

FAQ by Prospective "EPOK" (Exchange Program Okayama)

Q1: Who can apply for EPOK?

A1: Candidates recommended by the EPOK partner universities can apply for EPOK. Please visit our website for the information about EPOK Partner Universities:

<http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/ouic/epok/puise.html>

Q2: How can I apply for EPOK once I am nominated?

A2: All application documents have to be submitted through EPOK online site.

Please visit "Online Apply" page on our website:

<https://e-apply.jp/n/okayama-u-epok/>

You need to receive password to enter the application page from the international center of your university.

Q3: I am a non-native English speaker. What is the requirement of English ability?

A3: TOEFL (500PBT score/ 61 iBT score), IELTS score 5.5(overall) or TOEIC with a test score of 580.

Please note that EPOK does not accept any domestic English qualification score.

Q4: I only have an English qualification within my country. Do you accept it as the application document?

A4: No. We only accept internationally acknowledged qualifications such as TOEFL (500PBT score/ 61 iBT score), IELTS score 5.5(overall) or TOEIC with a test score of 580.

Q5: How can I book my accommodation where I stay during EPOK?

A5: We will reserve your room at Okayama University International Shared House. You do not have to do anything to book it. We will inform you the details when your room is decided. Please refer to EPOK website:

http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/ouic/epok/timeseriestable_epok.html

Q6: Can I choose the dormitory?

A6: No. All EPOK students is placed at the International Shared House.

Q7: Is there any information about courses offered in EPOK?

A7: Please visit our website for the course curriculum:

<http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/ouic/epok/curriculum.html>

Q8: Is there any scholarship for EPOK students?

A8: EPOK students could be eligible for JASSO Scholarship. However, its allocation is not guaranteed but rather quite limited.

We strongly recommend that you prepare sufficient fund which supports you all through the EPOK period.

Q9: What is the cost of living at Okayama? How much do we have to prepare?

A9: Please visit our website and check “Life support Info. – Cost in Japan” :

http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/ouic/epok/timeseriestable_epok.html

Q10: Is it possible for EPOK students to take classes in the Faculty and Department of a major?

A10: Most of the classes in the faculty or department are conducted in Japanese. If you have sufficient command of Japanese and prerequisites for the course that allows non-departmental students, your enrollment can be approved by the instructor.

Q11: I have heard that Okayama University is under the Quarter System (4-term system).

Would it be possible for me to participate in the exchange program only for the 1st Quarter (from April to the beginning of June)? Or start from the 1st Quarter and finish at the 3rd Quarter (from April to November) ?

A11: At the moment EPOK accepts students for 5 months (two quarters) or 11 months (four quarters) starting from April (1st Quarter) or October (3rd Quarter).

Students are expected to stay for two quarters (one semester) or four quarters (two semester=1year).

Q12: Is there any Japanese language proficiency requirement for EPOK?

A12: No. We accept students with NO Japanese language.

Q13: Is there any GPA requirement for EPOK?

A13: We do not set GPA requirement for EPOK. However, we expect candidates to be of decent academic standing at their home university. GPA 2.3 (3.0 scale) is a good target, that provides the minimum line for JASSO Scholarship.