



Soka University Enrollment Procedure Guidelines for Spring 2020

Congratulations on your acceptance to Soka University!



Please complete the Enrollment Procedure by reading these guidelines carefully and submitting the required paperwork by the informed deadlines.

Please note that if you miss any deadlines, your admission offer may be revoked.

* All deadlines are based on Japan Standard Time (JST).

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Let's use this list while doing the procedures!
The applicant is expected to complete the procedures by him/herself.



| No. | Procedure | Due Date | ✓ |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Read the Enrollment Procedure Guidelines for Spring 2020 | NOW | |
| 2 | Check the e-mail address you registered in the application page. ※All important information will be sent directly to this e-mail address. | | |
| | Apply for or renew your passport ※For those who do not have a passport or the expiration date is within six months. | NOW | |
| 4 | Submit the Information for Visa Application file | Tue, Dec 10 | |
| 5 | Submit a copy of your passport (photo page) | Tue, Dec 10 | |
| 6 | Submit the housing questionnaire and dormitory application (online questionnaire) | Tue, Dec 10 | |
| 7 | Book your flight ticket | | |
| 8 | Submit the Arrival Information (online questionnaire) | Fri, Feb 7 | |
| 9 | Submit the Immunization Questionnaire | Fri, Feb 7 | |
| 10 | Submit the Medical Interview Sheet | Fri, Feb 7 | |
| 11 | Submit the Entrance Ceremony Ticket Request (*for applicable students only) | Fri, Feb 7 | |
| 12 | Submit fees (admission fee, tuition fees, dormitory fees, bedding fee) *If any payment is not completed by the deadline, your admission will be revoked. | Fri, Feb 28 | |
| 13 | Receive the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for Resident Status, Approval Letter, and the orientation schedule <u>*In case your COE application is rejected, we will inform your situation.</u> | *Soka University will send you via courier in early-March | |
| 14 | Apply for the student visa in the Japanese consulate office Bring the COE, Approval Letter, and other required documents. *Student Visa | Mid-March | |
| 15 | Read the Student Life Guidebook | Prior to departure | |
| 16 | Receive the "Residence Card" | Immigration booth at the airport | |
| 17 | Apply for the "Permission to other activities" | | |
| 18 | Submit the Agreement on Handling Personal Information | Orientation | |
| 19 | Submit Dormitory Terms of Agreement (for students entering dormitories only) | Orientation | |
| 20 | Submit a copy of your passport | Orientation | |



STEP 1

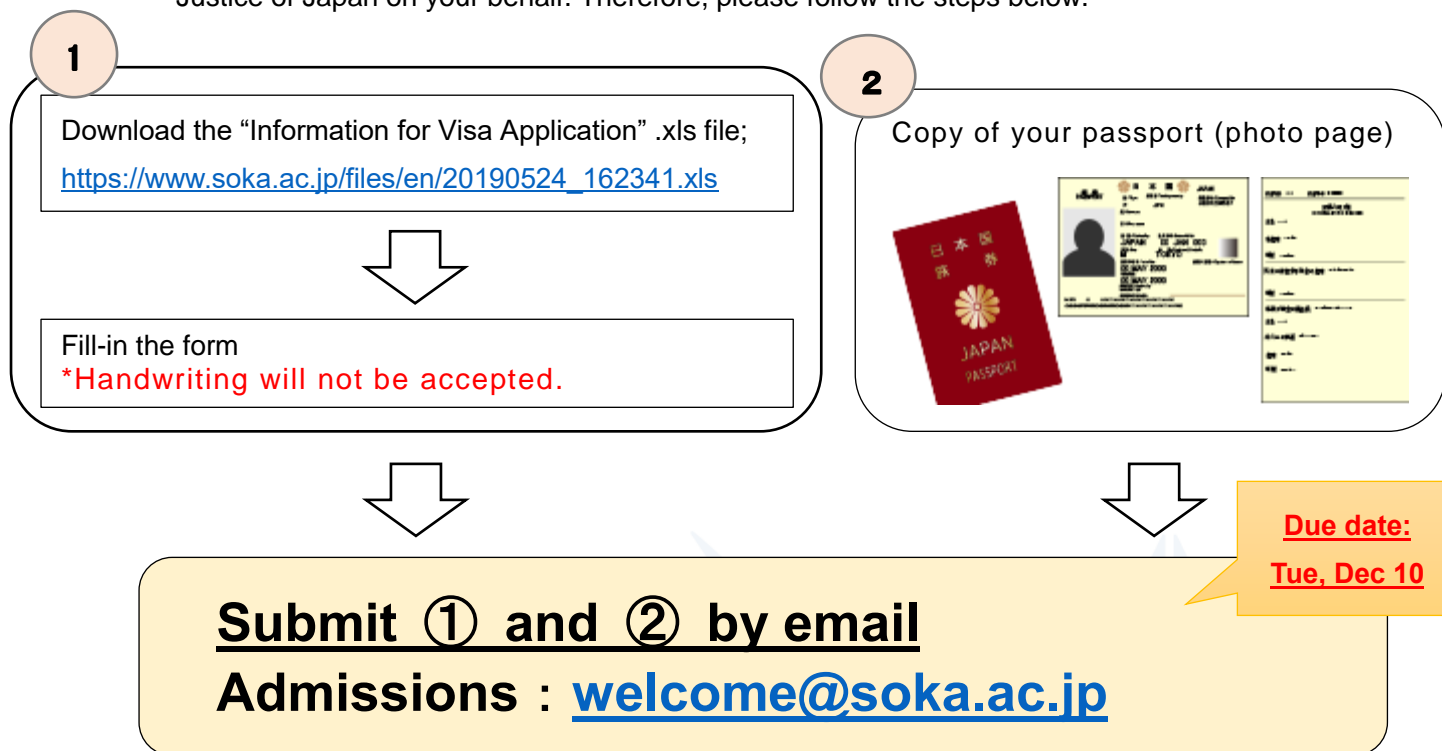
Submit Information for Visa Application!

The due date is
Tuesday, December 10th, 2019!
Do not miss the deadline!



●Applying for the “Certificate of Eligibility for Resident Status”

Those with a foreign citizenship must obtain a **Student Visa**. Soka University will apply for the **Certificate of Eligibility for Resident Status** (hereinafter “COE”) from the Ministry of Justice of Japan on your behalf. Therefore, please follow the steps below.



【Points to note】

- Those who have not yet applied for a passport, please do so as soon as possible and submit a copy of your passport by the end of December 2019.
- Japanese citizenship holders do not need to apply for a visa. Please submit a copy of your passport.
- Those already living in Japan must renew or change your visa status to Student Visa (if necessary) by yourself. In this case, please contact us before applying, as you must obtain the university’s official seal in the form.
- Please write in alphabet on the Visa Application Form, exactly as is on your passport. Otherwise, your COE might be delayed.
- The COE is expected to be emitted by the Immigration Bureau in early March, and it will be sent together with other important documents to your address. Thus, please state your address in which you will be residing in March in the “Correspondence Address” section in the form.
- In order to apply for the student visa, you must check the Japanese embassy or consulate webpage to find the necessary documents as the process in requesting a visa varies from country to country. Please ensure that all necessary steps are taken in accordance with your country’s procedure.

受験番号 Application number

査証申請情報 Information Required by Soka University for Visa Application Form

名前 (パスポート通り) SOKA JOHN Please write in alphabet, exactly as is on your passport.

出生地 STATE, CITY 生年月日 19XX年 1月 2日

旅券 (1) 番号 AA12345 (2) 有効期限 ###年 4月 2日

Home address in alphabet Please write your address in alphabet.

Correspondence address in alphabet Please inform the address in which the documents should be sent (expected to be sent between July and August)

過去の出入国歴 有 Yes / No (If "Yes", how many times?) 回数 1 回

直近の出入国歴 2017年 4月 1日 から 2017年 4月 15日

犯罪を理由とする処分を受けたことの有無 (日本国外におけるものを含む。) 有 (具体的内容) / 無 No

退去強制又は出国命令による出国の有無 有 / 無 No

直近の送還歴 回数 回 直近の送還歴 年 月 日

Total number of years of education (from elementary school to ...) Please inform the city of the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate

母国での査証取得予定地 Intended city to apply for visa (in your home country) Marital Status 有・無

在日親族 (父・母・配偶者・子・兄弟姉妹など) 及び同居者 Any family in Japan (Father, Mother, Spouse, Son, Daughter, Brother, Sister or others) or co-residents? Please list. (if more, list them in a separated page)

Table with 7 columns: Relationship, Name, Date of birth, Nationality, Will you reside with him/her?, Place of employment/school, Alien registration certificate number. Row 1: なし, Yes/No, Yes/No.

滞在費の支弁方法等 Method of financial support to meet your expense Please write the Financial Supporter's address

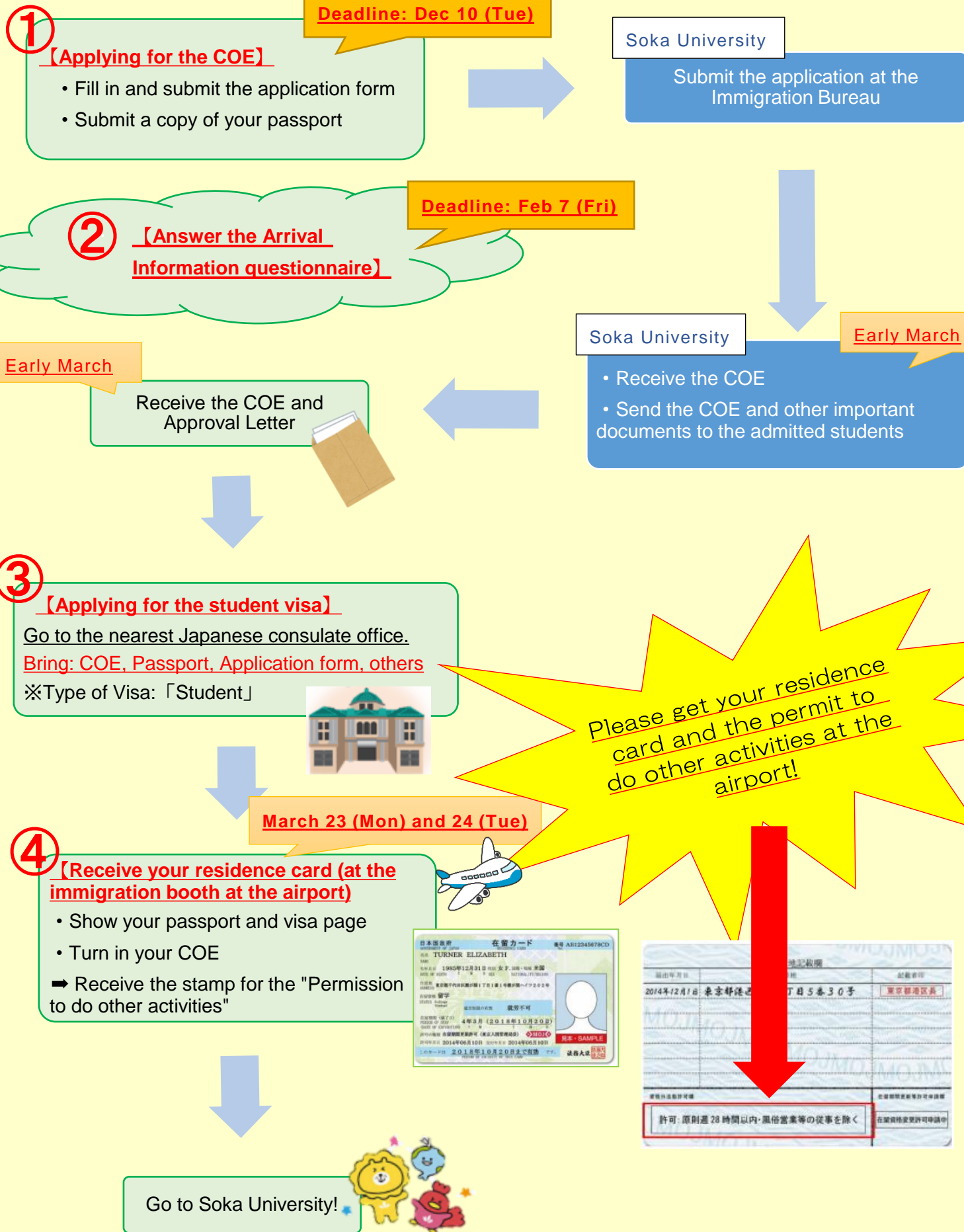
(1) 主な経費支弁者 About your main financial supporter SOKA MANABU FATHER Relationship with applicant

(2) 支弁方法及び月平均支弁額 Method of support and an amount of support per month (average). Please check all that apply. 本人負担 50,000 Yen 外国からの送金 50,000 Yen

在留資格認定証明書が不交付になったことの有無 (日本国外におけるものを含む。) Have you ever had a visa application to Japan or other country denied?

有 (不交付になった年月: 年 月 / 不交付理由:) / 無 No

Procedures flow from COE application to arrival in Japan



STEP 2

Fill in the Questionnaire on Housing!

The due date is
Tuesday, December 10th, 2019
Do not miss the deadline!



● **Housing options**

After deciding where you want to live, please fill in the questionnaire below.

Apartment

Dormitory

Someone else's house

Questionnaire on housing application for dormitory

Japanese/English: <https://forms.gle/sfcpxnxJJMiWyyYW9>



Korean: <https://forms.gle/HCJBjq4yu9mfkemh6>



Mandarin: <https://www.wjx.cn/jq/49179060.aspx>



About dormitories

Check the dormitory information page



Choose your dormitory



Decide if you want to purchase bedding on campus



Fill in the Housing Questionnaire



【Dormitory move-in days】

March 23 and 24, 2020

※Please arrive at the dormitory by 19:00

We will announce the dormitory application results in late-January by e-mail.



Types of dormitories

Soka University has six dormitories for international students. These dormitories focus on creating a proper environment for students to develop cooperation and autonomy skills while living together with students from all parts of Japan and the world. Although it might be difficult to adapt into an environment with diverse cultures, habits and different opinions, the students will be able to cooperate and create deep bonds of friendship by the time of dormitory graduation!

Please access the webpage below to find the information on each dormitory.

<https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/admissions/enrollment/dormitories>



Dormitories addresses

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Male dormitories | Hoyu | 1-483 Takiyama-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo |
| | Takiyama International | 1-236 Tangi-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo |
| Female dormitories | Sunflower Hall | 3-101-1 Tangi-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo |
| | Cosmos | 1-582-1 Takiyama-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo |
| | Manyo International | 1-236 Tangi-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo |
| | Soshun | 1-236 Tangi-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo |

Purchasing bedding

You can order bedding (thin mattress, blanket, and pillow) in advance.

※We will lend bedding to non-degree students and exchange students. There is no need to purchase them.

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bedding | 3 pieces (thin mattress, blanket, and pillow) ※Please purchase sheets and covers by yourself after your arrival. |
| Price | 8,900 JPY |

Bedding sample



Dormitories have beds included!



Length of stay

| Program | Dormitory move-out day |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bekka | by February 28, 2022 |
| Undergraduate | by February 28, 2021 |
| Exchange and Non-degree | One semester: by August 10, 2020 |
| | Two semesters: by February 10, 2021 |

[Important points on International Dormitories]

Please follow the rules below.

※Please pay the dormitory fee and bedding fee by the due date. In case you do not pay, your application for the dormitory or bedding will be cancelled automatically.



○ Announcement on dormitory application results: late-January, 2020 (by e-mail)

○ Dormitory rules

- It is not possible to move between dormitories.
- Curfew: Male dormitories: 00:00 / Female dormitories: 23:00
- Students are in charge for cleaning the dormitory.
- Only those living in the dormitory can enter the building. However, the dormitories have an area to welcome visitors (please check the details after entering the dormitory)

○ Dormitory facilities

“Information on dormitories”

<https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/admissions/enrollment/dormitories>



○ Sending packages to dormitories

- If you plan to send luggage to the dormitory, make sure to have them arrive on the day of your dormitory entrance (March 23 or 24).

You can check the dormitory address on pg. 9

- You cannot send packages to the dormitory prior to the move-in day (March 23)



○ About alcohol and tobacco

It is possible to smoke and drink alcohol in international dormitories under the following rules:

※In Japan, people younger than 20 years old are prohibited by law to smoke and drink alcohol.

- Smoking is only allowed outside the dormitory building in the “smoking area”. (Soshun Dormitory does not have a smoking area, therefore smoking is prohibited)
- Please check your dormitory rules regarding drinking alcohol.

STEP 3

Fill in the Questionnaires below!

- ① Arrival Questionnaire
- ② Immunization Questionnaire on Measles and Rubella
- ③ Medical Interview Sheet

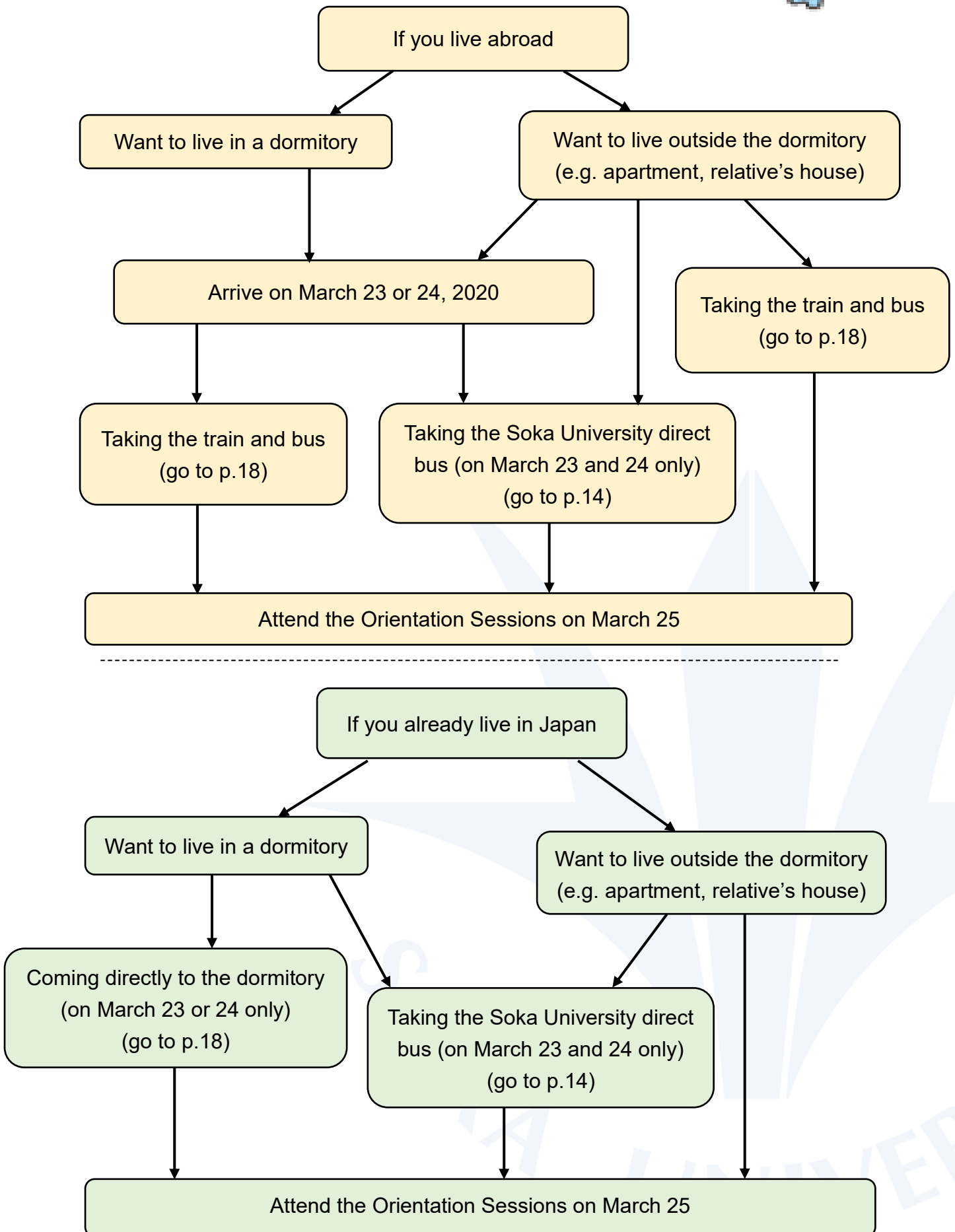
The due date is
Friday, February 7th
Please submit your answers early!



Do you live abroad?
Do you live in Japan?



Flow until arrival



① **【Arrival Questionnaire】** ※All students must fill in this form.

Japanese/English: <https://forms.gle/62Lj142zosEx6rUh6>



Chinese: <https://www.wjx.top/jq/49204870.aspx>



Deadline: Friday, February 7, 2020

Direct bus information



Soka University staff will pick you up at the airport.
Please choose a bus below.



Days and timetable: March 23 (Mon) and 24 (Tue), 2020.

Airports: Narita Airport (Terminal 1 and 2), Haneda Airport

Narita Airport ⇒ Soka University

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Terminal 2 gathering time | <u>12:00</u> | <u>16:00</u> | <u>19:00</u> |
| Terminal 1 gathering time | <u>12:15</u> | <u>16:15</u> | <u>19:15</u> |
| Soka University expected arrival time | 15:00 | 19:00 | 22:00 |

Haneda Airport ⇒ Soka University

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| International Terminal gathering time | <u>12:00</u> | <u>18:30</u> |
| Soka University expected arrival time | 14:30 | 21:00 |

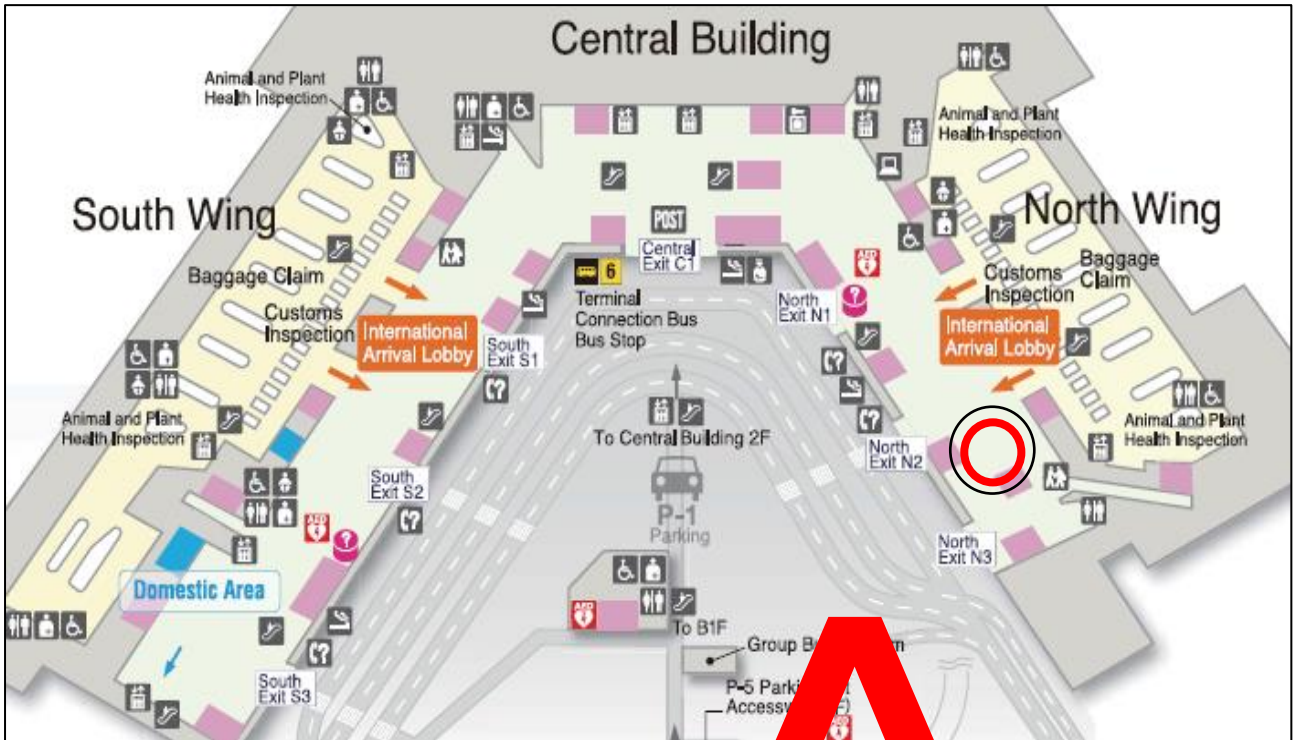


※Considering the time it takes from the plane landing to the meeting point, please choose a bus that departs at least 1.5 hour from your arrival time.

※Only approved students can take this bus. Relatives and other people cannot ride the bus with you.

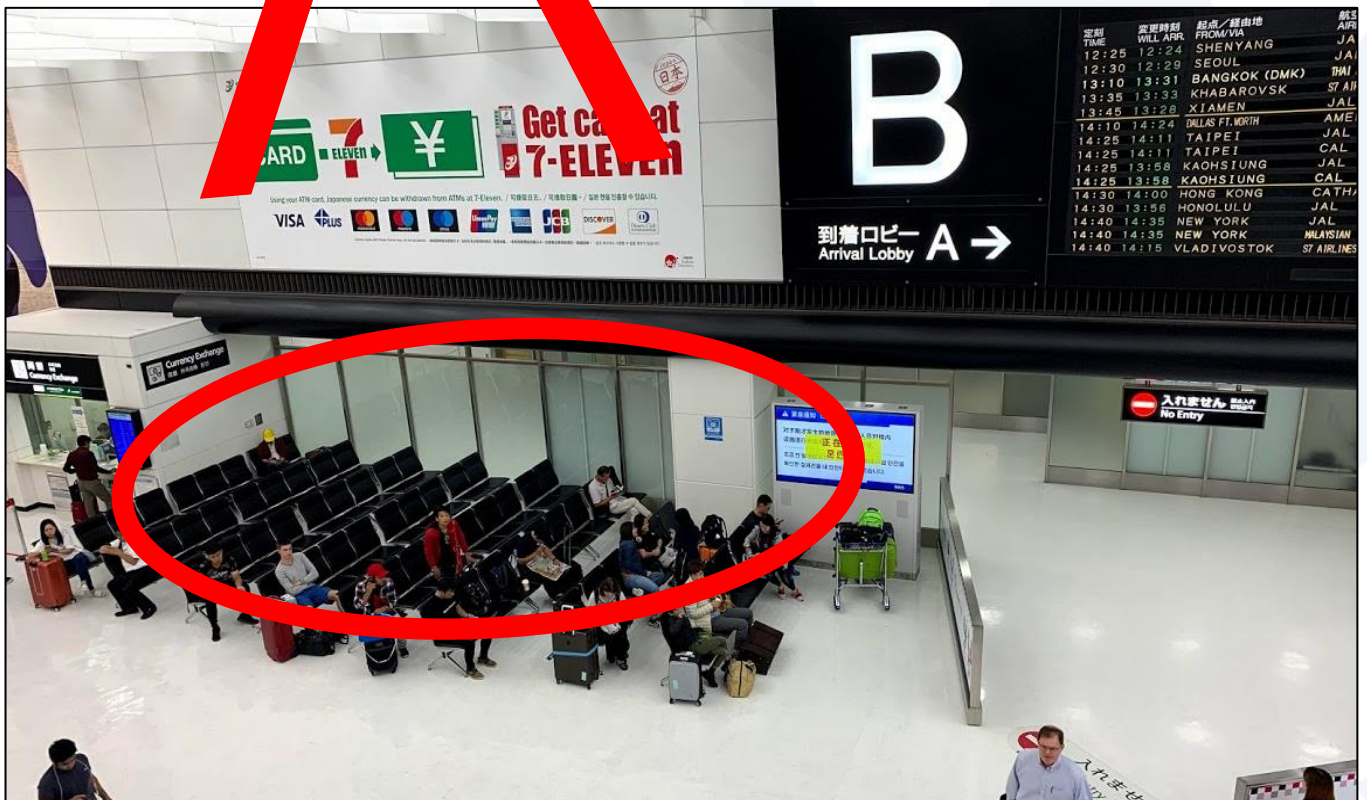
Narita Airport meeting point

- **Terminal 1**

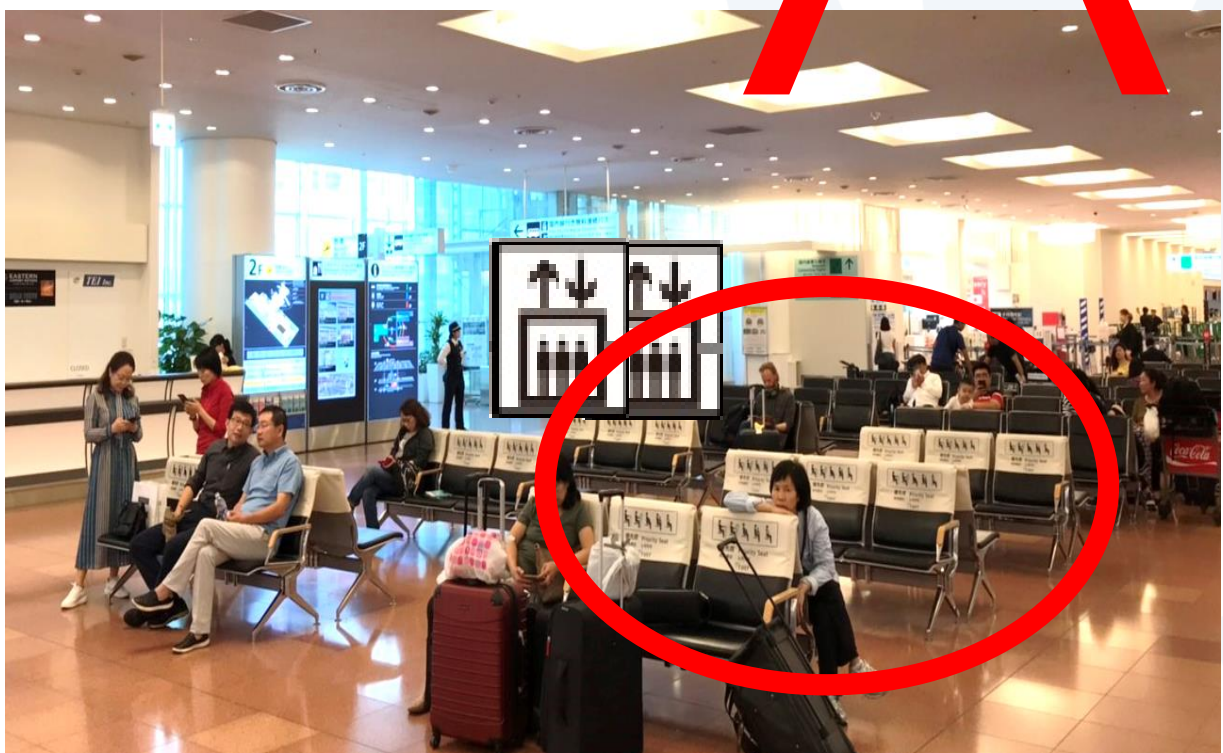
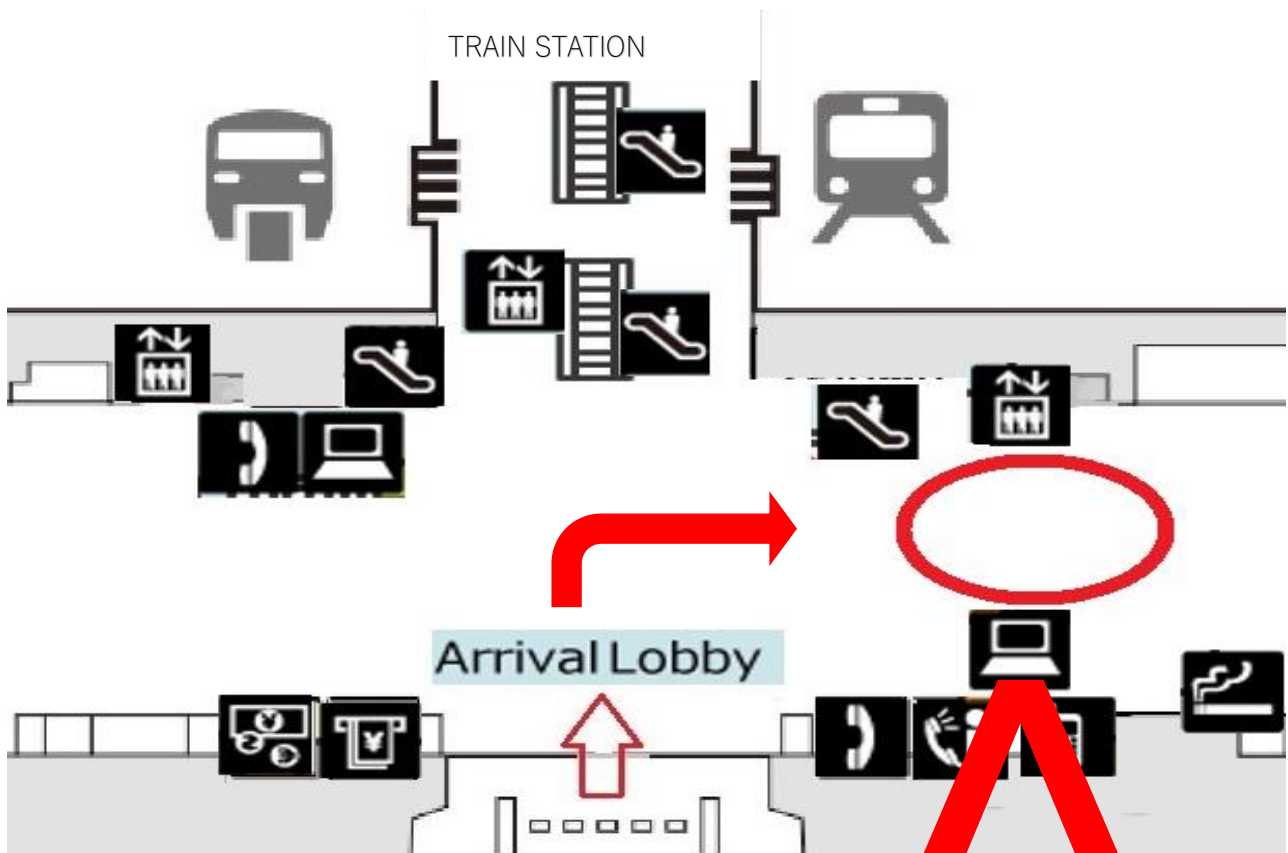


●Terminal 2

※Those arriving at Terminal 3 must move to Terminal 2.



Haneda Airport meeting point (International Terminal 2F)



Coming to Soka University or the dormitory by yourself



Please avoid arriving too late! And do not forget to inform us your arrival time!

Airport → Hachioji

A. By Limousine Bus: <https://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/>

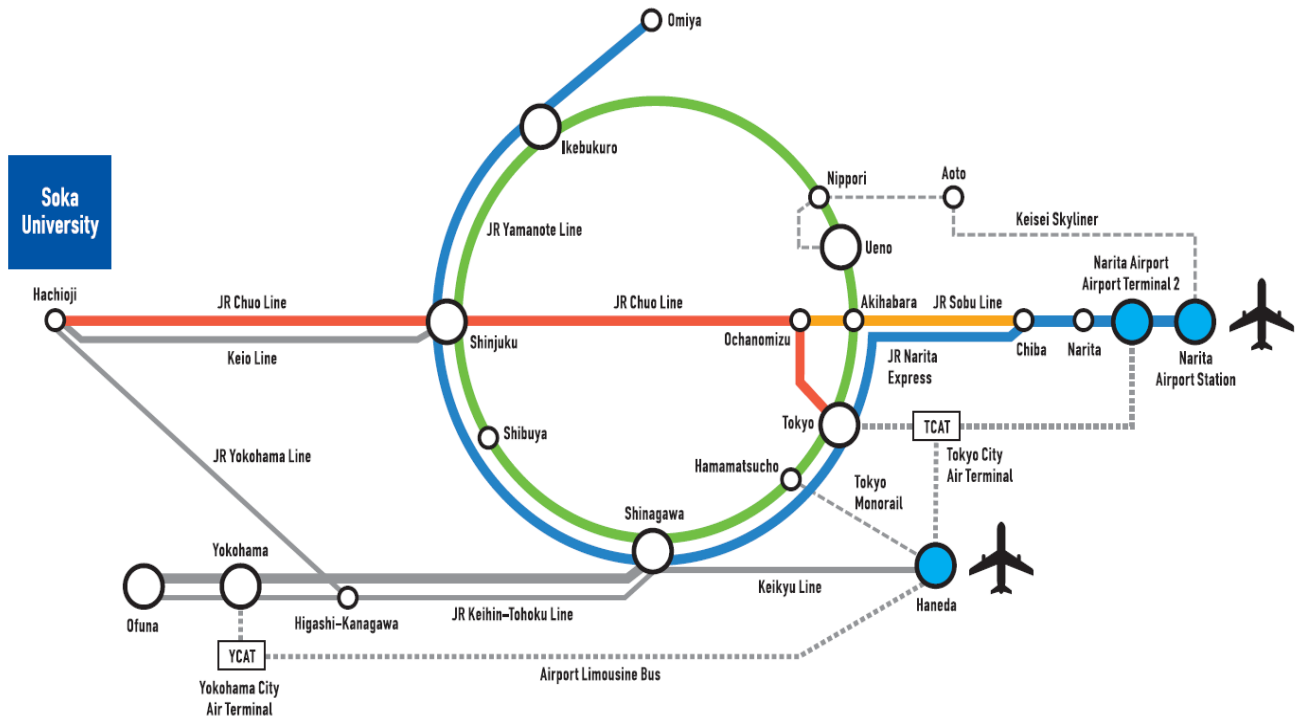
| Embarking place | Bus fare | Approximated duration |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| | JR Hachioji station Keio Hachioji station | JR Hachioji station Keio Hachioji station |
| Narita Airport (T1~3) | 3,900 JPY | 3 hours |
| Haneda Airport | 1,780 JPY | 2 hours |

B. By train: (in Japanese): https://world.jorudan.co.jp/mln/en/?sub_lang=nosub

Train transfers: 3-4 times

Price: 3,500~4,000 JPY

Duration: approximately 2 hours



From Hachioji Station to Soka University / Dormitories

A. By taxi:

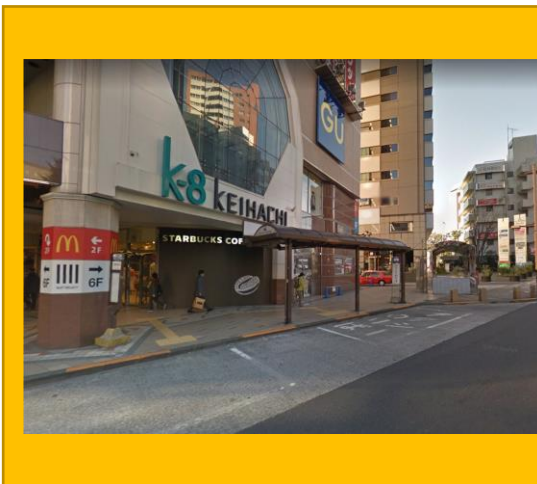
- Taxi fare: between 2,500 to 3,000 JPY
- Duration: approximately 20 minutes

○ Taxi stand:

JR Hachioji Station



Keio Hachioji Station



B. By bus:

- Please check carefully the bus routes that goes to your dormitory.
- JR Hachioji Station and Keio Hachioji Station are approximately 400m away from each other (5 minute walk)
- Platform information: <https://bit.ly/2Kx3DKM>

Please check the video below for instructions on how to take the bus!
<https://youtu.be/DE0BwFx9W5M>



Hachioji → Soka University

| To | Bus line |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Soka University or Tokyo Fuji Art Museum | 16号06, 102, and 104 |

Hachioji → Each dormitory

| Dormitory | Bus platform | | Destination | Bus stop to get off | From bus stop to the dormitory (walking time) |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| | Keio Hachioji | JR Hachioji | | | |
| Hoyu | 4 | 12 | Soka University Circulation (via Hiyodori Tunnel) | Tenjinmae | 7 minutes |
| Takiyama International | 4 | 12 | Soka University Circulation (via Hiyodori Tunnel) | Soka University Eikomon | 5 minutes |
| Cosmos | 4 | 11 | Mitsuidai, Tobuki | Babayato | 6 minutes |
| Sunflower Hall | 4 | 12 | Soka University Circulation (via Hiyodori Tunnel) | Zentarasaka-shita | 7 minutes |
| Manyo International | 4 | 12 | Soka University Circulation (via Hiyodori Tunnel) | Soka University Sodaimon | 7 minutes |
| Soshun | 4 | 12 | Soka University Circulation (via Hiyodori Tunnel) | Soka University Eikomon | 2 minutes |

Due date: Friday, February 7th!



② **【Immunization Questionnaire on Measles and Rubella】**

③ **【Medical Interview Sheet】**

※All students must fill in the questionnaires

Access the questionnaire: <https://bit.ly/35Xydqe>



Print the questionnaire and fill it in



Scan it as a .pdf file and send to us at:
welcome@soka.ac.jp

[Email]

Subject: Application number_Name

Ex: 2020001 SOKA JOHN



Due date: Friday, February 7th!

④ **【Attendance of relatives at the Entrance Ceremony】**

※Bekka, Undergraduate students only

Successful candidates can invite up to two guardians (one in the main venue, and one in the live broadcast room)

We will send an e-mail with instructions to applicable students in late-January.

Please carefully check the e-mail and submit the questionnaire by the deadline.



Entrance Ceremony: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 (scheduled)

※Points to note

- Non-degree students and Exchange students cannot invite guardians to the ceremony.
- Only guardians (relatives) are allowed to attend.
- Each student can bring up to two guardians. We will not accept requests by any other circumstances.
- If you miss the deadline you will not be able to bring any guardians. Please read carefully the email that will be sent by late January.



STEP 4

Paying fees

(Admission, tuition, dormitory, bedding fees)

The due date is
Friday, February 28 !
Please pay the fees early!



● Flow until payment of fees

| Fee type and invoice | Announcement | Deadline |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Admission and Tuition Fee invoice | Late-January, 2020 | Feb 28, 2020 |
| Dormitory notification and invoice | | |

Payment method: credit card

In case you cannot use a credit card due to special reasons, please submit your payment through overseas transfer or bank deposit.

All fees will be on your expense.

Those willing to pay through transfer or deposit, please contact us informing your application number and name to request our bank information.

International Affairs Office: welcome@soka.ac.jp

Subject: Application number_Name

Body: Overseas transfer / bank deposit

Ex: Subject: 2020001_SOKA JOHN

Body: I would like to submit payment through overseas transfer.



The International Affairs Office will send you an e-mail in late-January



Pay the Admission, Tuition, Dormitory* and Bedding Fees*
(*only those who requested it beforehand)



The International Affairs Office will send you the COE and the Approval Letter after confirming the payment of fees.



In case you do not complete the payment by the deadline (Friday, February 28), your admission will be revoked.

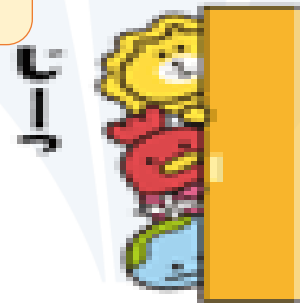




STEP 5

Check the documents to be submitted after arrival in Japan!

Read all instructions prior to your departure to Japan!



Submit after arrival in Japan!
Do not forget!



- ① **【Agreement on Handling Personal Information】**
- ② **【Dormitory Terms of Agreement】** (dormitory applicants only)

Access the information here: <https://bit.ly/35Xydgq>



Read carefully both the "Agreement on Handling Personal Information" and the "Dormitory Terms of Agreement" before departure



Receive the forms in the Orientation Session and turn them in after signing the papers

- ③ **【Passport copy】**
Please submit a copy of the following sections:

- Passport**
- Photo page
 - Visa page
 - Landing permission sticker page



Agreement

Addressed to Yasunori Tashiro,

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Soka University:

On being enrolled at Soka University and understanding the distributed

“I. How We Use the Personal Information of Students et al.” I hereby agree to matters discussed in the attached “II. Sharing Personal Information of Students et al. with Third Parties.”

Year: 2020 Month: 03 Day: 26

Student ID:

19XXXXXX

Student Name:

JOHN SOKA

(seal)

Dormitory Terms of Agreement for International Students

Soka University President Yoshihisa Baba

Upon entering the dormitory in Soka University, I hereby agree to abide by the following terms:

- 1. I will follow all dormitory rules and regulations in order to engage in and contribute to a healthy dormitory life.
- 2. I understand and comply with the following rules:
 - Prohibited items
 - Items hazardous to health (drugs, chemicals, etc.), animals
 - Items that can cause fire (electric stoves, candles, etc.)
 - TVs, refrigerators, microwaves and other items already provided in the lounges
 - Vehicles
 - Four-wheeled vehicles and motorcycles are not permitted
 - If you were to possess a bicycle, it must be registered for theft prevention under your name
 - Visitors and smoking
 - Overnight guests, including family members, relatives, and friends, are not permitted
 - Visitors are permitted only until the dormitory curfew in the permitted areas
 - Smoking is prohibited inside the buildings.
- 3. If my actions as a resident are deemed inappropriate by the University and ordered to move-out, I will vacate within 2 weeks.
- 4. If I intentionally or inadvertently damage university or dormitory property, I will promptly pay the reimbursement fees.
- 5. I will cooperate and follow instructions necessary for dormitory management and operation, including those for fire and disaster prevention, health and sanitation, and others.
- 6. I will not use the lounges or rooms for anything other than their intended purpose and not make any modifications to them without proper consent. I will not let any non-residents stay overnight.
- 7. I will vacate the dormitory by the designated move-out date.
- 8. I acknowledge there will be no refund of dormitory fees, except in extraordinary situations.

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to abide by these terms.

Year 2020 Month 03 Day 26

Dormitory: Hoyu Dormitory Student ID: 20XXXXXX

Name: JOHN SOKA

Signature: _____

2020年春学期ガイダンススケジュール
Orientation Schedule for Spring Semester, 2020

| | | 学部生 Undergraduate Students | 別科日本語研修生 Preparatory Japanese Language Students | 別科特別履修生 Non-Degree Students | 交換留学生 Exchange Students | 大学院生 Graduate Students |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3/23 Mon, 3/24 Tue | 来日 Dormitory Move In | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 3/24 Tue | 買い物ツアー(自由参加) Shopping for amenities (optional) | 23日入寮者のうち希望者 ※公共のバスで駅前に行きますので、小銭があると便利です。 Only for students willing to go *Coins will be useful to use the bus to go to the train station for shopping | | | | |
| 3/25 Wed | 生活ガイダンス Student Life Orientation ※持ち物:パスポートと在留カード ※Please bring your passport and residence card | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| | キャンパスツアー Campus Tour | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| | 各種書類回収 Turn-in documents | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| | 留学生寮の入寮式 Dormitory Welcome Gathering ※国際学生寮はそれぞれの日程で行われます。 *Welcome Gathering will be held separately for the International Dormitories. (excludes Manyo International and Takiyama International) | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 3/26 Thu | 別科日本語研修生日本語クラス分けテスト Japanese Language Class Placement Test for Preparatory Japanese Language Students | | ○ | | | |
| | 交換留学生・別科特別履修生日本語クラス分けテスト Japanese Language Class Placement Test for Exchange & Non-Degree students | | | ○ | ○ | |
| | 買い物ツアー(自由参加) Shopping for amenities (optional) | 24日入寮者のうち希望者 ※公共のバスで駅前に行きますので、小銭があると便利です。 Only for students willing to go *Coins will be useful to use the bus to go to the train station for shopping | | | | |
| 3/27 Fri | 銀行口座の開設 Bank account opening procedures | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 3/28 Sat 3/29 Sun | 休日 Day off | | | | | |
| 3/30 Mon | 履修ガイダンス Class Registration Orientation | | | ○ | ○ | |
| | 特別履修生面接 Interview for Non-Degree Students | | | ○ | | |
| | 奨学金ガイダンス Scholarship Orientation for Exchange students ※奨学金を受給する交換留学生と指定校推薦生は参加して下さい。 ※For Exchange Students & Partner School Recommended Students who receive scholarship from Soka University only. | | | | ○ (奨学金受給者のみ) (Scholarship recipients only) | |
| 3/31 Tue | | | | | | |
| 4/1 Wed | 入学式 Entrance Ceremony | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 4/2 Thu | 授業開始 Classes start | | | | | |
| 4/3 Fri | 歓迎パーティー 場所:ニュープリンスホール Welcome Dinner @ New Prince Hall | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 4/10 Fri | 学部・大学院生留学生奨学金申請ガイダンス Scholarship Orientation for Undergraduate school students and Graduate school students | ○ | | | | ○ |
| TBA | 学内 TOIEC 試験(10時~12時半) TOEIC IP Test 10:00 - 12:30 | | | | | |
| TBA | 健康診断(女子のみ) Health check (female students only) | | | | | |
| TBA | 健康診断(男子のみ) Health check (male students only) | | | | | |

●これは留学生ガイダンスの一覧です。学部と大学院の手続きのためのガイダンスも別にありますので、今後の案内をよく確認し参加してください。
This orientation schedule is for international students.
For undergraduate/graduate school students, please see their schedule for additional orientations.



FAQ

Q1. I have Japanese nationality. Do I need to submit the Information for Visa Application file?

Those who have Japanese nationality do not need to submit the Information for Visa Application file. Please submit a copy of your Japanese passport.

Q2. I already live in Japan and have the residence card. What should I do?

Please send us a copy of your passport and residence card (both sides) by e-mail to the International Affairs Office: welcome@soka.ac.jp

Q3. I want to live by myself. What should I do?

International students willing to live in an apartment by themselves must have a guarantor. If the student does not have a guarantor in Japan (e.g. parents are living abroad), Soka University International Affairs Office can become a guarantor. In this case, please contact us by e-mail:

welcome@soka.ac.jp

Q4. I have not taken vaccines for measles or rubella. Do I need to take them?

Yes. In recent years, measles and rubella went rampant in Japan. Please take these vaccines before coming to Japan.

Q5. Can I purchase bedding?

Yes, you can. Please apply for it in the Housing Questionnaire (ref. p8). If you miss the deadline, you will need to look for bedding by yourself, at the store on campus or at any furniture store nearby.

Q6. I want to take the free direct bus. Can my relatives take the bus too?

No, they cannot. The free direct bus is available for students only. Relatives and other people can either use the train or limousine bus, which are available in the airport.

Q7. If I take the direct bus, how long does it take to the university?

From Narita Airport: approximately 3 hours

From Haneda Airport: approximately 1.5 hour

※Depends on traffic conditions.

Q8. If I take the direct bus, how can I reach the dormitory?

Our staff will take students who come in the direct bus to each dormitory by car.

Q9. Will dinner be provided on the arrival day?

The university will provide a light snack, but we recommend you to buy something to eat and drink at the airport.

Q10. What are the dormitory facilities?

Please check the URL below:

<https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/admissions/enrollment/dormitories>

There will be a shopping tour on March 24th and 26th for those willing to buy amenities.

Q11. Can I smoke or drink alcohol on campus?

In Japan, people under 20 years old are prohibited of smoking and drinking alcohol. Further, Soka University has a smoke-free policy. Some dormitories have a smoking area, therefore ask the dormitory staff for more information.

Alcohol is not available on campus. However, you may drink inside your room in the dormitory.

Q12. What is the cost of living in Japan?

Although it depends on the person, students spend an estimate of 40.000 to 70.000 JPY per month. However, trips and eating outside may increase these expenses, therefore please be careful.

Q13. I want to attend the Entrance Ceremony with all my relatives. Is it possible?

Each freshmen can bring up to two guardians (one in the main venue and another in the live broadcast room). Other guardians or relatives cannot attend the ceremony, but they are free to wait on campus.

Q14. What is the attire for the Entrance Ceremony?

Please wear formal clothes. You can see a video of the 2018 Entrance Ceremony in the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xz79kYtUdHw>

Q15. Is Wi-Fi available on campus?

Yes. Once you enter the dormitory you will receive your ID and password. If you are not entering a dormitory, you will receive your information at the Student Life Orientation on March 25th.

Q16. Is Wi-Fi and landline phone available in the dormitory?

Although Wi-Fi is available, dormitories do not have landline phones. After your arrival, you can purchase a SIM card to use with your mobile phone.

Q17. Where can I purchase a SIM card?

During the Orientation Sessions week, a mobile phone carrier will come to our campus, and you can purchase a SIM card with them. Besides this option, you can also try going to an electronic store (such as Yodobashi Camera or BIC Camera) and purchase a SIM card.

Q18. My parents want to send me money. How can I open a bank account?

During the Orientation Sessions week, staff from the JP Bank will come to our campus, and you will be able to open a bank account.

Q19. Are there praying rooms available on campus?

Please come to the International Affairs Office for more information.

Q20. Are there water servers available on campus?

Yes, you can find them on campus.

Q21. Do the cafeterias offer Halal or vegetarian menu?

There are not too many options. However, the Student Hall has a Halal food and Vegetarian food corner.



Q22. I have a chronic disease. Can I purchase my medicine in Japan?

We cannot ensure your medicine is available in Japan. Before departing, please contact your physician to obtain information about your medicine.

Q23. I already have an international health insurance. Do I still need to apply for the Japanese National Health Insurance?

Everyone living in Japan for more than three months must apply for the National Health Insurance. In case of sickness, injuries, and other treatments, this insurance will cover 70% of the medical expenses.





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