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 in 1875 as the oldest business school in modern Japan, 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 social sciences, contributing to the global academic community.

Hitotsubashi has a teaching staff of about 500, with approximately 4,400 students enrolled on undergraduate courses and 1,900 on postgraduate courses. There are about 810 international students, and we also welcome about 130 researchers from around the world each year (as of 2022).

**EDUCATION**

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**
- Faculty of Commerce and Management: [https://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/](https://www.cm.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/)
- Faculty of Economics: [https://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/](https://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/)
- Faculty of Law: [https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/faculty_of_law/](https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/faculty_of_law/)
- Faculty of Social Sciences: [https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/](https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/)

**POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

- Graduate School of Business Administration:
  - School of Business Administration (SBA): [https://www.sba.hub.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/](https://www.sba.hub.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/)
  - School of International Corporate Strategy (ICS): [https://www.ics.hit-u.ac.jp/](https://www.ics.hit-u.ac.jp/)

- Graduate School of Economics: [https://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/](https://www.econ.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/)

- Graduate School of Law:
  - Graduate School of Law: [https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/graduate/](https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/graduate/)
  - Business Law: [https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/bl/](https://www.law.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/bl/)

- Graduate School of Social Sciences: [https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/](https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/)

- Graduate School of Language and Society: [https://gensha.hit-u.ac.jp/english/](https://gensha.hit-u.ac.jp/english/)

- School of International and Public Policy: [https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html](https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html)

(*) 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.

**STUDENT EXCHANGE AT HITOTSUBASHI**

Students from our partner institutions who have been nominated as exchange students can apply to study at Hitotsubashi University for one of the following four periods:

1. From the Autumn to the Winter quarter (September 2024 to January 2025)
2. From the Autumn to the Summer quarter (September 2024 to July 2025)
3. From the Spring to the Summer quarter (April 2025 to July 2025)
4. From the Spring to the Winter quarter (April 2025 to January 2026)

Exchange students must have completed **two (2) years of undergraduate study (4 semesters/ 6 trimesters/ 8 quarters)** or possess equivalent academic ability prior to commencing their exchange at Hitotsubashi University; however, this shall not apply to students from partner institutions if this is not specified in the relevant student exchange agreement: [https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/](https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/)
REQUIREMENTS

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 / CEFR B2 or equivalent
- Japanese: JLPT Level 2, N2 or equivalent

* Applicants from partner institutions in the U.S., Canada, U.K., Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Hong Kong are exempted from the English language requirements.
** Applicants from partner institutions whose programs are conducted entirely in English are exempted from the above language requirements with a letter of proof from the partner institution.

GPA SCORE REQUIREMENT
Exchange Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 or above on a 4.0 scale.
* If applicants are from partner institutions in which the 4.0 scale does not apply to the grading system, their score must be converted to GPA on the 4.0 scale.

STUDYING AT HITOTSUBASHI
Hitotsubashi University emphasizes small-group class education, and one of the prominent characteristics of this 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/Seminars Conducted in Japanese or English
- Courses/Seminars Conducted in Japanese
  Both postgraduate and undergraduate courses in Japanese are available. Students must possess a minimum language proficiency in Japanese of JLPT Level 2 or N2.
- Courses Conduced in English
  Both postgraduate and undergraduate courses in English are available; however, most courses conducted in English are undergraduate-level courses, and only a limited number of postgraduate-level courses are available in English.

(2) Enroll in Japanese Language Courses
Hitotsubashi University offers a wide variety of Japanese Language Courses ranging from introductory to advanced levels.
https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/courses/japanese/

(3) Research Under a Supervisor (*this option is only for postgraduate exchange students)
Postgraduate 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://syllabus.cels.hit-u.ac.jp/

CORSE REGISTRATION
At Hitotsubashi, each class session runs 105 minutes. Each term, all exchange students, except postgraduate students who research under a supervisor, shall register for courses with a total of at least six 105-minute slots of class time per week. Typically, two-credit courses meet once a week for a 105-minute lecture over 14 weeks in the case of semester courses, or meet twice a week for a 105-minute lecture over 7 weeks in the case of quarter courses.

WORKLOAD HOURS
In accordance with the Standards for Establishment of Universities, all Japanese universities have the same benchmark for workload hours. The calculation of workload hours for credit-bearing courses is as follows: 1 credit = a workload of 45 hours; 2 credits = a workload of 90 hours.

FEES
Exchange students from partner institutions with a tuition waiver agreement are exempted from tuition fees.
HOUSING
Hitotsubashi University has a residential hall for exchange students: Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo on our Kodaira campus. Exchange students are given priority for a single room in the residential hall, with use of a common area to be shared with residents on the same floor. However, not all exchange students may be guaranteed a room due to limited availability. We are unable to consider your personal preference about the residential hall in which you wish to live when assigning rooms. For more details of housing costs, please refer to the websites below:

Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo: https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kodaira/

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS
The following scholarships may be available for exchange students. In order to apply for these scholarships, applicants must be nominated by their home institution.

The application details are not yet determined, and will be updated on HU’s website.
https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/

- Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho: MEXT)
  In order to apply for the MEXT Japanese Studies Students Scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:
  1) Start his/her period of study at HU in September
  2) Be a one academic year exchange student
  3) Possess a high level of Japanese language proficiency
(Please note that selected scholars must pass JLPT Level 2 or N2 before entering HU.)

- Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship (JASSO)

APPLICATIONS
Applicants wishing to apply for student exchange must be nominated by their home institutions first. Direct applications from students with no nomination by their home institutions will not be accepted. Once the nomination is completed, applicants and/or their home institutions should submit the application forms by the designated deadline.

For September 2024 Admission;
Nomination Deadline: March 15, 2024
Application Deadline: March 29, 2024

For April 2025 Admission;
Nomination Deadline: September 13, 2024
Application Deadline: September 30, 2024

Application Procedures for Undergraduate Students
https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/undergrad/
Application Procedures for Postgraduate Students
https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/pros/exchange/grad/

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2024-2025 (TBD)
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 academic calendar 2024-2025 will be finalized in January 2024. For exchange students participating in Spring-Summer 2025 semester, the calendar of Spring-Summer 2024 will help to consider the schedule, as the academic calendar 2025-2026 has not yet been determined.

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| International student orientation | *Mandatory*: March 26 – 29
| Classes begin:       | Classes begin:      |
| April 10             | June 3              |
| Classes end:         | Classes end:        |
| May 31               | July 23             |
| Kodaira-sai University Festival: | June 8 – 9 (TBC) |
| Intensive Course     | *Optional*: July 25 – August 2
| Grade release date:  | August 29 (for both undergraduates and postgraduates) |
Autumn – Winter 2024-25

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USEFUL LINKS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS
1. General Information for Exchange Students
2. International Student & Study Abroad Advising: Incoming Exchange Students
   [https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/cgee/advising/study_abroad_advising/](https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/cgee/advising/study_abroad_advising/)
3. International Student Orientation
   [https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/pros/orientation/](https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/pros/orientation/)

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