

# Hokkaido University

Exchange semester	Autumn semester 2025
Study level	Graduate (Master)
Home faculty at GU	School of Business, Economics and Law
Studies at GU	Masterprogramme in Economics

## Courses during exchange

- Public Policy in Japan
- Special Study of Global Economic History B
- Special Study of Urban Economics B
- Special Study of Applied Econometrics
- Special Study of Organization Theory B
- Advanced Course in Climate Change Impacts

## Studies

We had had more interactive lectures than at GU, the majority of courses were based on seminars and discussions, both between classmates and the teacher. The courses were evaluated through this, presentations and written assignment, however, there were no final exams. It was also harder to find courses within just economics compared to GU, however, in the end it was solved by doing some courses outside of economics.

## Arrival, orientation and housing

I got a room in a corridor via the school, and that process was pretty simple. I arrived a week before school started and when I arrived I received help from another student from school to register for all the relevant systems in Japan (health insurance, residency, pension), which made the process pretty simple!

## Finances

Both accommodation costs and food was relative to Sweden pretty cheap, however, the plane tickets there were not, so in the end I think the cost of living there for a term were approximately the same to Sweden.

## Life in a new country/culture

I very much appreciate the opportunity to live and study in Japan, and the experience overall was great. There was a lot to do when I wasn't occupied with school, a lot of beautiful places to see and an amazing food culture.

## Overall exchange experience

I am really happy that I went, and I would recommend anyone to do the same if they have the opportunity.