

Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program  
Osaka University

# APPLICATION GUIDELINE

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## Brief Overview of the Program

The Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program sets out to cultivate self-motivated, reflective students who have a sophisticated knowledge base and the necessary practical skills to meet the challenges that they will face in our fast-changing, globalized world. The program aims to give students a well-defined area of disciplinary expertise that can be applied in different settings to bring workable solutions to a variety of problems and issues. This exciting and innovative program was launched in October 2011 by the School of Human Sciences in collaboration with other schools, graduate schools, and research centers at Osaka University. The Autumn 2019 intake of students onwards will have the opportunity to experience a re-designed program that builds on our own learning from delivering an English-medium undergraduate program in the Human Sciences these past eight years. We aim to provide a vibrant and multicultural learning environment for students. In addition to providing an English-medium teaching and learning environment, we also expect students to gain proficiency in the Japanese language. There are curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular opportunities to learn the language and interact with regular, Japanese language-medium program students, domestic and international.

The new re-structured program we are introducing from the 2019 intake onwards looks rather different. After taking shared foundation courses in the first three semesters, from the fourth semester students will begin to take advanced courses. At that time, we will invite students to choose one of three areas to focus their studies: Political and Global Studies, Diversity and Inclusion Studies, or Japan Studies. They will take advanced level courses to build their expertise in one of these areas of concentration and also focus their undergraduate dissertation in a related area of research. Please note that regardless of area chosen, the degree awarded at graduation is a Bachelor of Human Sciences.

- **Political and Global Studies**

Knowledge of politics and international relations is more important than ever in today's interconnected world. The Political and Global Studies concentration offers students a rigorous selection of courses covering domestic politics, international relations, and political economy. Examples of courses include Peace and Conflict Studies, East Asian Politics, Globalization, as well as courses on Japanese politics. Students will synthesize the knowledge they gain from advanced study into writing their 4th year undergraduate thesis. Overall, the Political and Global Studies concentration offers students a range of knowledge, training, and critical thinking skills appropriate for a politically or internationally focused career.

- **Diversity and Inclusion Studies**

This focus asks students to address issues of equality, participation and inclusion for people who are very differently located in society. Students will be expected to explore the question of what systems and practices are needed to create greater equality, participation, and inclusion across diverse settings such as education, health, and business. Examples of courses include: Human Rights; Health, Education and Inequality; Civil Society Movements; Sociology of Migration; and Gender and Development.



Students focusing on Diversity and Inclusion Studies will gain skills and knowledge that will provide a good foundation for further study leading to a future career working in international organizations such as UNESCO, non-profit organizations, charities and corporate social responsibility sections, and human resource management in companies. This concentration will link directly with the activities of the UNESCO Chair in Global Health and Education newly established at Osaka University.

- **Japan Studies**

Economically, technologically, and culturally, Japan has a major impact on global society. Healthy living and a universal system of health care have helped Japan achieve the longest life expectancy in the world, yet this has come hand-in-hand with the challenge of hyper-aging. In a society that has ‘too-few-children’, demographics and how to better balance work and family life are major issues. The Japan Studies focus invites students to study Japan from a number of angles including its culture, social systems, and institutions, as well as its global influence. Examples of courses include: Contemporary Educational Issues in Japan, Social Stratification in Japan, Religion in Japanese Society, Popular Culture, and Japanese Law. Students who take this concentration will be well positioned to seek employment in Japanese organizations and Japan-related fields overseas.

## Admission Policy

Osaka University welcomes applications from suitably qualified international students and domestic students with an international education background. The University recognizes the great academic and cultural value of having a diverse student body studying together in a community of learning. Osaka University is one of the leading teaching and research universities in Japan and it continues to attract highly talented applicants. This program allows for intensive study in relatively small groups.

The eligibility requirements described below reflect the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology’s (MEXT) minimum level for submitting an application. Successful applicants will have an excellent academic record that shows they are highly motivated and engaged in learning. They will also be outstanding members of their school community and have a record of service. Given these expectations, we will be screening applicants not only on the basis of evidence of academic ability (exam scores etc.), but on their whole application. In other words, we consider each applicant holistically using all the information that is submitted to us.



## Duration of Program ( 2020 cohort)

October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2024 (4 years)\*

\*For students who meet required academic criteria, accelerated graduation after 3.5 years is possible.

## Student Intake

This program currently enrolls only a small number of students. This allows for intensive study and supervision.

## Checking Eligibility to Apply

Due to Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) requirements, to be eligible to apply for this program you must be one of the following types of student by September 30, 2020.

**Criteria 1:** An International applicant (defined here as a student applying from outside of Japan) who has completed a standard 12-year school education curriculum (primary, lower and upper secondary) in a country other than Japan. Including here, is an applicant who has completed a standard 12-year school education curriculum in a country outside Japan in less than 12 years as a result of being promoted up a grade ahead of his or her peers.

**Criteria 2:** An international applicant who is at least 18 years of age and who, while not completing all twelve years of their education in that particular country, has passed upper secondary school level examinations and therefore is considered to have reached the same academic level as a student who has completed the standard 12-year school education curriculum of that country and therefore is eligible to apply for university in that country.

**Criteria 3:** An international applicant who has completed primary and secondary school education in line with the stipulations of that country or passed upper secondary school level examinations and therefore considered to have reached the same academic level as a student who has completed the standard primary and secondary school education curriculum of that country. However, because the qualification is not considered equivalent to a full 12 years in the Japanese system, applicants need to have completed a pre-university preparatory education course required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by MEXT.

**Criteria 4:** An international applicant who has completed a curriculum in a school that is considered to be the equivalent of high school (upper secondary) level and met the requirements stipulated by MEXT. The applicant should have completed at least 11 years of education in a country outside Japan at institution(s) that meet standards laid down by MEXT.



**Criteria 5:** A Japan-based applicant who has completed a program of study in Japan at an educational institution offering the national curriculum of a foreign country and this curriculum would be considered to be equivalent to completion of a standard 12-year school curriculum under rules of that country's school education system. In other words, they would be eligible to apply to a university in that country as a result of completing said curriculum.

**Criteria 6:** A Japan-based applicant who has completed a program of study at an educational institution offering the national curriculum of a foreign country and who would be considered to have reached the same academic level as a student who has completed the standard 12-year school education curriculum of that country and therefore eligible to apply for university in that country and, in addition to this, has completed a pre-university preparatory education course required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by MEXT.

**Criteria 7:** An applicant who has obtained the International Baccalaureate Diploma awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

**Criteria 8:** An applicant who has obtained the Abitur issued by the Federal Republic of Germany for college entrance.

**Criteria 9:** An applicant who has obtained the Baccalaureate Diploma issued by the French Republic for college entrance.

**Criteria 10:** An applicant who has obtained the General Certificate of Advanced Level accredited as a qualification for admission to a university in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Criteria 11:** An applicant who has completed the standard 12-year school curriculum at an accredited international school in Japan designated by MEXT. Recognized international accrediting agencies include WASC, ACSI, and CIS.

NOTE :

- If you have completed your studies at a non-accredited international school in Japan or you are unsure whether you are eligible to apply, please contact the HUS International Program Office as early as possible before applying.



## Application Timeline

Please note that all deadlines are JAPAN TIME on the date indicated.

<b>10:00 am, December 1, 2019</b>	Application period opens
<b>4:59 pm, January 3, 2020</b>	Deadline for the application registration and the application fee payment
<b>January 10</b>	Deadline for receipt of application documents by post
<b>February 17</b>	Some applicants may be interviewed if we feel we want more information or clarification. In such a case, we will contact you by e-mail by February 17. The interview can be face-to-face or via an internet interface.
<b>From mid-February to mid-March</b>	Interviews
<b>Late March</b>	Notification of the screening result by e-mail. The Notification of Acceptance will be sent to successful applicants by e-mail. If it is a conditional offer, the applicant needs to meet any conditions to get their place confirmed. All applicants need to acknowledge the receipt of the e-mail message when they receive it from us.
<b>May 1</b>	Deadline to reply to your offers by e-mail
<b>June (Please wait for details)</b>	Deadline for payment of the enrollment fee. Visa application
<b>July</b>	Deadline for students completing the IB program to submit IB results to confirm offers
<b>August</b>	Deadline for students completing A levels to submit final A-level results to confirm offers
<b>Late September</b>	Move into the dorm Matriculation ceremony
<b>October 1</b>	Classes begin



## Application Instructions

We will be accepting online registrations from December 1, 2019 through January 3, 2020. The application fee must be paid by January 3<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All application documentation must arrive by January 10, 2020 by post.

1. Visit the following Application Registration website and complete your registration by 4:59 pm, January 3, 2020. Upon registration, you will receive an automatic reply e-mail directing you to a URL link for downloading the application form. You will also be informed the mailing address for the application.

<https://e-apply.jp/n/osaka-u-inter>

2. Pay the application fee before posting the application documents. The due date for the payment is 4:59 pm, January 3, 2020. For more details, please refer to the Application Fee and Method of Payment section.
3. Download the application form, fill it out, add your photograph, the transaction confirmation or remittance receipt and the required signature(s). Post the required documents to the mailing address that you received in the automatic reply e-mail with supporting application documents, including a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, transcripts, graduation certificates and test scores as indicated on the check list. Please note that application documents must reach the mailing address by a registered mailing service such as EMS, FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc. by January 10, 2020. We cannot accept responsibility for loss or any delay in the delivery of the documents. Over the New Year's Holiday, from December 22, 2019 to January 3, 2020, the HUS International Program Office is closed. We will not be able to respond to any inquiries during this period.

### NOTES:

- The application may be rejected if significant errors are found in the application materials. We do not normally allow changes to application materials after submission.
- Submitted documents will not be returned.
- Should an applicant provide false information in the application, he/she will be automatically rejected. Should such falsification come to light after the student has enrolled, disciplinary action will be taken, including possible expulsion from the program.
- All communication from the university to the applicant, including the screening results, will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the application form. Please inform us if your e-mail address changes for any reason.
- Any changes in the application process will be announced on our website.





## Application Materials

### 1) Application form

Download and complete the application form from the URL included in the automatic reply e-mail.

### 2) Documents certifying eligibility to apply

Eligibility	Required Documents
Criteria 1 or 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of graduation from the last school attended (upper secondary level) or a corresponding letter showing expected date of graduation. In the case that the last school attended was an institution of higher education (university), then please also include the upper secondary level certificate of graduation.</li> <li>• Academic transcript from the last school attended (upper secondary level). In the case that the last school attended was an institution of higher education (university), then please also include your secondary level academic transcripts (corresponding to high school level in Japan). In the case of having passed a standardized examination for university entrance (corresponding to an exam taken at high school level in Japan), please include certificates of your examination results (for example, the Gao Kao, A levels or IB Diploma).</li> <li>• A certificate of accelerated promotion if you were promoted a grade.</li> </ul>
Criteria 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification showing that you have passed the relevant examination(s).</li> <li>• Academic transcript showing results of the relevant examinations.</li> </ul>
Criteria 3 or 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to a Japanese high school (upper secondary level).</li> <li>• Applicants who have passed the certified exams should present their results certificate and academic transcript.</li> <li>• Certificate of completion of a pre-university preparatory course of education or certificate of scheduled completion.</li> </ul>
Criteria 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript and certificate of graduation,</li> </ul>
Criteria 7 (Continued of next page) (Criteria 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to a Japanese high school (upper secondary level).</li> <li>• Copy of your International Baccalaureate Diploma.</li> <li>• Certificate of examination results from the International Baccalaureate Examination (six subjects, TOK and EE).</li> </ul>
Criteria 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to a Japanese high school (upper secondary level).</li> <li>• Copy of your General Qualification Form for University Entrance (Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife).</li> </ul>



Criteria 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to a Japanese high school (upper secondary level).</li> <li>• Copy of your French Baccalaureate Diploma.</li> <li>• Certificate of examination results from the French Baccalaureate Examination.</li> </ul>
Criteria 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to a Japanese high school (upper secondary level).</li> <li>• Certificate of examination results from the GCE A-level.</li> </ul>
Criteria 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to a Japanese high school (upper secondary level)</li> </ul>

NOTES:

- Those who are not graduating until after the January 10, 2020 deadline should send or have sent, where possible, official predicted grades and a grade transcript for all completed upper secondary school level courses (the equivalent of high school in Japan) to date and certificate of expected graduation. Pending graduation certificates and final academic transcripts should be sent on once they become available.
- Those who are attending or graduated from college or university should include the transcript and the certificate of student their status or the certificate of graduation.
- If certificates and other application documents are in languages other than English and Japanese, please ensure that an officially validated translation is provided. Validation can be from a school official (senior management level), embassy staff or from a lawyer.



### 3) Certification of English language proficiency

Applicants need to provide proof of English proficiency either through school transcripts or one of the following exams or tests.

English Language Test	Requirement(s)
TOEFL iBT (Internet-based TOEFL)	<p>A minimum score of 85 is required (generally no less than 21 listening, 22 reading, 20 speaking and 21 writing)</p> <p>If submitting a TOEFL score, you need to submit both of the reports noted below (the score should be obtained before January 10, 2020 and be within the two-year validity period):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Official score report sent directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS) to Osaka University by the submission deadline of January 10, 2020. Institution Code: B815 (Osaka University Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program)</li> <li>2. A copy of the examinee's score record (the document sent to the examinee)</li> </ol> <p>When submitting your TOEFL score, please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It takes a month or more for the official score report to reach Osaka University after issuing a request to ETS. Take the exam no later than a month before the submission deadline (January 10, 2020).</li> <li>• Scores from TOEFL-ITP (Institutional Testing Program) are not valid.</li> <li>• The scores from applicants who decide not to proceed with their application will be held for two years and then disposed of in line with program policy for application materials. Likewise, scores received after the application period will be disposed of in the same way.</li> </ul>
IELTS Academic Module (Continued to next page) (IELTS Academic Module)	<p>A minimum score of 6.5 is required (generally no component score below 6.0).</p> <p>If submitting an IELTS score, you need to submit both of the reports noted below (the score should be obtained before January 10, 2020 and be within the two-year validity period):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Test Report Form (sent directly from IELTS to Osaka University)</li> <li>2. A copy of the examinee's test score report (the document sent</li> </ol>



	<p>to the examinee)</p> <p>When submitting your score, please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please make sure that the official score report is sent to Osaka University HUS G30 Office via IELTS by the January 10, 2020 submission deadline.</li> </ul> <p>Address:</p> <p>G30 Office, School of Human Sciences, Osaka University 1-2 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scores of any applicants who decided not to proceed with their application will be held for two years and then disposed of in line with program policy for application materials. Likewise, scores received after the application period will be disposed of in the same way.</li> </ul>
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	A grade of C or above is required.
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	A grade of C or above is required.
GCSE	English language at grade C or above is required.
IGCSE	English language at grade C or above is required.
GCE AS level in English Language or A Level in an arts or humanities subject (for example English, history, psychology, geography, economics)	A grade of C or above is required.
Scottish Certificate of Education	A grade of C or above is required.



Standard or High Grade English	
Irish Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level or High Level	A grade of C or above is required.
HKALE	AS Level in use of English at D or above; A level in an arts or humanities subject (for example English, history, psychology, geography, economics)
HKDSE	English language at level 4 or above is required.
International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma) with English A1 at either standard or higher level	A grade of 4 or above is required. English B will be accepted if at higher level and at grade 4 or above.
European Baccalaureate (EB Diploma)	English at 6.5 or above is required.

**Some other international and national qualifications are also recognized as proof of English language proficiency. If in doubt, please check with us.**

**Alternatively, applicants can prove English proficiency through demonstrable academic experience in an English-speaking environment. We take the following as proof of English proficiency although additional documentation may be required:**

1. Applicant has recently undertaken upper secondary (high school) study where a wide range of courses have been undertaken and assessed in English and the student has received at least passing grades.
2. Applicant has recently undertaken undergraduate level study at a university in which core courses have been undertaken and assessed in English and the student has received at least passing grades.
3. Applicant has recently undertaken employment that has required English speaking, reading and writing for a period of not less than 24 months.

**4) Results of standardized tests for university admission**

Submit official scores of any standardized academic test for university entrance that you have



taken. See the Appendix for details.

### 5) Personal statement (respond to both parts 1 and 2)

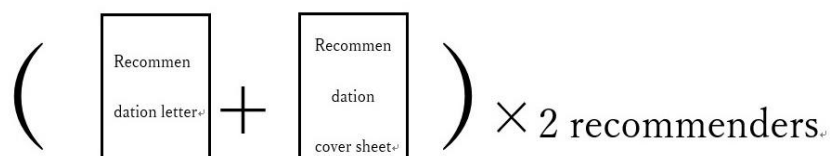
1. Explain the reason(s) why you want to study in the School of Human Sciences at Osaka University on our international program (500 words)
  
2. Please answer the following three short answer questions (around 100 words for each question)
  - ① From required school reading from the past year, what did you enjoy the most and what did you learn from it?
  - ② Reflect on your engagement with a community and how you have contributed it.
  - ③ Think about a serious challenge you have faced in your life. Tell us about your feelings when faced with this situation and how you dealt with it.

NOTES:

- Please word-process using double spacing and a 12-point font. Send the personal statement with the application form and supplementary documentation.
- Please ensure that your name appears on each page in the header.

### 6) Recommendation letters

We require that you submit recommendation from two recommenders (teachers, career counselor, or the head teacher.). Each recommender should complete a recommendation letter plus a recommendation cover sheet. The Recommendation Cover Sheet is in the application form. Write down your name, your date of birth and the date of graduation and provide it to your recommenders. Get two recommendation letters with the cover sheets in sealed envelopes. Send them along with other application documents. Please do not open the sealed documents, as doing so will make your documents unofficial.





## 7) Passport

Submit a copy of your passport. If you have two or more citizenships, please submit copies of all of them. If you have a Japan residence card (在留カード), please submit a copy of it as well. If you do not have a valid passport, submit a photocopy of another official certificate of your country such as a birth certificate or an official registry.

## 8) Payment certificate of application fee

Past a copy of the Transaction Confirmation or remittance receipt on page 10 in the application form.

## Application Fee and Method of Payment

### 1) Application Fee: 17,000 JPY

1. Payment Period: 10:00 am, December 1, 2019 – 4:59 pm, January 3, 2020 (JST - Japan Time)

Please note the Application Period is until January 10, 2020, but the payment deadline is 4:59 pm, January 3, 2020. If the Application Fee is not paid during the payment period, we will not be able to accept your application.

2. Application fees are not refundable except in the following cases.

- (a) An applicant did not submit the application documents.
- (b) The application documents were not accepted.
- (c) An applicant made a duplicate payment by mistake.

3. To request a refund of application fee

Applicants who meet at least one of the above conditions will receive an email giving the instructions to request a refund. The email will be sent to the registered email address. Please follow the instructions and complete a request for a refund within 7 days.

### 2) How to make payment

There are three kinds of payment method to choose from.

#### **A: Payment through the ‘Application Fee Payment System’**

- (a) Credit Card, (b) China Pay, (c) Convenience Store, (d) Pay-easy

#### **B: Payment through overseas remittance from a bank (See page 15)**

#### **C: Payment by domestic transfer (See page 16)**

### Method A: Payment through the ‘Application Fee Payment System’

#### 1. Preparation

If you choose to pay by Method A, the necessary conditions are as follows.

- ◆ Device

Prepare a computer that meets the following conditions to make a payment online.

The system may not be compatible with smartphones, tablets, or cell phones.



- ◆ **Browser Minimum Requirements**

Please make sure to use the latest version of your internet browser.

[Windows] Internet Explorer11、 Google Chrome、 Mozilla Firefox、 Microsoft Edge

[Mac] Safari、 Google Chrome、 Mozilla Firefox

- ◆ **Browser Specifications**

JavaScript must be enabled. / Cookies must be enabled.

- ◆ **Other requirements**

In order to ensure compatibility for viewing PDFs, use Adobe Acrobat Reader DC or above.

※Recommended screen resolution is 1024 pixels and above.

- ◆ **Printer**

The Receipt of Application Fee Payment System must be printed out to submit.

- ◆ **Email address**

The registered email address will be used as the Login ID of the Application Fee Payment System. Please register a reachable email address and do not change or delete it until your entrance examination ends. Also, please ensure that you can receive emails from “@comappjapan.com.”

## **2. Registration for the system**

- ① Visit the website of the Application Fee Payment System for user registration

( <https://osaka-u-afp.comappjapan.com/> ).

After registering the ID (E-mail address), instructions for setting up password will be sent to the registered email address.

- ② Input the applicant’s basic information

- ③ Input the information about application select “International College” for School, and “Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program” for Admission Type.

- ④ Confirm Application contents. Click “Alter” if you need to alter.

## **3. Make a payment**

There are four payment methods that ‘Application Fee Payment System’ can accept.

- (a) Credit card (VISA or Master card only)

Input the card numbers into this Payment System

- (b) China Pay

Access the website of China Pay via this Payment System

- (c) Convenience Store

Pay at one of the following convenience stores: LAWSON, FamilyMart, Circle K  
Sunkus, Dailly Yamazaki, Yamazaki Daily Store, MINISTOP, Seicomart

- (d) Pay-easy

Pay at a bank\* or pay by internet banking service of Pay-easy





NOTES:

- A system operation fee (600 yen) will be charged in addition to the application fee 17,000 yen.
- For (a), (b) and (d), the account holder's name does not need to match the applicant's name.
- (c) and (d) are available only for those residing in Japan.
- For (d), check the available banks with the following website.

<https://www.veritrans.co.jp/payment/bank/list.html>

**4. Print the receipt of 'Application Fee Payment'**

After the payment is completed, the receipt of 'Application Fee Payment' will be downloadable. Print it in A4 size and submit it with other application materials.

**Method B: Payment through overseas remittance from a bank**

The applicants should cover transaction fees charged by both the bank in the applicant's home country and the MUFG Bank, Ltd. The remittance must be made in the name of the applicant.

Please submit the Remittance Receipt or the Application for Remittance bearing the authorization of the bank at which the money was remitted, along with the other application documents. If the payment amount is incorrect (e.g. due to lack of bank fees being paid), we will not be able to accept your application even if you submit all the other necessary documents.

Transfer type	Telegraphic Transfer
Currency	Japanese yen (JPY)
Amount	17,000 JPY
Beneficiary Bank	MUFG Bank, LTD. (Bank code: 0005)
Branch	Ibaraki Branch (Branch Code: 219)
Bank Address	13-23 Futabacho, Ibaraki , Osaka, Japan 567-0829
Account Number	219-0242978
Account Holder	OSAKA UNIVERSITY
SWIFT Code	BOTKJPJT



### **Method C: Payment by domestic transfer**

Yen-denominated wire transfer from a financial institution in Japan. When making a transfer, you must use a transfer application form provided by the bank and write the applicant's name in the Sender's Name box on the form. You must submit, along with the other application documents, a copy of the bank remittance application/receipt.

Amount to Transfer	17,000 JPY
Type of Transfer	Telegraphic Transfer Remittance (電信扱い)
Purpose of Transfer	Application Fee Payment
Bank Name	三菱UFJ銀行(MUFG Bank, LTD.)
Branch Name	茨木支店 (Ibaraki Branch)
Account Type	普通 (Futsu/Saving Account)
Account Number	0242978
Account Name	大阪大学インターナショナルカレッジ (オオサカダイガクインターナショナルカレッジ)
Sender's Name	Applicant's name
Transfer Fees	To be paid by applicant



## The Screening Process

Admissions decisions are based primarily on a comprehensive screening of submitted documentation (application form, your transcript, national standardized test result, English proficiency, a personal statement and two recommendation letters). We aim to gain a clear view of the applicant's academic achievement and potential, as well as their motivations and fit for the program. In this process we may need additional information or to clarify certain points. In such a case we would invite an applicant for an interview face-to-face at Osaka University or via an internet conferencing system.

The result of the screening (and the interview for interviewed applicants) will be announced by late March.

Successful applicants who have academic qualification in progress (e.g. IB and A-level) and received a conditional letter of acceptance must submit the examination results as soon as they are available. Failure to meet any condition may affect your admission status.

## Expenses Involved in Enrollment and Study

In most cases, successful applicants will need to bear the following expenses relating to enrollment and study: enrollment fee, tuition, travel costs, accommodation (rent and utilities), daily living expenses, national health insurance costs and miscellaneous expenses. To hold your place at Osaka University, a successful applicant must pay an enrollment fee in June. See the Osaka University website and the JASSO website for further details.

\*Osaka University – About the enrollment fee (matriculation fee) and tuition fees

<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/student/tuition/tuition.html>

\*JASSO - “Student Guide to Japan”

[http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study\\_j/sgtj.html#contents](http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/sgtj.html#contents)

## Economic Support

We expect a number of competitive scholarship opportunities to become available for international students both before and after enrollment. These are usually offered on the basis of academic performance to date. Students can also apply for tuition waivers. Students may become eligible for additional sources of support after enrolling in the program.

## Accommodation Support

Students on this program are given priority for places in the university dormitory for the first year. These accommodation expenses, while heavily subsidized, have to be covered by the student.

## Handling of Personal Information

Personal information, such as names and addresses, provided in the application form and submission documents will only be used in the selection process or for evaluation of this process.



## APPENDIX

### International and National Qualifications and Test Scores for University Admission

**Instructions for students who will be taking international or national academic qualification that will not be available until after the January 10, 2020 application deadline:**

Where predicted scores are available (these are official predictions of subject and final scores put together by your school) these should be sent on to us in a sealed envelope.

Where possible, arrange for final results to be sent through from the examination center. Alternatively, submit a transcript of your score(s) when it (they) become(s) available.

NOTE:

- If the final result transcript is in a language other than English or Japanese, please ensure that an officially validated translation is provided. Validation can be from a school official (senior management level), embassy staff or from a lawyer.

**The following specific recommendations should be followed (organized at national level roughly by region) based on the education system/ program at your school:**

#### 1) International Baccalaureate Diploma

Arrange to have a copy of your International Baccalaureate Diploma and your IB final examination performance evaluation certificate sent to us.

If at the time of application you have not sat your IB examination or the results have not yet been released, send the predicted scores issued by your school official. Make arrangements with your IB coordinator to have your final IB results sent directly to the International College, Osaka University (Institution Code: 036164).

#### 2) German Educational System

Submit the results of your Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

#### 3) French Educational System

Submit the results of your Diplôme du Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré and your Relevé des Notes.



#### **4) U.K. Educational System**

Submit your General Certificate of Education (GCE) or Cambridge International Examination (CIE) results (AS level if available and A levels – a minimum of three subjects at Advanced level are required) and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

If at the time of application you have not sat your A levels or the results have not yet been released, send the AS level results and then send on the A level results once they are announced. We will use the AS level results in lieu of predicted scores for A levels at this stage.

#### **5) Chinese Educational System**

Submit the results of your National Higher Education Entrance Examination or those of the Standardized Test for University Admission administered by the Shanghai Municipal Educational Examination Authority or the Beijing Municipal Educational Examination Authority.

Submit any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

#### **6) Hong Kong Educational System**

Submit the results of your HKALE (Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination) or the HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

If you require results of the U.K. GCE to be considered in the University's screening process, follow the instructions described in section 4 for the U.K. Educational System.

#### **7) Taiwanese Educational System**

Submit the results of your General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT) and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

#### **8) Korean Educational System**

Submit the results of your College Scholastic Ability Test and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

#### **9) Malaysian Educational System**

Submit the result of your STPM (Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia) examination and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

If you require results of the U.K. GCE system to be considered in the University's screening process, follow the instructions described in section 4 for the U.K. Educational System.

#### **10) Vietnamese Educational System**

Submit the result of the Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Bang Tot Nghiep Pho



Thong Trung Hoc) and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

### **11) Singaporean Educational System**

Submit the results of your Singapore GCE A Levels and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

If you require results of the U.K. GCE system to be considered in the University's screening process, follow the instructions described in section 4 for the U.K. Educational System.

If you require result of the Malaysian STPM to be considered in the University's screening process, follow the instructions above described in section 10 for the Malaysian Educational System.

### **12) Thai Educational System**

Submit the results of your National University Joint Entrance Examination and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

### **13) Egyptian Educational System**

Submit the results of your Thanawiya Amma examination and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

### **14) U.S. Educational System**

Submit your official scores for any of the following tests. These test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency.

- SAT are required. SAT Essay is preferable, but not required. (Institution Code: 7099 Osaka University Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program)
- SAT Subject Tests are considered if submitted. Recommended SAT Subject Tests are Literature, World History, Mathematics 1 or 2, Japanese. (Institution Code: 7099)
- Advanced Placement Tests (Institution Code: 7099)
- ACT (Institution Code: 1359 OSAKA UNIV SCH HUMAN SCIENCE )

### **15) Canadian Educational System**

Submit your results for the national standardized test administered by your province as a pre-requisite to study at university and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

### **16) Australian Educational System**

Submit your results for the relevant national standardized test administered by your country or state as a pre-requisite to study at university and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.



### **17) New Zealand Educational System**

Submit your record of learning for the NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) Level 3 or your record of learning for the University Entrance, Bursaries and Scholarships Examination, and any performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

### **18) Other Educational Systems**

Submit the relevant academic qualifications and test results recognized for university entrance in your country and a performance evaluation certificate explaining the results.

NOTE:

- Copies of original documentation are acceptable, but we reserve the right to review the original prior to or at the time of enrollment. If in a language other than English or Japanese, official English translation must be attached.

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