



About the University of Osaka

The University of Osaka is one of the leading research universities in the world and is at the forefront of scientific, technological and social innovations. The University of Osaka can trace its beginnings to the Edo Period and was founded in 1931 as the sixth national university in Japan. Today, it has a total of 24,000 undergraduate and graduate students and consists of 11 Schools, 15 Graduate Schools, 6 Research Institutes, 2 Hospitals, 4 Libraries, and many other facilities. The University of Osaka welcomes exchange students from around the world and aims to grow and thrive as part of the global community.

About the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP)

OSIPP faculty members represent the top researchers and teachers in their respective fields, which include economics, law, political science, and sociology. Faculty members at OSIPP specialize in a wide range of areas within the social sciences, including economics, law, politics, and sociology. Areas of expertise include:

- Economics
Macroeconomics, microeconomics, econometrics, applied microeconomics, applied econometrics, international economics, international trade, environmental economics, development economics, health economics, labor economics, public economics, political economics, etc.
- Law
International law, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international investment law, international dispute settlement, the law of the sea, EU law, civil law, etc.
- Politics
International relations, international public administration, international political economy, international organizations, international history, contemporary history of U.S. peacebuilding, ethnic conflicts, conflicts in Africa, media studies, etc.

Program Overview

- **Level of study:** Graduate
- **Status of exchange students:** Special auditor

Special auditors can take any courses offered by any graduate school at The University of Osaka, including the Graduate School of Economics and the Graduate School of Law and Politics (with some exceptions).

- **Admission requirements**

Exchange students must continue to be registered as degree-seeking students at their home institution throughout their intended duration of study at the University of Osaka .

Academic Calendar

The University of Osaka operates with a four-term system

Apr.	May	Jun	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
Spring term (Apr.1 to mid-Jun.)		Summer term (Mid-Jun. to Sep.30)				Fall term (Oct.1 to early Dec.)		Winter term (Early Dec. to Mar.31)				
Term-based courses		Exams	Term-based courses		Exams	Summer vacation		Term-based courses	Exams	Term-based courses	Winter vacation	Exams
Two-term courses (Semester courses)							Two-term courses (Semester courses)				Spring vacation	

Courses

- Many courses run across two consecutive terms (two-term courses (or semester courses)). For example, some courses are listed as "Fall and Winter courses," continuing through both the Fall and Winter terms. Schedules and formats may vary depending on the instructor and will be indicated in the online syllabus.
- Term-based courses are completed within a single term, while two-term courses span two consecutive terms. There is a limit to the number of courses students may take per term.
- Exchange students must submit a course registration form to the Educational Affairs Section during the designated period at the beginning of each term.
- Exchange students can choose from courses taught in English or in Japanese. Language requirements for each course are listed in the online syllabus. Please refer to the following website for examples of classes available in the current academic year:

https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/eng_course

Credits

Exchange students need to take courses for a minimum of 10 hours per week. (Each course is 90 minutes in length. This generally means you should register for approximately 7 courses.) Many of the courses offered by OSIPP are worth 2 credits. However, some courses may offer 1 credit.

Grading

The University of Osaka adopts a 5-scale grade evaluation system.

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	C+	C	C-	F
Score	90 or above	85 - 89	80 - 84	75 - 79	70 - 74	65 - 69	61 - 64	60	59 or below

Japanese Language Programs

The University of Osaka offers a variety of Japanese Language Programs to meet the interests of international students. Both credited and non-credited courses are available. Please consult your advisor or contact the administrative office for additional information. Please visit the following website by the Center for International Education and Exchange (CIEE): <http://www.ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp>



Application Procedure

1. Nomination of the Applicant(s) by the Home Institution

- **For applicant students:** Applicants must first obtain approval from their home institution. Please contact the office responsible for international student exchange programs at your home institution.

- **For the home institution:** A designated contact person at the home institution must select the applicant(s) and submit the Nomination List - containing the following details - by the nomination deadline to the OSIPP Support Office (sodan@osipp.osaka-u.ac.jp).

- Names of the applicants
- Major fields and department at the home institution
- Expected graduation/completion date at their home institution
- Intended period of study in the exchange program

2. Submission of the Provisional Application

After receiving the Nomination List, OSIPP will review the nominated applicant(s) and send approval to the designated contact person at the home institution. Please note: this is a preliminary approval. Official acceptance is subject to the OSIPP faculty meeting review.

Approved applicants must then send the following documents to their designated contact person at the home institution. The contact person should compile and scan all documents and send them **by email** to the OSIPP Support Office.

Once we receive the documents, we will review them and contact you if any revisions are required.

Required Documents: (*Forms will be provided by the OSIPP Support Office upon request.)

- Application form*
- The letter of approval from the home institution
- Official transcript from the home institution. If no graduate school transcript is available, please submit an undergraduate transcript.
- Study plan*
- Confirmation of financial resources form*
- Bank statement

Important: As document revisions may be required, and the review process can take time, please submit your application well in advance of the deadline.

3. Final Submission

The designated contact person at the home institution must send the complete final application package including all the documents listed in Section 2 **by postal mail** to the following address:

Educational Affairs Section (Kyomu)
Osaka School of International Public Policy, The University of Osaka
1-31 Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka 560-0043 Japan

4. Application Submission Deadlines for Year 2026-2027

	Fall/Winter term of 2026	Spring/Summer term of 2027
1. Nomination List	May 7, 2026	November 5, 2026
2. Provisional Application	May 14, 2026	November 12, 2026
3. Final Submission	May 29, 2026	November 27, 2026

Note: Please ensure that each item is submitted by the corresponding deadline to avoid delays in processing the application.

Useful information

The University of Osaka Official Site

<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>



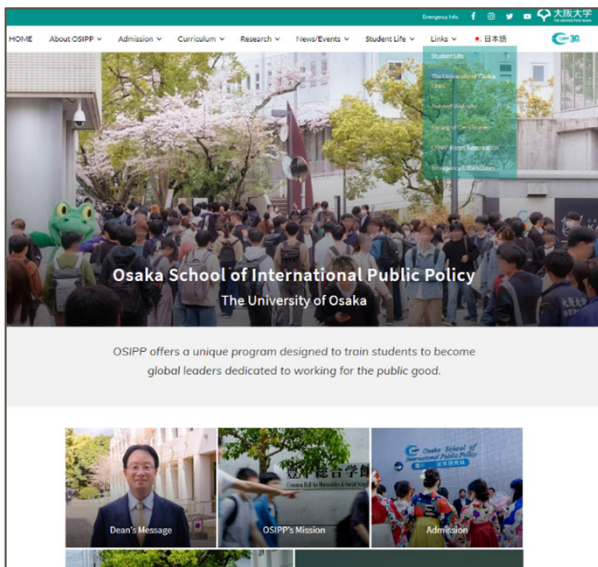
The University of Osaka Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/osakauniversity/>



OSIPP Official Site

<https://www.osipp.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>



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