



Prospective Leaders' Programmes
Faculty of Law & Graduate School of Law, Doshisha University
(Updated in July, 2023)

Academic Information

First (Spring) Semester: April 1 to September 20 (as of AY2023)

(Class period: Early April to Early August with a nationwide holiday week early in May)

Second (Fall) Semester: September 21 to March 31 (as of AY2023)

(Class period: Late September to Early February with a nationwide holiday week from late December to early January)

[Faculty Calendar](#)

[Graduate School Calendar](#)

[Faculty and Graduate School of Law](#) (Japanese only)

Faculty and Graduate School Structures:

Faculty of Law (Undergraduate Program, 4-Year System)	
Department of Political Science (Bachelor of Political Science)	Department of Law (Bachelor of Laws)

Graduate School of Law (Master and Doctoral Programs, 2-Year and 3-Year Systems)		
Political Science Division (Master of Political Science) (Doctor of Political Science)	Private Law Division (Master of Laws) (Doctor of Laws)	Public Law Division (Master of Laws) (Doctor of Laws)



Faculty Information

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Dean of the Faculty of Law & Graduate School of Law of Doshisha University (Since AY2022)

[Doshisha University Database of Researchers \(RIKIHISA\)](#)

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[Doshisha University Database of Researchers \(KAWAWA\)](#)

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*This homepage is designed for Doshisha students

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Participation in Exchange Program from Partner Universities (For Incoming International Students)

Schedule and Curriculum Information for Your Nominated Students

<https://law.doshisha.ac.jp/plp/credit-transfer/international.html>

Exchange Programs

Note 1: The number of students participating in the program must comply with the Agreement.

Note 2: All students enrolled in exchange program are require take **a minimum of 7 courses (equivalent to 10 hours of class studies)** per semester to maintain their visa status.

Note 3: Tuition-waived students may register for a maximum of 20 credits per semester.

Note 4: English-taught courses in the Faculty of Law (undergraduate level) are primarily intended for junior (3rd year) or higher level students.

	Partner Universities	Language	Eligible Students
1	Faculty of Law University of Montreal	English	Bachelor & Master
2	School of International Studies Renmin University of China	English	Master
3	Faculty of Law University of Zurich	English	Bachelor & Master
4	College of Law National Chung Cheng University	English or Japanese	Bachelor & Master
5	School of Law Soochow University	English or Japanese	Bachelor & Master
6	Toulouse Capitole University	English	Bachelor & Master
7	University of Siena	English	Bachelor & Master
8	School of Law Yunnan University	English or Japanese	Bachelor & Master
9	China University of Political Science and Law	English or Japanese	Bachelor & Master
10	Department of Social and Political Sciences University of Milan	English	Master & Doctor

Nomination and Application

- 1) Count one semester student as 0.5 of a person or two semesters as 1 person, and select your nominees within the Agreement.
- 2) Once you have nominated your students for the aforementioned agreed program, please instruct them to [preregister as program applicants \(MS-Form\)](#) at Doshisha University using the link provided in the **“Application Instructions & Documents”**.
- 3) Your students are required to prepare the necessary documents and upload them to the designated link specified in [the application form \(MS-Form\)](#) by the respective deadlines indicated below. These deadlines are final, and no further nominations or documentation will be accepted unless prior consultation has taken place.

April Entry (Class Period: April to August): By October 31

September Entry (Class Period: September to February): By March 31



List of Application Documents (Details of each are available on the separate document for students)

- *Application Form
- *Photocopy of ID
- *Certificate of Academic Transcript from Current University
- *Personal Statement or Letter of Motivation
- *Proof of Language Proficiency
- *Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- *Letter(s) of Recommendation

- 4) If your nomination will be submitted after the deadline due to unavoidable circumstances, reasons, please consult with us in advance.

After Your Students Have Submitted Application Documents To Doshisha

- 1) Once your students have submitted their application documents to Doshisha University, **the admission procedure typically takes a minimum of one month.** In most cases, students nominated by our partner universities will be accepted without any specific conditions, as long as all the aforementioned documents have been adequately provided.
- 2) After being successfully admitted to Doshisha University, we will send each student the “Notification of Acceptance” and/or “Admission Certificate” by post. This will be followed by online information regarding the initial registration procedures, visa application, and housing.
- 3) Students are strongly recommended to submit the COE application form and supporting documents to us **by mid-December for Spring Entry and by mid-June for Fall Entry.**
COE: Certificate of Eligibility, a visa preclearance certificate issued by the Immigration Services Agency of Japan
- 4) Doshisha will apply for the COE on behalf of the student to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan, which accepts applications three months prior to the student’s expected date of entry to Japan. The COE issuance process takes at least 6 weeks, even if all the application documents are properly prepared. Please note that the COE does not guarantee visa issuance. It simply expedites the visa issuing process at a Japanese embassy or consulate in the student’s home country.
- 5) Doshisha will send the COE to the students by post along with the required documents. The students must apply for a student visa at a nearby [Japanese Embassy or Consulate](#) by themselves. Please note that visa issuance generally takes 5 business days, provided there are no problems in the process.
- 6) All students are expected to arrive in Kyoto approximately 2 weeks before the first day of the semester. This will allow them enough time to prepare for the new school and adjust to the new environment.

Other Information

- 1) Average Living Cost for Students (all inclusive)
130,000 JPY / month
- 2) Housing
Doshisha University has a limited number of its own dormitories for students, and many of our students actually arrange their own housing outside of the campus. There is [a dormitory for international students](#) operated by Kyoto City, which is reasonably priced but located



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approximately 1 hour away from Imadegawa Campus (the main campus for students of the Graduate School of Law). Therefore, we also introduce some student dormitories operated by private companies to our partner students who prefer to live near the campus or who have difficulty finding their own place to live. The monthly rent is approximately 105,000 JPY with half board.