



Okayama University

Fact Sheet for Exchange Program Okayama (EPOK) 2027-2028

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/ 4.0 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 (2026 April -2027 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 2027	FALL 2027
Announcement on Nomination and Application (by email)	By the end of August 2026	By the end of February 2027
Nomination Deadline	October 15, 2026 17:00 (JST)	April 15, 2027 17:00 (JST)
Application Deadline	November 15, 2026 17:00 (JST)	May 15, 2027 17:00 (JST)
Acceptance Notice to Home University	By the end of December 2026	By the end of June 2027
Designated Arrival Date	April 1 or 2, 2027 (subject to change)	September 23 or 24, 2027 (subject to change)

5. Duration of Exchange

Spring Only (Term1, Term2)	April 1, 2027 to August 31, 2027
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Fall Only (Term3, Term4)	October 1, 2027 to February 28, 2028
Full Year	April 1, 2027 to February 28, 2028 or October 1, 2027 to August 31, 2028

6. Academic Calendar

	SPRING 2027	FALL 2027
Japanese Language Course Placement Test (online)	By the end of March 2027	By the end of September 2027
EPOK Guidance and Arrival Orientation	First week of April 2027	Fourth week of September 2027
Campus Life Orientation	First or Second week of April 2027	Fourth or Fifth week of September 2027
Classes Start	Second week of April 2027	First week of October 2027
Classes End	Second week of August 2027	Second week of February 2028
Closing Ceremony	Second week of August 2027	Second week of February 2028

※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	• Monthly rent	28,000JPY
	• Admission fee (non-refundable)	30,000JPY
	• Monthly utility fee (fixed price)	9,400JPY
Website of the Dormitory	https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/support/housing/dormitory/sharehouse/	
Name of Dormitory	Kuwanoki Dormitory	
Fees	• Monthly rent	North Wing 21,000JPY South Wing 19,000JPY
	• Admission fee (non-refundable)	30,000JPY
	• Monthly utility fee (fixed price)	North Wing 9,400JPY South Wing 9,400JPY
Website of the Dormitory	https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/support/housing/dormitory/kuwanoki/	

※Fees are subject to change.

※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 Purchase The monthly insurance fee is approximately 2,000JPY.
Personal Liability Insurance for Students	Compulsory 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 May 2026) *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, stationery, 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