



AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY (TOKYO)

Fact Sheet for Student Exchange Program 2023-24

| General Information | |
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| Website | Inbound Exchange Program Website: http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/english/index.html University Website: http://www.aoyama.ac.jp/ Aoyama Gakuin Website: https://www.aoyamagakuin.jp/ |
| Academic Information | |
| Academic Calendar | <u>Spring 2023 (1st Semester)</u> End of March: Arrive in Tokyo End of March – Early April: Orientation week Early April – End of July: Classes End of July – Early August: Final Exam Period <u>Fall 2023 (2nd Semester)</u> Early September: Arrive in Tokyo Mid-September: Orientation week Mid-September – End of January: Classes End of January – Early February: Final Exam Period |
| Academic Departments | <u>Aoyama Campus</u> -Located in the heart of Tokyo (Shibuya, Tokyo) -7 Academic Departments: Literature; Education, Psychology & Human Studies; Economics; Law; Business; International Politics, Economics & Communication; Cultural and Creative Studies <u>Sagamihara Campus</u> -Located in Sagamihara city, Kanagawa Prefecture -4 Academic Departments: Science & Engineering; Social Informatics; Global Studies & Collaboration (Japan Studies Program); Community Studies (Currently not opened to exchange students) |
| Japanese Courses for Exchange Students | <u>Aoyama Campus</u> Japanese Language & Culture Classes (Level 1 – 7) -Japanese (A),(B),(C) and (D) subjects: 4 classes per week -Japanese Culture & Society: 1 class per week -Japanology: 1 class per week <u>Sagamihara Campus</u> Japanese Language & Culture Classes (Level 1 – 4) -Japanese (A),(B),(C) and (D) subjects: 4 classes per week -Japanese Culture & Society: 1 class per week -Japanology: 1 class per week NOTE: Those students who will take ONLY English-taught courses does not necessary apply to above. |

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| Course Syllabus | http://syllabus.aoyama.ac.jp/ NOTE: For every Academic Year, course information and the English course list will be updated at the end of March. |
| List of Courses taught in English (UG) | http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/foreigner/exchange/course |
| Course Restrictions for Exchange Students | MBA program, Physical Education classes, Teacher's Certificate courses, Foreign Language courses for Japanese students, some courses offered by the Department of Education, and courses that are full NOTE: Graduate students may be accepted on a limited basis subject to approval from the academic staff based on academic objectives. Most courses are taught in Japanese. A high level of Japanese proficiency is mandatory. |
| Minimum number of credits | 14 credits per semester |
| Course Registration | Register online during the registration period after attending the course registration orientation upon arrival |
| Transcripts | <u>Spring (1st Semester):</u> -Grade Report (in Japanese, on student portal): September -Official Transcript (in English, sent to International Office): Late September <u>Fall (2nd Semester):</u> -Grade Report (in Japanese, on student portal): March -Official Transcript (in English, sent to International Office): April |
| Application for Inbound Exchange Program | |
| Duration of Exchange | 1 semester or 1 full-year (two semesters) |
| Required G.P.A | G.P.A. 2.5 (4.0 scale) or above NOTE: If G.P.A. is not on a 4.0 scale, submit a 'Verification of Academic Standing' written by the International Office Director that states that the student has scored on average or above average in his or her official grades. |
| Required Language Proficiency | <p><Aoyama Campus></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Literature; Education, Psychology & Human Studies; Economics; Law; Business; International Politics, Economics & Communication; Cultural and Creative Studies</u> <p>A) have studied Japanese for more than 1 year, and have JLPT N5 or equivalent OR B) Japanese Proficiency NOT REQUIRED if the applicant will take only English-taught courses. Instead, student must have the following English Proficiency: TOEFL iBT 68 or IELTS 5.5 or higher, unless English native ✖ NOTE: B) does not apply to Graduate level applicants. Courses at Graduate level are taught in Japanese. Therefore a high level of Japanese ability is mandatory.</p> <p><Sagamihara Campus></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Social Informatics</u> <p>- have studied Japanese for more than 1 year, and have JLPT N5 or equivalent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Science & Engineering; Global Studies and Collaboration (Japan Studies Program)</u> <p>A) have studied Japanese for more than 1 year, and have JLPT N5 or equivalent OR B) Japanese Proficiency NOT REQUIRED if the applicant will take only English-taught courses. Instead, the student must have the following English Proficiency: TOEFL iBT 68 or IELTS 5.5 or higher, unless they are a native English speaker ✖ ✖NOTE: In case TOEFL or IELTS are not held in your country, follow below 1) Submit Official English Test Score along with an official conversion table of IELTS or</p> |

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| | TOEFL iBT score, issued by the test organization. OR 2) Submit the 'English Proficiency Report' (download the form from the website below) completed by a full-time faculty member teaching English language classes or a full-time faculty member who has obtained a degree from a university where the instruction was in English. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Application Forms | http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/foreigner/exchange/material | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deadline for Nomination | Spring (1st Semester): | Fall (2nd Semester): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | September 1 to October 31, 2022 | February 1 to March 31, 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deadline for Application materials | November 10, 2022 | April 10, 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accommodation and Others | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing Information | http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/foreigner/exchange/housing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Living Costs | <p>The following is an estimate living costs of attending AGU as an Exchange Student for a full academic year (12 months).</p> <table> <tr> <td>Room & Board</td> <td>¥ 1,260,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Books and Materials</td> <td>¥ 60,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation</td> <td>¥ 35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extracurricular activities</td> <td>¥ 70,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Health Insurance</td> <td>¥ 25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td> <td>¥ 100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>¥ 1,550,000</td> </tr> </table> | | Room & Board | ¥ 1,260,000 | Books and Materials | ¥ 60,000 | Transportation | ¥ 35,000 | Extracurricular activities | ¥ 70,000 | National Health Insurance | ¥ 25,000 | Miscellaneous | ¥ 100,000 | Total | ¥ 1,550,000 |
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| Health Insurance | National Health Insurance (NHI) is compulsory (approx. 2000yen per month. Varies according to city/ward). Must apply on arrival at local city/ward office. Besides the above, it is highly recommended that students arrange appropriate Overseas Insurance in their home country, which should cover their study period in Japan. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitness Center | Costs 3000yen/per academic year. It is required to take Fitness Center orientation and university health check-up in order to join. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Support for Exchange Students | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| International Center | English-speaking staff and faculty members will provide orientations (in Japanese and English), and general/academic counseling after arrival. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buddy System | Student volunteers (mostly local Japanese students) will be assigned to provide peer support on school and day-to-day matters. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chat Room | <p>Chat Room is a space on campus where international students and Japanese students teach their languages to each other.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YkFBMy26M0</p> <p>-Japanese Sessions: Japanese students teach exchange students conversational Japanese (free to participate)</p> <p>http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/chat_room/jct</p> <p>-English Sessions: English-speaking exchange students can work as chat leaders to teach Japanese students conversational English (will be paid per hour)</p> <p>-Other language sessions may be offered</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social and Cultural Events | <p>-International Coffee Hour (twice every semester)</p> <p>-1 Day Bus trip outside Tokyo (once every semester) e.g.: Cherry picking, Grape picking, sightseeing, etc.</p> <p>-Other optional events: Tea leaves harvesting experience, visit to Kabuki, attending a Sumo Tournament, Kimono Workshop, Japanese Sake Workshop, etc.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Note: The information on this sheet is subject to change.