# 2014-2015 INFORMATION SHEET FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hiroshima University Study Abroad (HUSA) Program

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| University website                  | http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/index.html |
| General information about the university | Location  
Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima, JAPAN |
| Number of students                  | Undergraduate Students: 10,941  
Graduate Students: 4,132  
International Students: 994  
(As of May, 2013) |
| University features                 | The University is one of the main academic centers in Western Japan and attracts students from all over Japan. Beside the 11 faculties and schools, there are 11 graduate schools that offer master’s and doctoral degree courses: Letters, Education, Social Sciences, Biomedical Science, Science, Advanced Sciences of Matter, Health Sciences, Engineering, Biosphere Science, International Development and Cooperation, Integrated Arts and Sciences and Law.  
As higher education in Japan is currently undergoing far-reaching reforms, Hiroshima University is striving hard to secure its place among the top universities in Japan and pursue its five guiding principles: - the pursuit of peace, the creating of new forms of knowledge, nurturing well-rounded human beings, collaborate with the local, regional and international community and continuous self-development. |
| Short description of the city       | Higashi-Hiroshima City is situated in a basin about 30km east of Hiroshima City in a beautiful natural area that has long been famous for the brewing of sake, Japanese rice wine. The neighboring city of Saijo has all the big city amenities while keeping its rural appeal. Every October Saijo holds the Sake Matsuri, an energetic festival celebrating the area’s long history of sake brewing. Higashi-Hiroshima and Saijo provide a beautiful place to study while catering to all the needs of the university student. |
### Exchange program website

http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husaprogram_incoming/

### Areas of study open for exchange students

HUSA students are eligible to take most of the undergraduate courses. (Graduate course needs to be consulted.) Courses can be mainly categorized as follows from the perspective of language proficiency (in English and Japanese).

1. Japanese language courses (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced – There are 5 levels)
2. Special courses (conducted in English)
3. Integrated courses (conducted mainly in Japanese with English materials. There are also courses taught in English for Japanese regular students.)
4. Other courses (conducted in Japanese)

*We also offer Internship courses for HUSA students whose Japanese proficiency level is advanced.
**Graduate students may be able to find advanced courses taught in English in the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC).

### Areas of study NOT available to exchange students

HUSA students are eligible to take most of the courses in most of the departments. Since the courses offered in English are limited, students will need to check the course list. HUSA Program students who have acquired advanced level of Japanese are eligible to take regular courses with other Japanese students.

*There are many exclusive classes in the field of medicine, law, teaching training courses HUSA students might not be able to take.

https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/syllabus/ (Japanese/日本語)

### Course catalogue

http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husaprogram_incoming/academic_program/p_lzevir.html

### Academic calendar

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<td>1st Semester (Spring Semester)</td>
<td>From the beginning of April through the beginning of August (Summer break: August and September)</td>
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<td>2nd Semester (Fall Semester)</td>
<td>From the beginning of October through the beginning of February (Spring break: February and March)</td>
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### Orientation schedule for incoming students

September 25-26, 2014

### Application deadline for admission

March 20, 2014

### Application material

http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/husaprogram_incoming/how2apply/p_q56swj.html

### Summer courses

Not available

### Language requirements

In order to participate in the HUSA Program, applicants need to be proficient either in **English OR Japanese**. (Native English speakers do not need to submit the document of language proficiency tests.)

1. Criteria for English: Equivalent to
   * TOEFL (iBT) : above 61
   * TOEFL (CBT): above 173
   * TOEFL (PBT): above 500
   * IELTS (Academic) : above 5.0
| **2. Criteria for Japanese: Equivalent to** | * Japanese Language Proficiency Test 2nd Grade [Nihongo Noryoku Shiken 日本語能力試験 2級] or above  
* Please consult Dr. Tsunematsu in case you have difficulties providing a document specified above. |
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| **Other requirements** | (1) Students must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at their university during their stay in Hiroshima.  
(2) They must be a student of a university with which Hiroshima University has established a formal short-term student exchange agreement.  
(3) Students must have a good academic record.  
(4) Students must show a clear interest in Japanese culture and society. |
| **Preparatory language course for incoming students** | Not available |
| **Housing assistance** | Students enrolled in the HUSA program are housed in the Ikenoue Student Dormitory Complex, located at ten minutes walking distance from the campus.  
...Single room  
...Shared kitchen, shower room and laundry room  
...Monthly rent 4,700-15,000 yen (approx. US$50-150) plus cleaning fee and utilities 10,000 yen (approx. US$100)  
...No deposit  
...No meal plan  
| **Housing application deadline** | Each student is automatically allocated to a dormitory room after being accepted into the HUSA program. |
| **Living costs** | **Housing**  
4,700-15,000 yen (approx. US$50-150) plus cleaning fee and utilities 10,000 yen (approx. US$100)  
**Meals**  
40,000 yen (approx. US$400), No meal plan offered  
**National Health Insurance**  
2,000 yen (approx. US$20)  
**Cell phone & Internet**  
10,000 yen (approx. US$100)  
| **Meal plan** | Not available |
| **Insurance packages exchange students are required to purchase** | **National Health Insurance**  
2,000 yen (approx. US$20) per month  
Purchase of the National Health Insurance is mandatory for ALL HUSA students. It covers 70% of all the medical expenses in Japan, except for the followings: Medical check-ups, vaccinations, childbirth and plastic surgery. |
| **Vaccination requirements** | No |
| Health facilities on campus | Yes  
Students are also required to take free health check-ups at the Health Center on campus. |
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