



Otaru University of Commerce (OUC)

YOUC (Year at Otaru University of Commerce) Program Fact Sheet 2026-2027

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Academic Calendar Sep. 2026 – Aug. 2027	Fall Semester Semester Date: September 24, 2026 - February 4, 2027, Mandatory Orientation Date: September 18, 2026 Recommended Arrival Date: September 14 – 16, 2026 (The Office will be closed September 19 – 23, 2026.) Spring Semester

	• Skiing: Intensive Course (Three-days course through December,2026) The YOUC students who register the Skiing: Intensive Course will go to the Asari-gawa onsen (spa) which is the place you can enjoy beautiful scenery as well as great condition of snow. Every student can join the class regardless of skiing experience. Please note that students can borrow the ski gears from the university.
Entry to Japan	Student visa is required for all the students. Procedure: 1: Submit an Application for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) to OUC. OUC will apply for your CoE to the Immigration Bureau on behalf of students. Please note that the CoE will be issued in a form of e-mail and <u>there is no its original hardcopy</u>. As soon as the CoE is issued, OUC will send it to your home institution via e-mail. 2: Submit your CoE with your visa application when you apply for a visa at your nearest Japanese embassy.