

2023 Academic Year Exchange Student Application Guidelines



1. Inquiries about the Exchange Student Program

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| Exchange student program website | https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/exchange.html |
| For Inquiry | Global Front 2F, 1-1 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 101-8301, Japan Meiji University, International Student Office E-mail: exchange@meiji.ac.jp TEL: 03-3296-4488 FAX: 03-3296-4360 |

2. Information for incoming exchange students

Please refer to the [Fact Sheet](#) for the following information.

1. Features of the Meiji University exchange student program
2. Campus Information
3. Housing for Exchange Students
4. Academic Calendar
5. Scholarship
6. Classes and Japanese-language classes
7. Exams, grades and Academic Transcripts
8. Living Expenses
9. Curriculum, List of faculty members, Syllabus

3. Application Period / Acceptance Decision Period

<Schedule / How to apply>

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| Step 1. Send the nominee's information to exchange@meiji.ac.jp | <April 2023 admission> |
| | August 17 to September 22, 2022 |
| | <September 2023 admission> |
| | January 13 to March 1, 2023 |

Step 1. If there are any nominees from your university, please send the following information to exchange@meiji.ac.jp.

- (1) Nominee's name in English
- (2) Proposed Undergraduate/Graduate School at Meiji
- (3) Proposed Study Period at Meiji
- (4) Universities that have two or more students applying to the School of Global Japanese Studies should assign an order of priority to their applicants.



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| Step 2. Online application | <April 2023 admission> |
| | August 17 to September 22, 2022 |
| | <September 2023 admission> |
| | January 13 to March 1, 2023 |

Step 2. Applicants must apply online from the following website.

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/exchange/>

After applying, a reply will be automatically sent to student and Exchange Student Program Coordinator. If you do not receive a reply, please contact exchange@meiji.ac.jp.



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| <p align="center">Step 3.</p> <p align="center">Meiji University Japanese Language Online Test</p> <p><Who should take the test?></p> <p>Only applicants who cannot submit a Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Certificate</p> | <April 2023 admission> |
| | August 17 to September 30, 2022 |
| | <September 2023 admission> |
| | January 13 to March 7, 2023 |

Step 3. <Who should take the test?>

Only applicants who cannot submit a Japanese Language Proficiency Test Certificate (for those who have passed a level other than N1, a notification of test results showing that they took and passed level N4 or higher on a test taken in either the 2021 or 2022 academic year is necessary)

<How to take the test>

Meiji University will send the information about the test to the Exchange Student Program Coordinator.

****Note****

Applicants who can submit a Japanese Language Proficiency Test Certificate or who apply for undergraduate and graduate schools which offer classes in English are NOT required to take the test.



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| <p align="center">Step 4.</p> <p>Send the application materials by courier to Meiji University, International Student Office</p> | <April 2023 admission> |
| | August 17 to October 6, 2022 |
| | <September 2023 admission> |
| | January 13 to March 14, 2023 |

Step 4. To complete the application, Exchange Student Program Coordinator is required to send the application materials (refer to page.5 and 9) by courier to the International Student Office no later than the application period.



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| <p align="center">Step 5.</p> <p>Submit the Certificate of Eligibility application form (Excel document) via online</p> | <April 2023 admission> |
| | August 17 to October 6, 2022 |
| | <September 2023 admission> |
| | January 13 to March 14, 2023 |

Step 5. Applicants must submit the application form for Certificate of Eligibility (Excel document) via online. Printed document is NOT required.

Online submission form: <http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/coe-application/>



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| <p align="center">Acceptance decision</p> <p>Acceptance decision notification and pre-arrival materials, visa documents and acceptance letter will be sent to Exchange Student Program Coordinator.</p> | <April 2023 admission> |
| | January to February 2023 |
| | <September 2023 admission> |
| | June 2023 |



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| <p align="center">Arrival and Exchange Student Housing Move-in dates</p> | <April 2023 admission> |
| | Week of March 14, 2023 (tentative) |
| | <September 2023 admission> |
| | Week of August 28, 2023 (tentative) |

4-1. Undergraduate and Graduate Schools which Offer Classes in Japanese

(1) Application Requirements

- ① Be a student at one of Meiji University's partner institutions.
- ② Must fulfill the conditions below. Applicants who cannot submit a Japanese Language Proficiency Test certificate must take the Meiji University Japanese Language Online Test and be accepted by Meiji University as having Japanese-language skill equivalent level or higher. Those who have passed a JLPT level other than N1 must have done so on a test taken in either the 2021 or 2022 academic year.

| Undergraduate School | Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Those who have passed a level other than N1 must have done so on a test taken in either the 2021 or 2022 academic year.) |
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| School of Law | Level N3 or higher |
| School of Commerce | Level N3 or higher |
| School of Political Science and Economics | Level N4 or higher |
| School of Arts and Letters Japanese Literature, Literary Arts and Media | Level N2 or higher |
| School of Arts and Letters British and American Literature, Drama and Theatre Arts, Japanese History, Western History, Archaeology, Clinical Psychology, Contemporary Sociology, Philosophy | Level N3 or higher |
| School of Arts and Letters German Literature, French Literature, Asian History, Geography | Level N4 or higher |
| School of Science and Technology | Level N4 or higher |
| School of Agriculture | Level N3 or higher |
| School of Business Administration | Level N4 or higher |
| School of Information and Communication | Level N4 or higher |
| School of Global Japanese Studies (other than those applying to the English track) | Level N2 or higher |
| School of Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences | Level N4 or higher |

| <p style="text-align: center;">Graduate School</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Those who have passed a level other than N1 must have done so on a test taken in either the 2020 or 2021 academic year.)</p> |
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| Graduate School of Law | Level N3 or higher |
| Graduate School of Commerce | Level N2 or higher |
| Graduate School of Political Science and Economics | Level N4 or higher |
| Graduate School of Business Administration | Level N3 or higher |
| Graduate School of Arts and Letters Japanese Literature, Literary Arts and Media, Clinical Psycho-Social Sciences (Sociological Course) | Level N2 or higher |
| Graduate School of Arts and Letters English Literature, Drama and Theatre Arts, History (Japanese, European, Archaeology), Clinical Psycho-Social Sciences (Clinical Psychology) | Level N3 or higher |
| Graduate School of Arts and Letters German Literature, French Literature, History(Asian), Geography | Level N4 or higher |
| Graduate School of Science and Technology (other than those applying to the International Program in Architecture and Urban Design) | Level N4 or higher |
| Graduate School of Agriculture | Level N4 or higher |
| Graduate School of Information and Communication | Level N2 or higher |
| Graduate School of Humanities | Level N3 or higher |
| Graduate School of Advanced Mathematical Sciences | Level N4 or higher |
| Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies Japanese linguistics and Japanese language education | N1 |
| Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies English language education | Level N4 or higher |
| Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies Pop Culture, Media, Social System and Internationalization, Interculturalism and Intercultural Education, Culture and Thought | Level N2 or higher Please note that Level N1 may be required in Culture and Thought program depending on supervisors. |
| Graduate School of Global Business | N1 |

(2) Application Documents [Meiji's standard form can be downloaded at https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/exchange.html](https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/exchange.html)

| How to submit | Documents to be submitted | | Deadlines |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Submit the online application</p> <p>https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/exchange/</p> | (1) | Application Information Form (Must be in Japanese) | <p style="text-align: center;">April 2023 admission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sep 22, 2022</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">September 2023 admission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mar 1, 2023</p> |
| | (2) | <p>Copy of your Japanese Language Proficiency Test (PDF)</p> <p>* Copy of your Japanese Language Proficiency Test MUST be prepared to upload the online application.</p> <p>Those who have passed a level aside from N1, must have done so on a test taken in either the 2021 or 2022 academic year. Applicants who cannot submit this document must take the Japanese Language Online Test. See p.2 for more information about this test.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Send the materials by courier to the International Student Office of Meiji University</p> <p>【Address】 Global Front 2F, 1-1 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 101-8301, Japan International Student Office, Meiji University</p> | (3) | Signature of Applicant and the Exchange Student Program Coordinator (use Meiji's standard form) | <p style="text-align: center;">April 2023 admission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct 6, 2022</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">September 2023 admission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 14, 2023</p> |
| | (4) | Housing Form (use Meiji's standard form) | |
| | (5) | Certificate of Health (use Meiji's standard form) | |
| | (6) | Official Academic transcript | |
| | | <p>Official Transcript (with seal of your university on it)</p> <p>It has to be written in English or Japanese.</p> | |
| | (7) | Copy of your passport (page of your photo) | |
| | (8) | Six(6) ID photos (3 cm x 4 cm) Must be taken within 3 months. | |
| | (9) | Documentation which shows the proof that the payment amount indicated on the Application for Certificate of Eligibility. It has to be written in English or Japanese. (Must submit either of the following) | |
| | | ① A bank balance certificate or copy of the applicant's account bankbook | |
| | | ② A bank balance certificate or copy of the bankbook for the bank account of the person responsible for payment | |
| ③ An income certificate of the person responsible for payment ④ Certificate of scholarship funds received. (Disbursement period must correspond to duration of study abroad at Meiji.) | | | |
| (10) | Study Plan for undergraduate school (use Meiji's standard form) | | |
| | <p>Research Plan for graduate school (use Meiji's standard form)</p> <p>(Must be in Japanese), 1,000-2,000 Japanese characters</p> | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Submit an Excel document online</p> <p>http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/coe-application/</p> | (12) | Application for Certificate of Eligibility in Excel document (use designated form) | |
| | | <p>Applicants shall submit the application form for Certificate of Eligibility (Excel document) online. (This is NOT required to be sent by courier.)</p> | |

(3) Number of Students Admitted at the School of Global Japanese Studies

If there are a particularly large number of applicants, there may be a limit placed on the number of students admitted. Universities that have two or more students applying to the School of Global Japanese Studies should assign an order of priority to their applicants.

(4) Duration of exchange program

Duration must be decided before applying to the program, and it cannot be changed after the online application.

(5) Choice of Supervisor

1. Applicants to the schools listed below in A are required to choose 3 preferred supervisors in the online application. Please note you are not necessarily assigned to the supervisor which you chose in the online application.

A supervisor is decided by your undergraduate/graduate school according to the interview held at Meiji University upon your arrival.

2. Applicants to the schools listed below in B are NOT required to choose the preferred supervisors in the online application.

An academic advisor will provide assistance in creating study plans after arrival.

| | Undergraduate/Graduate school | |
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| A Required to choose the preferred supervisors | Undergraduate schools | School of Commerce School of Science and Technology School of Agriculture |
| | Graduate schools | Graduate School of Law Graduate School of Commerce Graduate School of Political Science and Economics Graduate School of Arts and Letter Graduate School of Science and Technology Graduate School of Agriculture Graduate School of Information and Communication Graduate School of Humanities Graduate School of Advanced Mathematical Sciences Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies Graduate School of Global Business |
| B NOT required to choose the preferred supervisors | Undergraduate schools | School of Law School of Political Science and Economics School of Arts and Letter School of Business Administration School of Information and Communication School of Global Japanese Studies School of Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences |
| | Graduate school | Graduate School of Business Administration |

(6) Notes

If an applicant requires special assistance when studying at Meiji University, please inquire the International Student Office before your application. Meiji University will consider if assistance is available. We may request additional documents if ever needed. Any inquiry/request about special assistance after your application, or in cases when we could not receive necessary documents on time, we will not be able to give special assistance.

4-2. Undergraduate and Graduate Schools which Offer Classes in English

(1) Application Requirements

- ① Be a student at one of Meiji University's partner institutions.
- ② Must fulfill the following conditions:
 - (a) Must have taken one of the following tests since September 2020 and be able to submit a valid official score. Must meet any other application requirements that may exist.
 - (b) Applicants who underwent standard high school education or are undergoing standard university education conducted entirely in English are not required to submit an official score from one of the tests listed below.

| Undergraduate School | TOEFL® iBT | TOEIC® | IELTS (Academic) | Cambridge ESOL | TOEFL® PBT | CEFR |
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| School of Political Science and Economics (only taking classes conducted in English) | 71 or higher | 710 or higher | 5.5 or higher | FCE or higher | 550 or higher | |
| School of Arts and Letters (only taking classes conducted in English and Japanese Language Classes) | 61 or higher | 600 or higher | 4.5 or higher | | 500 or higher | B1 or higher |
| School of Business Administration (only taking classes conducted in English) | 80 or higher | | 6.0 or higher | | | |
| School of Global Japanese Studies (English Track) If an applicant has any issues and questions about the submission of English language proficiency documents, please inquire the International Student Office before the application period. | 80 or higher | | 6.0 or higher | Overall Score 169 or higher | | B2 or higher |
| Graduate School | TOEFL® iBT | TOEIC® | IELTS (Academic) | Cambridge ESOL | TOEFL® PBT | Other Application Requirements |
| Graduate School of Governance Studies (English Track) | 76 or higher | 710 or higher | 5.5 or higher | FCE or higher | | Refer to #1 (page 8) |
| Graduate School of Science and Technology, International Program in Architecture and Urban Design | 76 or higher | 710 or higher | 5.5 or higher | FCE or higher | | Refer to #2 (page 8) |
| Graduate School of Business Administration | 71 or higher | 710 or higher | 5.5 or higher | FCE or higher | | |
| Graduate School of Global Business | 76 or higher | | 5.5 or higher | | | Refer to #3 (page 8) |
| Graduate School of Global Governance (Doctor Course) | 79 or higher | | 6.0 or higher | | | |

#1 Graduate School of Governance Studies (English Track)

Must have a bachelor's degree related to public policy, and also must either have practical experience related to public policy or have already taken basic courses in public administration, political science, and economics.

#2 Graduate School of Science and Technology, International Program in Architecture and Urban Design

Must have a bachelor's degree related to architecture and must currently be enrolled in a program related to architecture.

#3 Graduate School of Global Business

If you have taken GMAT, please submit an official score as a reference. (Optional)

We offer 5 compulsory subjects and 60 elective subjects conducted in English, and the detail of classes to be referred Fact Sheet.

#4 About Graduate School

Only Graduate School of Global Governance is Doctor's course.

Other Graduate Schools are Master's course.

Please note that any of Graduate schools will not support Master's or Doctor's thesis writing.

| How to submit | Documents to be submitted | | Deadlines |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Submit the online application</p> <p>https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/exchange/</p> | (1) | Application Information Form (Must be in English) | <p style="text-align: center;">April 2023 admission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sep 22, 2022</p> |
| | (2) | <p>Valid official scores from one of the tests at Page.7 taken since September 2020 (PDF)</p> <p>* Copy of your official scores MUST be prepared to upload the online application. However, applicants who underwent a standard high school education in English or are undergoing standard university education conducted in English are not required to submit it.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Send the materials by courier to the International Student Office of Meiji University</p> <p>【Address】 Global Front 2F, 1-1 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 101-8301, Japan International Student Office, Meiji University</p> | (3) | Signature of Applicant and the Exchange Student Program Coordinator (use Meiji's standard form) | <p style="text-align: center;">April 2023 admission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct 6, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 2023 admission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 14, 2023</p> |
| | (4) | Housing Form (use Meiji's standard form) | |
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| | (10) | <p>Study Plan for undergraduate school (use Meiji's standard form) Research Plan for graduate school (use Meiji's standard form)</p> <p>School of Political Science and Economics (only taking classes conducted in English), School of Business Administration (only taking classes conducted in English), School of Global Japanese Studies (English track): 400-800 words</p> <p>Graduate Schools: 1,000 words or more</p> | |
| | (11) | <p>Only for applicants to Graduate School of Science and Technology, Architecture Course, International Program in Architecture and Urban Design</p> <p>Portfolio</p> <p>Save and submit as a PDF file on a CD-ROM. Any number of pages, either vertical or horizontal text is allowed. When including group projects, specify the purpose and the areas for which you were responsible. Once submitted, the CD-ROM will not be returned to you.</p> | |
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| | | <p>Applicants submit the Certificate of Eligibility (Excel document) online.</p> <p>(This is NOT required to send by courier.)</p> | |

(3) Number of Students Admitted

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| School of Global Japanese Studies (English track) | If there are a particularly large number of applicants, there may be a limit placed on the number of students admitted. Universities that have two or more students applying to the School of Global Japanese Studies should assign an order of priority to their applicants. |
| Graduate School of Governance Studies (English Track) | Annual enrollment capacity is 10 students. If 10 students are admitted in April 2023 and they all want to study in Japan for a full year, no additional students will be accepted to this program for enrollment in September 2023. |
| Graduate School of Science and Technology, International Program in Architecture and Urban Design | Annual enrollment capacity is 28 students per year. If the enrollment capacity for a particular year has already been reached, exchange students will not be accepted to this program for the 2023 academic year. |

(4) Duration of exchange program

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(5) Choice of Supervisor

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| B NOT required to choose the preferred supervisors | Undergraduate schools | School of Political Science and Economics (only taking classes conducted in English) School of Business Administration (only taking classes conducted in English) School of Global Japanese Studies (English Track) |
| | Graduate school | Graduate School of Business Administration |

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