

## Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program

## - HUSTEP -

Brochure & Application Form	Issued in December
Course Duration	One-Year Course: October, 2024 - Mid-August, 2025 (11 months) Half-Year Course (Fall 2024): October, 2024 - Mid-February, 2025 (5 months) Half-Year Course (Spring 2025): April, 2025 - Mid-August, 2025 (5 months)
Application Deadline	One-Year Course: February 9, 2024 Half-Year Course (Fall 2024): February 9, 2024 Half-Year Course (Spring 2025): October 25, 2024
Results Notification	One-Year Course and Half-Year Course (Fall 2024): Early-April Half-Year Course (Spring 2025): Mid-December
Number of Students	Approximately 50 students for each course <b>There is a screening process and not all students who apply will be accepted.</b>

## Program Details

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.

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/exchange-programs-in-english-hustep/>

## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for HUSTEP, students must:

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.

\*A different internationally-recognized English test result such as CEFR (at least C1) may be accepted.

TOEIC and Duolingo are not accepted.

## Application Procedure

1. Home University Coordinator provides students with application forms. \*Application forms are available online.
2. Student completes the forms.
3. Home University Coordinator sends us the application together with required documents by email.
4. Hokkaido University reviews the application.
5. Hokkaido University notifies successful applicant and issues further instructions.

## Required Documents

The application package should include the following documents:

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. Digital ID Photo
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)

**Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

## Credits

Credits and grades are issued for each semester.

## Scholarship

The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) offers the following scholarship: 80,000 yen per month.

**Please note that due to a limited number of scholarships offered, only a few students will be able to receive them.**

## 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 -

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Results Notification	One-Year Course and Half-Year Course (Fall 2024): Early-April Half-Year Course (Spring 2025): Mid-December
Number of Students	40 for One-Year Course and 20 for each Half-Year Course <b>There is a screening process and not all students who apply will be accepted.</b>

Program Details

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.

1. Japanese Language Courses
2. Japanese linguistics, culture and society courses

For more information, please see the website below.

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/exchange-programs-in-japanese-jlcsp/>

Eligibility

Students who meet the following conditions:

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

[Embassy Recommendation] (Only for One Year course)

Procedures are different from each country. Applicants should inquire at the Japanese Embassy in their country.

[Direct application]

1. Home University Coordinator provides students with application forms.
2. Student completes the forms.
3. Home University Coordinator sends the application together with required documents to Hokkaido University by email.
4. Hokkaido University reviews the documents.
5. Hokkaido University notifies successful applicants and issues further instructions.

Required Documents

1. Application form (with checklist)
2. Certificate of Enrollment
3. Recommendation letter
4. Transcript of academic record
5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT test
6. Japanese Language Proficiency Self-Evaluation Sheet
7. Photocopy of passport
8. Digital ID Photo
9. Content to Transfer and Process Personal Data (For EEA students only)
10. Application form for MEXT scholarship (if you want to apply)

Credits

The program is a credited program. Students will receive their academic transcripts at the end of the program.

Scholarship

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.

Accommodation

University dormitory. Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

Contact e-mail address

jlscsp@oia.hokudai.ac.jp

## Special Auditor (Undergraduate)

Application Form	Issued on nomination basis
Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2024] April 19, 2024 [Spring Semester 2025] November 15, 2024
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2024] March 18, 2024 [Spring Semester 2025] October 15, 2024 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 2024] mid July [Spring Semester 2025] early February
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Spring (One year): April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025 <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 to Hokkaido University.
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
- Digital ID Photo\**This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on 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 Auditor (Graduate)

Application Form	Issued on nomination basis
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Spring (One year): April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025 <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>
Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2024] April 19, 2024 [Spring Semester 2025] November 15, 2024
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2024] March 18, 2024 [Spring Semester 2025] October 15, 2024 <b>China Scholarship Council (CSC) *Chinese universities only</b> 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 office.
Results Notification	[Fall Semester 2024] mid July [Spring Semester 2025] early February
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 One 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. Digital ID Photo
- \*This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on graduate schools.*

Credits

Credits and grades are issued for each semester. (except 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
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Spring (One year): April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025
Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2024] April 19, 2024 [Spring Semester 2025] November 15, 2024
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2024] March 18, 2024 [Spring Semester 2025] October 15, 2024  China Scholarship Council (CSC) <b>*Chinese universities only</b> 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 <b>SRS</b> 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 2024] mid July [Spring Semester 2025] early February
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. Digital ID Photo

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

**Credits**

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

**Scholarship**

N/A

**Accommodation**

University dormitory / Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

**Contact e-mail address**

exchange-programs@oia.hokudai.ac.jp