Applications for
Intercultural and Global OITA Based Education (IGLOBE)
for Spring & Fall entries 2027-2028

1. Purpose

Oita University offers the **Intercultural and Global OITA Based Education (IGLOBE)** course of study for exchange undergraduate and postgraduate students. The program aims to enhance Japanese language skills while providing learning opportunities related to Japanese culture and society as well as that of Oita and its surrounding communities.

IGLOBE's mission has three main goals for its students: 1) acquisition of more advanced language skills via structured academic Japanese language classes; 2) authentic Japanese life experiences in local communities, and 3) deepened knowledge of modern and traditional Japanese culture and society as a whole.

IGLOBE offers international and global perspectives through a variety of classes in the areas of social media, education, economics, applied engineering and science, gender, and popular culture. Participating international students will take Japanese language courses and other Japanese studies offerings from Global Education and Intercultural Advancement Center (GAIA).

Based on their language proficiency, international students may also be able to take general education classes as well as specialization courses offered at each faculty alongside domestic Oita University students. In addition to GAIA classes, additional classes are offered in Japanese, English, or an integration of both.

Students will receive credit at the end of each term, with credit transfer rules based on students' home university regulations.

2. Applicant Eligibility and Admission Conditions

The IGLOBE applicants…

1) must be a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate student enrolled in a regular course of study at the home university
2) must have a TOEFL 500 (IELTS 6.0) score or equivalent unless they are native speakers of English, or an official JLPT certificate except those who have never taken the JLPT test before.
3) should be in excellent academic standing at the home university
4) should have sufficient intercultural adaptation skills to successfully complete the program
5) should be highly motivated with a clear study plan found in the IGLOBE
6) must remain continually enrolled at the home university after returning from Oita
7) must be eligible for a "College Student Visa" according to Japanese Immigration policies

3. Conditions for IGLOBE Certification

Upon completion of the program, a certificate will be issued when the following conditions are met:

1) Successful completion of a minimum of seven (7) Oita University courses
2) Submission of a final report reflecting on their own performance and experience at Oita University by the end of the semester

4. Course Information

Japanese Language and Japanese Studies Courses: designed to advance language skills
＊Taking Japanese language courses is mandatory.
Global Studies Courses: offered in either English, Japanese, or an integration of both
General Education Courses: JLPT N1 holders (some exceptions may apply)
Specialization Courses: JLPT N1 holders (some exceptions may apply)
*Please check the GAIA website (https://www.gaia.oita-u.ac.jp/en/) for the details of the course offerings. The course offerings in 2027 will be updated in April (2027).

5. Period of Stay

Entry / Semester	One Semester (5 months)	Two Semesters (11 months)
April / Spring	From April 2027 to August 2027	From April 2027 to February 2028
October / Fall	From October 2027 to February 2028	From October 2027 to August 2028

6. Required Application Documents **(All documents should be completed in English.)**

1) Oita University 2027 IGLOBE program application form (Note: The "Statement of Purpose" section requires you to include the specific titles of the courses you intend to take. Please check the GAIA website (https://www.gaia.oita-u.ac.jp/en/) for the details of the course offerings)
2) Résumé including education history from the beginning of primary school to the present (free format, but should be completed by the applicant)
3) Letter of recommendation from an academic faculty member at the home university (Note: The capacity in which the reference has known the applicant must be stated)
4) Proof of student status issued by the home university
5) Academic record issued by the home university
6) Proof of language proficiency test results (Note: applicants may submit both a. and b. or none if not applicable);
    a. Copy of TOEFL or IELTS score certificate. This requirement is not applicable for native speakers of English.
    b. Copy of JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) score certificate. (A screenshot or downloaded document off of internet will **NOT** be accepted.) This requirement may not be applicable to those who have never taken the JLPT test.
7) Language ability evaluation form completed by an academic (faculty) staff member;
    a. English language ability evaluation form (except native speakers of English)
    b. Japanese language ability evaluation form (if applicable)
8) Bank statement showing the balance of 400,000JPY for one-semester stay or 700,000JPY for a two-semesters stay
9) Application for Certificate of Eligibility (Forms 1, 2, and 3)
10) Passport Copy
11) Identification photo data (H 40mm × W 30mm) for immigration purposes
    *The applicant must submit photo data taken within the last 6 (six) months on a plain background.

(Note: *Accepted applicants will receive a physical examination form with the invitation letter*.)

7. Nomination and Application Deadlines and Notification of Acceptance

Enrollment	**Nomination Deadline**	**Application Deadline**	**Notification of Acceptance**

April 2027 (Spring Semester)	Friday, November 20th, 2026	Friday, November 27th, 2026	Mid-January 2027
October 2027 (Fall Semester)	Friday, April 23rd, 2027	Friday, April 30th, 2027	Mid-June 2027

8. Nomination and Application Procedure
   1) Nomination:
      Nominate each student applicant using Google Forms
      (https://forms.gle/zDEg1yo6zSpdRfqT7)
      In case that you are unable to access to Google Forms, send an e-mail message to the International Office (ryugaku@oita-u.ac.jp) including the following information;
      - Contact person's name, e-mail address, and mailing address
      - Student applicant's name, nationality, sex, period of stay, and e-mail address
   2) Application:
      Submit the application forms to the International Office (ryugaku@oita-u.ac.jp)

9. Student Status at Oita University
   Once the applicant is admitted to the IGLOBE program, she or he will be regarded as an Oita University special audit student.

10. Accommodation

    Accommodation is provided to all exchange students.

    Accommodation is available both on and off campus.

    Depending on the number of applicants, exchange students may be assigned a shared room.

    Accommodation assignments are generally decided by Oita University.

11. Oita University Correspondence
    For further information, please contact the International Office at Oita University
    Email: ryugaku@oita-u.ac.jp