



HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2026-2027

INFORMATION	
ADDRESS	Naka 2-1, Kunitachi, Tokyo 186-8601, JAPAN
WEBSITE	https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/
ABOUT US	<p>Hitotsubashi University is a national university, and is the only university in Japan to specialize exclusively in the humanities and social sciences. Since its foundation in 1875 as the oldest business school in modern Japan, Hitotsubashi has been at the forefront of Japan's innovation. It has been a powerhouse for generations of Japan's globally active business leaders as well as a research hub producing cutting-edge research in the social sciences, contributing to the global academic community.</p> <p>Hitotsubashi University has a teaching staff of about 420, with approximately 4,300 students enrolled on undergraduate courses and 1,800 on postgraduate courses. There are about 920 international students, and we also welcome about 330 researchers from around the world each year (as of 2024).</p>
USEFUL LINKS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website for Global & International https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/ 2. General Information for Exchange Students https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/ 3. International Student & Study Abroad Advising: Incoming Exchange Students https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/cgee/advising/study_abroad_advising/ 4. International Student Orientation https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/pros/orientation/

PROGRAM	
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS	
Faculty of Commerce and Management	https://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/
Faculty of Economics	https://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/
Faculty of Law	https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/faculty_of_law/
Faculty of Social Sciences	https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/
Faculty of Social Data Science	https://www.sds.hit-u.ac.jp/en/
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS	
Graduate School of Business Administration ^{*1 *2}	https://www.hub.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/ ^{*1} Limited number of Master of Business Administration (MBA) courses are open to exchange students. ^{*2} School of International Corporate Strategy (ICS) courses are not open to exchange students.
Graduate School of Economics	https://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/
Graduate School of Law ^{*1}	https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/ ^{*1} Business Law courses conducted in Japanese and School of Law courses are not open to exchange students.
Graduate School of Social Sciences	https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/
Graduate School of Social Data Science	https://www.sds.hit-u.ac.jp/en/
Graduate School of Language and Society	https://gensha.hit-u.ac.jp/english/
School of International and Public Policy	https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html

EXCHANGE PERIOD

Students from our partner institutions who have been nominated as exchange students can apply to study at Hitotsubashi University for one of the following periods:

Enrollment in Autumn 2026

For 6 months	September 2026 ~ December 2026
For 1 year	September 2026 ~ July 2027

Enrollment in Spring 2027

For 6 months	April 2027 ~ July 2027
For 1 year	April 2027 ~ December 2027

REQUIREMENTS

LANGUAGE	English ^{*1**}	TOEFL (iBT) 79 / IELTS (academic module) 6.0 / CEFR B2 or equivalent ^{*1} Applicants from partner institutions in the U.S., Canada, U.K., Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Hong Kong are exempted from the English language requirements. ^{**} Applicants from partner institutions whose programs are conducted entirely in English are exempted from the above language requirements with a letter of proof from the partner institution.
	Japanese	JLPT Level 2, N2 or equivalent
GPA	2.7 or above on a 4.0 scale ^{*If applicants are from partner institutions in which the 4.0 scale does not apply to the grading system, their score must be converted to GPA on the 4.0 scale.}	
ACADEMIC	Exchange students must have completed <u>two (2) years of undergraduate study (4 semesters/ 6 trimesters/ 8 quarters)</u> or possess equivalent academic ability prior to commencing their exchange at Hitotsubashi University ^{*This shall not apply to students from partner institutions if this is not specified in the relevant student exchange agreement.}	

STUDYING AT HITOTSUBASHI

Hitotsubashi University emphasizes small-group class education, and one of the prominent characteristics of this is our seminar style approach. The seminar style approach keeps class sizes small and focuses on intense student-faculty interaction, providing rich course content.

(1) Enroll in Specialized Courses/Seminars Conducted in Japanese or English

- Courses/Seminars Conducted in Japanese
Both postgraduate and undergraduate courses in Japanese are available. Students must possess a minimum language proficiency in Japanese of JLPT Level 2 or N2.
- Courses Conducted in English
Both postgraduate and undergraduate courses in English are available; however, most courses conducted in English are **undergraduate-level** courses, and only a limited number of postgraduate-level courses are available in English.

(2) Enroll in Japanese Language Courses

Hitotsubashi University offers a wide variety of Japanese Language Courses ranging from introductory to advanced levels.
<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/courses/japanese/>

(3) Research Under a Supervisor (*this option is only for postgraduate exchange students)

Postgraduate exchange students can do their research under a supervisor who specializes in a field that matches their interest, if they apply during the application period and are accepted by the supervisor.

COURSE INFORMATION

WEB SYLLABUS		https://syllabus.cels.hit-u.ac.jp/
COURSE LIST		The list of courses conducted in English https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/courses/hgp/information-on-courses-classes/
COURSE REGISTRATION		At Hitotsubashi, each class session runs 105 minutes. Each term, all exchange students, except postgraduate students who research under a supervisor, shall register for courses with a total of at least six 105-minute slots of class time per week to maintain their visa status. Typically, two-credit courses meet once a week for a 105-minute lecture over 14 weeks in the case of semester courses, or meet twice a week for a 105-minute lecture over 7 weeks in the case of quarter courses. https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/reg/
WORKLOAD HOURS		The calculation of workload hours for credit-bearing courses: 1 credit = a workload of 45 hours; 2 credits = a workload of 90 hours. In accordance with the Standards for Establishment of Universities, all Japanese universities have the same benchmark for workload hours.
FEES	Tuition Fee	Exchange students from partner institutions with a tuition waiver agreement are exempted from tuition fees.
	COE Processing Fee	Exchange students who apply for their COE will be required to pay the COE processing fee (12,000 JPY + tax). <i>*Students with Japanese nationality or special permanent resident status will not be charged this fee since they are not required to apply for the COE.</i>

CAMPUS LIFE

HOUSING	<p>Residential hall for exchange students.</p> <p>Exchange students are given priority for a single room in the residential hall (Ikkyo-Ryo), with use of a common area to be shared with residents on the same floor. However, not all exchange students may be guaranteed a room due to limited availability. We are unable to consider your personal preference about the residential hall in which you wish to live when assigning rooms. For more details of housing costs, please refer to the websites below:</p> <p>Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo: https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kodaira/</p>
INSURANCE	<p>Exchange students are required to join the following insurances regardless of the length of their stay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Japanese National Health Insurance scheme ● Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research "GAKKENSAN" ● Comprehensive Insurance for Student Lives Coupled with "GAKKENSAN" for International Students ("Inbound futai-gakuso") <p>The application procedure will be guided at the orientation.</p>
SCHOLARSHIP	<p>The following scholarships may be available for exchange students. In order to apply for these scholarships, applicants must be nominated by their home institution. The information for scholarships is on HU's website and the Application details will be in the Application Packet we will send you later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MEXT Scholarship: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Start his/her period of study at HU in September 2) Be a one academic year exchange student 3) Possess a high level of Japanese language proficiency (JLPT Level 2, N2 or higher). ● Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship (JASSO) HU's website : https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/

APPLICATIONS

Applicants wishing to apply for student exchange must be nominated by their home institutions first. Direct applications from students with no nomination by their home institutions will not be accepted. Once the nomination is completed, applicants and/or their home institutions should submit the application forms by the designated deadline. If nomination is not received on time without prior consultation, it will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Application Procedures for Undergraduate Students

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/undergrad/>

Application Procedures for Postgraduate Students

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/grad/>

For September 2026 Admission

Nomination Deadline	March 17, 2026
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Application Deadline	March 25, 2026
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For April 2027 Admission

Nomination Deadline	September 16, 2026
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Application Deadline	September 24, 2026
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027 (TBD)

The academic year begins on April 1 and ends on the following March 31. Before the classes begin, exchange students shall attend the international student orientation. Examinations may occur during or at the end of the lecture period. The academic calendar 2026-2027 will be finalized in January 2026. For exchange students participating in Spring-Summer **2027** semester, the calendar of Spring-Summer 2026 will help to consider the schedule, as the academic calendar 2027-2028 has not yet been determined.

Spring – Summer 2026

Spring		Summer	
Move-in day for residence hall: March 26			
International student orientation <i>*Mandatory</i> : March 27, March 30 – April 1			
Classes Begin:	April 1	Classes Begin:	June 2
Classes end:	May 31	Classes end:	July 22
Intensive Courses <i>*Optional</i> :		July 24 – August 3, 2027	
Grade release date:		August 31 (for both undergraduates and postgraduates)	

Autumn - Winter 2026-27

Autumn		Winter	
Move-in day for residence hall: August 28 (TBD)			
International student orientation <i>*Mandatory</i> :		September 1 – September 4 (TBD)	
Classes begin:	September 14	Classes begin:	November 6
Classes end:	November 5	Classes end:	January 5
Intensive Course <i>*Optional</i> :	(I) January 6 – 18, 2027 (II) January 19 – 27, 2027 (III) January 28 – February 3, 2027		
Grade release date:	March 8 (for both undergraduates and postgraduates)		

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