



Graduate School of International Relations International University of Japan Fact Sheet for Exchange Programs 26/27

Master's Programs: International Relations, International Development, Public Management and Policy Analysis

Your Global Gateway in Japan

IUJ at a Glance:



1st graduate-only university in Japan



Global reach stretching over 120 countries



On-campus housing guaranteed for exchange students



A safe, serene campus in Niigata's countryside



90 mins from Tokyo by bullet train



90+% international students from 60+ countries



Free Japanese courses



Academic Framework:

- ✓ **Language of Instruction:** All courses are conducted entirely in English.
 - ✓ **Credit System:** 1 credit = 8 × 90-minute sessions (12 classroom hours).
 - ✓ **Grading System:** Grades are awarded on a scale from A (4.00) to F (0.00).
 - ✓ **Cross-Registration System:** Students are free to take courses from both the Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR) and Graduate School of International Management (GSIM).
 - ✓ **Course Offerings in GSIR:** A wide range of courses is available in **public policy, economics, politics, law, research methods, regional studies and related fields.**
- Japanese Language Courses:** Variable credits are awarded according to proficiency level, with courses offered from beginner to advanced.

Academic Calendar (Subject to change):

Fall 2026

1st Module: October 5 – November 28

2nd Module: November 30 – December 12

Exam Week: December 14 – December 18

Winter 2027

1st Module: January 11 – March 6

2nd Module: March 8 – March 20

Exam Week: March 22 – March 26

Spring 2027

1st Module: April 5 – May 29

2nd Module: May 31 – June 12

Exam Week: June 14 – June 18

Summer 2027 (Intensive Courses)

Mid June – Late July

Nomination Deadlines:

Fall 2026: April 13

Winter 2027: August 24

Spring 2027: October 13

Summer 2027: February 12

Application Deadlines:

Fall 2026: April 29

Winter 2027: September 7

Spring 2027: October 26

Summer 2027: February 22

Required Applications Documents:

Nominated students are required to submit the following documents via email at ofcintl@iuj.ac.jp by the designated deadline set for each term:

- Exchange application form (available at www.iuj.ac.jp/ir-info/exchange-program/)
- Study Plan at IUJ (available at www.iuj.ac.jp/ir-info/exchange-program/)
- Latest resume (must be typed)
- Latest official academic record (transcript at your home institution)
- A copy of applicant's passport clearly showing his/her name, birth date, passport number.



Full Support from Day One – Housing, Visa, and Beyond

Housing and Internet Connection:

IUJ guarantees on-campus housing for all exchange students in one of its three dormitories (SD1–3), each just a short walk from classrooms and campus facilities. Every room is fully equipped with free high-speed internet (wired and wireless), creating a convenient and supportive living environment from the very first day.

More info: <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/cs/>

Estimated Monthly Living Expenses:

- Dormitory fee: Up to JPY 39,000/month
*10,000 JPY of a maintenance fee at check-in
- Meals: JPY 30,000–40,000/month
- Books: JPY 10,000 - /term
- Miscellaneous: JPY 30,000/month -

Visa Support:

To support your entry to Japan, IUJ will apply for your **Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)** on your behalf and send it to you upon issuance. With this document, you can apply for a **student visa** at the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country. Full visa assistance is provided throughout the process.

More info: <https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/visa/>

Health Insurance:

Enrollment in Japan's National Health Insurance (NHI) is mandatory for those who obtain a Student Visa. With NHI, students pay only **30% of medical costs** at clinics or hospitals. The premium is about 5,000 yen per term. NHI does not cover car accident injuries, so students are strongly advised to obtain additional travel insurance before arrival.



Global Journeys, Personal Stories

Voices from Our Exchange Students:



IUJ was both intellectually enriching and personally transformative—broadening my perspective on international relations and deepening my passion for the field.

Julie from EWHA Womans University (South Korea)



The friendships and kindness I found at IUJ made my stay truly enjoyable and memorable.

Po-Chen from NCCU (Taiwan)



At IUJ I advanced my studies in big data and business analytics, while enjoying a welcoming community that made my exchange truly unforgettable.

Rebecca from Bocconi (Italy)

**Join IUJ and become part of a global community
shaping the future of business and society.**

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