



Otaru University of Commerce (OUC)

YOUC (Year at Otaru University of Commerce) Program Fact sheet 2024-2025

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Academic Calendar Sep. 2024 – Aug. 2025	<p>Fall Semester</p> <p>Semester Date: September 25, 2024 - February 6, 2025 Mandatory Orientation Date: September 24, 2024 Recommended Arrival Date: September 17 - 19, 2024 (The Office will be closed September 14 – 16 and 21 - 23, 2024)</p>

	<p>Spring Semester Semester Date: TBA (Usually between Around First week of April - Around Second week of August 2025) Orientation Date: March 31, 2025 Recommended Arrival Date: March 24 (Mon)-27 (Thu), 2025</p>																
Exam Dates	<p>Fall Semester: January 28 – February 6, 2025 Spring Semester: TBA (Usually between End of July – Around Second week of August)</p>																
Holiday Dates	<p>Winter Break: December 25, 2024 - January 5, 2025 Spring Break: February 7, 2025 - Around First week of April 2025 Summer Break: TBA (Usually between Around the Second week of August - Around the end of September) *And Other National holidays</p>																
Application Deadline	<p>Fall Semester: April 10th, 2024 Spring Semester: October 10th, 2024</p>																
Language Institution	Japanese, English																
Subjects offered	<p>All lectures are conducted in English https://english.otaru-uc.ac.jp/youc/subject_list/ Primary Fields of Study: Economics, Management, Business and Japanese</p>																
Language Requirements	<p>English language proficiency is required (TOEFL iBT 80 is recommended).</p> <p>No prior knowledge of Japanese is required. Nevertheless YOUC program is not a language training program, it provides a great opportunity to acquire Japanese proficiency.</p>																
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Services and Events for YOUC Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor System Each YOUC student has a tutor, who will support their life in Japan. Tutors will help new arrivals, such as necessary move-in paper works, negotiating for cell phone service, giving directions to fun places, and by building a bridge between our Japanese students and YOUC students. • International Week The International Week is held on the last week of October. This event is held annually to deepen international understanding between international students and Japanese students, faculty 																

	<p>members and local people. YOUC students are expected to take part in this event by introducing their home universities, countries and cultures in poster session and presentation, etc.</p> <p>• Skiing: Intensive Course (Three-days course through December 25-27, 2024) 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.</p>
Entry to Japan	<p>Student visa is required for all the students.</p> <p>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.</p>