

FACT SHEET

for Inbound Exchange Student



2025-2026 academic year

(Revised on January 16, 2025)






名古屋芸術大学

NAGOYA UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS

General information

Institution name	Nagoya University of the Arts
Address	East Campus (Music, Performing Arts Production and Management Arts, Liberal Arts, and Human Development): 281 Koi, Kumanosho, Kitanagoya-shi, Aichi-ken, 481-8503, JAPAN West Campus (Art and Design): 65 Nishinuma, Tokushige, Kitanagoya-shi, Aichi-ken, 481-8535, JAPAN
Website	https://www.nua.ac.jp/en/
Email	exchange@nua.ac.jp
Academic terms	1st semester: April 1 - September 15 * Classes are held from early/mid-April to late July. 2nd semester: September 16 - March 31 * Classes are held from late September to early January.
Teaching language	Japanese * Course instructors may speak English and/or other languages to certain extent, but all classes are taught in Japanese.

Application information

Nomination	Advanced nominations are not required.
Application materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application form (online application form) ● Curriculum vitae ● Portfolio ● Passport (photocopy of ID page) ● Official academic transcript issued by the home institution (in English) ● Bank statement ● Proof of Japanese language proficiency (if any) <p>* There is no formal requirement for the portfolio, so please prepare it in any form. * If the data size of your portfolio is too large to be sent by email, please upload it to an online storage of your choice and send a download link by email.</p>
Application method	<p>Please submit applications through the online application form at the following URL/QR code and email other materials to the following email address/QR code:</p> <p>Application form 2nd semester: September 16 - March 31 1st semester: April 1 - September 15</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>Email exchange@nua.ac.jp</p> 
Application requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at the home institution during the period of exchange. ● Applicant must have completed at least 1 year of study at the home institution at the time of commencement of the exchange term.
Japanese language requirement	<p>There is no language requirement for exchange students. However, applicants are encouraged to have Japanese language proficiency of JLPT N4/N5 or equivalent, and it would be ideal for them to have JLPT N2 or equivalent by the time they start studying at NUA.</p> <p>* NUA will not refuse to accept exchange students just because of insufficient Japanese language proficiency. However, some of the classes may not be available for those who do not have sufficient Japanese language proficiency.</p>
Visa requirement	<p>Applicants must obtain "Student" visa. * "Temporary Visitor" visa shall not be allowed.</p>
Application deadline	<p>For 2nd (fall) semester, 2025: May 7, 2025 For 1st (spring) semester, 2026: October 8, 2025</p>

Available programs for exchange students

Among the programs NUA offers, following courses (majors) are available for exchange students.

Level of study	School/Department	Division/Program	Course (major)
Undergraduate (bachelor) programs	Department of the Arts, School of the Arts	Music Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keyboards Course (Piano & Electronic Organ) ● Vocal Performance Course ● Strings, Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion Course ● Sound Media and Composition Course ● Music Care Design Course ● Musical Course ● Dance Performance Course ● Music Entertainment Direction Course ● Pop and Rock Music Performance Course ● Wind Academy Course ● Comprehensive Music Course <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">* Comprehensive Music Course is for those who wish to take classes in more than one course in the Music Division.</p>
		Art Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japanese Painting Course ● Oil Painting Course ● Contemporary Art Course ● Communication Art Course ● Arts and Crafts Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ceramics Glass ● Comprehensive Art Course <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">* Comprehensive Art Course is for those who wish to take classes in more than one course in the Art Division.</p>
		Design Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visual Design Course ● Illustration Course ● Media Communication Design Course ● Industrial and Ceramic Design Course ● Spatial Design Course ● Car Design Course ● Textile Design Course ● Lifestyle Design Course ● Literature and Writing Design Course ● Advanced Media Design Course <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">* Visual Design Course, Illustration Course, Media Communication Design Course, and Spatial Design Course may possibly turn out to be unavailable due to capacity issues.</p>
Graduate (master's) programs	Graduate School of Music	Master's Program in Music	Basically, same as the Music Division
	Graduate School of Art	Master's Program in Art	Basically, same as the Art Division
	Graduate School of Design	Master's Program in Design	Basically, same as the Design Division

*Please note that due to our accreditation system, it is difficult for graduate students to acquire credits in the form that appears on the transcripts. If students need to submit their transcript to their home institutions, we recommend them to participate in Undergraduate programs as long as their home institution accept the situation.

Course offerings

List of classes	Course bulletin for the 2025-2026 academic year will become available in spring, 2025.
Japanese language Classes	For those who do not have Japanese language proficiency of JLPT N4/N5 or equivalent, International Exchange Center offers special Japanese classes that are exclusive for exchange students.

Credits and grading system

Credits * 1 Japanese credit is equivalent to 1.5-1.935 ECTS credits	Lectures and seminar courses	1-4 credits per course: 2 credit = 1,350 minutes of in-class study successfully completed. (a 90-minute class per week for 15 weeks.)		
	Practical training and skills practice courses	1 or 2 credits per course: 1 credit = 1,350 minutes of in-class study successfully completed. (a 90-minute class per week for 15 weeks.)		
	Skills practice courses	4 credits per course: Music: 4 credits = a 45-minute private lesson per week for 15 weeks. Art and Design: 4 credits = 720-minute lessons per week for 15 weeks.		
Grading System	Grade	Scale	Description	GPA
	S	100-90	Excellent	4.0
	A	89-80	Good	3.0
	B	79-70	Satisfactory	2.0
	C	69-60	Passing	1.0
	F	59 or below	Fail	N/A

Academic calendar (tentative)


	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
Semester Period	April 1-September 15	September 16-March 31
Orientation	1 st week of April	3 rd or 4 th week of September
Course Registration	Mid-April	Late September
Classes	From early/mid-April to late July (Ex. April 8-July 27, 2024)	From mid/late September to mid-January (Ex. September 16, 2024-January 11, 2025)
Exchange Students Exhibition *Mandatory for Art and Design majors	Early/mid-July (Ex. July 5-July 10, 2024)	Early/mid-December (Ex. December 13-December 18, 2024)
Final Examinations	late July/early August (Ex. July 29-July 31, 2024)	late January (Ex. January 20-January 22, 2025)
Issuance of Transcript	late August	early February
Other Information	Summer Break: From mid-August to mid-September Winter Break: From late December to early January Spring Break: From late January to the end of March	

* Please note that the dates above are subject to change. A definitive academic calendar for the 2025-2026 academic year will become available in spring, 2025.

Accommodation and living expenses

Estimated Living Expenses	Off-campus accommodation (apartment)	Monthly rent: 60,000 yen (utility expenses included) Nonrefundable deposit: 25,000 yen (moving-in fee) * NUA will make arrangements for an apartment room for each exchange student unless he/she wishes to make arrangements on their own. The amount of monthly rent and deposit for self-arranged accommodation may vary.
	Meals	20,000-30,000 yen/month
	Personal expenses	20,000-30,000 yen/month
Books and Materials	30,000-50,000 yen/semester	
Insurance (mandatory)	Japanese national health Insurance tax	1,500-3,000 yen/month (estimation)
	Personal accident insurance for students pursuing education and research	1,340 yen/year

Information on applications for COE and visa

	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
Application for certificate of eligibility (COE) to Nagoya Regional Immigration Services Bureau	Early/mid-January	Mid/late June
Issuance of COE (to NUA)	Early/mid-February	Mid/late July
Delivery of COE (to Applicant)	Early/mid-February	Mid/late July
Visa Application	Mid/late February	Late July/early August
Traveling to Japan	late March	early September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed information on application for certificate of eligibility shall be announced when the result of exchange application is announced. For detailed information on visa application, please refer to Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are recommended to get "Permission to Engage in Activity Other Than That Permitted Under the Status of Residence Previously Granted" upon their arrival to Japan in case they engage in school events they get paid. 		

Travel information

Air travel	<p>Central Japan International Airport (Chubu International Airport/Centrair) is the nearest major international airport to NUA.</p> <p>Central Japan International Airport</p> 
Ground transportation	<p>Nagoya Railroad (Meitetsu) train's Tokushige-Nagoyageidai Station is the nearest station to NUA campuses. It is about 8-12 minutes' walk from the station to the NUA's East and West Campuses.</p> <p>Nagoya Railroad</p> 

