

**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

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.

#### [Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program \(HUSTEP\) – Hokkaido University](#)

#### 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 (from January 2028 onward, we will employ new TOEFL iBT scoring and the minimum requirement will be 4.5 points).
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 online application link.
2. Student completes the forms.
3. Home University Coordinator also uploads necessary forms to the application platform and then the student finalizes the online application.
4. Hokkaido University reviews the application.
5. Hokkaido University notifies successful applicants and issues further instructions.

#### Required Documents

The application package should include the following documents:

Documents need to be submitted by applicants (students):

- 1) Completed HUSTEP online application (through TAO system)
- 2) Consent to Transfer and Process Personal Data (Everyone)
- 3) Digital ID Photos
- 4) TOEFL, IELTS or CEFR score certificate (non-native English speakers only)
- 5) HU (Hokkaido University) Study Plan
- 6) Certificate of Scholarship/Student Loan (if applicable)

Documents need to be submitted by the home institution's international office:

- 7) Completed Certificate of Enrollment Form
- 8) Recommendation Letter from an academic supervisor
- 9) Official Transcript of academic record
- 10) University Grading System

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

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