



# Exchange Program 2026 Intake

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## FACTSHEET

Name of Institution	Aichi Prefectural University (APU) - Public University
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Website	<a href="https://www.aichi-pu.ac.jp/eng/">https://www.aichi-pu.ac.jp/eng/</a>
Contact Office	Student Global Mobility Office Email: ryugaku@bur.aichi-pu.ac.jp Telephone: +81-561-76-8829
Access to Nagakute Campus	<a href="https://www.aichi-pu.ac.jp/eng/access/index.html">https://www.aichi-pu.ac.jp/eng/access/index.html</a> -Approximately 90 minutes from Chubu International Airport by public transportation -Approximately 60 minutes from Nagoya Station by public transportation -Approximately 5-minute walk from GHIBLI PARK
Schools	School of Foreign Studies School of Japanese Studies School of Education and Welfare School of Nursing & Health (Moriyama Campus) School of Information Science and Technology
Graduate Schools	Graduate School of International Cultural Studies Graduate School of Human Development Graduate School of Nursing & Health (Moriyama Campus) Graduate School of Information Science and Technology
Number of Students	3,496 students as of May 1, 2025
Academic Calendar	<b>Spring Semester April 1- September 30</b> (Summer Break: Mid August – end of September) <b>Fall Semester October 1 – March 31</b> (Spring Break: Mid February – end of March)
Duration of Participation	One semester or two semesters
Course Module	Total 16 weeks (15 classes and a final exam session) per semester

Medium of Instruction	Courses are conducted in Japanese. Some courses are offered in English.																				
Core of Exchange Program/International Exchange Student Courses (Japanese Language and Cultural Understanding Courses)	<p>The Exchange Program offers five to seven courses at each of three levels in Japanese exclusively for exchange students. These courses are primarily conducted in person.</p> <p>Our Japanese language curricula uses the ACTIVE LANGUAGE LEARNING approach featuring everyday communication skills in Japanese. An additional feature of the program is that dozens of the degree-seeking students who participate in the Japanese teacher training program join in some of the courses and encourage the exchange students to be involved in classroom communication.</p>																				
Participation in General Undergraduate Courses	Some of the general undergraduate courses which are open to regular students can be taken by the international students during the exchange period. However, if the general courses are conducted in Japanese, a certain level of Japanese proficiency is required.																				
Ref: General Courses at APU	<p>-University-wide Foundation Courses / Liberal arts -Major Subject Courses</p> <p>Syllabus Inquiry (On the Japanese web page) <a href="https://www.aichi-pu.ac.jp/campus_life/index.html">https://www.aichi-pu.ac.jp/campus_life/index.html</a> Some courses are limited to the regular students and are not available to exchange students.</p>																				
Maximum Number of Credits	<p>24 credits per semester</p> <p>*Universities require 45-hours of study, consisting of contact hours and self-study per credit in Japan.</p>																				
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Transcripts	Transcripts are generally issued in September for the First Semester and in March for the Second Semester. The transcript copy will be emailed to the home university.																				
Other Certificates	No other certificates are issued.																				

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Prospects	<p>The participating students can expect to improve their communication skills in Japanese by completing tasks in the exclusive courses for exchange students. Additionally, involvement in regular undergraduate courses, which we encourage, will provide students with a richer experience in their campus life.</p> <p>Thus, this program is appropriate for study-oriented students.</p>
Required Language Skills	<p>&lt;Japanese&gt; Minimum JLPT level N5 or equivalent</p> <p>If a candidate student who has the minimum requirement of Japanese fluency would like to study Japanese, APU can offer online self-study materials, “Japanese First Step”, prior to arrival in Japan.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Japanese First Step</u></a></p> <p>This material contains 120 online units covering six chapters. Each unit includes a learning material and an assignment. All the units are offered on Microsoft Teams for three months prior to the beginning of the exchange program.</p> <p>&lt;English&gt; If students expect to join some English-medium courses at APU, they shall possess fluency in English minimum at CEFR B1 level.</p>
Required Academic Record/GPA	Please refer to the inter-university agreement.
Grad/Year	The participants shall be the students of the home university by/after the end of the Exchange Program.
Deadline of Nomination by Home University	<p><b>31 March 2026</b> for 2026 Second Semester intake</p> <p>The following information about the candidates is essential for nomination: Name, birthdate, major, expecting study duration at APU, and contact e-mail address.</p>
<p>Application Documents</p> <p>(to be sent via email by <b>23 April 2026</b> for 2026 Second Semester intake)</p>	<p>We will contact the candidate students with explanations and share digital versions of required forms after students have been nominated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application Form</li> <li>2. Head-and-shoulders photo data</li> <li>3. Copy of passport</li> <li>4. Official transcript in English</li> <li>5. Official certificate of enrollment in English (The year of enrollment must be stated.)</li> </ol> <p>If there is a combined version of the transcript and enrollment certificate, it is also fine.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Letter of Motivation form (ideally completed in Japanese)</li> </ol>

	<p>7. Proof of language proficiency (e.g. JLPT certificate)</p> <p>Since the participating students come from different countries and universities, the class levels in which they are placed will not necessarily correspond to the definitions set by home universities. The participants will be basically separated into respective courses based on the result of an online Japanese test held before the beginning of the semester. The certificate of results from an official Japanese test, such as JLPT, will also be considered with regard to placement. <b>We highly recommend that applicants have obtained the result of any official Japanese proficiency tests before coming to Japan as this will help to avoid mismatches in placement.</b></p> <p>8. Consent form for the Handling of Personal Data</p> <p>9. Optional: If applicants would like to send a digital video file introducing themselves in Japanese, the effort will be appreciated.</p>
Additional Documents for application of CoE	<p>The input file and its explanation will be shared with nominated students in November.</p> <p>&lt;Documents for Student Visa&gt;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Application file for the 'Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)' The application file for CoE will be updated as needed. Please use the latest version.</li> <li>-Proof of ability to cover living expenses in Japan e.g. Proof of bank balance under the name of the exchange student or her/his/their family,</li> <li>-Proof of scholarship funding, if any</li> </ul>
Number of Students Accepted	<p>Please refer to the inter-university agreement.</p> <p>We count the number of slots by academic year starting in April.</p>
Withdrawal of Application	<p>To withdraw an application, please notify APU as soon as possible.</p>
Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In principle, the repeated enrollment of a given student is not permitted due to visa processing considerations.</li> <li>2. If there are any special issues with regard to course registration, student support, and related matters, requests should be made officially through the coordinator of the home university when the student is nominated.</li> </ol>

## ARRIVAL and ORIENTATION

Recommended Arrival Dates	For Second Semester intake – late September
Orientation Sessions (Mandatory)	For Second Semester intake – late September

## ACCOMMODATION

Since Aichi Prefectural University has only ten rooms on campus as accommodations for exchange students, almost all students need to live off campus, where it takes 30 to 90 minutes to commute to the university. Moreover, in the case of outsourced accommodation, the university cannot take part in the selection of residences, so accommodation is not guaranteed if a student is unable to secure housing at one of the following residences.

Recommended Accommodation	- International Student Center - Residence at Aichi University of the Arts
On-campus Residence	- Studio type (six single rooms) - Shared house (four single rooms) The number of available rooms varies by semester.

Of course, there are many general apartments/flats in Nagoya, Nagakute, Nisshin and Seto cities. When you live in an apartment, it will cost 60,000 - 70,000 yen, including utilities, per month as well as a contracting fee of approximately 60,000 – 150,000 yen in addition.

**We will announce the procedures regarding accommodation arrangement by email in May.**

## INSURANCE

National Insurance:	<b>All international students</b> who stay in Japan for three months or longer must join the Japanese government-funded National Health Insurance, which covers 70% of the insured's medical expense in most cases. The premium costs approximately 2000 yen per month. The exchange students will receive bills for the insurance by post and must make payments at a convenience store.
Personal Accident Insurance and Liability Insurance	The accident insurance policy covers injuries caused during classes, university events, and commuting. <b>All APU students</b> are required to take out the insurance. The Personal Liability Insurance which covers a part of payment against damages which, during the period of the insurance, they may be held legally liable to pay for injuring a third party or a damage of any property belonging to a third party is also mandated by APU. The cost is 1340 yen in total per year.

Inbound Medical Assistance Service (IMAS)	This is a medical support service that provides 24-hour assistance in 18 languages, including English, Chinese, etc., in the event of injury or illness. It provides referrals to appropriate medical facilities and telephone interpretation assistance when you visit a doctor. In addition, it will arrange transportation to another medical facility in Japan or in your home country in case of emergency, and provide travel assistance for your family members to visit you. The total cost is 3360 yen per year.
Bicycle Insurance	It is necessary to purchase bicycle insurance if you plan to use a bicycle.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Cost of Living	Approximately 100000 yen per month The figure is just an estimation. This may vary depending on living conditions or choices made by students.
'Two-step Verification' on Mobile Phone	APU started a two-step verification to sign into the university Microsoft email account in August 2023. To access your university email account, you will be required to download an APP to your mobile phone and sign in using a security code shown in the APP.

## VISA PROCESS

Step One. Apply for CoE/ Certificate of Eligibility	1. APU receives the necessary information for CoE application, photo data and other documents from applicant students. (4-5 months prior to arrival) APU uploads the above onto the Immigration Bureau system. APU receives the CoE and forwards the email to the student. (1.5 to 2 months prior to arrival)
Step Two. Apply for student visa.	2. The student visits the Embassy of Japan or Consular Office to be issued a visa. For more details, refer to the website of the nearest Embassy of Japan.
Step Three. Receive a residence card upon arrival at the airport.	<p><b><u>The student visa will be issued specifically for the exchange program. Therefore, when the student status ends at APU, the student visa is no longer valid even if the student's Residence Card has not yet expired.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>If a participating student would like to extend their stay after the program, she/he/they have the responsibility to obtain an appropriate status at the nearest Immigration Bureau.</u></b></p>

# HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The student information provided by the home university and the students at application and during the program are subject to the latest Act on the Protection of Personal Information of Japan and will be used for the following purposes:

- Entrance screening
- Student support for the participation in the exchange program
- Pre-screening for security export controls concerned in university premises or by university members when planning to research in some fields, such as information technology (\*)

\*The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan has amended the Ministerial Order of the Compliance Standards for Exporters, etc. and the clarification of "Deemed export controls" to prevent transferring of sensitive technology from Japan and maintain the international peace and security, which came into effective on May 1, 2022. As a result, when universities in the courses of research mentoring, lectures, meetings, testing device modification, development, and so on, offer sensitive technologies that can be potentially diverted to military use, some of the offered information may be subject to the controls under Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act Article 25(1). If that is the case, the universities are required to apply for "export approval" in advance when some of participating students match to the specific categories.



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