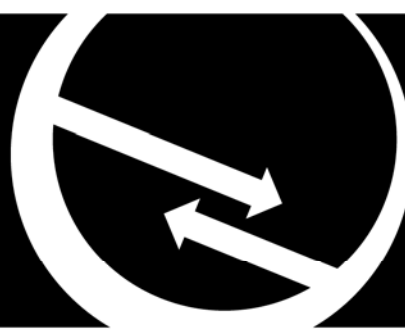


# JAPAN

## Hokkaido University International Exchange Program



### **Program Highlights**

#### **Dates**

Academic Year – September to August

#### **Location**

Sapporo

#### **Program Costs**

- Ohio State Tuition + supplemental insurance + airfare and living expenses
- See “program costs” section for details

#### **Application Deadline**

November 1, 2009

#### **Eligibility**

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Undergraduate students with a junior rank
- One year of college-level Japanese language (at the time of application)
- Students must successfully complete Japanese 231 prior to departure
- Personal interview

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### **Program**

This is an international exchange program based on an agreement between The Ohio State University and Hokkaido University. The number of exchange students selected each year will vary based on a mutual agreement between the two universities.

### **Location**

Hokkaido University is located in Sapporo, the capital city of Hokkaido, site of the 1972 Winter Olympics. It has a population of 1.77 million, and is Japan’s fifth largest city. Its Western architecture and modern conveniences reflect its modern character. Sapporo is a tourist destination, known as an alternative to Switzerland for its winter skiing facilities.

### **The University**

Hokkaido University began as the Sapporo Agricultural College in 1876, offering not only agriculture courses but a broad based education. Today, it is one of Japan’s major national universities with twelve faculties, 13 graduate schools, and 18 research centers and institutes. International students from 67 countries give it a cosmopolitan character. There is an English-only track available, offering courses in Japanese language, history and culture. However, students who have facility in the Japanese language may be allowed to take other courses offered in Japanese. Facilities on campus include a library, an international student center, student health service, computer center, cafeterias and stores.

### **Courses and Credits**

Courses completed at Hokkaido University transfer to Ohio State as graded credits. Before students depart, they should first discuss with their academic advisers the courses they plan to take, to ensure that these courses will be accepted for Ohio State credit. Exact course equivalents are determined by the appropriate academic departments.

### **Accommodations**

Students may live in the International Residence Hall located on campus. Students live in single rooms and share a kitchen and bath on each floor. Other housing options include living in apartments near the campus.

## Program Costs

International exchange programs are tuition exchanges, which means that an Ohio State student pays his/her full tuition and fees and trades places with a student at one of our partner institutions, who has in turn paid his/her full tuition and fees. Students selected to participate on an exchange program are also responsible for supplemental insurance, international airfare, room and board, and all other living or personal expenses. Please be advised that payments for room and board will be in the local currency.

## Pre-departure Orientation

All participants will be required to participate in an on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting organized by the Office of International Affairs. This session will provide important information on travel, passport, health, and academic expectations. For the time and location of the orientation meetings, please contact the program coordinator.

## Application Information

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via [buckeyelink.osu.edu](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu). Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline. The selection committee reserves the right to place you at the Japanese university that it feels is the most appropriate match for you and your Japanese abilities. Applicants will be asked to write a personal statement, and your essay should reflect why you have selected Hokkaido University as your first choice of Japanese universities; your personal statement should also indicate a second choice and your rationale for choosing it. Applicants are also asked to submit a letter of recommendation; please make sure that you have contacted your referee prior to sending the request. Your reference should come from a Japanese language instructor.

If you withdraw at any time after the date of your notification of nomination to the exchange program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee.

## Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	<a href="http://oia.osu.edu">oia.osu.edu</a>
U.S. Department of State	<a href="http://travel.state.gov">travel.state.gov</a> (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	<a href="http://cdc.gov/travel">cdc.gov/travel</a> (geographic health recommendations)
Hokkaido University Information	<a href="http://www.hokudai.ac.jp/en/">www.hokudai.ac.jp/en/</a>
Information about Sapporo	<a href="http://www.city.sapporo.jp/city/english">www.city.sapporo.jp/city/english</a>
Orientation to living in Japan	<a href="http://athomejapan.com">athomejapan.com</a>
Japan National Tourist Organization	<a href="http://jnto.go.jp/eng/">jnto.go.jp/eng/</a>

## Contact Us

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see [oia.osu.edu](http://oia.osu.edu) for information about "Getting Started" Information Sessions, Program Exploration Walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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