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Why SKP?

The Study in Kyoto Program (SKP) offers you a great opportunity to study at Ritsumeikan University (RU) utilizing the extensive historical and cultural resources of the ancient city of Kyoto. The program is a non-degree study abroad program with a well-balanced curriculum of both academic and cultural course selections through three tracks of study. Enrollment in the program is flexible; you can apply to the track that best suits your needs.

SKP Students

SKP receives many international students from all around the world and strives to promote internationalism in its education. As of January 2017, there were approximately 110 students from Europe, North and South America, Asia, Oceania, and Africa. We have students from around the world every semester and this has created a great global atmosphere providing linguistic and cultural diversity.

Where SKP students come from (2016)

- Europe 41%
- Asia 27%
- North America 23%
- Others 9%

Feeling at home and enjoying studying abroad in the best way possible

Davide MAGGIO
Non-exchange student
Italy

I remember deciding to come study at Ritsumeikan because its website clearly stated everything a foreign student needs to know when making such a life-changing decision. To me, that meant that from the very beginning everyone at Ritsumeikan University would try their best to make me feel at home and let me enjoy my study abroad in the best way possible. The IL Track is indeed an intensive Japanese language track, but that is for the best. After one year of being a SKP student, I can tell that my Japanese really has improved. The teachers are amazing and your study schedule is just busy enough for you to both improve your language skills and enjoy everyday habits and culture in the magnificent city that is Kyōto. I would also recommend living in one of the international houses, because you have a chance to live not only with Japanese students but also with students from every part of the world. Moreover, the staff is very kind and helps you tackle daily life problems you might have trouble solving by yourself.

The best opportunity to learn Japanese while accomplishing my academic goals

Yiran YANG
Exchange student
Simon Fraser University / Canada

I chose to come to Ritsumeikan University because it offers excellent academic programs, and because Kyoto is one of the most culturally rich cities in Japan. Having no previous knowledge of Japanese language, SKP provided me with the best opportunity to learn Japanese while accomplishing my academic goals. I am enrolled in the Open Study in English Track, where my main courses are taught in English. I enjoy taking intercultural communication and psychology classes since I get chances to share and exchange intercultural experiences with people from different countries. You can also choose to attend elementary Japanese language classes, which I really enjoyed and strongly recommend. The classes helped enrich my stay in Japan. In addition, I am taking a culture class about Chado, and can learn about why it is such an important cultural practice for Japanese people. I am really glad I enrolled in SKP and enjoyed my time here very much.

Admission Requirements

SKP offers numerous courses in Japanese language and culture. SKP also offers courses in English on Japan and business-related subjects through three different tracks. If you would like to attend SKP, you will need to apply to the track that best suits your needs. Please check the admission requirements below for each of the tracks.

Choose Your Track

- IJL (Intensive Japanese Language Track)
- OSE (Open Study in English Track)
- BT (Business Track)

Period of Study

- 1 Semester or 2 Semesters

Language

- Japanese
- English

Location

- Kyoto Kinugasa Campus (KK)
- Osaka Ibaraki Campus (IC)
- Kinugasa Campus (KK)

Other Requirement

- Meet Requirement a) or b)
  a) Currently enrolled in an institution of higher education for at least one year prior to the commencement of the program.
  b) Have graduated from an institution of higher education with a bachelor’s degree or equivalent.

Other Requirement

- Basic communication ability in English is required for students with no previous experience with the Japanese language.
- Apply under an Agreement for Student Exchange between RU and one of its partner institutions.
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Overview

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Intensive Japanese Language Track

IJL Placement Test

Students are required to take a Placement Test during orientation to determine their Japanese language proficiency and class placement. Class placement is final and may not be changed. Students with high Japanese language proficiency (level VI or above) can take select regular courses from Ritsumeikan faculty* in Japanese. *Please visit [http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/academics/]

Class Placement

- Level I: Elementary
- Level II: Upper Elementary
- Level III: Lower Intermediate
- Level IV: Intermediate
- Level V: Upper Intermediate
- Level VI: Advanced
- Level VII: Upper Advanced

Created in 1988, the IJL track has a long history of providing high-quality, intensive Japanese language instruction to international students. This track provides a variety of levels from Elementary to Upper Advanced (7 levels). Class sizes are kept small, between 10-15 students and each level has a minimum of 8 lessons per week. Students enrolled in the IJL Track may also take courses offered in English through the Open Study in English Track and Business Track depending on availability.

Japanese Traditional Arts

Japanese Traditional Arts courses are optional. They are open to all SKP students and aim to increase understanding of Japanese culture by providing opportunities for hands-on experience with various traditional arts, many with their historical origins in Kyoto. They are taught in Japanese and require additional activity fees (JPY 5,000-24,000)...

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Liberal Arts Courses

International Liberal Arts Courses are designed for international and Japanese students to learn together through discussions and group projects about various topics. All courses are taught in English, except for Japanese-English bilingual courses such as “Cross-cultural Encounters” and “Basic Communication Skills”, which allow students to use both languages to maximize their communication for understanding diverse cultural perspectives.

Program Overview

How many credits can we register? A maximum of 20 credits

How many lessons for each course per semester? 15 lessons / semester

How long is each lesson? 90 minutes / lesson

Open Study in English Track

OSE courses cover a wide range of subjects, from Asia-Pacific studies and economic development to contemporary Japanese culture, providing a multi-disciplinary approach and bringing global perspective to humanity studies. Instruction is held entirely in English, and enrollment is exclusive to exchange students from partner universities. Depending on availability, students enrolled in this track may elect to take Business Track courses as well.

2017 Courses

- Japanese Politics
- Japanese Society
- Japanese Culture
- Japanese Economy
- Introduction to Peace Studies
- International Law
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Canadian Analysis of Security and Development
- Race and Ethnicity in the Modern World
- International Migration
- North-South Relations
- Social Development
- Global Environmental Issues
- Theories of International Politics
- Korean Studies
- Contemporary China
- The Present and Future Perspective of Japanese Pop Culture
- International Environmental Issues
- Selected Problems in Humanities
- Introduction to Japanese Modern Literature and Culture I
- Introduction to Japanese Modern Literature and Culture II
- Introduction to Japanese Modern Literature and Culture III
- Contemporary Japanese Society
- Contemporary International Society
- Contemporary Japan and Kyoto
- Contemporary Asian-Arab Relations
- History of Japan and Kyoto
- Introduction to Asian American Literature
- Introduction to Study of Culture (Faculty)

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Student Life
Moving to a new country to commence your studies can be both an exciting and challenging experience. To assist you as much as possible with settling into your new life at RU, we provide you with a range of services and support available throughout your studies.

Housing
We manage three International House Dormitories in Kyoto. They are equipped with everything a college student would need: fully furnished room, live-in Japanese managers and buddies, lounges, kitchens, and free internet access. All locations are within easy access by bicycle and public transportation. For BT students, we will arrange alternative housing in Osaka.

SKP Buddies
Settling into life in a new country and a new university can be tough, but SKP Buddies are here to ease the transition as you get used to your new home. During the hectic first few weeks, buddies will help with matters such as Residency Registration, opening bank accounts, and getting acquainted with Japan and RU. The buddies continue building friendships through Halloween parties, booths at the yearly student festival, and RU. The buddies continue building friendships through end-of-year parties.

Living Expenses
Living expenses will vary depending on each student’s individual lifestyle, but here is a list of estimated expenses. On-campus cafeterias provide a wide range of affordable meal options, and numerous grocery stores and markets in the local area make self-catering easy. Other costs to consider are housing, health and liability insurance, local transportation, and leisure activities.

Application Information
Application forms are available from our website http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/skp/

Estimated Living Expenses (JPY)

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Tuition Fee
Tuition costs are currently 372,400 yen per semester*. However, the tuition fee is waived for students participating under an Agreement for Student Exchange with RU. Students applying independently are notified of payment details and procedures upon acceptance.

Scholarships
Students coming from a partner university under an Agreement for Student Exchange are eligible for the JASSO scholarship, and Non-exchange students (self-sponsored applicants) are eligible for the RUSSES scholarship.

Schedule

Fall Semester

- March 31: Application Deadline
- Early September: Arrival Dates
- September 26: Semester Begins
- January 31: Fall Semester
- Early April: Transcripts sent out

Spring Semester

- October 31: Application Deadline
- Mid-March: Arrival Dates
- April 1: Semester Begins
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Message from SKP Buddies
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