



School of International and Public Policy Hitotsubashi University

FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2025-2026

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<https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>

ABOUT US

School of International and Public Policy (IPP) was established in 2005 as a "joint venture" between Graduate School of Economics and Graduate School of Law at Hitotsubashi University (est. 1875) to offer innovative, interdisciplinary Master's programs in law, economics, and international relations. Nearly half of its students are international, which makes IPP a unique intellectual community of rich diversity. Courses are offered in Japanese and English. Its main campus is well known for its beauty and tranquility, located in Kunitachi, a city in western part of Tokyo. IPP also offers some courses in its downtown Chiyoda campus.

For more about IPP, please visit
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For more about Hitotsubashi University, please visit
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EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT IPP

IPP always welcomes exchange students from its partner universities. Students who have been nominated as exchange students can apply to study at IPP for either Autumn-Winter semester (September to January) or Spring-Summer semester (April to July). Most exchange students to IPP study for one semester, but some stay longer. Ask the person/office at your university for the duration of the exchange program.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Although IPP does not set any official language requirements, a non-native English speaker is expected to have at least TOEFL iBT 80 or equivalent score.



STUDYING AT IPP

(1) Enroll in Specialized Courses/Seminars Conducted in English or Japanese*

Exchange students can take any courses of their academic interest, except for some (e.g., thesis workshops for degree-seeking students) at IPP. Ask IPP Office when registering.

Foreign Service Sub-program within Global Governance Program and Asian Public Policy Program at IPP offer many courses in English, most of which are available to exchange students. You can find the courses of the two programs [here](#). The course list will be updated in March with the definitive courses for the Spring/Summer semester and in August with the definitive courses for the Autumn/Winter semester.

Hitotsubashi University Global Education Program (HGP) also offers courses conducted in English. Only a limited number of graduate-level courses are available in English under HGP; however, undergraduate courses conducted in English are open to graduate students.

For HGP courses, please visit:

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/courses/hgp/information-on-courses-classes/>

Exchange students are required to register for 6 slots (1 slot=1h45m) per week throughout the semester, except for those who have been permitted to research under a supervisor at IPP.

* For enrolling in courses conducted in Japanese, exchange students must possess a minimum language proficiency in Japanese of JLPT Level 2 or N2.

Courses offered under the Master of Business Administration Program (MBA), the School of International Corporate Strategy (ICS), and Business Law are NOT open to exchange students.

(2) Enroll in Japanese Language Courses

Japanese language courses (basic, intermediate, and advanced) are offered by Hitotsubashi Japanese Language Education Program (not by IPP) and available for exchange students. For its course list and other information, please visit [:https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/courses/japanese/](https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/courses/japanese/)

(3) Research Under a Supervisor

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



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WEB SYLLABUS (Catalogue of all courses offered at Hitotsubashi)

<https://syllabus.cels.hit-u.ac.jp/>

COURSE REGISTRATION

Course registration will be done during the first week of each semester. Details on online registration will be given in an orientation session for exchange students at the beginning of each semester.

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/pros/orientation/>

GRADE POLICY

In accordance with the Academic Calendar, grades will be announced on Grade release dates. Official transcripts will be issued at the end of August for Spring-Summer Semester and at the end of March for Autumn-Winter Semester. IPP grading scale is: A+ (Outstanding), A (Excellent), B (Good), C (Satisfactory), and F (Fail). A and A+ shall be given to no more than one-third of the students in each course. A+ shall be given to no more than one-third of A students.

CREDITS

In general, one once-a-week course per semester at IPP makes 2 credits. 44 credits are required to earn a MA degree at IPP. Requirements for exchange students (non-degree students) are set by their home universities.

CREDIT TRANSFER

Exchange students must confirm with their home university in advance if the courses they take are recognized for credit transfer. Although all courses at IPP are for graduate students only, some in other graduate programs at Hitotsubashi (e.g., Graduate School of Economics or Law) are open to advanced undergraduate students. Those courses may not be recognized as “graduate” courses at their home institution.

FEES

Tuition fees are exempt for exchange students from partner universities with a tuition waiver agreement.



HOUSING

Hitotsubashi University has two residential halls for exchange students: Residence Hall Kunitachi on our Kunitachi campus and Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo on our Kodaira campus. Exchange students at IPP are given priority for a single room in Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo, with use of 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. For more details of housing costs, please refer to the website below:

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kodaira/>

APPLICATIONS

After being nominated to study as an exchange student at IPP by their home institution, applicants wishing to apply for student exchange should submit the application forms through the relevant office of their home institution. Application forms submitted directly to IPP Office will not be accepted. For IPP’s application procedures as well as application forms, please contact IPP Office at ipp.g@ad.hit-u.ac.jp through the relevant office of their home institution.

For Sept. 2025 Admission deadlines;

Nomination: April 15, 2025

Application: April 25, 2025

For April 2026 Admission deadlines;

Nomination: October 10, 2025

Application: October 24, 2025



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026 (TBC)

The academic year begins on April 1 and ends on the following March 31. Before the classes begin, exchange students shall attend the international student orientation. Examinations may occur during or at the end of the lecture period. The latest academic calendar 2025-2026 for exchange students can be found [here](#).

Spring - Summer 2025			
Spring		Summer	
Residence Hall Move-in Start Day: March 26, 2025			
International student orientation <i>*Mandatory</i> : March 28, March 31 – April 2			
Course Registration: April 7 - 16			
Classes begin:	April 10	Classes begin:	June 2
Classes end:	May 31	Classes end:	July 23
Summer Intensive Course <i>*Optional</i> :	July 24 – August 1		
Residence Hall final Move-out date:	August 15		
Grade release date:	August 28		
Autumn – Winter 2025-26			
Autumn		Winter	
Residence Hall Move-in Start Day: end of August (TBD)			
International student orientation <i>*Mandatory</i> : September 2 – 5			
Course Registration: September 10 – 19			
Classes Begin:	September 15	Classes Begin:	November 3
Classes end:	November 1	Classes end:	December 27
Winter Intensive Courses <i>*Optional</i> :	(I) January 7 – 19, (II) January 20 – 28, (III) January 29 – February 4		
Grade release date:	March 9, 2026		
Residence Hall final Move-out date:	mid-March, 2026 (TBD)		

USEFUL LINKS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1. General Information for Exchange Students (Please note online application procedures on the below website is different from IPP's application procedures. Please ask IPP Office)
<https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/information/prospective.html>
2. International Student & Study Abroad Advising: Incoming Exchange Students
https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/cgee/advising/study_abroad_advising/
3. International Student Orientation
<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/pros/orientation/>

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VOICES FROM EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Takoyaki party at Ikko-Ryo
Festival

My exchange semester at IPP was the best experience of my master's studies. I chose the IPP because, as a student of international affairs, I found it attractive to be able to choose from a wide range of courses in this discipline. I found the courses related to Japan's security and foreign policy particularly exciting, as such courses are rarely offered in Europe. In addition to the academic aspect, I really enjoyed spending time with my fellow students at HU. I loved living in the Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo and organizing intercultural events together with my floor mates. My semester at IPP gave me completely new insights both academically and culturally, which will certainly be helpful for my international career.

Lukas, Germany

The exchange semester at IPP was one of the most educational experiences of my life. While my studies in International Affairs at my home university have trained me in a multidisciplinary yet generalist way, it was only during the semester at the IPP that I gained a more specific and detailed understanding of Asian and particularly Japanese policymaking. This specialization sets me apart and will assist me in launching my career.

Janic, Switzerland



At the summit of Mt. Fuji



I chose to study at IPP because its intriguing programme it offers and also, I wanted to dive into a totally different culture from mine. It is very stimulating to be surrounded by students with different backgrounds and experiences. Here in Japan, I am having a great time!

Despite the language barrier, people are always very polite and ready to help you. Tokyo is an amazing city with a lot to offer for all tastes.

Flavia, Italy/Switzerland

I chose to study at IPP because of its reputation for fostering global perspectives and addressing complex international issues. Through my semester I delved into a wide array of subjects, each offering unique insights into global policies. The courses were thoughtfully designed, encouraging critical thinking and collaborative discussions among students from diverse backgrounds.

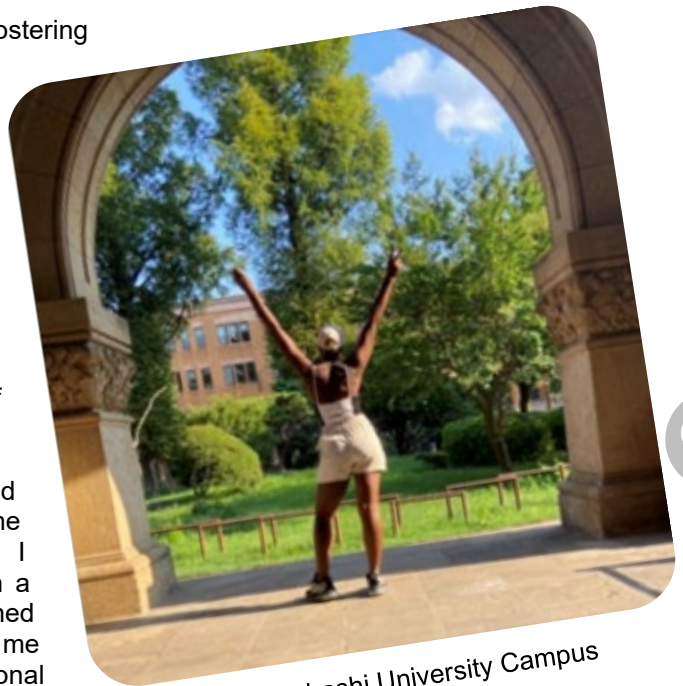
Life at "Ikkyo-ryo" students residence was an enriching blend of cultural immersion and adventure. Living alongside fellow exchange students and engaging with Japanese culture firsthand was an invaluable experience. Outside of class there was an endless list of cultural delights and natural beauty to experience.

Undoubtedly, the semester at IPP has had a profound impact on my future studies and career aspirations. The interdisciplinary approach and international network I gained have equipped me to approach challenges with a broader perspective. I am confident that the lessons learned and connections made during this exchange will guide me towards a successful and impactful career in international public policy.

Aderonke, UK

"The choice of Hitotsubashi University and IPP was very straightforward for me. Its specialization in international politics and global cooperation, along with its location in one of the most dynamic regions in the world, made the decision very easy for me. I was not disappointed either. The courses cover a wide variety of topics, from international organizations to free trade agreements and behavioral economics, which have advanced me on various levels. This includes academic advancement as well as the cultural and social growth, where I had the opportunity to collaborate with students from Japan and all over the world. In addition, I had the opportunity to immerse myself in Japanese society and gaining a better understanding of the culture and its people.

Celestino, Switzerland



On the Hitotsubashi University Campus



Daigaku-dori University Street

