

INTERNATIONAL PARTNER PROFILE SHIMANE UNIVERSITY

§ General Information

<i>Name of institution</i>	SHIMANE UNIVERSITY (国立大学法人 島根大学)
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<i>Country / City</i>	JAPAN / Matsue and Izumo, Shimane
<i>Campus</i>	2 campuses *Faculty of Medicine is located in Izumo Campus.
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§ Calendar Information

Academic system

Semester System

*Semester 1: April – September

- term exam: end of Jul.
– beginning of Aug.

- summer break: Aug. – Sep.

*Semester 2: October – March

- winter break: end of Dec.
– beginning of Jan.

- term exam: Feb.

- spring break: Feb. – March

Fiscal year

From 1 April to 31 March

Arrival dates for int'l exchange student

Semester 1: beginning of April

Semester 2: end of September

Orientation for int'l students

Semester 1: middle of April

Semester 2: beginning of October

§ Academic Information

Academic levels offered to exchange students

Undergraduate, Master level, and PhD level.

* There are special courses offered to international students in Japanese Studies. (see below)

Classification of international exchange students status at Shimane University

Exchange students from partner universities shall be enrolled at Shimane University as a non-degree (non-regular) student under the following category.

Non-Degree student

Category	Description	Credits
Special Auditing Students –undergraduate (学部特別聴講学生)	International exchange students who are admitted to particular undergraduate classes. They receive credits after passing final examinations.	○
Special Auditing Students –graduate (大学院特別聴講学生)	International exchange students who are admitted to particular graduate classes. They receive credits after passing final examinations.	○

Special Research Students -graduate only (大学院特別研究学生)	International exchange students who are admitted to conduct particular research projects under a research advisor. They receive research certificates after completing their projects.	---
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Language instructed in the courses offered to exchange students

Most of the classes are provided in Japanese for undergraduate course, but there are a few classes offering in English for Master and Doctor's course:

- MA/PhD courses in Earth & Geoenvironmental Science (special graduate degree courses for International Students).

“Special Research Students” may be instructed in English by advisor depending on research.

Classes exchange students can enroll

Exchange students (“Special Auditing Students”) can enroll for regular classes provided by Shimane University. (JLPT Level N3 or its equivalent preferred.)

For further detailed information, please see the separate sheet entitled “Outline for the Japanese studies and other classes ---for International Exchange Students.”

Language requirement for exchange students

- * No requirements of English (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, etc.) for exchange students.
 - * JLPT Level N3 or its equivalent preferred.
- Introductory and elementary Japanese Language supplementary classes are offered for students who don't have enough Japanese proficiency. Credits are not given, but the certification of completion will be issued for the students who have attended more than two-thirds of the course.

Requirements of study hours for exchange students

Exchange students must enroll for a minimum of 10 hours of class for a week as required by Japanese immigration regulations.

Faculty & department information

There are five faculties:

- 1) Faculty of Law & Literature;
- 2) Faculty of Education;
- 3) Faculty of Medicine;

- 4) Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering;
- 5) Faculty of Life and Environmental Science.

Departments:

- 1) Law and Economics, Socio-cultural Studies, and Language & Culture
- 2) Elementary Education, Psychology and Developmental Support, Education in Language and Culture, Education of Social and Cultural Studies, Fundamental Mathematics Education, Natural Science Education, Life and Environmental Science, Health and Physical Education, Art and Music Education
- 3) Medicine, Nursing
- 4) Material Science, Geoscience, Mathematics & Computer Science, Electronic & Control Systems Engineering, Natural Resources Process Engineering
- 5) Biological Science, Ecology and Environmental Science, Life Science and Biotechnology, Agriculture, Regional Development

For further information, please see the “Shimane University Prospectus”.

(English)

<http://kokusai.shimane-u.ac.jp/files/00168236/2015.pdf>

(Chinese)

http://kokusai.shimane-u.ac.jp/files/00086530/prospectus_chinese.pdf

Events around Matsue city

*(*varies from year to year)*

Students registering Japanese courses may join in these fieldtrips and activities as a part of the courses.

★ are the trips open to all the international students.

Oct. Matsue festival Doo Gyooretsu^A
Adachi Museum (Japanese garden)



Nov. Izumo Shrine^B
Iwami Kagura

Dec. Morotabune Shinto ritual
Soba making

Jan. Matsue History Museum

Feb. Green Tea factory^C
Ski Trip to Mt. Daisen[★]
Field Trip to Kansai area[★]

Mar. Soy sauce store-house
Wagashi making^D

Apr. Aofushigaki Shinto ritual
Doll Festival in Yasugi

May Hunting for fireflies
Yuushien (Japanese garden)



Jun. Gessyo temple (hydrangea temple)^E

Sep. Field trip for international students to Ohnan Town, Shimane Prefecture★



§ Accommodation Information

Housing information



Housing is provided in the Shimane Univ. International House.
(Matsue Campus)

* Int'l House is located at 5 mins. from the campus on foot. (2 mins by bicycle.)

* Residents in the Int'l House share cooking facilities, shower rooms, and laundry facilities.
(Meals are not included in the housing.)

* Each room has a bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, and wardrobe. Each room has its own washbasin and toilet. Each room has a telephone hookup.

* A resident must provide his/her own bedding (sheets, blankets, pillows, pillowcases, etc.).

<Number of rooms> 26 rooms for single, and
1 room for married couple.

The application materials for housing will be distributed from the International Office in prior to arrival.

* An exchange student will be given priority to be allocated in the University International House upon demand of the student. If rooms are full, the International Office will allocate him/her in the Student Dormitory or help him/her to find an off-campus accommodation.

Cost of accommodation per month

Univ. Int'l Houses: 5,900 yen (monthly) for single room, communal expenses, and utility expenses, including electricity, gas, and water.

Student Dormitory: 4,000 – 24,000 yen (monthly) for single room, communal expenses, and utility expenses, including electricity, gas, and water.

Off Campus: Approximately monthly rent will be 20,000 - 50,000 yen for an en suite room. In addition to a rent, a

resident needs to pay communal expenses and utility expenses, including electricity, gas, and water.

§ Financial Matters for Exchange Students

Cost of living per month

Approximately 60,000 yen/ month for on-campus resident and 100,000 yen/month for off-campus resident are considered the minimum that should be available.

On arrival, students should bring some cash at least 150,000 yen to 200,000 yen with you for settling in for the first month in Japan.

National health insurance

Exchange students will be required to purchase national health insurance in Japan after their arrival. (approx. 2,000 yen per month.)

Oversea travel & accidents insurance

Exchange students are also strongly recommended to bring an additional adequate insurance which covers travel and accidents.

Disaster and accident insurance for students

Exchange students are recommended to purchase “Disaster and Accident Insurance for students” which covers accidents during study, research and university activities. Exchange students can apply for this insurance in the university after their arrival. (950 – 1,200 yen per year, depending on affiliated faculty.)

Any financial assistance

In principle, exchange students should be responsible for preparing sufficient financial support their own for studying and living in Shimane.

* Exchange students from the partner university with a reciprocal agreement exempting tuition are not required to pay tuition in Shimane University, but pay their tuition in their home university according to the regulation of home university.

§ Visa Application for Exchange Students

Application procedure

Exchange students must apply for a visa at the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate before departing. Exchange students must apply for a “College Student” visa status at the Japanese embassy/consulate in the country.

International Student Section of Shimane University will send a “Certificate of Eligibility” issued by the Japanese immigration office to each exchange student through the international office of the partner university. In order to acquire this Certificate, an exchange student will be asked to submit necessary documents by Shimane University accordingly.

§ Arrival Information for Exchange Students

Pick-up service provided upon arrival

Yes, on demand of the student.

* Please note that an exchange student should be responsible to reach at Matsue Station.

Name of closest airport

Izumo Airport or Yonago Airport

*Izumo: domestic flights are only available.

Yonago: domestic flights and international flights from Seoul, Korea are available.

*It will take about 40 mins by bus from either airport to get Matsue campus.

Transportation from the international airports

1. From Kansai International Airport (KIX)

(1) Fly to Izumo Airport from Itami Airport (Domestic flight)

①KIX to Osaka/Itami Airport: 90 mins by bus

http://www.okkbus.co.jp/en/timetable/kix/t_itm.html

②Osaka/Itami Airport to Izumo Airport: 1 hour-flight

<http://osaka-airport.co.jp/en/flight/flightscheduleresult?airport=IZO>

③Izumo Airport to Matsue Station: 30 mins by bus

<http://www.ichibata.co.jp/taxi-matsue/shuttle/index.html>

(2) To Matsue station by train: about 5 hours

Kansai airport~Osaka~Shin-Osaka~Okayama~Matsue

<http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/access/train/index.html>

<https://www.jr-odekake.net/>

(3) To Matsue station by bus: about 5 hours

Kansai airport~Osaka Sta. (Shin-Hankyu Hotel)

Hankyu-Sanbangai Bus terminal (Hankyu-Umeda)~Matsue

http://www.kate.co.jp/pc/time_table/time.html

<http://bus.hankyu.co.jp/highway/route/timetable/highway16.php>

2. From New Tokyo International Airport (Narita-NRT)

(1) Fly to Izumo Airport or Yonago Airport

①NRT to Tokyo/Haneda Airport: 90 mins by bus

<http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/>

②Tokyo/Haneda Airport to Izumo Airport or Yonago Airport: 80 min-flight

<http://jatns.tokyo-airport-bldg.co.jp/en/flight/domestic/>

③Izumo Airport to Matsue Station: 30 mins by bus

<http://www.ichibata.co.jp/taxi-matsue/shuttle/index.html>

Yonago Airport to Matsue Station: 45 mins by bus

<http://www.ichibata.co.jp/taxi-matsue/shuttle/yonago.html>

Transportation Expenses

1. From Kansai International Airport (KIX)
 - (1) ①Bus from KIX to Osaka/Itami Airport: 1,950 yen
 - ②Flight fare from Osaka/Itami Airport to Izumo Airport: about 15,000 yen~
 - ③Bus from Izumo Airport to Matsue: 1,030 yen
- (2) Train fare from KIX to Matsue: about 12,000 yen
- (3) Bus fare from KIX to Matsue: about 7,000 yen

2. From New Tokyo International Airport (NRT)
 - ①Bus from NRT to Tokyo/Haneda Airport: 3,100 yen
 - ②Flight fare from Tokyo/Haneda Airport to Izumo Airport or Yonago Airport: about 19,000 yen~
 - ③Bus from Izumo Airport to Matsue Station: 1,030 yen
Bus from Yonago Airport to Matsue Station: 990 yen

§ Application Information for Exchange Students

Application deadline

Semester 1 (for starting Apr.): early December
Semester 2 (for starting Oct.): early April

Application forms & necessary documents

1. Certificate of health (form)
2. Personal information (form)
3. Personal history (form)
4. Recommendation letter from the dean of the faculty or the dean of the office
5. Academic transcript
(Please attach an English or Japanese translation.)
6. Certificate of Enrollment
(Please attach an English or Japanese translation.)
7. Study plan in Shimane University (form)
(Please refer to attached Guidelines for making Study Plan.)

* The application materials will be distributed from the international office every October and January.

The following documents will be necessary for an exchange student selected successfully:

1. Foreign Special Auditing/Research Student Application Form
2. Request for Acceptance Form
3. Financial certificate to prove of having at least approx. 1,500,000 yen available to cover living expenses and travel costs
4. Pledge and certificate of current position of the financial supporter
5. Copy of passport
6. Application for certificate of eligibility (for visa process)
7. 2 Photographs
8. Application for residence of the Int'l Houses

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