

Exchange Students from Overseas Program (ESOP)

Fact sheet AY 2026



HOSEI University			
Year Founded	1880	Language	Japanese, English
Homepage	https://www.hosei.ac.jp/	Ichigaya Campus (Tokyo)	https://www.hosei.ac.jp/ichigaya/ (Google Translate Available)

Nomination & Application Period		
Eligibility	a) Exchange Students [交換留学生] Students nominated by universities with which HOSEI University has a mutual exchange agreement.	
	b) Visiting International Students (Fee-paying) [私費留学生] Students from universities which are out of the partner list or currently have no mutual exchange agreement with Hosei.	
Online Application	https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/students/esop/application/	
Exchange Period	One semester or Two semesters	
Semester	(Spring Semester) From Apr. to Aug.	(Fall Semester) From Sep. to Mar.
	Students can choose to start from either April or September.	
Starting Date	(Spring Semester) 8 Aug. 2025	(Fall Semester) 9 Jan. 2026
Nomination Deadline	(Spring Semester) 31 Oct. 2025	(Fall Semester) 13 Mar. 2026
Application Deadline	(Spring Semester) 14 Nov. 2025	(Fall Semester) 27 Mar. 2026
Acceptance	(Spring Semester) by Early Feb. 2026	(Fall Semester) by the end of May 2026
Notification	Students are supposed to receive the Letter of Acceptance via email from Hosei by the date above.	
Academic Calendar	https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/students/esop/general-information/	

Course Information	
Course Descriptions	General information such as Course Outline, Period & Date, Classroom etc., are released via Web-Syllabus: https://syllabus.hosei.ac.jp/web/show.php (all the faculties included, with Japanese & English Available for Language Preference) Course list information: https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/students/esop/course-descriptions/
Courses/Programs with restricted access	Courses conducted in Japanese require at least JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test) N2, or equivalent level of J6 (by Hosei Original Scale) to register.
Course Registration	All the classes will be officially registered during designated period AFTER physical arrival. *Some courses have quotas. Both Undergraduate & Graduate level of Study Available.

Minimum Load	6 Courses per Semester Regardless of the Credit(s) *100 minutes per class
Credit per Course	2 Credits *Japanese Language Courses and PE provide 1 credit per course as Japan Common Standard
Transcript Explanation	https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/application/files/9517/4893/6600/Official_Transcript_Explanation_2025_2.pdf

Living

Health Insurance	ESOP students must enrol in “National Health Insurance” (国民健康保険) which covers 70% of the medical treatment occurred in Japan after arrival.						
Cost of Living	Monthly living cost will be approximately 80,000 JPY -100,000 JPY including dormitory rent.						
Designated Housings (Dormitory) (As for Current Latest)	<p>HOSEI offers designated housings for applicants (Off-campus Housing) if they request. [information] https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/students/esop/accommodations/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Location: 40 to 60 minutes away from ICHIGAYA Campus▶ Room Type: Single Room▶ Meal: Breakfast and evening meals are provided. *Except on Sundays and National Holidays▶ Rent (“administration fees” included): (Type A) 71,200 JPY / (Type B) 76,200 JPY per month. <p>HOSEI subsidizes (25,000 JPY) the monthly rent only for exchange students.</p> <p>Example for Type A Room :</p> <table><tr><td>Exchange Students</td><td>277,200 JPY (6 months)</td><td>554,400 JPY (1 year)</td></tr><tr><td>Visiting International Students</td><td>427,200 JPY (6 months)</td><td>854,400 JPY (1 year)</td></tr></table> <p>*Administration fees refer to the use of shared facilities, general administrative and other miscellaneous costs.</p> <p>* Charges for electricity and water are covered by HOSEI.</p> <p>* Please note that fees are subject to change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Dorm Information may be subject to change and will be updated on homepage once confirmed.▶ No direct assistance could be offered for finding off-campus housing.▶ (For Fee-paying Students) Kindly understand that dormitory may NOT be completely guaranteed, depending on the overall number of applicants and capacity.	Exchange Students	277,200 JPY (6 months)	554,400 JPY (1 year)	Visiting International Students	427,200 JPY (6 months)	854,400 JPY (1 year)
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Student Services	
Student Visa	Global Education Center (GEC) will make the necessary applications on the students' behalf. https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/students/esop/application/
Extracurricular Learning Opportunities	ESOP provides a lot of opportunities for students to experience Japanese culture. https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/our_activities/ (Updated)
Medical Support	ICHIGAYA Campus is well-equipped with such as On-Campus clinic and Student Counseling Office.

Others	
ESOP	https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/students/esop/
Contact Information	<p>Email: esop@ml.HOSEI.ac.jp</p> <p>Address: ESOP, International Office, Global Education Center, HOSEI University, 2-17-1 Fujimi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8160 JAPAN</p>