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2017-2018 INFORMATION SHEET FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hiroshima University Study Abroad (HUSA) Program

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Name of university	Hiroshima University
University website	<p><Hiroshima University Homepage> http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/index.html</p> <p><HUSA Program Homepage> http://en.hiroshima-u.jp/husa</p>
General information about the university	<p>Location Higashi-Hiroshima city, Hiroshima, JAPAN</p> <p>Number of students Undergraduate Students: 10,942 Graduate Students: 4,350 International Students: 1,191 Professors: 1,679 Staff: 1,618 (As of May, 2016)</p>
University features	<p>The University is one of the main academic centers in Western Japan and attracts students from all over Japan. Beside the 11 faculties and schools, there are 11 graduate schools that offer master's and doctoral degree courses: Letters, Education, Social Sciences, Biomedical Science, Science, Advanced Sciences of Matter, Health Sciences, 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 top 13 Global University' in December 14, and has been working to become the globally competitive university in research and education.</p>
Short description of the city	<p>Higashi-Hiroshima City is situated in a basin about 30km east of Hiroshima City in a beautiful natural area that has long been famous for the brewing of sake, Japanese rice wine. The neighboring city of Saijo has all the big city amenities while keeping its rural appeal. Every October Saijo holds the Sake Matsuri, an energetic festival celebrating the area's long history of sake brewing. Higashi-Hiroshima and Saijo provide a beautiful place to study while catering to all the needs of the university student.</p> <p>In Hiroshima, the student quarter is based in the Saijo area and there are many international students. There are nice cafés and restaurants in the town. Also there are many natural attractions such as beaches and mountains that are easily accessed as a day trip from Saijo. Hiroshima has a professional football and a baseball team and an orchestra. You can enjoy watching sports games and graceful concerts when you have free time.</p>
Exchange program website	<p>HUSA program official website http://en.hiroshima-u.jp/husa</p>

	<p>HUSA Facebook https://www.facebook.com/husaprogram</p> <p>Explore HU You will be able to find out more information about what your life and support offered on campus, please see the site below (video and pictures) http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/explore_hu/</p>
<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Japanese language courses (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced – 5 levels offered) (2) Special courses (Taught in English) (3) Integrated courses (Mainly taught in Japanese with English subsidiary materials, or taught in English for Japanese regular students) (4) Other courses (Offered for regular students in Japanese) <p><Japanese Language Courses> 5 levels of Japanese language courses are offered, from elementary to the advanced level. Students are eligible to take two levels of courses simultaneously, except students in Level 1 (Elementary). Any student who wants to take Japanese language courses are required to take the Japanese Placement Test at the beginning of each semester.</p> <p>*For students whose Japanese language proficiency level is advanced, “Globalization Support Internship II: Practicum” is offered. For the details, please see the homepage of Dr. Naomi Tsunematsu. http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/ntsunema/sangakurenkei.html</p> <p>**Depending on the consultation, graduate students are eligible to take courses taught in English in the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC).</p>
<p>Areas of study NOT available to exchange students</p>	<p>HUSA students are eligible to take most of the courses in most of the departments if they have a fairly advanced proficiency in Japanese.</p> <p>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 can quite flexibly take various kinds of courses offered on campus.</p> <p>For the list of courses offered, please refer to the Hiroshima University Syllabus homepage below.</p> <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> <p>https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/syllabusHtml_en/ (English/英語) https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/syllabusHtml/index.html (Japanese/日本語)</p>
<p>Course catalogue</p>	<p>We do not have the course catalogue for AY 2017-2018 currently. Please refer to the course information for AY 2016-2017 for reference.</p> <p>(Fall 2016) http://s-en.hiroshima-u.jp/upload_files/download_files/FallSemester2016.pdf</p> <p>(Spring 2017)</p>

http://s-en.hiroshima-u.jp/upload_files/download_files/SpringSemester2017.pdf

Academic calendar

The academic year in Japan starts in April and ends in March of the next year.

September 26, 2017, only between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm	Residence halls open, Move-in date for all HUSA 2017-18 students
September 27, 2017	Welcome Orientation, Day 1
September 28, 2017	Welcome Orientation, Day 2
October 2, 2017	Classes start (the 3 rd term)
November 30, 2017	Classes end
December 1, 2017	Classes start (the 4 th term)
December 26, 2017	Winter holiday starts
January 8, 2018	Winter holiday ends
January 9, 2018	Classes resume
February 14, 2018	Classes end
February 15, 2018	Spring holiday starts
April 1, 2018	Grades available for Fall 2017 semester
April 9, 2018	Classes start (the 1 st term)
June 8, 2018	Classes end
June 11, 2018	Classes start (the 2 nd term)
August 9, 2018	Classes end
August 10, 2018	Summer break starts
September 1, 2018	Grades available for Spring 2018 semester

Please note schedule is subject to change.

Semester Period

Currently Hiroshima University has adopted two systems:

- 1) **Semester system (2 semesters), and**
- 2) **Quarter system (4 terms)**

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.

<Semester System>

The academic year in Japan starts in April and ends in March of the following year. In case of HUSA Program Exchange Students, students start from fall semester (from early October through early February) and ends in spring semester (from early April through the end of July).

<Quarter System (4 terms per year)>

Hiroshima University introduced the "Quarter System" (a 4-term system) in 2015. There are four terms in Quarter System. The class periods of the first semester and the second semester each are divided into two terms, in quarter system. Semester system and quarter system work in the way below.

<Class Schedule of HUSA Program 2017-2018>

***Semester system and Quarter System**

Fall Semester 2017 [October 2, 2017 – February 14, 2018]	
3rd Term [Oct 2, 2017 – Nov 30, 2017]	4th Term [Dec 1, 2017 – Feb 14, 2018]
Spring Semester 2018 [April 9, 2018 – August 9, 2018]	
1st Term [Apr 9, 2018 – June 8, 2018]	2nd Term [June 11, 2018 – Aug 9, 2018]

	** Please note that schedule is subject to change slightly every year.
Orientation schedule for incoming students	<p>September 27 & 28, 2017 *Please note schedule is subject to change slightly. Attendance on both dates is mandatory for all participants of the HUSA Program.</p> <p>Orientation will cover all the important issues for exchange students, such as class registration, staff introduction, cultural awareness, registration for dormitory, ID card, cross-cultural seminar, International events, etc.</p>
Airport Shuttle on September 26, 2017 (Tentative) *The bus fare: 1,000 yen ● The HUSA Program Orientation date can be changed slightly.	<p>It will run ONLY on September 26 (Expected arrival date), depart at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm from Hiroshima airport. If your flight's arrival time at Hiroshima Airport is after 3:00 pm on September 26 (possible date), you are expected to come to the campus by public transportation by your own arrangement. If you intend to come to the campus by yourself, please refer to the directions below.</p> <p><Hiroshima Airport to Hiroshima University> Please take Geiyo Bus from Hiroshima Airport to Shiraichi Station (approx.. 15 minutes) and transfer to the train bound for Saijo, Hiroshima and Iwakuni and get off at Saijo Station (10 minutes from Shiraichi to Saijo) .</p> <p><From Saijo Station> There are two bus companies that provide a bus service between Saijo Station and the Hiroshima Univ. 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 <i>Hirodai-Nishiguchi</i> (West Entrance) if you want to come to the Student Plaza where the International Exchange Group is located.</p> <p><Information on Bus and Train> 1. 【Bus】 Hiroshima Airport → Shiraichi station (JR Line) [About 15 mins, 390 yen] 2. 【Train】 Shiraichi station (JR Line) → Saijo station (JR Line) [About 9 mins, 200 yen] 3. 【Bus】 Saijo station (JR Line) → Hiroshima University [About 11 mins, 290 yen]</p> <p>For your convenience, if your flight is arriving at Hiroshima later than 3PM on Sep.26, we suggest you that you arrive at Hiroshima Airport on September 25 and stay in the airport hotel overnight so that you can use the university shuttle bus departing at 10:00 am on the following day, September 26. (The program will not cover your accommodation fees.)</p>
Summer courses	Not available at this stage
Language requirements	<p>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.)</p> <p>1.Criteria for English: Equivalent to * TOEFL (iBT) : above 61 * TOEFL (CBT): above 173 * TOEFL (PBT): above 500 * IELTS (Academic) : above 5.0</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2.Criteria for Japanese: Equivalent to * Japanese Language Proficiency Test 2nd Grade [<i>Nihongo Noryoku Shiken</i> 日本語能力試験 2級] or above</p> <p>*Please consult Dr. Tsunematsu in case you have difficulties providing a document specified above. *Providing the valid language proof is prerequisite to be awarded the JASSO scholarship.</p> <p>(Language Proficiency Requirement section on the HUSA HP) http://en.hiroshima-u.jp/husa/applprocedure/applicationreq</p>
Other requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 established 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.
Preparatory language course for incoming students	Not available
Housing assistance	<p>Majority of students enrolled in the HUSA Program are housed in the <i>Ikenoue</i> Student Dormitory Complex, located at ten minutes walking distance from the campus.</p> <p>...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> <p>(Housing Information) http://en.hiroshima-u.jp/top/nyugaku/shien/jyuukyo/gakuseisyukusya/ikenoue</p> <p>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 ranges (HUSA 2016-2017) : ¥18,000, ¥13,000 and ¥8,000 (per month) If students wish to reside in off-campus apartments, they will be required to be fully responsible for arranging their own housing.</p> <p>(Leased Accommodation by Hiroshima University) http://www.sumumu.com/user/hiroshima_univ/house.html</p>
Housing application deadline	Each student is automatically allocated to a dormitory room after being admitted into the HUSA program.
Living costs (per month)	<p>The housing cost, etc. are approximately as follows. Housing fee depends on the assigned housing specifically.</p> <p>Housing 4,700-15,000 yen (approx. US\$50-150) plus cleaning fee and utilities 10,000 yen (approx. US\$100)</p> <p>Meals 40,000 yen (approx. US\$400), No meal plan offered</p>

	<p>National Health Insurance 2,000 yen (approx. US\$20)</p> <p>Cell phone & Internet (optional) 10,000 yen (approx. US\$100)</p>
Meal plan	Not available
Insurance packages exchange students are required to purchase	<p>National Health Insurance (required) 2,000 yen (approx. US\$20) per month</p> <p>Purchase of the National Health Insurance (NHI) is mandatory for ALL HUSA students. It covers 70% of all the medical expenses in Japan, except for the followings: Medical check-ups, vaccinations, childbirth and plastic surgery. If you show the NHI card when you go and see a doctor at the hospital, the NHI will cover a part of medical expenses.</p>
Vaccination requirements	No
Health facilities on campus	<p>There is Health Center on campus where students can see a general doctor.</p> <p>Students are also required to take free health check-ups at the Health Center on campus.</p>