



School of International and Public Policy Hitotsubashi University

FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2024-2025

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<https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>

ABOUT US

School of International and Public Policy (IPP) was established in 2005 as a “joint venture” between Graduate School of Economics and Graduate School of Law at Hitotsubashi University (est. 1875) to offer innovative, interdisciplinary Master’s programs in law, economics, and international relations. Nearly half of its students are international, which makes IPP a unique intellectual community of rich diversity. Courses are offered in Japanese and English. Its main campus is well known for its beauty and tranquility, located in Kunitachi, a city in western part of Tokyo. IPP also offers some courses in its downtown Chiyoda campus.

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For more about Hitotsubashi University, please visit
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EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT IPP

IPP always welcomes exchange students from its partner universities. Students who have been nominated as exchange students can apply to study at IPP for either Autumn-Winter semester (September to January) or Spring-Summer semester (April to July). Most exchange students to IPP study for one semester, but some stay longer. Ask the person/office at your university for the duration of the exchange program.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Although IPP does not set any official language requirements, a non-native English speaker is expected to have at least TOEFL iBT 80 or equivalent score.



STUDYING AT IPP

(1) Enroll in Specialized Courses/Seminars Conducted in English or Japanese*

Exchange students can take any courses of their academic interest, except for some (e.g., thesis workshops for degree-seeking students) at IPP. Ask IPP Office when registering.

For now, Appendix A and B show the list of courses for 2023-24 in two programs at IPP: Global Governance Program and Asian Public Policy Program. These two programs have most of the courses offered in English. New course list for 2024-25 will be available in April 2024 (contact IPP Office at ipp.g@ad.hit-u.ac.jp).

Hitotsubashi University Global Education Program (HGP) also offers courses conducted in English. Only a limited number of graduate-level courses are available in English under HGP; however, undergraduate courses conducted in English are open to graduate students.

For HGP courses, please visit:

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/courses/hgp/information-on-courses-classes/>

Exchange students are required to register for 6 slots (1 slot=1h45m) per week throughout the semester, except for those who have been permitted to research under a supervisor at IPP.

* For enrolling in courses conducted in Japanese, exchange students must possess a minimum language proficiency in Japanese of JLPT Level 2 or N2.

Courses offered under the Master of Business Administration Program (MBA), the School of International Corporate Strategy (ICS), and Business Law are NOT open to exchange students.

(2) Enroll in Japanese Language Courses

Japanese language courses (basic, intermediate, and advanced) are offered by Hitotsubashi Japanese Language Education Program (not by IPP) and available for exchange students. For its course list and other information, please visit :<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/courses/japanese/>

(3) Research Under a Supervisor

Graduate exchange students can do their research under a supervisor who specializes in a field that matches their interest.



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WEB SYLLABUS (Catalogue of all courses offered at Hitotsubashi)

<https://syllabus.cels.hit-u.ac.jp/>

COURSE REGISTRATION

Course registration will be done during the first week of each semester. Details on online registration will be given in an orientation session for exchange students at the beginning of each semester.

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/pros/orientation/>

GRADE POLICY

In accordance with the Academic Calendar, grades will be announced on Grade release dates. Official transcripts will be issued at the end of August for Spring-Summer Semester and at the end of March for Autumn-Winter Semester. IPP grading scale is: A+ (Outstanding), A (Excellent), B (Good), C (Satisfactory), and F (Fail). A and A+ shall be given to no more than one-third of the students in each course. A+ shall be given to no more than one-third of A students.

CREDITS

In general, one once-a-week course per semester at IPP makes 2 credits. 44 credits are required to earn a MA degree at IPP. Requirements for exchange students (non-degree students) are set by their home universities.

CREDIT TRANSFER

Exchange students must confirm with their home university in advance if the courses they take are recognized for credit transfer. Although all courses at IPP are for graduate students only, some in other graduate programs at Hitotsubashi (e.g., Graduate School of Economics or Law) are open to advanced undergraduate students. Those courses may not be recognized as “graduate” courses at their home institution.

FEES

Tuition fees are exempt for exchange students from partner universities with a tuition waiver agreement.



HOUSING

Hitotsubashi University has two residential halls for exchange students: Residence Hall Kunitachi on our Kunitachi campus and Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo on our Kodaira campus. Exchange students at IPP are given priority for a single room in Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo, with use of a common area to be shared with residents on the same floor. However, not all exchange students are guaranteed a room due to limited availability. For more details of housing costs, please refer to the website below:

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/kodaira/>

APPLICATIONS

After being nominated to study as an exchange student at IPP by their home institution, applicants wishing to apply for student exchange should submit the application forms through the relevant office of their home institution. Application forms submitted directly to IPP Office will not be accepted. For IPP's application procedures as well as application forms, please contact IPP Office at ipp.g@ad.hit-u.ac.jp through the relevant office of their home institution.

For Sept. 2024 Admission deadlines;

Nomination: April 15, 2024

Application: April 26, 2024

For April 2025 Admission deadlines;

Nomination: October 11, 2024

Application: October 25, 2024



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2024-2025 (TBC)

The academic year begins on April 1 and ends on the following March 31. Before the classes begin, exchange students shall attend the international student orientation. Examinations may occur during or at the end of the lecture period. The academic calendar 2024-2025 will be finalized in January 2024.

Spring - Summer 2024			
Spring		Summer	
Residence Hall Move-in Start Day: March 28			
International student orientation <i>*Mandatory</i> : April 1 – 3			
Course Registration: April10 - 17			
Classes begin:	April 11	Classes begin:	June 3
Classes end:	May 31	Classes end:	July 23
Intensive Course <i>*Optional</i> : July 25 – August 2			
Grade release date: August 29			
Autumn – Winter 2024-25			
Autumn		Winter	
Residence Hall Move-in Start Day: September 2			
International student orientation <i>*Mandatory</i> : September 4 – 6			
Course Registration: September 13 - 20			
Classes Begin:	September 16	Classes Begin:	November 4
Classes end:	November 1	Classes end:	December 28
Intensive Courses <i>*Optional</i> : (I) January 8 – 20, (II) January 21 – 29, (III) January 30 – February 5, (IV) March 3 – 21 (for international students)			
Grade release date: March 10, 2025			

USEFUL LINKS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS

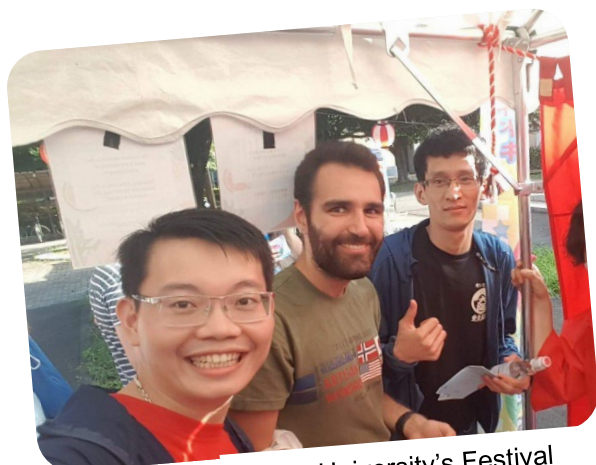
1. General Information for Exchange Students (Please note online application procedures on the below website is different from IPP's application procedures. Please ask IPP Office)
<https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/information/prospective.html>
2. International Student & Study Abroad Advising: Incoming Exchange Students
https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/cgee/advising/study_abroad_advising/
3. International Student Orientation
<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/pros/orientation/>

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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VOICES FROM EXCHANGE STUDENTS



At the University's Festival

The semester at IPP helped me with look at facts and figures from a completely different perspective, no longer centered around the US-EU centered perspective. In fact, I believe it is crucial, especially for citizens of Western countries, to start appreciating different point of view in order to better understand the rest of the world. Moreover, the varied geographical focus and study methods used at IPP enriched both my global knowledge skillset. Most importantly, I had the possibility to study and collaborate with people from unique backgrounds that I would not have been able to meet elsewhere!

Arash, Italy

The exchange semester at IPP was one of the most educational experiences of my life. While my studies in International Affairs at my home university have trained me in a multidisciplinary yet generalist way, it was only during the semester at the IPP that I gained a more specific and detailed understanding of Asian and particularly Japanese policymaking. This specialization sets me apart and will assist me in launching my career.

Janic, Switzerland



At the summit of Mt. Fuji



I chose to study at IPP because its intriguing programme it offers and also, I wanted to dive into a totally different culture from mine. It is very stimulating to be surrounded by students with different backgrounds and experiences. Here in Japan, I am having a great time!

Despite the language barrier, people are always very polite and ready to help you. Tokyo is an amazing city with a lot to offer for all tastes.

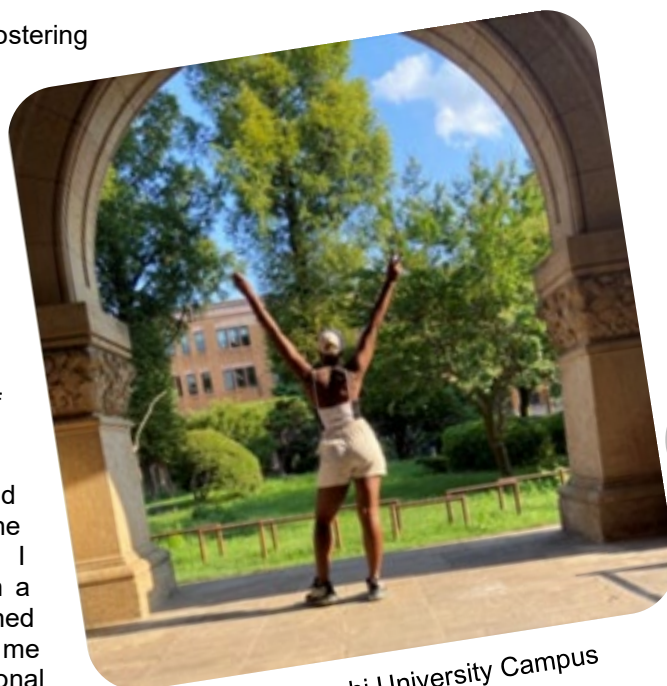
Flavia, Italy/Switzerland

I chose to study at IPP because of its reputation for fostering global perspectives and addressing complex international issues. Through my semester I delved into a wide array of subjects, each offering unique insights into global policies. The courses were thoughtfully designed, encouraging critical thinking and collaborative discussions among students from diverse backgrounds.

Life at “Ikkyo-ryo” students residence was an enriching blend of cultural immersion and adventure. Living alongside fellow exchange students and engaging with Japanese culture firsthand was an invaluable experience. Outside of class there was an endless list of cultural delights and natural beauty to experience.

Undoubtedly, the semester at IPP has had a profound impact on my future studies and career aspirations. The interdisciplinary approach and international network I gained have equipped me to approach challenges with a broader perspective. I am confident that the lessons learned and connections made during this exchange will guide me towards a successful and impactful career in international public policy.

Aderonke, UK



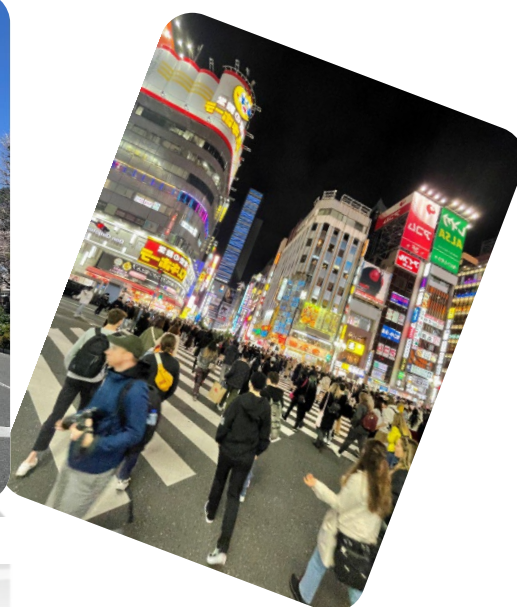
On the Hitotsubashi University Campus

"The choice of Hitotsubashi University and IPP was very straightforward for me. Its specialization in international politics and global cooperation, along with its location in one of the most dynamic regions in the world, made the decision very easy for me. I was not disappointed either. The courses cover a wide variety of topics, from international organizations to free trade agreements and behavioral economics, which have advanced me on various levels. This includes academic advancement as well as the cultural and social growth, where I had the opportunity to collaborate with students from Japan and all over the world. In addition, I had the opportunity to immerse myself in Japanese society and gaining a better understanding of the culture and its people.

Celestino, Switzerland



Daiqaku-dori University Street



Appendix A: AY 2023 Global Governance Program Courses Offered in English

*Types of subjects: Basic / Core / Applied (Appl.) / Case Studies (C.S.) / Workshop (WS)

Course Title	Credits	Quarter	Type	Notes
History of International Order	2	N/A	Basic	
US Foreign Policy	2	N/A	Basic	
Global Governance Theory	2	A-W	Basic	
Presentation for English Interaction	2	N/A	Basic	
English Writing for Researchers	2	N/A	Basic	
International Security Policy	2	A-W	Core	
International Political Economy I	2	Sp-Su	Core	
International Political Economy II	2	Summer	Core	Intensive course
UN and NGOs	2	Sp-Su	Core	
Regional Studies I	2	A-W	Core	
Human Security I	2	N/A	Core	
Human Security II	2	Summer	Core	Intensive course
International Institutions	2	Sp-Su	Core	
Quantitative Analysis in International Relations	2	A-W	Core	
Theories of World Politics	2	A-W	Core	
Research Methods in International Relations	2	A-W	Core	
Community Interests and International Law I	2	A-W	Appl.	
Community Interests and International Law II	2	N/A	Appl.	
Gender and International Relations	2	A-W	Appl.	
Theories and Practices of International Security	2	Sp-Su	Appl.	
Peace Studies	2	Sp-Su	Appl.	
New Approaches to International Law and Relations I	2	Sp-Su	Appl.	
New Approaches to International Law and Relations II	2	N/A	Appl.	
Contemporary Public Policy I	1	N/A	Appl.	Intensive course
Contemporary Public Policy II	1	N/A	Appl.	Intensive course
Contemporary Public Policy III	1	N/A	Appl.	
Contemporary Public Policy IV	1	N/A	Appl.	
Euro-Asia Summer School	2	Summer	Appl.	Intensive course
Japan's Foreign Policy Making I	2	A-W	C.S	
Japan's Foreign Policy Making II	2	Sp-Su	C.S	
Japan's Fiscal and Monetary Policy Making	2	A-W	C.S	
Managing the SDGs - SIGMA Global Active Learning	2	Autumn	C.S	Intensive course
International Seminar (USA)	2	Winter	C.S	Intensive course
Responsible Digital Transformation-SIGMA Global Active Learning	2	Autumn	C.S	Intensive course

*The schedule is subject to change.

*Course Schedules for Intensive Courses will be announced to students via email later once available.

Appendix B: AY 2023 Asian Public Policy Program Courses Offered in English

Note: K: Autumn-Winter Semester Z: Spring-Summer Semester Y: One-year

Courses	Credits	Instructor	Semester
Required Courses			
Microeconomics for Public Policy	4	T. Sekine	K
Macroeconomics: Theory and Policy	4	H. Matsuoka	K
Fundamentals of Econometric Methods I	2	M. Ii	K
Fundamentals of Econometric Methods II	2	M. Ii	Z
Economics of Public Sector I	2	M. Hori	K
Economics of Public Sector II	2	M. Hori	Z
Elective Courses			
(Fiscal Policy)			
Economic Analysis of Tax Systems	2	M. Hori	Z
Tax Policy I: Tax Policy and Systems	2	H. Ishiguro	Z
Tax Policy II: International Taxation	2	M. Kitamura, A. Asatsuma, T. Utamura	K
Fiscal Decentralization and Local Government Finance	2	M. Sato	Z
(Public Sector Policy)			
Economic Analysis of Public Investments	2	M. Amma	K
Economic Analysis of Regulation and Public Enterprise	2	Y. Wada	Z
Economic Analysis of Social Policy	2	T. Rouyard	Z
Economic Analysis of Social Security Systems	2	M. Hori	K
(Monetary and Financial Policy)			
Central Banking	2	T. Sekine	Z
Regional Financial Arrangements and Economic Surveillance in East Asia	2	Y. Nemoto, Reza. S. S. Nakagawa	Z
(Joint Course)			
Japan's Foreign Policy Making I	2	M. Kaji	K
Japan's Fiscal and Monetary Policy Making	2	S. Yamashige	K
Current Issues – Workshops and Intensive Courses			
Workshop on Current Topics	2	H. Nonoguchi	Y
ESG Investing and SGDs	2	K. Honda	K
Issues on Public Policy I	2	TBC	TBC
Issues on Public Policy II	2	TBC	TBC
Issues on Public Policy III: Macroeconomic Time Series Analysis	2	T. Okimoto	K
Issues on Public Policy IV	1	TBC	TBC
Issues on Public Policy V	1	Bandid N.	K
Issues on Public Policy VI	1	TBC	TBC
Issues on Public Policy VII: Building More Inclusive Financial Systems: Microfinance and SME Finance	1	J. Rosengard	K
Issues on Public Policy VIII: Selected Issues in Public Financial Management	1	M. Asher	Z
Issues on Public Policy IX: Finance Theory and Data Analytics	1	I. Takei	K
Issues on Public Policy X	1	TBC	TBC