

HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY HUSTEP

SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

2022-2023



Study about Japan in English



HOKKAIDO
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Welcome to



HUSTEP

broadens your horizons!



Dr. Peter Firkola
HUSTEP Program
Director

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HUSTEP Administrative
Coordinator

The Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program (HUSTEP) is a 'junior year abroad' type program designed to provide undergraduate students from affiliated universities with the opportunity to study at Hokkaido University. Participants in this program take a wide variety of classes offered in English in the fields of Culture and Society, Environment, Science and Technology. Students also have the chance to study the Japanese language. In addition, some participants can pursue independent study research under the guidance of a faculty member. There will also be an opportunity to take part in numerous traditional and contemporary Japanese cultural activities. Students admitted to the program are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

HUSTEP provides a safe and caring environment in which to carry out your academic studies and broaden your horizons. Participating in HUSTEP will help to prepare you for the future with knowledge and experiences that will last a lifetime. In addition, you will have a wonderful opportunity to meet and make friends with many Japanese people as well as international students from all around the world who come to study at Hokkaido University.

We would like to invite motivated university students from ALL disciplines to participate in HUSTEP.





HUSTEP

Course Details



HUSTEP offers students the choice of participating in the One Year or Half Year Course.

The One Year Course allows students to study for two semesters and take classes in English as well as Japanese language classes. In addition, students have the option to do an independent study under the guidance of a faculty supervisor. As part of the independent study, students may have a chance to study in a lab or attend seminars with Japanese students in various faculties.

The Half Year Course allows students to study for one semester and take classes in English and Japanese language classes.

Students should choose carefully since switching courses is not permitted. Course details are listed below.

Course Overview	One Year	Half Year (Fall)	Half Year (Spring)
Core Classes (in English)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Japanese Language Classes	Yes (optional)	Yes (optional)	Yes (optional)
Independent Study	Yes (optional)	No	No
Course Completion Requirements	Yes**	No*	No*
Study Period	Late September, 2022- Early August, 2023	Late September, 2022- Mid-February, 2023	Early April, 2023- Early August, 2023
Application Deadlines	February 10, 2022	February 10, 2022	October 28, 2022 Submit applications in October

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for HUSTEP, students must:

1. be from exchange partner universities
2. be enrolled and pay tuition fees at their home universities during study in Japan
3. have completed **at least two years of undergraduate study** prior to arrival in Japan
4. have **GPA of 3.0 (B) or better** on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
5. be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers must have a score of **at least TOEFL iBT 79 or IELTS 6.5*****
6. be able to arrive in Sapporo by late September or first week of April

Please check HUSTEP application guidelines for complete eligibility requirements.

Application Procedure

For details, please check the HUSTEP website.

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/exchange-student-admissions/exchange-programs-in-english-hustep/>

There is a screening process and not all students who apply will be accepted.

* Students must take a minimum of 10 hours of classes (7 classes) per week to meet visa requirements.

** One Year Course students are required to obtain at least 10 credits in each semester, and at least 8 of these credits should be from core classes.

*** In exceptional cases, a different internationally recognized English test result may be accepted.

Classes

from a previous year

Core Classes



Culture and Society

- Animal-Human-Technology: Thoughts and Theories
- Anthropology: History and Debates
- Aspects of Consumption in Japan
- Career Planning
- Contemporary Japanese Society
- Countries and Culture
- Critical English Education
- Does God Exist? The Great Debate
- Drama and Oral Interpretation
- Dynamic and Effective Presentations
- English Education in Japan
- Ethnographies of Japanese Culture
- Gaming International Relations
- Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Japan
- Globalization and Sustainability in Japanese School Education
- Historical International Experiences
- Hokkaido History
- Hokkaido: Then and Now

- How We Learn Languages
- Imperial Russian History from Peter to Petrograd
- Indigenous Peoples and Education
- Interpersonal Communication
- Historiography
- Japanese Politics
- Japanese Society
- Japanese Studies
- Social Theory
- Tourism Studies
- Japan and Multiculturalism
- Japanese Economy
- Japanese Foreign Policy
- Japanese Management
- Japanese Media and Popular Culture
- Japanese Political Economy
- Language Issues in a Globalized World
- Law, Rights, and Legal Culture

- Methods in Language Teaching
- Modern Japanese History
- Multiculturalism in Hokkaido and Japan
- Music and Culture
- Music Psychology
- Personal Stories and Religion
- Political Economy of Japan and East Asia
- Practicing Basic Natural Everyday English
- School Education and Society in Japan
- Sex, Gender and Hospitality in Japanese Society
- Social Inequality in Post-Growth Japan
- Special Topics in Media Studies
- Sustainability Studies beyond Hollywood Films
- The Age of Total War: World History 1904-1945
- The Politics of History in East Asia
- Thinking about Meiji Thinkers
- Topics in Japanese Thought
- Truth of Human Language Syntax
- Workshop on Critical Thinking

Science, Technology and Environment

- Advanced Fluid Engineering
- Agriculture in Hokkaido
- Applied Animal Ecology
- Applied Mathematics for Engineering Mechanics
- Basic Principles of Inorganic Chemistry
- Biomechanics of Circulation
- Calculus
- Chemistry and English for Life Science
- Concrete Engineering
- Dynamics of Civil Engineering Structures
- Environmental Science for Biological Resources
- Essential Organic Chemistry
- Essential Physics
- Field Bioscience in the Northern Biosphere
- Food Resources and Environment
- Food, Nutrition and Culture in Japan
- General Biology
- General Chemistry
- Genetics
- Geotechnical Foundation Engineering
- Highway Engineering
- History of Geology
- Hydrology, Water Resources and River Engineering
- Infrastructure Maintenance Engineering

- Integrated Science
- International Project
- Animal Physiology
- Biodiversity Study
- Environmental Earth Science
- Marine Science
- Robotics
- Lifetime Engineering for Civil Infrastructure
- Linear Algebra
- Maintenance Engineering
- Mathematics and Physics of Metabolic Organization
- Mechanical Vibration and Control
- Medical Device and Biomaterials
- Modern Trends in Organic Chemistry and Biological Chemistry
- Modern Trends in Physical and Material Chemistry
- Overview of Energy Technology and Policy
- Phylogenetics
- Planet Earth and Environmental Footprint
- Resources Sustainability
- Science and Technology in History
- Solid Mechanics and Materials
- Space Propulsion Engineering
- Space Utilization Engineering
- Strength and Fracture of Materials

- Theory and Practice of Algorithms
- Theory of Computation
- Thermodynamics and Electromagnetism
- Vibrations in Engineering

Japanese Language

- Japanese Language Classes

Independent Study

- Independent Study

For the most recent course list and syllabi, please refer to the HUSTEP website.

The classes listed above and the independent study are worth 2 credits each.
The Japanese language classes are 1 or 2 credits each.

Class Schedule

from a previous year

Time Table	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st 8:45-10:15	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language
		Linear Algebra	Science and Technology in History	Calculus	
2nd 10:30-12:00	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language
		Topics in Japanese Thought	Methods in Language Teaching	Personal Stories and Religion	How We Learn Language
3rd 13:00-14:30	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language
	Topics in Japanese Thought	General Biology	School Education and Society in Japan	Contemporary Japanese Society	General Chemistry
		Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Japan	Imperial Russian History from Peter to Petrograd	Language Issues in a Globalized World	Chemistry and English for Life Science
4th 14:45-16:15	Environmental Earth Sciences	Hokkaido History	Multiculturalism in Hokkaido and Japan	Japanese Management	Career Planning
		The Politics of History in East Asia	Workshop on Critical Thinking	Applied Animal Ecology	
	The Age of Total War: History 1904-1945	Food Resources and Environment	Sustainability Studies beyond Hollywood Film	Music and Culture	English Education in Japan
5th 16:30-18:00	Countries and Culture	Hokkaido: Then and Now	International Project	Japanese Economy	Environmental Science for Biological Resources
		Music Psychology	Japanese Foreign Policy		
	Essential Physics	Agriculture in Hokkaido	Essential Organic Chemistry	Anthropology: History and Debates	

* On average, students take one Japanese language class and one core class per day.



Cultural Activities

Calendar

The following is the 2022-2023
Academic Calendar (tentative)

Academic Calendar

Late September Program Orientation

October 1 Classes Begin (Fall Semester)

December 28 - January 4 Winter Break

Mid-Feb Cultural Activities (tentative)

Early February Last Day of Classes

九月

September

十月

October

十一月

November

十二月

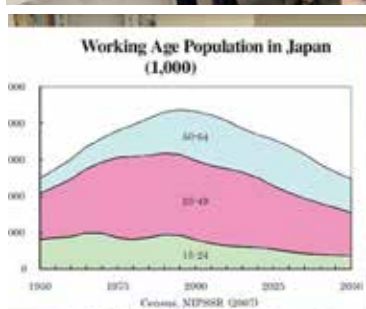
December

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January

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February





Early February - Early April Spring Break

Early April Classes Begin (Spring Semester)

Early August Last Day of Classes



March



April



May



June



July



August





HUSTEP allowed me to spend time during the pandemic in an enjoyable and meaningful way. Even though the program was done online, all the courses were well prepared. The program helped open my eyes to knowledge that I will need in my work life, and also meet friends online. I was glad to be a part of HUSTEP where I grew both academically and socially.

Audira Pundi Hutami

Institut Teknologi Bandung
Indonesia



Being a HUSTEP exchange student was a life-changing experience! The cultural diversity of students helped to create fruitful exchanges and exceptional friendships. We organized regular online meetings and parties all whilst being scattered across the globe. The remote format allowed for even deeper connections to flourish. The program enabled me to gain a deeper understanding of Japan and the contemporary world, whilst encouraging me to become more communicative, autonomous and self-assured.

Sarah Maaz

Institute for Political Studies in Paris
France



We had the opportunity to study with international and Japanese students on campus and learned about life in Hokkaido through them. Along with content courses in English, we could also take Japanese language courses. The design of the Japanese language courses helped students gain a solid foundation. These courses allowed us to learn a lot, even if we could not visit Japan. This experience provided knowledge and skills to prepare me for my overseas graduate studies. HUSTEP was a great choice!

Chieh Chieh Chang

National Chengchi University
Taiwan

Participant Views of HUSTEP



Even during the pandemic, HUSTEP was a great experience. The courses were extremely enriching and my Japanese language proficiency greatly improved. I was also able to make many new friends. I loved being part of this multicultural environment. Even while not being able to come to Japan, this experience took me far as a person. In terms of both competencies and experience, it was a valuable step. I had the time of my life!

Tim-Simon Holtgrefe

University of Bremen
Germany



Participating in HUSTEP was one of the best memories of my college life. The students came from all over the world, and I could learn about different cultures. The courses emphasized class discussion and presentation, so I not only improved my Japanese and English language ability, but also improved my communication skills. I became more self-confident and outgoing. The HUSTEP faculty were supportive and I learned a lot from them. It was a great chance to meet many amazing people!

Yi-Han Chung

National Cheng Kung University
Taiwan



My HUSTEP experience was incredible and I would gladly repeat it again. The pandemic was a challenge for everyone, but it could not keep us from having an unforgettable time. I got to meet great new friends from all around the world. Over time, we became a close-knit community, even from afar. I learned a lot, got to delve deep into Japanese society and met amazing people. No matter if online or in person, I wouldn't want to miss this amazing experience.

Sarah Hamer

University of Bremen
Germany

Dr. William S. Clark:
Founding Father of Hokkaido University



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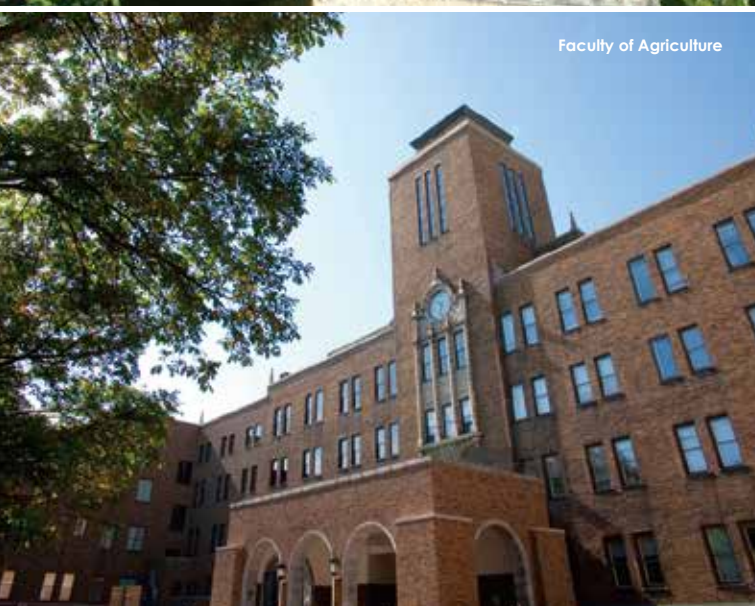
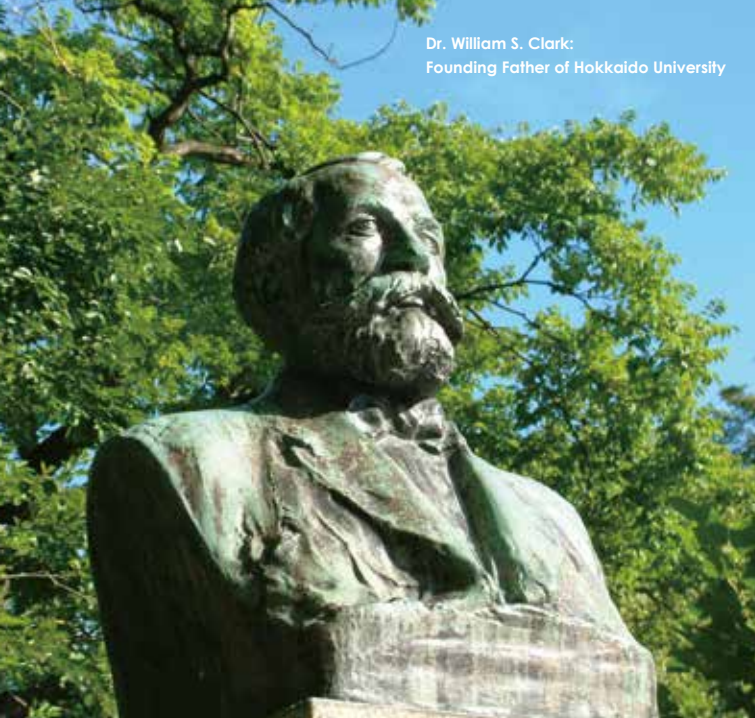
Founded in 1876, Hokkaido University is one of the oldest, largest and most prestigious universities in Japan.

Our students and researchers come from all over the world and all backgrounds to prepare for a life of new challenges. We are unique among Japan's leading universities in the breadth of disciplines we offer, providing a variety of opportunities for personal growth and all-round education that develops unique insights and broader perspectives.

In the heart of Japan's northern city of Sapporo, our main campus provides the perfect balance of natural scenery with state-of-the-art teaching, research and student support facilities. Our academics pursue excellence in teaching, reaching across disciplines to offer the very best in innovative and broad based education. Learning from these top academics exposes Hokkaido University students to excellence and challenges them to succeed as leaders in whatever career they choose.

At Hokkaido University, there is more to student life than just lectures. An abundance of opportunities await international students to become part of the many activities available on campus. Students can join one of over 250 clubs, participate in sporting activities, visit the university's museum, attend a university festival or just relax with friends in one of the many university cafeterias in between lectures. Hokkaido University offers students the chance to gain valuable experiences and to make new friends. Your year abroad here at 'Hokudai' will be one to cherish for a lifetime.

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Faculty of Agriculture



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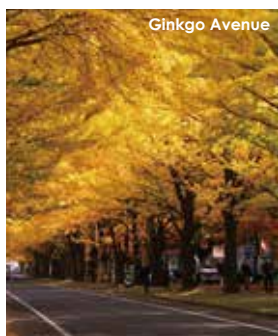
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Furukawa Hall

Quick Facts

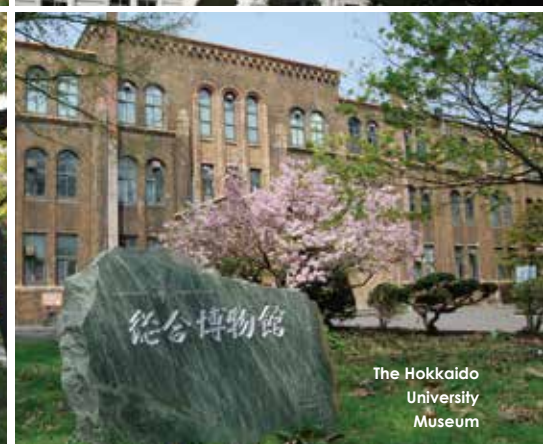
- Total Enrollment: 18,171
- Undergraduate Students: 11,561
- Graduate Students: 6,552
- Research Institute Students: 58
- International Students: 2,057
- Partner Universities: 719
- Faculty and Staff: 3,893
- University Color: Forest Green
- University Flower: Trillium
(as of May, 2021)



Ginkgo Avenue



Sakushukotoni
River



The Hokkaido
University
Museum

Life in Sapporo



Sapporo, the city in which you'll be living, is Japan's fifth largest city with a population of almost 2 million people. Sapporo is known for its amazing food, unique history, natural beauty, and cosmopolitan character. With its fashionable restaurants, great shopping areas and relaxed atmosphere, it is often rated as the most desirable place to live in Japan. Sapporo provides an excellent quality of life and an affordable cost of living for students.

Sapporo City website: <http://www.city.sapporo.jp/city/english/>

Aerial View of Hokkaido University Campus and Sapporo



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