



# Otaru University of Commerce (OUC)

## YOUC (Year at Otaru University of Commerce) Program Fact sheet 2023-2024

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<b>Academic Calendar Sep. 2023 – Aug. 2024</b>	<p><b>Fall Semester</b></p> <p><b>Semester Date:</b> September 25, 2023 - February 6, 2024 <b>Mandatory Orientation Date:</b> September 22, 2023 <b>Recommended Arrival Date:</b> September 11 - 14 and 19, 2023. (The Office will be closed September 16 - 18, 2023)</p>

	<p><b>Spring Semester</b>  <b>Semester Date:</b> TBA (Usually between Around First week of April - Around Second week of August 2024)  <b>Orientation Date:</b> March 29, 2024  <b>Recommended Arrival Date:</b>  March 21 (Thu), 25 (Mon), 26 (Tue), 2024.</p>														
<b>Exam Dates</b>	<p><b>Fall Semester:</b> January 29 – February 6, 2024  <b>Spring Semester:</b> TBA (Usually between End of July – Around Second week of August 2024)</p>														
<b>Holiday Dates</b>	<p><b>Winter Break:</b> December 26, 2023 - January 8, 2024  <b>Spring Break:</b> February 7, 2024 - Around First week of April 2024  <b>Summer Break:</b> TBA (Usually between Around the Second week of August - Around the end of September 2024)  *And Other National holidays</p>														
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<p><b>Fall Semester:</b> April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  <b>Spring Semester:</b> October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023</p>														
<b>Language Institution</b>	Japanese, English														
<b>Subjects offered</b>	<p>All lectures are conducted in English  <a href="https://english.otaru-uc.ac.jp/youc/subject_list/">https://english.otaru-uc.ac.jp/youc/subject_list/</a>  <b>Primary Fields of Study:</b>  Economics, Management, Business and Japanese</p>														
<b>Language Requirements</b>	<p>English language proficiency is required (TOEFL iBT 80 is recommended).</p> <p>No prior knowledge of Japanese is required. Nevertheless YOUC program is not a language training program; however, it provides a great opportunity to acquire Japanese proficiency.</p>														
<b>Accommodation</b>	YOUC students are eligible to live in on-campus housing which is less than 5 minute walk from the center of campus.														
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<b>Services and Events for YOUC Students</b>	<p>• <b>Tutor System</b>  Each YOUC student has a tutor, who will support their life in Japan. Tutors will help new arrivals, 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.</p>														

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Week (Subject to change upon the covid-19 situation)</b> 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 home universities, countries and cultures in poster session and presentation, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Skiing: Intensive Course (Three-days course through December 26 – 28, 2023)</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Entry and Residence</b>	<p>Student visa is required for all the students.</p> <p><b>Procedure:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>2: Submit your CoE with your visa application when you apply for a visa at your nearest Japanese embassy.</p>