) Students must have strong academic interest in Japanese culture and society as well as cross-cultural learning.






<p>Areas of Study Open for Exchange Students</p>	<p>HUSA students are eligible to take most of the undergraduate courses. Courses can be mainly categorized as follows according to the language proficiency (English and Japanese).</p> <p>(1) Japanese Language Courses (5 levels are offered from elementary to the advanced.)</p> <p>(2) Courses Taught in English</p> <p>(3) Other Courses (Offered for regular students in Japanese)</p> <p>[Japanese Language Courses]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 levels of Japanese language courses are offered, from elementary to the advanced level. ● Any student who wants to take Japanese language courses are required to take the On-line Japanese Placement Test before the beginning of each semester. On-line placement test is to be held during the designated time for each semester. <p>“Glocal Internship” course is offered for HUSA program students. For the details, please see the homepage of Dr. Naomi Tsunematsu https://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/~ntsunema/internship/</p>
<p>Areas of Study <u>NOT</u> Available to Exchange Students</p>	<p>HUSA students are eligible to take most of the courses in most of the faculties if they have a fairly advanced proficiency in Japanese.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At the time of application, applicants are required to provide the proof of 1) English language proficiency, or 2) Japanese language proficiency. Based on the language proficiency level of English and Japanese, HUSA students are eligible to take various kinds of courses offered in various faculties (except courses with special requirement or prerequisite requirement). <p>* Please be notified, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Course List, please refer to the Hiroshima University Syllabus homepage below. https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/syllabusHtml/index.html (Japanese) https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/syllabusHtml_en/ (English)
<p>Course Catalogue for HUSA Students</p>	<p>For the details, please refer to the homepage below. https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husa/academicprogram/coursetypes</p>
<p>Required Workload</p>	<p>HUSA students can combine semester courses and term courses if they wish, on the condition that students are enrolled in courses for more than 10 contact hours per week by Japanese immigration law.</p>
<p>Tuition and Participation Fee</p>	<p>No charge</p>
<p>Preparatory Language Course for Incoming Students</p>	<p>Not available</p>
<p>Summer Courses</p>	<p>Not available</p>
<p>Exchange Program Homepage</p>	<p>[HUSA program Homepage for Incoming International Students]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Official Website https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husa * English only ● Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HUSA_program <p>[HUSA program Homepage for Outgoing Students]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Official Website https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/husa *Japanese only
<p>Other Important Homepage</p>	<p>[Research/Education Homepage of Dr. Naomi Tsunematsu (HUSA program Director)] http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/ntsunema/index.html</p>



Information for Coordinators and HUSA program Applicants

Application Procedures (Application Deadlines)	We will give notification on the information for the HUSA program application to our partner universities in December – January every year.	
	Deadline	Process
	September 20 (Spring)	Submission of nomination form from a coordinator to the International Exchange Group of HU.
	February 20 (Fall & Full year)	
	October 20 (Spring)	Submission of ALL the Application documents * Only applications sent by the office in charge of student exchange will be accepted.
	March 30 (Fall & Full year)	
	Late November (Spring)	Notification of admission into the HUSA program
Late May (Fall & Full year)		
Application Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUSA program application documents for Spring intake is to be sent by email around July. The application documents can be renewed every year. 	
Certificate of Eligibility (CoE, Student Visa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the notification of admission into the HUSA program, the International Exchange Group of HU will assist the students to obtain 'Certificate of Eligibility' (CoE). Students will receive the 'Certificate of Admission' as attachments, together with the information on the necessary procedures for CoE via email. <u>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.</u> 	
Orientation Schedule for Incoming Students	<p><u>HUSA program will hold an orientation*</u></p> <p>In the first week of April (Spring)</p> <p>in the last week of September (Fall & Full year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specific dates will be announced on the HUSA program homepage. Attendance on both days 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. 	



<p>From the Airport to the Campus</p>	<p>*Please be notified that students are expected to come to the campus by public transportation. Please follow the guidance below.</p> <p>There is a public transportation (Bus & Train) from Hiroshima Airport to Hiroshima University (Higashi-hiroshima campus).</p> <p>*IMPORTANT: Hiroshima University is located in Higashi-hiroshima City, Not in Hiroshima City.</p> <p><Hiroshima Airport to Hiroshima University, Higashi-Hiroshima Campus></p> <p>A. <u>Hiroshima Airport to Saijo Station</u> <i>*There are two ways to come to Saijo Station from Hiroshima Airport.</i></p> <p>A-1. Hiroshima Airport to Saijo Station (by Bus) 1. Take Geiyo Bus from Hiroshima Airport to Saijo Station (JR Line) (approx. 25 minutes, 650 yen)</p>  <p>A-2. Hiroshima Airport to Saijo Station (by Bus & Train) 1. Take Geiyo Bus from Hiroshima Airport to Shiraichi Station (JR Line) (approx. 15 minutes, 400 yen) 2. At Shiraichi, transfer to the Train bound for Saijo, Hiroshima and Iwakuni, and get off at Saijo Station (JR Line) (approx. 10 minutes from Shiraichi to Saijo, 200 yen)</p>  <p>B. <u>Saijo Station to the Campus (Bus)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ There are two bus companies that provide a bus service between Saijo Station and the Hiroshima University, Higashi-Hiroshima Campus. ❖ It will take approximately 15 minutes. Buses depart from bus stop No.3 in front of Saijo Station. ❖ There are several bus stops around the campus, and please get off at Hirodai-Nishiguchi (West Entrance) if you want to come to the Student Plaza where the International Exchange Group is located. 
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p><u>University Dormitory (Ikenoue Student Dormitory)</u></p> <p>Majority of HUSA students are housed in the Ikenoue Student Dormitory Complex, located at ten minutes walking distance from the campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> …Single room …Shared kitchen, shower room and laundry room …Monthly rent 4,700-15,000 yen (approx. US\$50-150) plus cleaning fee and utilities* 10,000 yen (approx. US\$100) …No deposit …No meal plan <p>*Utility cost (heat, light and water expenses) will be charged separately. Cleaning is only for the shared facilities.</p> <p>(Housing Information) https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/nyugaku/shien/jyuukyo/gakuseisyukusya (Japanese) https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/nyugaku/shien/jyuukyo/gakuseisyukusya (English)</p> <p>[Ikenoue Student Dormitory Open and Close Dates] Please note that schedule is subject to change slightly.</p>



	<p><Spring Semester> <u>Open: April 1</u> <u>Close: Last Friday of August</u></p> <p><Fall Semester> Open: The final week of September Close: March 31 (for fall semester students: around March 20)</p> <p><u>Private Apartments Leased by Hiroshima University</u> <u>(Kariage-Shukusya)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hiroshima University organizes the rental of private apartments (<i>Kariage-Syukusya</i>) near the Higashi-Hiroshima Campus, which can be rented at a cheaper rate than the general market price, for new international students who are enrolled in the university. Price approx. 25,000 yen, (per month) *Price is subject to change ❖ If students wish to reside in off-campus apartments other than the private apartments organized by the university, they will be required to be fully responsible for arranging their own housing. <p>(Leased Accommodation by Hiroshima University) http://www.sumumu.com/user/hiroshima_univ/house.html</p>
Meal Plan	Not available
Living costs (per month)	<p>The housing cost, etc. are approximately as follows. Housing fee depends on the assigned housing specifically.</p> <p>Housing 4,700-20,000 yen (approx. US\$50-200) plus cleaning fee and utilities* 10,000 yen (approx. US\$100) * Utility cost (heat, light and water expenses) will be charged separately.</p> <p>Meals 40,000 yen (approx. US\$400), No meal plan offered</p> <p>National Health Insurance * 2,000 yen (approx. US\$20) * Purchase of the National Health Insurance (NHI) is mandatory for ALL HUSA students. If you show the NHI card when you go and see a doctor at the hospital, it covers 70% of all the medical expenses in Japan, except for the followings: Medical check-ups, vaccinations, childbirth and plastic surgery.</p> <p>Cell phone & Internet (optional) 10,000 yen (approx. US\$100)</p>
Vaccination Requirement	None
Health Facilities on Campus	There is Health Center on campus where students can see a general doctor. ALL students are also required to take free health check-ups at the Health Center on campus.
Information for New Students	<p>Please read carefully the “Information for New Students” which is specifically issued for the HUSA students. https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husa/currentstudents/infonew *English only</p>
Other	<p>Precaution for biological materials</p> <p>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</p>



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E-mail Address	kokusai-ryugaku (at) office.hirosshima-u.ac.jp *Please replace 'at' with @.
Mailing Address	Hiroshima University International Exchange Group (Student Plaza) 1-7-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hirosshima, 739-8514 JAPAN
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