



HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

## FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2021-2022

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<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>

Hitotsubashi University is a national university, and is the only university in Japan to specialize exclusively in the humanities and social sciences. Since its foundation in 1875 as the oldest business school in modern Japan, Hitotsubashi has been at the forefront of Japan's innovation. It has been a powerhouse for generations of Japan's globally active business leaders as well as a research hub producing cutting-edge research in the social sciences, contributing to the global academic community.

Hitotsubashi has a teaching staff of about 540, with approximately 4,400 students enrolled on undergraduate courses and 1,900 on graduate courses. There are about 880 international students, and we also welcome about 480 researchers from around the world each year (as of 2019).

### EDUCATION

#### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Faculty of Commerce and Management	<a href="http://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/">http://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/</a>
Faculty of Economics	<a href="http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/">http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/</a>
Faculty of Law	<a href="http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/faculty_of_law/">http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/faculty_of_law/</a>
Faculty of Social Sciences	<a href="http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/</a>

#### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduate School of Business Administration	School of Business Administration (SBA) <a href="http://www.sba.hub.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/">http://www.sba.hub.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/</a> School of International Corporate Strategy (ICS) * <a href="http://www.ics.hub.hit-u.ac.jp/">http://www.ics.hub.hit-u.ac.jp/</a>
Graduate School of Economics	<a href="http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/">http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/</a>
Graduate School of Law	<a href="http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/graduate/">http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/graduate/</a>
Graduate School of Social Sciences	<a href="http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Graduate School of Language and Society	<a href="http://gensha.hit-u.ac.jp/english/">http://gensha.hit-u.ac.jp/english/</a>
School of International and Public Policy	<a href="http://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>

(\*) Courses offered by the School of International Corporate Strategy (ICS) are not open to exchange students.

### STUDENT EXCHANGE AT HITOTSUBASHI

Students from our partner institutions who have been nominated as exchange students can apply to study at Hitotsubashi University for one of the following four periods:

1. From the Spring to the Summer quarter (April 2021 to July 2021)
2. From the Spring to the Winter quarter (April 2021 to January 2022)
3. From the Autumn to the Winter quarter (September 2021 to January 2022)
4. From the Autumn to the Summer quarter (September 2021 to July 2022)

Exchange students must have completed two (2) years of undergraduate study or possess equivalent academic ability prior to commencing their exchange at Hitotsubashi University; however, this shall not apply to students from partner universities unless this is specified in the relevant student exchange agreement:

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/index.html>

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Exchange Students are required to fulfill one of the following qualification criteria:

- English: TOEFL (PBT) 550 / TOEFL (iBT) 79 / IELTS (academic module) 6.0 or equivalent
- Japanese: JLPT Level 2, N2 or equivalent

\* Applicants from partner institutions in the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Hong Kong are exempt from the English language requirements.

\*\* Applicants from partner institutions whose programs are conducted entirely in English are exempt from the above language requirements with a letter of proof from the partner institution.

## GPA SCORE REQUIREMENT

Exchange Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 or above on a 4.0 scale.

## STUDYING AT HITOTSUBASHI

Hitotsubashi University emphasizes small-group class education, and one of the prominent characteristics of this is our seminar style approach. The seminar style approach keeps class sizes small and focuses on intense student-faculty interaction, providing rich course content.

### (1) Enroll in Specialized Courses/Seminars Conducted in Japanese or English

#### ➤ Courses/Seminars Conducted in Japanese

Both graduate and undergraduate courses in Japanese are available. Students must possess a minimum language proficiency in Japanese of JLPT Level 2 or N2.

#### ➤ Courses Conducted in English

Both graduate and undergraduate courses in English are available; however, most courses conducted in English are undergraduate-level courses, and only a limited number of graduate-level courses are available in English.

### (2) Enroll in Japanese Language Courses

Hitotsubashi University offers a wide variety of Japanese Language Courses ranging from introductory to advanced levels.

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/courses/japanese/index.html>

### (3) Research Under a Supervisor (\*this option is only for graduate exchange students)

Graduate exchange students can do their research under a supervisor who specializes in a field that matches their interest.

## WEB SYLLABUS (Catalogue of all courses offered at Hitotsubashi)

<https://syllabus.cels.hit-u.ac.jp/>

## COURSE REGISTRATION

Each term, exchange students shall register for courses with a total of at least six 105 minute slots of class time per week. Typically, two-credit courses meet once a week for a 105 minute lecture over 14 weeks in the case of semester courses, or meet twice a week for a 105 minute lecture over 7 weeks in the case of quarter courses.

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/reg.html>

## WORKLOAD HOURS

In accordance with the Standards for Establishment of Universities, all Japanese universities have the same benchmark for workload hours. The calculation of workload hours for credit-bearing courses is as follows:  
1 credit = a workload of 45 hours; 2 credits = a workload of 90 hours.

## FEES

Tuition fees are waived for exchange students from partner universities with a tuition waiver agreement.

## HOUSING

Hitotsubashi University has two residential halls for exchange students: Residence Hall Kunitachi on our Kunitachi campus and Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo on our Kodaira campus. Exchange students are given priority for a single room in either one of the residential halls, with use of a common area to be shared with residents on the same floor. However, not all exchange students are guaranteed a room due to limited availability. We are unable to consider your personal preference about the residential hall in which you wish to live when assigning rooms. For more details of housing costs, please refer to the websites below:

**Residence Hall Kunitachi:** <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kunitachi/index.html>

**Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo:** <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kodaira/index.html>

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The following scholarships may be available for exchange students. The application details are not yet determined, and you will be informed via email once they have been confirmed.

- Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho: MEXT)  
In order to apply for the MEXT Japanese Studies Students Scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements: 1) start his/her period of study at HU in September, 2) be a one academic year exchange student, and 3) possess a high level of Japanese language proficiency (please note that selected scholars must pass JLPT Level 2 or N2 before entering HU.)
- Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship (JASSO)

## APPLICATIONS

Applicants wishing to apply for student exchange should submit the application forms through the relevant office of their home institution. Application forms submitted directly to Hitotsubashi University will not be accepted.

**Nomination/ Application Deadline for September 2021 Admission: March 31, 2021**

**Nomination/ Application Deadline for April 2022 Admission: September 30, 2021**

Application Procedures for Undergraduate Students

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/undergrad.html>

Application Procedures for Graduate Students

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/grad.html>

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

The academic year begins on April 1 and ends on the following March 31. Examinations may occur during or at the end of the lecture period.

(\*Academic Calendar 2021-2022 will be finalized in January 2021. Please refer to the below dates in 2020-2021 for your reference.)

Spring - Summer 2020			
Spring		Summer	
Classes begin:	April 6	Classes begin:	June 1
Classes end:	April 29	Classes end:	July 21
International student orientation: March 26 – April 3			
Kodaira-sai University Festival: Mid-June			
Intensive Course *Optional: July 27 – 31			
Grade release date: End August (for both undergraduates and graduates)			

Autumn – Winter 2020			
Autumn		Winter	
Classes Begin:	September 14	Classes Begin:	November 5
Classes end:	November 4	Classes end:	January 8
International student orientation: September 3 – 11			
Ikkyo-sai University Festival: November 21 – 23			

Intensive Courses *Optional:	(I) January 12 – 21 AM, (II) January 21 PM – 29, (III) February 1 – 5, (IV) March 8 – 26 (for international students) <TBC>
Grade release date:	Mid-March, 2021 (for both undergraduates and graduates)

## USEFUL LINKS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1. General Information for Exchange Students  
<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/index.html>
2. International Student & Study Abroad Advising: Incoming Exchange Students  
[http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/cge/advising/04\\_Incoming%20Exchange%20Students/index.html](http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/cge/advising/04_Incoming%20Exchange%20Students/index.html)
3. International Student Orientation  
<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/jp/pros/orientation/index.html>

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