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# broadens your horizons!



The Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program (HUSTEP) is a 'junior year abroad' type program designed to provide undergraduate students from affiliated universities with the opportunity to study in Japan at Hokkaido University. Participants in this program take a wide variety of classes offered in English in the fields of Culture and Society, Environment, Science and Technology. Students also have the chance to study the Japanese language. In addition, some participants can pursue independent study research under the guidance of a faculty member. There will also be an opportunity to take part in numerous traditional and contemporary Japanese cultural activities. Students admitted to the program are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

HUSTEP provides a safe and caring environment in which to carry out your academic studies and broaden your horizons. Participating in HUSTEP will help to prepare you for the future with knowledge and experiences that will last a lifetime. In addition, you will have a wonderful opportunity to meet and make friends with many Japanese people as well as international students from all around the world who come to study at Hokkaido University.

We would like to invite motivated university students from ALL disciplines to participate in HUSTEP.



Dr. Peter Firkola **HUSTEP Program Director** (Left) Ms. Mika Fujiki **HUSTEP Administrative Coordinator** (Right)



# **HUSTEP Course Details**



HUSTEP offers students the choice of participating in the Research Course or the Semester Abroad Course.

The Research Course allows students to study for one year and take classes in English as well as Japanese language classes. In addition, students have the option to do an independent study under the guidance of a faculty supervisor. As part of the independent study, students may have a chance to study in a lab or attend seminars with Japanese students in various faculties.

The Semester Abroad Course allows students to study for one semester and take classes in English and Japanese language classes.

Students should choose carefully since switching courses is not permitted. Course details are listed below.

Course Overview	Research Course	Semester Abroad Course (Autumn)	Semester Abroad Course (Spring)
Length	One year	Half year	Half year
Core Classes (in English)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Japanese Language Classes	Yes (optional)	Yes (optional)	Yes (optional)
Independent Study	Yes (optional)	No	No
Course Completion Requirements	Yes**	No*	No*
Study Period	Late September, 2017- Mid-August, 2018	Late September, 2017- Mid-February, 2018	Early April, 2018- Mid-August, 2018
Application Deadlines	February 20, 2017	February 20, 2017	October 31, 2017 Submit applications in October

To be eligible to apply for HUSTEP, students must:

- 1. be from exchange partner universities
- 2. be enrolled and pay tuition fees at their home universities during study in Japan
- 3. have completed at least two years of undergraduate study prior to arrival in Japan
- 4. have GPA of 3.0 (B) or better on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
- 5. be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers must have a score of at least TOEFL IBT 79 or IELTS 6.5\*\*\*
- 6. be able to arrive in Sapporo by late September or first week of April

Please check HUSTEP application guidelines for complete eligibility requirements.

### **Application Procedure**

Eligibility

For details, please check the HUSTEP website. http://www.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/hustep/ There is a screening process and not all students who apply will be accepted.

<sup>\*</sup> Students must take a minimum of 10 hours of classes (7 classes) per week to meet visa requirements.

\*\* Research Course students are required to obtain at least 10 credits in each semester, and at least 8 of these credits should be from core classes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> In exceptional cases, a different internationally recognized English test result may be accepted.

### **Core Classes**

#### **Culture and Society**

- A Critical Introduction To International Relations Theories
- · An Introduction to International Relations
- · Anthropology of Animal-Human-Technology
- · Career Plannina
- Constitution and Constitutionalism in Japan
- Contemporary Japanese Society
- · Countries and Culture
- · Critical Issues in English Language Teaching and Learning · Japanese Society
- · Cultural Philosophy of Law and Rights
- Cultural Psychology
- · Does God Exist? The Great Debate
- Energy and Environmental Issues in Japan
- · English Educational Media: A Critical Analysis
- Ethics, Killing and Violence
- Ethnographies of Japanese Culture
- Field Seminar in Pop Cultural Event Planning and Management
- Food Nutrition and Culture in Contemporary Japan
- · Gender and Sexuality in Postwar Japan
- · Happy or Anxious? Making Sense of Japanese Youth
- Heritage and/or Contents Tourism
- · Historical International Experiences
- · Hokkaido: Then and Now

- · How We Learn Languages
- Intellectual History of Japan
- · Anthropological Thought
- Applied Ethics
- Critical Thinking
- Historiography
- · Japanese Politics
- · Japanese Studies
- · Social Theory
- · Tourism Studies
- · Japan and Multiculturalism
- Japanese Economy
- · Japanese Foreign Policy
- Japanese History
- · Japanese Management
- · Japanese Political Economy
- Japanese Political History · Japanese Popular Culture and East Asia
- · Language in Taiwan:
- History, Policy, Ideology, Practice
- Modern Japanese History

- · Multiculturality in Hokkaido and Japan
- · Music and Culture
- Music Psychology
- · Personal Stories and Religion
- Poetry and Poetics
- · Political Economy of Japan and East Asia
- · Practicing Basic Business English
- Practicing Basic Natural Everyday English
- · Religion and Modernity in Japan
- · Religion and Society in Japan
- · Risk Governance -

Coping with Uncertainty in a Complex World

- · Sex, Gender and Hospitality in Japanese Society
- · Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty
- Soviet History
- Spaces, Groups and Trends of Consumption in Japan
- · Survey of Approaches to Language Teaching
- · Sustainability Studies beyond Hollywood Films
- The Age of Total War: World History: 1904-1945
- The Real Story of Child Language Acquisition
- · Thinking about Meiji Thinkers
- · Topics in Japanese Thought
- · Work and Employment in Japan

#### Science, Technology and Environment

- A Roadmap to the United Nations With Special Reference to WHO • Joy of Science
- · Advanced Course on Antarctic science
- · Advanced Fluid Engineering
- · Agriculture in Hokkaido
- Applied Animal Ecology
- · Biomechanics of Circulation
- Calculus
- · Chemistry and English for Life Science
- · Concrete Engineering
- Dynamics of Civil Engineering Structures
- English Learning for Sciences, Agriculture and Engineering
- Environmental Science for Biological Resources
- Essential Physics
- Field Bioscience in the Northern Biosphere
- Food Resources and Environment
- · General Biology
- Geotechnical Foundation Engineering
- Highway Engineering
- · History of Geology
- · Hydrology, Water Resources and River Engineering
- Infrastructure Maintenance Engineering
- Integrated Science
- · International Project
- · Biodiversity Study
- · Environmental Earth Science
- · Mathematical Proofs and Problem Solving
- · Marine Science

- Discovering the Matters and the Laws of the Universe
- · Lifetime Engineering for Civil Infrastructure
- · Linear Algebra
- · Maintenance Engineering
- · Mecahnical Vibration and Control
- · Medical Device and Biomaterials
- · Modern Trends in Organic Chemistry and Biological Chemistry
- · Overview of Energy Technology and Policy
- · Resources, Human and the Earth
- · Solid Mechanics and Materials
- Space Propulsion Engineering · Space Utilization Engineering
- · Strength and Fracture of Materials

### Japanese Language

• Japanese Language Classes

### **Independent Study**

• Independent Study



### A detailed syllabi for all of the classes is available at the HUSTEP website.

The above class list is from 2016-2017 and will change

The classes listed above and the independent study are worth 2 credits each. The Japanese language classes are 1 or 2 credits each.

### Class Schedule from a previous year

Time Table	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st 8:45-10:15	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language
		Linear Algebra	Current Issues in Language Teaching	Calculus	
<b>2nd</b> 10:30-12:00	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language  Communicating Across Cultures	Japanese Language
	Global Englishes				
	How Languages are Learned	Current Issues in Language Teaching	Structural Mechanics		
3rd	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language  Ecology, Land and Languages	Japanese Language
	International Political Economy	Religion and Society in Contemporary Japan			Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Japan
	Mathematical Physics for Plasma Engineering	Education and Society in Japan	Modern Japanese History		
4th 14:45-16:15	Environmental Earth Science	Multicultural Japan	Current Issues in Language Teaching	Japanese Management	Career Planning
	Hokkaido History				
	Ethics, Killing and Violence	Introduction to Social Anthropology of Japan	Political Economy of Japan and East Asia	The Real Story of Child Language Acquisition	
5th	Modern Trends in Chemistry	Resources, Human and the Earth		Poetry and Poetics	Meanings of Life
	Exploring Meaning	Agriculture in Hokkaido	Visual Representations of Japan		
	Essential Physics	Current Topics in Science and Technology		Cultural Influences and Myths	

<sup>\*</sup> On average, students take one Japanese language class and one core class per day.

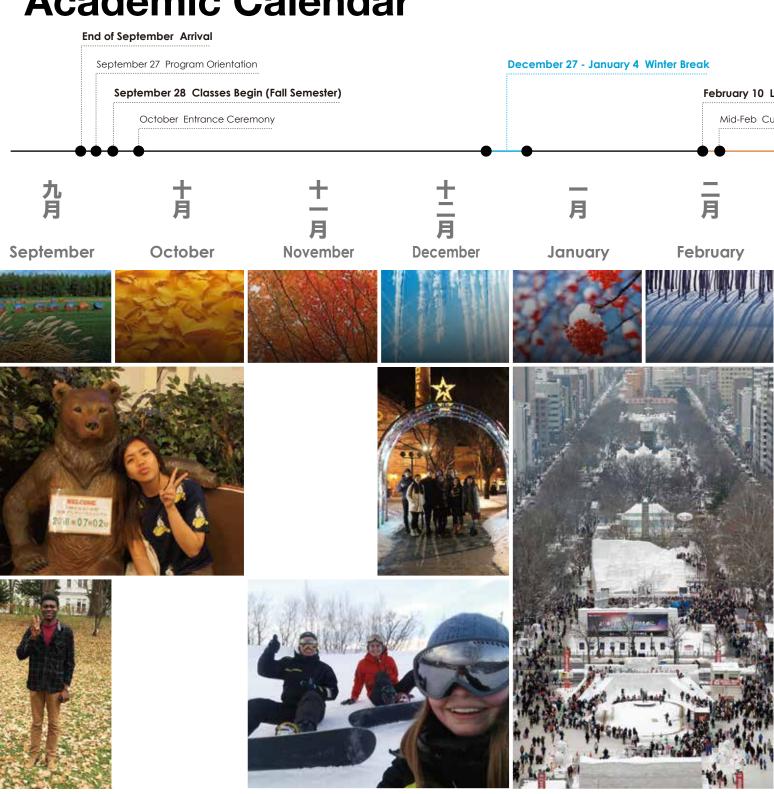
# **HUSTEP**Calendar

The following is the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar

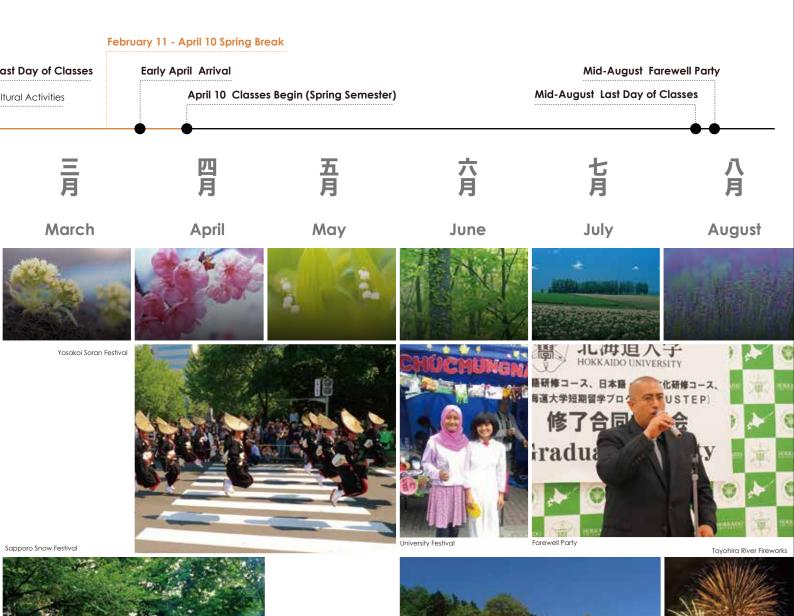


Cultural Activities

### **Academic Calendar**







## **Voices**

### **Participant Views of HUSTEP**

### "I enjoyed winter in Hokkaido"

To some people it might sound strange to say that winter is my favorite season in Sapporo. As it was my first experience with snow, I couldn't help but enjoy it. Part of my love for winter came at the realization of how creative people can be with





This explains why the Snow Festival was my favorite festival in Sapporo. For me winter is the best time in Hokkaido to try many interesting activities. If you are not building a snowman, you will surely find ice skating and skiing amazing. If you love visiting parks, I recommend doing so in winter, especially the zoo, and I guarantee you will never forget the experience. In Sapporo, winter enjoyment is limitless!

### **Henry Nwogba**



Ebonyi State University, Nigeria

Major: Food Science and Technology



### "My dormitory life was amazing"



When starting my HUSTEP experience, I had to choose a place to live. I chose Keiteki dormitory and I'm glad I did. This dorm has the longest history and most traditions in Hokkaido University. The people, mostly Japanese students, were open and approachable. During the semester, there were plenty of social events and chances to communicate. For me, the highlight was the dormitory sumo tournament, where I was able to take part and help my team to victory. I recommend staying in this dormitory to any student who is adventurous and wants the dorm to be more than just a place to eat and sleep.

#### Saul Heikki



University of Tartu

Major: Computer Engineering



### "The Archery Club was a rewarding experience"

I was able to become a member of the Hokkaido University Archery Club. I practiced three times a week and participated in several tournaments throughout the year. Even though most of the members only spoke Japanese, I felt welcome and joining their activities helped me improve my Japanese.





Practicing my favorite sport so far away from home was an integral and rewarding part of my life as an exchange student. The highlight was when I was given the opportunity to participate in the Eastern Japan Archery University Championships. Competing with so many extraordinary archers from Japanese universities was a once in a lifetime experience. I am thankful to the HUSTEP program for making this possible.

### **Karolin Tybus**

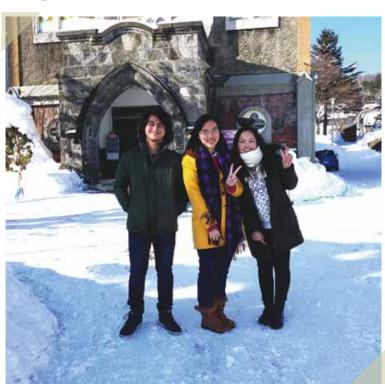


University of Munich, Germany

Major: North American Studies



### "HUSTEP is a priceless and irreplaceable learning experience"



HUSTEP gave me a broader perspective in life. Most of the classes I took were not related to my major. These are classes that I usually wouldn't consider taking. In these classes, I learned how to work with different cultures, different working styles, and different people. I also learned how to be independent, how to be critical, and most importantly, how to have fun. I can definitely say that HUSTEP is worth it and everything it offers is truly priceless and irreplaceable. I'm happy I took a leap of faith and grabbed this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

#### Joseph Azanza



University of the Philippines, Philippines

Major: Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

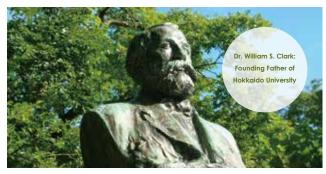




In the heart of Japan's northern city of Sapporo, our main campus provides the perfect balance of natural scenery with state-of-the-art teaching, research and student support facilities. Our academics pursue excellence in teaching, reaching across disciplines to offer the very best in innovative and broad based education. Learning from these top academics exposes Hokkaido University students to excellence – and challenges them to succeed as leaders in whatever career they choose.



Founded in 1876, Hokkaido University is one of the oldest, largest and most prestigious universities in Japan. Our students and researchers come from all over the world and all backgrounds to prepare for a life of new challenges. We are unique among Japan's leading universities in the breadth of disciplines we offer, providing a variety of opportunities for personal growth and all-round education that develops unique insights and broader perspectives.



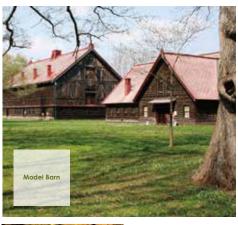
At Hokkaido University, there is more to student life than just lectures. An abundance of opportunities await international students to become part of the many activities available on campus.

Students can join one of over 250 clubs, participate in sporting activities, visit the university's museum, attend a university festival or just relax with friends in one of the many university cafeterias in between lectures.

Hokkaido University offers students the chance to gain valuable experiences and to make new friends.

Your year abroad here at 'Hokudai' will be one to cherish for a lifetime.

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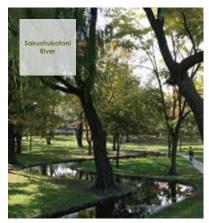






### **Quick Facts**

Total Enrollment: 18,171 Undergraduate Students: 11,824 Graduate Students: 6,250 Research Institute Students: 97 International Students: 1,735 Partner Universities: 462 Faculty and Staff: 4,009 **University Color: Forest Green University Flower: Trillium** (as of May, 2016)

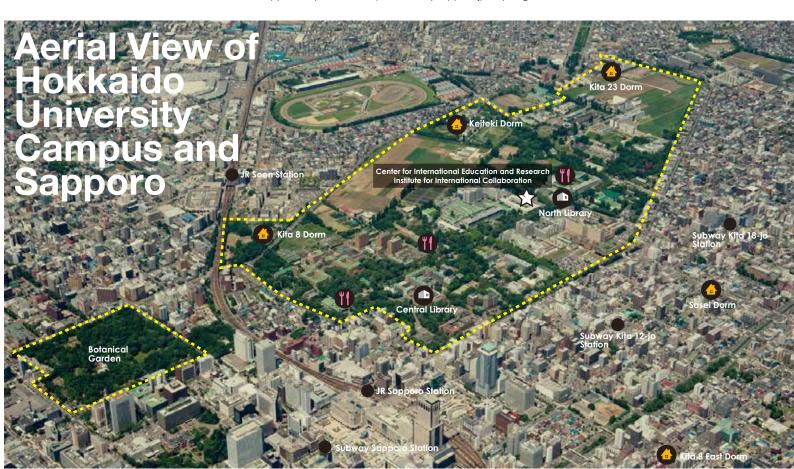


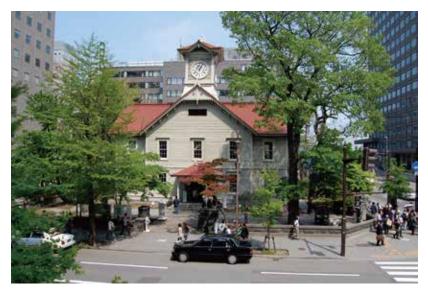




Sapporo, the city in which you'll be living, is Japan's fifth largest city with a population of almost 2 million people. Sapporo is known for its amazing food, unique history, natural beauty, and cosmopolitan character. With its fashionable restaurants, great shopping areas and relaxed atmosphere, it is often rated as the most desirable place to live in Japan. Sapporo provides an excellent quality of life and an affordable cost of living for students.

Sapporo City website: http://www.city.sapporo.jp/city/english/















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