



# HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

## FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2017-2018

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Hitotsubashi University is a national university, and is the only university in Japan to specialize exclusively in the humanities and social sciences. Since its foundation as the oldest business school in modern Japan in 1875, Hitotsubashi has been at the forefront of Japan's innovation. It has been a powerhouse for generations of Japan's globally active business leaders as well as a research hub producing cutting-edge research in the global academic network of the social sciences.

Currently, Hitotsubashi has a teaching staff of about 560, with approximately 4,400 students enrolled in undergraduate courses and 1,900 in graduate courses. There are about 730 international students, along with about 420 researchers from abroad whom we welcome each year from around the world.

### EDUCATION:

#### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Faculty of Commerce and Management	<a href="http://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/index_e.html">http://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/index_e.html</a>
Faculty of Economics	<a href="http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/~koho/english/">http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/~koho/english/</a>
Faculty of Law	<a href="http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/home/">http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/home/</a>
Faculty of Social Sciences	<a href="http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/</a>

#### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduate School of Commerce and Management *	<a href="http://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/index_e.html">http://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/index_e.html</a>
Graduate School of Economics	<a href="http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/~koho/english/">http://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/~koho/english/</a>
Graduate School of Law	<a href="http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/home/">http://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/home/</a>
Graduate School of Social Sciences	<a href="http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en">http://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en</a>
Graduate School of Language and Society	<a href="http://gensha.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://gensha.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>
Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy**	<a href="http://www.ics.hit-u.ac.jp/">http://www.ics.hit-u.ac.jp/</a>
School of International and Public Policy**	<a href="http://www.ippp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://www.ippp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>

\*MBA courses are not available to exchange students.

\*\*Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy and School of International and Public Policy are excluded from the university-wide exchange.

#### STUDENT EXCHANGE AT HITOTSUBASHI

Students from our partner institutions who have been nominated as exchange students can apply to study at Hitotsubashi University for 1 semester (6 months) or 2 semesters (1 year). Exchange students must have completed two (2) years of undergraduate study or possess equivalent academic ability prior to commencing their exchange at Hitotsubashi University; however, this shall not apply unless it is specified in student exchange agreement with partner universities.

#### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Exchange Students are required to fulfill one of the following qualification criteria.

- English: TOEFL (PBT) 550 / TOEFL (iBT) 79 / IELTS (academic module) 6.0 \*Not required for native speaker of English.
- Japanese: JLPT Level 2, N2 or equivalent

#### GPA SCORE REQUIREMENT

Exchange Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 or above on a 4.0 scale.

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/index.html>

## STUDYING AT HITOTSUBASHI

Hitotsubashi University emphasizes small-group class education, and one of the prominent characteristics is our seminar style approach. The seminar style approach keeps class sizes small and focuses on intense student-faculty interaction providing rich course content.

### (1) Enroll in Specialized Courses/Seminar Conducted in Japanese or English

- Courses/Seminar Conducted in Japanese

Both graduate and undergraduate courses in Japanese are available.

Students must possess minimum language proficiency in Japanese (JLPT Level 2 or N2).

- Courses Conducted in English

Both graduate and undergraduate courses in English are available; however, most courses conducted in English are undergraduate-level courses, and only a limited number of graduate-level courses are available in English.

**HGP (Hitotsubashi University Global Education Program)** <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/jp/courses/hgp/index.html>

HGP is a program that offers interdisciplinary courses taught in English. HGP is designed for both international and Japanese students, so exchange students will have opportunities to learn alongside our Japanese and international students. Students can choose from a variety of courses in the social sciences under HGP.

Subject areas include: Japanese Affairs / Business / Economics / Law / International Relations / Social Sciences / Sociology / Academic Skills for International Students / Academic Skills in English

### (2) Enroll in Japanese Language Courses

Hitotsubashi University offers a wide variety of Japanese Language Courses ranging from introductory to advanced levels.

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/courses/japanese/index.html>

### (3)\* Research under Supervisor (\*This option is only for graduate exchange students.)

Graduate exchange students can do their research under a supervisor who specializes in a field that matches their interest.

## WEB SYLLABUS (Catalogue of all courses offered at Hitotsubashi)

<https://mercas.hit-u.ac.jp/> (To enter as a guest, just click on “Log in.” ID and Password are not required.)

## COURSE REGISTRATION

Exchange students should register for a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Typically, two-credit courses meet once a week for a 90-minute lecture over a 15-week long semester.

<http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/reg.html>

## WORKLOAD HOURS

In accordance with the Standards for Establishment of Universities, all Japanese universities have the same benchmark for the workload hours. Calculations of workload hours for credit course is; 1 credit = 45 hours of workload; 2 credits = 90 hours of workload.

## HOUSING:

Hitotsubashi University has two residence halls for exchange students; Residence Hall Kunitachi on Kunitachi campus and Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo on Kodaira campus. Exchange students are given priority to reside in a single room of either one of the residence halls with a common area to be shared with residents on the same floor. However, not all exchange students are guaranteed a room due to limited availability. Personal preference of which residence hall to be assigned is not considered.

**Residence Hall Kunitachi:** <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kunitachi/index.html>

**Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo:** <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kodaira/index.html>

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

The following scholarships might be available for exchange students. The application details are not yet determined, and will be informed via email once confirmed.

- Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho: MEXT)
- Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship (JASSO)

## FEES:

Annual Tuition Fee JPY 535,800 (JPY 267,900 per semester)

\*Tuition fee is waived for exchange students from partner universities with tuition waiver agreement.

## APPLICATIONS:

Applicants wishing to apply for student exchange should submit the application forms through the relevant office of their home institution. Application forms submitted directly from the applicants will not be accepted.

**Application Deadline for April 2017 - July 2017 (April) 2017 Admission: September 30, 2016**

**Application Deadline for September 2017 - January 2018 (September) 2017 Admission: March 31, 2017**

**Application Procedures for Undergraduate Students:** <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/undergrad.html>

**Application Procedures for Graduate Students:** <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/grad.html>

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2017 - 2018

April 2017 – July 2017			
April – May		June - July	
Classes Begin:	April 7 -	Classes Begin:	June 2 -
Final Examination:	May 26 - June 1	Final Examination:	July 17 - 21
International Student Orientation: March 30 – 31 (tentative)			
Kodaira-sai University Festival: June 3 - 4			
Intensive Course: July 24 - 28			
Grade Release Date: Mid of September			

September 2017 - January 2018			
September - October		November - January	
Classes Begin:	September 19 -	Classes Begin:	November 8 -
Final Examination:	November 1 - November 7	Final Examination:	January 5 - 15
International Student Orientation: March 30 - 31 (tentative)			
Ikkyo-sai University Festival: November 24 - 26			
Intensive Course: January 16 - February 9			
Grade Release Date: End of March			

## USEFUL LINKS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

1. General Information for Exchange Students: <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/index.html>
2. International Student Orientation: <http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/jp/pros/orientation/index.html>

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