

# INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT USP

## 1 General Information

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## 2 Application

Applicants must be currently enrolled as undergraduate or graduate students at USP's partner university and should be recommended by the home university.

Academic calendar at USP

Spring Semester 2014 April 1st to September

**Application Requirements: Applicants must submit the required documents below.**

- I Application form for exchange students
- I Written Oath; Pledge
- I Application for certificate of eligibility( for applying VISA)
- I Housing Request Sheet ( If necessary )
- I Medical Certificate
- I 4 pieces of Photographic portrait
- I A copy of your passport

Please submit following documents in your school's form

- I Academic Transcript
- I Certificate of enrollment (or Recommendation letter)

**Application Deadline for 2014**

**Spring Semester: 30 Nov**

**Fall Semester: 31 May**

### 3 Courses

#### Limitation and Suggestion on Class Selection:

There are no limitations. However, courses offered only in English are limited. We recommend to have at least one year of Japanese or a basic proficiency level in order to take part in other classes. Some classes may require advanced level Japanese.

#### Courses delivered in English:

(USP currently offering or has plans to offer the following courses in English)

*Japanese culture and Civilization*

*Japanese culture and Religion I*

*Environmental Science in Japan*

*Medieval Japanese History (Spring)*

*Japanese culture and Religion II (Fall)*

*Modern Japanese History (Fall)*

*Eastern Thought (Spring)*

*Western Thought (Fall)*

*Environmental Issues from the Perspective of Social & Natural Sciences (Spring: from 2015)*

#### Japanese Courses:

Prior to beginning Japanese Courses students will take a placement exam to determine which level of classes to take.

Beginning Japanese : 2 classes / week (3 hours/week)


Intermediate Japanese : 2 classes / week (3 hours/week)

Advanced Japanese : 2 classes / week (3 hours/week)

### 4 Dormitories

There is limited availability of space in the dormitories. Placement in our facilities will be based on that availability.

USP is happy to make available three options for housing. The details regarding costs are still under review and therefore “tentative”. Nevertheless the following is what USP intends to offer.

<b>1-room apartment, furnished</b> 	<b>Single Room with a loft (or a bed), kitchen, and bathroom.</b> <b>Monthly rent and security deposit:</b> <b>¥50,000 rent per month (tentative )</b> <b>Security deposit (¥20,000)</b> <b>*Internet access fee is included</b> <b>*Utilities are included.</b> <b>*Two students may share this apartment.</b>
<b>Wada Dorm 1: (Built in 1970)</b> <b>8 houses ( 16 rooms ), furnished</b> 	<b>Each house has a kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms, and bathroom. This is a shared 2 person living space with separate bedrooms.</b> <b>Monthly rent and security deposit:</b> <b>¥5,500 rent per month</b> <b>Security deposit (¥20,000)</b> <b>*Internet access fee is included</b> <b>*Utilities are not included.</b> <b>*This property is somewhat old.</b>
<b>Wada Dorm 2: (Built in 1979)</b> <b>2 houses ( 6 rooms ), furnished</b> 	<b>Each house has a kitchen, living room, bedroom (for each), and bathroom. This is a shared 3 person living space with separate bedrooms.</b>  <b>Monthly rent and security deposit:</b> <b>¥9,000 rent per month</b> <b>+ security deposit (¥20,000)</b> <b>*Internet access fee is included</b> <b>*Utilities are not included.</b>  <b>* The interior of these houses was renovated in 2011.</b>

**\*Each house is fully furnished, including a washing machine.**

If desired, students may also secure their own living accommodations. USP will provide a subsidy (up to ¥15,000) towards the monthly rent. However, it is the responsibility of the student-to purchase his/her furnishings and living essentials.

To apply for a dorm room or apartment, please submit the “Housing Request Sheet” with your application forms.

**Please note:**

**Housing information is currently under review. Costs and subsidies are subject to change.**

## 5 Insurance

### \*Mandatory\*

#### 1. National Health Insurance (Approximately ¥20,000 / year ( following reduction ))

International students are fundamentally required to join the National Health Insurance System upon your arrival in Japan, **if the stay is more than 1 year**. This insurance covers about 70% of the medical charges.

#### 2. Personal Liability Insurance for Students: ¥1,420 / year + ¥1,000/ deposit

Without Personal Liability Insurance, which covers maximum no less than 100 million yen, students will not be permitted to ride bicycles.

#### 3. Life Mutual Insurance ( ¥3,400 - ¥11,400 / year )

Without full medical insurance coverage, expenses can be very expensive in Japan, In case of injury or hospitalization, USP strongly recommends purchasing Life Mutual Insurance, as well.

- I Students who will stay in Japan less than 1 year (may) purchase insurance which covers all the above in their own country. In this case, students are required to show the proof of Health Insurance written in English.

Please note: It is the responsibility of the student to arrive with sufficient funds to pay living expenses, and pay other expenses related to living in Japan. Also, determine how and when your sponsor will provide funds to you to make sure that you have adequate finances for your living throughout the year. The University of Shiga Prefecture does not have any financial assistance or emergency funds available for international students.

## 6 Other Services

### Tutor Program

Japanese tutors can be assigned to our international students.