

Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program - HUSTEP -	
Brochure & Application Form	Issued in December
Course Duration	One-Year Course (2026-2027): October, 2026 - Mid-August, 2027 (11 months) Half-Year Course (Fall 2026): October, 2026 - Mid-February, 2027 (5 months) Half-Year Course (Spring 2027): April, 2027 - Mid-August, 2027 (5 months)
Application Deadline	One-Year Course (2026-2027): February 6, 2026 Half-Year Course (Fall 2026): February 6, 2026 Half-Year Course (Spring 2027): October 23, 2026
Results Notification	One-Year Course (2026-2027) and Half-Year Course (Fall 2026): Early-April Half-Year Course (Spring 2027): 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	
<p>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.</p> <p><a href="#">Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program (HUSTEP) – Hokkaido University</a></p>	
Eligibility	
<p>To be eligible to apply for HUSTEP, students must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. be enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs at overseas universities that have concluded a student exchange agreement with Hokkaido University.</li> <li>2. be enrolled and pay tuition fees at their home universities as full-time students during the entire period of study in Japan.</li> <li>3. have completed at least two years of undergraduate study at their own university prior to arrival in Japan.</li> <li>4. have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.</li> <li>5. be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers must have a score of at least TOEFL iBT 79 or IELTS 6.5 (from January 2028 onward, we will employ new TOEFL iBT scoring and the minimum requirement will be 4.5 points).</li> <li>6. be able to arrive by late September or the first week of April.</li> </ol> <p>*A different internationally-recognized English test result such as CEFR (at least C1) may be accepted. TOEIC and Duolingo are not accepted.</p>	
Application Procedure	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Home University Coordinator provides students with online application link.</li> <li>2. Student completes the forms.</li> <li>3. Home University Coordinator also uploads necessary forms to the application platform and then the student finalizes the online application.</li> <li>4. Hokkaido University reviews the application.</li> <li>5. Hokkaido University notifies successful applicants and issues further instructions.</li> </ol>	
Required Documents	
<p>The application package should include the following documents:</p> <p>Documents need to be submitted by applicants (students):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Completed HUSTEP online application (through TAO system)</li> <li>2) Consent to Transfer and Process Personal Data (Everyone)</li> <li>3) Digital ID Photos</li> <li>4) TOEFL, IELTS or CEFR score certificate (non-native English speakers only)</li> <li>5) HU (Hokkaido University) Study Plan</li> <li>6) Certificate of Scholarship/Student Loan (if applicable)</li> </ol> <p>Documents need to be submitted by the home institution's international office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Completed Certificate of Enrollment Form</li> <li>8) Recommendation Letter from an academic supervisor</li> <li>9) Official Transcript of academic record</li> <li>10) University Grading System</li> </ol> <p>Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.</p>	
Credits	
Credits and grades are issued for each semester.	
Scholarship	
<p>The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) offers the following scholarship: 80,000 yen per month.</p> <p><b>Please note that due to a limited number of scholarships offered, only a few students will be able to receive them.</b></p>	
Accommodation	
<p>University dormitory</p> <p>Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.</p>	
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