

## Exchange as a Special Auditor or a Special Research Student

### Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. Are there minimum and maximum lectures or hours of study?
  - A. For special auditors, they are required to take more than 10 hours a week to fulfill student visa status. At HU, that is approximately 7 courses (one course=90 minutes).
  
2. I want to apply as a special auditor, but I really do not have to take courses because I already have earned necessary credits at my home university. Can I apply as a special auditor and take just one or two courses a week?
  - A. 10-hour/week is required by Immigration Bureau, not by HU. If you want to come to study at HU as an exchange student, you have to take courses more than 10 hours a week.
  
3. I am double majoring at home university. Can I take some courses from School of Law and other courses from School of Economics and Business?
  - A. You have to select one specific school and concentrate to the study of your majoring field. You basically cannot take courses outside the school you are enrolled. The policy might differ by the School/Graduate School and some school might allow one course from another school. Please confirm when you apply.
  
4. I am applying as a special auditor, but can I just take all courses from General Japanese Language Courses?
  - A. General Japanese Language Courses are not regular course but supplementary lessons to aid international students study local language. These courses are not counted as 10 hour/week requirement to fulfill visa status. You have to take courses from the school you are applying.  
To apply for General Japanese Language Courses, please refer to the following link and follow directions.  
<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/students/japanese-language-support/>
  
5. I major in science but during my exchange I want to try something new. Can I apply to School of Education though I have never specialized in that field?
  - A. You are required fundamental knowledge of the majoring study. We do not guarantee you catch up with the level of courses you take without basic knowledge. We highly expect you concentrate to the field of study you have been specialized in to make this exchange opportunity deepen your insights and enrich comprehension.

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