Access to RU

KYOTO
Kinugasa Campus
Located in the northwest of Kyoto City and within walking distance of UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Golden Pavilion and Ryoanji Temple, Kinugasa Campus is the perfect example of Kyoto’s harmonization between the traditional and the modern. It is RU’s main campus and the university’s center for liberal arts studies.

From Kyoto Station
- 30 to 40 min. by taxi or bus

SHIGA
Biwako-Kusatsu Campus
The Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) combines the study of science, engineering, and technology with the study of the social science fields of economics. BKC is surrounded by the scenic environment of Shiga Prefecture, and is approximately 75 minutes away from Kinugasa Campus by campus shuttle bus or 90 minutes by public transportation.

From Kyoto Station
- 40 min. by train & bus
- 45 min. by train & bus

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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 global atmosphere providing linguistic and cultural diversity.

Where SKP students come from (2016)

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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.

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Why SKP?

The best opportunity to learn Japanese while accomplishing my academic goals

Yiran YANG
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 really enjoyed 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 recommended. The classes helped enrich my stay in Japan. In addition, I am taking a culture class about Cafes, and can learn about why it is such an important cultural practice for Japanese people. I really glad I enrolled in SKP and enjoyed my time here very much.

The courses at Ritsumeikan University are difficult, but rewarding

Laura WERNER
Germany

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Feel at home and enjoy studying abroad in the best way possible

Davide MAGGIO
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 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 Kyoto. 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 take care of daily life problems you might have trouble solving by yourself.

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

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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 Requirements

- 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.
- Native speaker of English or possess a minimum TOEFL® score of 74 / IELTS 5.0 (or its equivalent).
- Native speaker of English or possess a minimum TOEFL® score of 68 / PBT 520 (or its equivalent).
- -You may register for as many of the Japanese Traditional Arts courses as you like, or none at all.
- You should the number of students who pre-register for Japanese Traditional Arts courses as you like, or none at all.

Optional Courses

- Courses offered through OSE, BT and JTA
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- Courses offered through OSE and BT

See the next page for details

OSE, BT Japanese Courses*

While Japanese ability is not a requirement for participation in OSE or BT, students with limited background in the language are eligible for an optional Japanese course.

Please be aware that OSE and BT Japanese language courses are only available at the introductory level and that these courses may not meet the needs of all students. Moreover, students are only eligible for Japanese courses offered within their own track of enrollment.

Japanese Traditional Arts Courses*

- Activity fees required (JPY 5,000-24,000)*
- Open to all SKP students regardless of track
- Mainly held off campus

*Activity fees are subject to change.
Program Overview

SKP consists of three tracks, and optional Japanese Traditional Arts courses. 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 on the previous page for each track.

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 faculties* in Japanese.

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

*Please visit | http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/academics/

Class Placement

Japanese Politics
Japanese Society
Japanese Culture
Japanese Economy
Introduction to Peace Studies
International Law
Peace and Conflict Studies
Gender 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
International Trade and Investment
The Present and Future Perspective of Japanese Pop Culture
International Environmental Issues
Selected Problems in Humanities
- Japanese Culture and Human Development
- Introduction to Japanese Modern Literature and Culture I, II
- Contemporary Japanese Society and Its Language I, II
- Geography of Kyoto and Japan

Class Placement

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

*NOTE: This is a partial list of courses and is subject to change.

Japanese Traditional Arts

Japanese Traditional Arts courses are optional. They are open to all SKP students and aim to increase understanding of Japanese traditional 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)*.

- Ikebana: Flower Arrangement
- Tougei: Ceramics
- Chado: Tea Ceremony
- Shodo: Calligraphy
- Houkaku: Shamisen and Song
- Wagashi: Japanese Confectionery
- Sake: Distilling and Brewing

*Activity fees are subject to change. *Course contents are subject to change.

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.

Business Track

The Business Track features a combination of courses offered by the College of Business Administration at the new Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC). It is designed for students with a background in business studies who have little or no previous experience with the Japanese language and wish to take courses taught in English. Instruction is held entirely in English, giving you a first-hand, insider's look at business in one of the world's largest economies. Participation is also open to Japanese students, providing an ideal environment where Japanese and SKP students can study side by side.

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.

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15 lessons / semester

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90 minutes / lesson

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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 rooms, 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 manage an International House Dormitory in Osaka.

*Please note that there are a limited number of rooms in each housing. Therefore we are not always able to guarantee a place in our accommodations.

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 end-of-year parties.

Message from SKP Buddies
As buddies, we are here to help and support you with anything while you are in Japan. We're excited to create new friendships and memories with you. See you at Ritsumeikan!

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.

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*Students are required to join all above insurances. Insurace fees are subject to change.
*These are estimated costs for students who are commuting by public transportation.

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
*NOTE: Subject to change. Please check our website for the latest information.

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

Spring Semester
- October 31: Application Deadline
- Mid-March: Arrival Dates, Orientation
- April 3: Semester Begins
- July 31: Spring Semester
- Early October: Transcripts sent out

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A completed application form with supporting documents must arrive at the International Center at RU by the application deadline. Applications are accepted twice a year in both fall and spring. Students applying under an Agreement for Student Exchange with RU must first be nominated by their institution.