

What to prepare before going to Hosei

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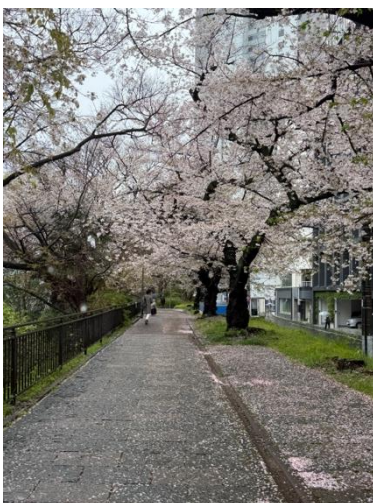
Once you have received your Certificate of Eligibility and your visa, and you're ready to leave for Japan, there are still some things to think about before starting your journey at Hosei. Based on my own experience as an ESOP student at Hosei University, these are the two most important things to do to have a successful start.

Plan your schedule early

The first week at Hosei might be quite stressful since there are other organizational things to do, so I recommend you **check the Hosei syllabus early**. Look at which classes interest you the most and pre-select them. For classes **taught in English**, I recommend looking at programs like ESOP, GBP, SCOPE, IGESS and GIS. While ESOP courses are especially designed for ESOP students and they are easy for you to join, other classes might have a selection process. Therefore, I recommend pre-selecting **more courses than you intend to take**, so you're always on the safe side in case you don't get selected for a course.



Mindset Matters



Learning Japanese is of course important, but **being open** and willing to learn something new is even more important. Especially at Hosei, you will meet new people from all over the world. **Don't be stubborn** or expect everything to work the same way it does in your culture. I know that can be hard and sometimes frustrating, but embracing different ways of doing things makes your **student life easier** and the experience better. You will make **new friends** from all over the world.

Most importantly, don't stress too much. You don't have to plan everything perfectly. If something comes up, there are many staff members at Hosei, as well as the friends you make, who are happy to help you.