

## 2024 Spring/Summer Virtual Study Abroad (VSA) Program

# **Application Guide for Students**

**Timetable for Spring/Summer2024** 

Event	Date	Process
Home university's nomination deadline	Noon, 22 February 2024	By Email
Students' online application deadline	28 February 2024	T-cens STEP 1*
Notification of Admission*	Around 22 March 2024	Email
Notification of CLE ID & CLE User Guide	Around 22 March 2024	Email
Spring courses begin	10 April 2024	CLE*
Summer courses begin	12 June 2024	CLE*

<sup>\*</sup>Students must first access to the initial authentication site of OU online application system (T-cens) to log on his/her personal application webpage.

## Requirements

#### Official Nomination

Prospective incoming students to Osaka University must go through a selection process at the study-abroad/student mobility office and receive nomination from home university. We do not accept students' self-nomination and independent application for OU VSA program.

#### Eligibility and Conditions

Students must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an overseas partner university while participating in the program.

#### Language Proficiency

Students must meet the Japanese or English proficiency requirements of the course which you wish to take. Since most courses are taught in English, participants need to have a certain level of general English language proficiency. Please check the requirements on the course list before you select a course.

## **Admission Cycles**

Osaka University receives exchange applications for OU Virtual Study Abroad Program twice a year, for April intake and October intake. As the enrolment timing and duration will NOT be flexible after you receive an offer, please be sure to apply for the right admission cycle with the right period of exchange.

<sup>\*</sup>CLE stands for Collaboration and Learning Environment. It is an online learning support system for students. VSA students will access to their CLE account to take their course.

<sup>\*</sup>All dates and times are based on Japan Standard Time (UTC+9).

<sup>\*</sup>Some lectures are not available to undergraduate students.

<sup>\*</sup>Some Courses have restrictions or academic prerequisites to register.

<sup>\*</sup>Please see the syllabus from 2023 as a reference only to help you select a course.

## **Application**

Please use Osaka University's online application system, called T-cens. **Email attachment or postal application will not be accepted** and there is no need for your university to send the original documents by post. Students will need to have access to the following system and hardware.

### Windows PC or Mac computer with secure internet access

The online application system is designed to operate with desktop/laptop computers and not guaranteed to work on tablet computers, smartphone, or any other mobile devices.

#### E-mail

As we are unable to check undelivered emails on the system, it is extremely important for students to register an active and reliable email account. Both university and personal emails, web-based and client-based emails can be used.

## Use of student's personal information

The applicant's personal data such as name and address obtained through our application website will be used only for the purpose of admission. The submitted personal information and documents will be kept strictly confidential.

## **Application Process using OU online system (T-cens)**

After your nomination is completed by the exchange coordinator at your home university,

- 1) You will receive an initial authentication link from your coordinator.
- 2) Please access to the site and fill out the required information.
- 3) You will receive an email with your user ID and password from the T-cens website.
- 4) Go to the link, log on your personal web page to start your application.

\*Your user ID and password will be sent by email if the authentication is successful. Please make sure to set up the filter to receive e-mails from; intl-inbound@office.osaka-u.ac.jp Please refer to T-cens manual for details.

#### **Notification of Admission**

Notification of admission will be sent to your email address. When you receive admission notification, please decide whether or not you accept the offer.

Please contact us by email after the notification of admission.

\*Note: In principle, we do not disclose the information of your application to anyone else, e.g. your friends, acquaintances or family members etc.

