

General Information

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The name of you program/university:	Oberlin University; Reconnaissance Japan, J. F.
Please provide the name and email of primary point of contact students may send questions to regarding your program:	International Student Section at J. F. Oberlin University- iss@obirin.ac.jp Fumitake Nakamura- Reconnaissance Japan Program Coordinator- fumitake@obirin.ac.jp Julia Clark- Reconnaissance Japan Program- jclark@obirin.ac.jp

Housing

What housing options are international students presented with?	<p>Fuchinobe International House: Japanese students from J. F. Oberlin University and international students from all over the world (short term and long term) live in the brand new Fuchinobe International House, opened in 210 with over 220 single and double units. There are private kitchens and bathrooms in each room, and it is 2 minutes walking distance from Fuchinobe station, the station closest to JFOU. Fuchinobe station easily connects to downtown Tokyo and Yokohama. There is a free shuttle bus to the university that runs every 5-10 minutes on weekdays from the station.</p> <p>Homestays are also an option on the RJ Program.</p>
International students:	Have the option of living alone or with a roommate
Is there an option for students to participate in a homestay?	Yes, students could choose to live with a host family for the entire duration of their stay
Is the housing only for international students?	No

Classes

Please provide the link to your program's complete course list:	http://www.obirin.ac.jp/en/rj/academics/courses/list/index.html
Please provide the link to your program's list of courses offered in English:	http://www.obirin.ac.jp/en/rj/academics/courses/list/index.html
How many credit or courses constitute a full course load at your	Students may take anywhere from 10 to 20 credits, 10 being the minimum required for a student visa and 20 being the maximum that the university allows. An average RJ student takes about 14-

University?	16 credits per semester.
How and when will exchange students register for their courses?	Students register for classes after knowing the results of the Japanese Language Placement test that they take during the first week of orientation so they can plan their other courses around their language courses. They register during an orientation workshop with assistance from staff and professors.

Finance

Does your program provide a stipend for the students?	No
If yes, how much per month?	-
What additional costs are exchange students responsible for? Please list the amounts.	<p>Fuchinobe International House (FIH) Spring Semester- 220,000 JPY Fall Semester- 275,000 JPY Refundable Security Deposit- 55,000 JPY Cleaning Fee- 20,000 JPY Liability Insurance- 5,000 JPY Bedding Fee- 7,500 JPY Total: 582,500 JPY</p> <p>Food is not included in FIH costs. Students should budget about 20,000~30,000 JPY a month for food.</p> <p>Homestay: Placement fee- 20,000 JPY Spring Semester- 240,000 JPY Fall Semester- 300,000 JPY Total: 560,000 JPY</p> <p>Meals except lunch are included on weekdays, and 3 meals a day are included on weekends and holidays. Commuting passes to and from school are not included in the cost of a homestay.</p> <p>Health Insurance (Mandatory): 15,000 JPY Health Check (Mandatory): 1,700 JPY Textbooks (per semester) ~10,000 JPY Miscellaneous: 20,000~40,000 JPY per month</p>

Application Process

How many participants will you accept per semester from HPU?	No limit
What are the application deadlines for each academic term available to exchange students?	November 1- Spring Semester May 1- Fall Semester
Please list all requirements incoming exchange students must meet in order to be admitted	The Reconnaissance Japan Program is open to both exchange students from J. F. Oberlin's

<p>into your University.</p>	<p>partner institutions* abroad and to independent applicants. In either case, applicants must have completed at least one year of previous college- or university-level study with a good academic record. A grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and one year's previous study of the Japanese language are recommended (although not absolutely required) for admission to the program. Previous Japanese language study is not a requirement but it is recommended.</p>
<p>Please describe the application process for incoming exchange students:</p>	<p>The application is located at: http://www.obirincis.com/htm/application_eg.htm 1. Online application (http://www.obirincis.com/htm/application_eg.htm) 2. Cover letter 3. Two Letters of Recommendation (You can either include the recommendation letters in your application packet or ask the recommenders to mail them to us directly.) 4. Certificate of Health & Immunization Certificate (It is very important that you inform us of any present or past physical or mental condition that could affect your study abroad in Japan. We reserve the right to send you back to your home country immediately in the case of an undisclosed disorder or a disorder which cannot be treated properly in Japan.) 5. Statement of Financial Guarantee & Expenses to be Guaranteed (Page 8) (It is very important to fill this out without any missing information, or you will not be granted a visa) 6. Personal Statement (Page 9) 7. Official Transcript from each college or university attended to date 8. Statement certifying that you are currently enrolled at your university as a full-time student 9. Application fee of JPY10,000 (Fee-paying students only. Please enclose wire transfer statement. DO NOT enclose cash/check.) 10. Evidence of English language ability (E.g., TOEFL scores, a letter from your academic advisor, etc. Only applies to non-exchange students from non-English speaking countries.) 11. Six passport photos</p>

	<p>(4cm X 3cm. Write your full name on the back of each photo. Photos taken by your digital camera and output by a home printer are inappropriate. Please have the photos prepared at a camera store or Kinko's, Fedex, etc.)</p> <p>12. Photocopy of passport (Please confirm that your passport will remain valid for the duration of your stay in Japan)</p>
<p>What is the process for obtaining a visa to study at your program?</p>	<p>After you have been admitted to the Reconnaissance Japan Program, J. F. Oberlin University will next apply on your behalf to the Japanese Ministry of Justice for a "Certificate of Eligibility." This Certificate is similar to the I-20 form issued by American universities to students coming to the United States for study. It generally takes about five or six weeks for the Ministry to issue a Certificate of Eligibility. Immediately after J. F. Oberlin University receives the Certificate from the government, we will forward it to you at the address specified in your application form. You must then obtain a Student Visa from the nearest Japanese Consulate or Embassy. With the Certificate of Eligibility and a valid passport, you should be able to obtain a Student Visa on the spot if you apply for it in person. It is also possible to obtain a visa by mail if there is sufficient time before your departure for Japan.</p>

Program

<p>Please provide the link to your website for incoming exchange students.</p>	<p>http://www.obirin.ac.jp/en/rj/index.html</p>
<p>Does your program have an orientation specifically for international students?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Does your program organize field trips for international students?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please provide more information:</p>	<p>The orientation for RJ students is during the two week period before the semester begins (early April and early September). All sessions are organized by the International Student Section. Attendance is mandatory.</p> <p>Each semester, RJ students are encouraged to attend a number of events- international camps, New Year's Eve experience, fireworks festivals, homestay experiences, shrine</p>

	festivals, etc. Evey semester there are about 10 events for students to participate in.
What are the approximate start and end dates for your academic terms?	Spring: Early April-early August Fall: Early September- late Janguary
Are internships available for exchange students?	No
Does your program offer health insurance?	Yes, but students must pay for it.
Do you have any additional information about your program that you wish to share?	-