

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Exchange Program Fact Sheet

General Information

University Name	National University Corporation Hokkaido National University Organization Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM)
Address	Inada-cho Nishi 2-sen 11, Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan
Website	https://www.obihiro.ac.jp/
Established year	1941
University size	Students about 1,400 / Faculty members about 210

Eligibility

An applicant must meet all of the following requirements.

- (1) The applicant must be a regular student in an undergraduate or graduate course of a partner university with which OUAVM has a student exchange agreement.
※A Student who will already have graduated from the partner university by the time of his/her enrollment in OUAVM are not eligible.
- (2) The applicant must have completed at least 2 (4 year for an applicant for the veterinary medicine course) academic years of undergraduate study at the partner university by the beginning of the exchange period.
- (3) The applicant must be in good academic standing, have sufficient language proficiency to effectively participate in the course he/she plans to take, and recommended by a partner university
- (4) To effectively participate in the program, the applicant must be in good physical and mental health.

Language Requirements

Undergraduate School
Applicant in undergraduate school should have Japanese language proficiency skills equivalent to or better than Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 at the time of application.
Graduate School
Lectures are conducted in Japanese and English in Graduate School. It is advisable to have sufficient language proficiency to understand lectures in either Japanese or English.

Study Period

Students may study for one semester or one academic year.

(Students who cannot complete at least one semester at OUAVM are not eligible.)

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- Spring semester runs from April to August
- Fall semester runs from October to February

Faculties / Departments

Undergraduate Schools of Animal and Agriculture

- School of Agriculture
- Schools of Cooperative Veterinary Medicine

Application Process

STEP 1: Nomination

Students must consult their home university's exchange office.

Partner universities submit the nomination sheet to OUAVM.

Nomination Deadlines;

- Spring intake: around the end of September
- Fall intake: around the end of February

STEP 2: Application

Nominated students submit all required documents to their home university.

Partner universities send the application documents to OUAVM by email.

Application Deadlines;

- Spring intake: around early November
- Fall intake: around mid-April

Required Documents;

Note: All documents must be in English or Japanese. If in another language, attach a translation.

1. OUAVM Application Form (Word file; handwritten forms not accepted)
2. Official Academic Transcript (PDF scan)
3. Letter of Recommendation from a Dean or an Academic Advisor (PDF scan)
4. Certificate of Enrollment (PDF scan)
5. Health Certificate (PDF scan)
6. Proof of Language Proficiency (PDF scan)
 - English: TOEFL, IELTS, etc.
 - Japanese: JLPT, JPT, etc.

STEP 3: Admission Decision

OUAVM will notify partner universities of the results by:

- Spring intake: around late November
- Fall intake: around late May

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STEP 4: COE Application

OAVM submits the COE application to the Immigration Bureau.

Required Documents;

- COE Application Form (Excel file; handwritten not accepted)
- Passport (PDF scan of photo page)
- Financial Support Documents (varies depending on sponsor)

Overall Schedule

Process	Spring intake	Fall intake
Nomination Deadline	Around late September	Around late February
Application Deadline	Around early November	Around mid-April
Admission Notification	Around late November	Around late May
COE Application Submission	Around December	Around June
Housing Application	Around February	Around August
Visa Issuance	Around March	Around September
Semester Begins	April	October

Academics at OAVM

Exchange students may choose courses from the available syllabus.

Course search:

<https://gkm02.obihiro.ac.jp/portal/Public/Syllabus/SearchMain.aspx/>

Note:

Japanese immigration regulations require students to enroll in at least 10 hours (600 minutes) of classes per week, which is equivalent to approximately 7 or more 90-minute classes per week.

A transcript listing course titles, grades, and credits will be issued.

International House

Exchange students may apply for university housing designed for international students.

No guarantor is required, and the cost is lower than private apartments.

Details:

<https://www.obihiro.ac.jp/internationalhouse> (Japanese)

<https://www.obihiro.ac.jp/en/dormitory> (English)

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Required Insurance

- Gakkensai (Student Accident Insurance)

Covers injuries during classes, school events, and extracurricular activities.

Fee: 1,360 JPY per year

- National Health Insurance (NHI)

Mandatory for all students staying in Japan for more than 3 months.

Fee: 1,000–3,000 JPY per month

Covers 70% of medical expenses.

Airport Access

Access to Obihiro / Tokachi-Obihiro Airport

From Sapporo to Obihiro Station (JR Train)

Sapporo Station → (approx. 2 hr 30 min – 3 hr) → Obihiro Station

From Sapporo to Obihiro Station (Highway Bus)

Sapporo Station Bus Terminal → (approx. 4 hr) → Obihiro Station Bus Terminal

From New Chitose Airport to Obihiro Station (JR Train)

New Chitose Airport Station → (approx. 3 min) → Minami-Chitose Station → (approx. 2 hr)
→ Obihiro Station

From Tokyo to Tokachi-Obihiro Airport

Haneda Airport → (approx. 1 hr 30 min) → Tokachi-Obihiro Airport

From Tokachi-Obihiro Airport to OUAVM

By Bus

Tokachi-Obihiro Airport → Airport Shuttle Bus (approx. 40 min, 1,000 JPY) → Obihiro Station
Bus Terminal → Transfer to a local bus as described in the section above

By Taxi

Approx. 30 min, around 7,000 JPY

Contact Details

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