

2026 Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts (OPUA) Student Exchange Program FACT SHEET

General Information	
University	Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts
University in Japanese	沖縄県立芸術大学
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Homepage	https://www.okigei.ac.jp/english/
Application Guideline	
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You should be nominated by your home university with which OPUA has signed the Student Exchange Agreement. ▪ You should submit all required documents before or on the deadline. ▪ You should continue to be a registered student at your home university until you complete the participation in the exchange program.
Admission Quota	Under the Student Exchange Agreement signed with our partner university, OPUA accepts up to two students per sending institution's academic year.
Admission Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our partner university will nominate candidate students. ▪ The nominated students should submit their application documents shown below. ▪ Each application will be reviewed by the relevant faculties or graduate schools to determine the outcome of the application.
Exchange Program Application	To be sent to the International Exchange Office, <u>in PDF via email and by post</u>

Documents to be sent	Application forms, Portfolio or Recordings
Application deadline for our 1st semester	October 30, 2026
Application deadline for our 2nd semester	April 17, 2026
Duration of Study	One semester or two semesters equivalent to one year
Relevant Academic Calendar	
The 2027 1st semester (<i>Zenki</i>)	April 1, 2027 – September 30, 2027 (Regular classes start around April 8 and end on <u>July 31.</u>)
The 2026 2nd semester (<i>Kōki</i>)	October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 (Regular classes start on October 1 and end on <u>February 5.</u> Intensive courses are offered between February 4 and 22.)
Final exams	In general, they are in the 15th week of each semester.
Breaks	For detailed dates for summer, winter, and spring breaks, please contact our coordinator.
Arrival and Registration	For the various orientation activities, it is recommended that students arrive in Okinawa two weeks prior to the start of the semester . After attending a guidance session with their designated academic advisor, students will be able to register for classes.
Other Important Information	
VISA	Our coordinator will assist in the procedures, but students are responsible for completing necessary paperwork in their home country.
Regulations and Health Insurance	Students must agree to comply with the rules and regulations of OPUA and to take out insurance that is valid in Japan during their stay.
Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students shall bear general expenses, including material costs for practice-based courses. ▪ Based on the Student Exchange Agreement, students do not have to pay OPUA tuition fees.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The university does not have student dormitories. ▪ Students from sister universities are responsible for arranging their own private accommodation. ▪ Renting a private apartments or residence requires a contract. Please note that monthly rent is typically around 50,000 Japanese Yen or more. ▪ The International Exchange Office and the other relevant university offices will collaborate and provide support in the leasing process.
Language Requirements for Exchange Students	All classes are conducted in Japanese. For exchange students, Japanese conversation skills and/or good English skills are advantageous, but not required.
Japanese Language Courses	OPUA offers some Japanese courses without additional fees. Students need to take a placement test at the beginning of each semester.

Faculties (undergraduate programs)	For applicants from undergraduate programs: https://www.okigei.ac.jp/english/faculty/arts-index.html/																
Graduate Schools	For applicants from graduate programs: https://www.okigei.ac.jp/english/graduate/graduate-index.html/																
Enrolment and Program Certificate	The classes for which students register or audit should be decided with their OPUA host advisor. At the completion of the exchange program, the students will receive a certificate stating the credits and grades they earned in their registered classes.																
Syllabus	For the detailed syllabus, search at the following URL. (Please note that it is only available in Japanese.) https://unipa-web.okigei.ac.jp/uprx/up/pk/pky001/Pky00101.xhtml/																
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Learning Agreement (when applicable)	Before you arrive, it is important to confirm with your home institution whether there are any credit or course requirements that you need to fulfil during your exchange program. Please email your learning agreement document data to our International Exchange Office no later than the second week of the semester in which you arrive.																
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