



Okayama University

Fact Sheet for Exchange Program Okayama (EPOK)

2026-2027

1. General Information

Name of University	Okayama University	
Name of Program	Exchange Program Okayama (EPOK)	
Website for the program	https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/inbound/programs/epok/	
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2. Application Requirement

Minimum GPA	2.0 (4.0 Scale)
English Language Proficiency	Candidates from non-English speaking countries: TOEFL (500PBT / 61 iBT), IELTS (5.5 overall). MUET (4), GEPT (High-Intermediate), DAAD (★★★★ or above in each skill)
Japanese Language Proficiency	Not required

3. Academics

Available Level of Study	Undergraduate courses
Japanese Language course	https://www.ipec.okayama-u.ac.jp/language/japanese/page_628/page_147/
Courses in English	Courses available in English are listed in the EPOK Course Catalog.
EPOK Course Catalog (2025 April -2026 February)	https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/inbound/programs/epok/curriculum/
Online Syllabus	https://kyomu.adm.okayama-u.ac.jp/Portal/Public/Syllabus/SearchMain.aspx
Minimum coursework required	10 hours per week (5 credits)
Maximum coursework required	No limit
Certificate	Students who successfully complete EPOK will receive a certificate of program completion.

4. Nomination/Application Procedure Timeline

	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Announcement on Nomination and Application (by email)	By the end of August 2025	By the end of February 2026
Nomination Deadline	October 15, 2025 17:00 (JST)	April 15, 2026 17:00 (JST)
Application Deadline	November 15, 2025 17:00 (JST)	May 15, 2026 17:00 (JST)
Acceptance Notice to Home University	By the end of December 2025	By the end of June 2026
Designated Arrival Date	April 1 or 2, 2026 (subject to change)	September 24 or 25, 2026 (subject to change)

5. Duration of Exchange

Spring Only (Term1, Term2)	April 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026
Fall Only (Term3, Term4)	October 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027
Full Year	April 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027 or October 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027

6. Academic Calendar

	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Japanese Language Course Placement Test (online)	By the end of March 2026	By the end of September 2026
EPOK Guidance and Arrival Orientation	First week of April 2026	Fourth week of September 2026
Campus Life Orientation	First or Second week of April 2026	Fourth or Fifth week of September 2026
Classes Start	Second week of April 2026	First week of October 2026
Classes End	Second week of August 2026	Second week of February 2027
Closing Ceremony	Second week of August 2026	Second week of February 2027

※The exact dates will be announced to students once they are fixed.

7. Housing Information (on-campus dormitory)

Name of Dormitory	International Student Shared House	
Fees (subject to change)	• Monthly rent	23,000JPY
	• Admission fee (non-refundable)	30,000JPY
	• Monthly utility fee (fixed price)	8,500JPY
Website of the dormitory	https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/support/housing/dormitory/sharehouse/	
Name of Dormitory	Kuwanoki Dormitory	
Fees (subject to change)	• Monthly rent	North Wing 16,000JPY South Wing 14,000JPY
	• Admission fee (non-refundable)	30,000JPY
	• Monthly utility fee (fixed price)	North Wing 8,500JPY South Wing 7,100JPY
Website of the dormitory	https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/support/housing/dormitory/kuwanoki/	

※On-campus dormitory is guaranteed for EPOK students.

※The dormitory assignment may vary depending on the period of acceptance, and students cannot choose which dormitory they will be placed in.

※The monthly rent and utility fee vary by dormitory.

8. Insurance

Japanese National Health Insurance	Compulsory to purchase The monthly insurance fee is approximately 2,000JPY.
Personal Liability Insurance for Students	Compulsory to purchase We strongly recommend purchasing the "Personal Liability Insurance for Students" offered by the Okayama University Co-op. The total cost is approximately 5,800JPY per year, which includes a 4,000JPY Co-op membership fee. This membership fee will be refunded at the end of the stay.

9. Other Expenses

Bedding and linens	10,000JPY if purchased at the University Shared House (as of July 2025) *For detailed information, please refer to the link below. https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/support/admissions/housing/dormitory/
Other individual expenses	Travel expenses, food, kitchen items, textbooks, stationeries, etc.
Expenses per month	When applying for the Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (CESR), which is necessary for obtaining a visa, students are required to submit proof of financial support. A minimum of 80,000 JPY per month is required.

※It is recommended that students prepare around 100,000 JPY to cover initial expenses upon arriving in Okayama.

10. International Credit Card / Bank Card

There are generally no currency exchange services available in Okayama. We recommend that students either bring an international credit or bank card to withdraw money directly from their home country account, or exchange currency into Japanese yen at the airport upon arrival in Japan.

<International ATM service>

https://www.jp-bank.japanpost.jp/en/ias/en_ias_index.html