

Otaru University of Commerce (OUC)

YOUC (Year at Otaru University of Commerce) Program Fact sheet 2020-2021 (Effective from April 1, 2020)

Name of Institution	Otaru University of Commerce (OUC)
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Academic Calendar Sep. 2020 – Aug. 2021	Fall Semester Semester Date: September 28, 2020-February 09, 2021 **Intensive Beginning Japanese Course (Students with ZERO Japanese knowledge ONLY) before the fall semester (TBA: Usually From Second week of September)

	Mandatory Two-Day Orientation Date:
	September 24 & 25, 2020
	Recommended Arrival Date : September 2-4 OR September 15-17.
	(The Office will be closed September 21-22, 2020)
	Spring Semester
	Semester Date: TBA (Usually between Around First week of
	April - Around First week of August, 2021)
	Orientation Date: Last week of March Recommended Arrival Date: Before the orientation date
Exam Dates	Fall Semester: February 2– February 9, 2021
	Spring Semester : TBA (Usually between End of July – Around First week of August, 2021)
Holiday Dates	Winter Break: December 24, 2020 – January 5, 2021
	Spring Break: February 10 – Around First week of April, 2020
	Summer Break: TBA (Usually between Around First week of
	August – Around the end of September, 2021) *And Other National holidays
Application Deadline	Fall Semester: April 10, 2020
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Language Institution	Japanese, English
Subjects offered	All lectures are conducted in English
	https://english.otaru-uc.ac.jp/youc/subject_list/
	Primary Fields of Study:
Language Requirements	Economics, Management, Business and Japanese English language proficiency is required (TOEFL Score 550 is
Language Requirements	recommended).
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	No prior knowledge of Japanese is required. Nevertheless YOUC
	program is not a language training program; however, it provides a
Accommodation	great opportunity to acquire Japanese proficiency. YOUC students are eligible to live in on-campus housing which is
recommodation	less than 5 minute walk from the center of campus.
Mandatory Costs	National Health Insurance Approx. 1,600JPY/month
	University Student Insurances (Gakkensai + Futai Gakuso = Liability)
	Approx. 15,000JPY for 12 months
	On-Campus Housing Cleaning fees (Room, Quilt, Curtains)
	Approx. 22,000JPY Shower curtain Approx. 1,500JPY
Approximate Cost of Living	Food expenses 18,000JPY-25,000JPY
per Month	Books 5,000 JPY-10,000JPY
	Utilities (including telephone) 8,000JPY-15,000JPY
	Other expenses 10,000JPY-20,000JPY Total: 41,000JPY-70,000JPY
Services and Events for	• Tutor System
YOUC Students	Each YOUC student has a tutor, who will support their life in
	Japan. Tutors will help new arrival, such as necessary move-in
	paper works, negotiating for cell phone service, giving directions
	to fun places, and by building a bridge between our Japanese students and YOUC students.
	• International Week
	The International Week is held on the last week of October. This
	event is held annually to deepen international understanding
	between international students and Japanese students, faculty
	members and local people. YOUC students will take part in this event by introducing their
	1 OOC students will take part in this event by indoducing then

	countries and cultures in poster session and presentation, etc. On the last day of the International Week, the Halloween party is held by the OUC International Circle.
	• Skiing: Intensive Course (Three days somewhere between
	December 24 – 27. NOT CONFIRMED YET.)
	The YOUC students who register the Skiing: Intensive Course will
	go to the Asari-gawa spa which is the place you can enjoy beautiful
	scenery as well as great condition of snow. Every student can join
	the class regardless of ski experience. Please note that students can
	borrow the ski gears from the university.
Entry and Residence	Student visa is required for all the students.
	Procedure:
	1: Submit an Application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to
	OUC. OUC will apply for your COE to the Sapporo Immigration
	Bureau on behalf of students to send the certificate to your home
	institution as soon as it is issued.
	2: Submit your COE with your visa application when you apply for
	a visa at your nearest Japanese embassy.