

Sophia University Exchange Program -Autumn 2015 / Spring 2016-

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1. CONTACT INFORMATION

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2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Key features that make Sophia University unique	<p>Sophia University is a private Catholic Jesuit university founded in 1913 located in the heart of Tokyo, aiming to foster "Men and Women for the Others, with Others".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 13,000 students (2,000 graduate and 11,000 undergraduate students) from diverse backgrounds 2) 550 full-time teaching staff from 21 countries (85% Japanese, 15% International) 3) Full degree programs offered in English: Faculty of Liberal Arts, Graduate Program in Global Studies & Graduate Program in Global Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Science and Technology 4) Wide variety of Japanese language courses 5) Small class size: Student / Teacher ratio of 23:1 6) 230 partner universities worldwide (48 countries) 7) Centrally located urban campus, in Japan's political and economic hub; easy access to everywhere
Campus Location	<p>Tokyo, JAPAN</p> <p>The campus is centrally located within walking distance of the National Diet and the nation's administrative district, the Imperial Palace, the National Guest House, and many other places of interest. Shinjuku, one of the most exciting areas in Tokyo, is just a 5 minutes' train ride away from Yotsuya, the closest station.</p>
Exchange Info website	http://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions/exchangeprograms
Other useful links	<p>Tokyo City website: http://www.metro.tokyo.jp/ENGLISH/index.htm</p> <p>Information on studying in Japan by JASSO: http://www.g-studyinjapan.jasso.go.jp/</p>
Types of Accommodation	<p>Accommodation will be arranged for those in need of the housing in Tokyo. Students wishing to have the housing arranged should complete housing application forms and submit them along with other application documents.</p> <p>There are several housing options;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sophia Soshigaya International House (Off-campus co-ed dormitory) 2) Kasai International House (Off-campus dormitory for Women) 3) Wakeijuku (Off-campus dormitory for Men) with two meals 4) Azalea House (Off-campus apartment-style co-ed) 5) DK-House Warabi (Off-campus co-ed dormitory) 6) DK-House Tokyo Nerima (Off-campus co-ed dormitory)
Airport Pick Up Service	<p>Exchange students will be met by a Sophia student and be escorted to the accommodation using public transportation on the designated arrival date. The service is available only for students who arranged housing through Sophia.</p> <p>(Each student will need to pay the public transportation expenses.)</p>
Medical Insurance	<p>All exchange students are required to make arrangements for health insurance by themselves. Japanese National Health Insurance is strongly recommended. Students can also obtain a health insurance in their home country that covers medical costs in Japan.</p>
Accident Insurance	<p>Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research Cost: 800 JPY/year (Mandatory)</p>
Visa Requirements	<p>Non-Japanese students must obtain a college student visa before they enter Japan. Accepted exchange students will receive necessary documents for visa application; in the end of January for Spring new students, in the end of July for Autumn new students.</p>

3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Levels of Study	Exchange students can be accepted into Undergraduate/Graduate programs with full privileges	
Language of Instruction	English: for the Faculty of Liberal Arts (FLA), the Faculty of Science and Technology (Green Engineering, Green Science), the Graduate Program in Global Studies and Global Environmental Studies, TESOL Japanese: for all the faculties (except for Liberal Arts) and graduate programs (except for Global Studies and TESOL)	
Areas of study available (some areas are undergraduate or graduate level only)	<in English> Liberal Arts (Comparative Culture, International Business and Economics, Social Studies), Japanese Language and Studies, Science and Technology (Green Engineering, Green Science), Global Studies (Graduate Level - Global Studies), Global Environmental Studies (Graduate Level), TESOL (Graduate Level) <In Japanese> Theology, Philosophy, History, Japanese Literature, English Literature, German Literature, French Literature, Journalism, Education, Psychology, Sociology, Social Services, Nursing, Law, International Legal Studies, Legal Studies of the Global Environment, Economics, Management, English Language and Studies, German Language and Studies, French Language and Studies, Spanish Language and Hispanic Studies, Russian Language and Studies, Portuguese Language and Luso-Brazilian Studies, Materials and Life Sciences, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Information and Communication Sciences, Science and Technology, Global Studies (International Relations, Area Studies), Global Environmental Studies	
Areas of study not available or limited	FLA (Faculty of Liberal Arts) core courses (Basic Skills, English Composition, Public Speaking, Thinking Process), Language courses (except Japanese), and Studies in Christian Humanism courses, are NOT open to exchange students.	
Application requirements	<Programs taught in English> TOEFL iBT 79, TOEFL CBT213, TOEFL PBT 550, IELTS 6.0, or TOEIC730 (for Global Studies: TOEFL iBT 100, TOEFL CBT250, TOEFL PBT 600, IELTS 7.0, or TOEIC870) <Programs taught in Japanese> Level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test	
Expected GPA for application	Applicants are strongly expected to have a Grade Point Average of B (3.0) or better in the standard 4-level rating system (A, B, C, D) or equivalent.	
Academic Calendar	Autumn 2015	Spring 2016
Application Deadline	March 31, 2015	November 10, 2015
Arrival Date	September 17 and 18	early April (April 1 in 2015)
Orientation	September 21	early April (April 2 in 2015)
Japanese Language Placement Test	September 22	early April (April 2 in 2015)
Course Registration	mid- late September (TBA)	early-mid April (TBA)
Classes	September 29 - December 21, January 5 - 23	mid April - mid July (April 13 - July 22 in 2015)
Final Exams	January 25 - February 1, 2016	late July (July 23- July 30 in 2015)
Transcript Issuance	late March	mid September
Other Important Academic Information	Summer Vacation : August - late September (July 31 - September 26 in 2015) Winter Recess : December 22, 2015 - January 4, 2016 Spring Vacation : February 2 - March 31 ,2016	

4. APPROXIMATE LIVING EXPENSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

	Type of Housing	1 semester (4 months)	1 year (10 months)	Remarks
Housing fees	Sophia Soshigaya International House	180,000 yen	480,000 yen	
	Kasai International House for Women	277,820 yen	641,690 yen	
	Wakejuku for Men	468,600 yen	989,000-1,072,700 yen	Meals included
	Azalea House	300,000 yen	630,000 yen	
	DK House Warabi	278,800 yen	635,800 yen	excluding a charge of electric usage
	DK House Tokyo Nerima	278,800 yen	635,800 yen	excluding a charge of electric usage
Other Expenses	Meals: 30,000 - 60,000 yen per month Books: 30,000 - 50,000 yen per semester Public Transportation: 5,000 - 10,000 yen per month Personal Expenses: 20,000 yen /month - (depends on the student's lifestyle)			
Insurance	Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research: 800 yen /year (Mandatory) Japanese National Health Insurance: 600-1500 yen /month (depends on resident areas)			

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