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 Osaka Station – 10 min. by train

OSAKA
Osaka Ibaraki Campus
Opened in April 2015, the Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) is our newest campus. The College of Policy Science and the College of Business Administration have relocated to OIC.

From Osaka Station – 40 min. by train

For more information visit
http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/skp/

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SKP Students

SKP receives many international students from all around the world and strives to promote internationalism in its education. In 2018, there were approximately 310 students from Europe, North and South America, Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania. Our students create a global atmosphere providing linguistic and cultural diversity.

Where SKP students come from (2019)

- North America: 20%
- Asia: 30%
- Southeast Asia: 8%
- Europe: 35%
- Oceanica: 3%

SKP offers numerous courses in Japanese language and culture. The Program also offers courses in English on Japan and business-related subjects through three different tracks. You will be able to apply to the track that best suits your needs. Please check the admission requirements below for each of the tracks.

Admission Requirements

Choose Your Track

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<th>Track</th>
<th>Intensive Japanese Language Track (IJL)</th>
<th>Open Study in English Track (OSE)</th>
<th>Business Track (BT)</th>
<th>Japanese Traditional Arts Courses (JTA)</th>
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<td>Period of Study</td>
<td>1 Semester or 2 Semesters</td>
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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
- You may register for as many of the Japanese Traditional Arts courses as you like, or none at all
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- Native speaker of English, or possess a minimum TOEIC score of 870 / PBT 520 / IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent)
- Activity fees required (JPY 5,000-20,000)*
- Activity fees are subject to change.

Optional Courses

- OSE Japanese* (introductory level only)
- IJL
- BT
- OSE
- JTA
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*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 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.
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 either the IJL Track, OSE Track, or Business Track. Please check the admission requirements on the previous page.

Intensive Japanese Language Track

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, depending on availability.

IJL Placement Test

Students are required to take a Placement Test prior to 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 select regular courses from Ritsumeikan faculties in Japanese.

Class Placement

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*Please visit [http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/academics/](http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/academics/)

Questions Asked Frequently

How many credits can we register?

A maximum of 20 credits

How many credits for each course per semester?

How many lessons for each course per semester?

15 lessons / semester

How long is each lesson?

90 minutes / lesson

Open Study in English Track

The OSE Track covers 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.

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. Most 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. They are open to all SKP students.

Japanese Traditional Arts

Japanese Traditional Arts courses 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 5,000-20,000).

Business Track

The Business Track features a combination of courses offered by the College of Business Administration at the 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.

These courses are for undergraduate students. Courses for graduate students are different. Some courses may be offered in either the fall or spring semesters. These courses are subject to change.
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 and one for BT students in Osaka. They are equipped with everything a college student would need: fully furnished rooms, live-in Japanese managers and resident mentors, lounges, kitchens, and free internet access. All locations are within easy access of RU campuses by bicycle and public transportation.

*Please note that there is 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.

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 cooking for yourself easy. Other costs to consider are housing, health and liability insurance, local transportation, and leisure activities.

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

Program Information

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.

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

Program Fee & Scholarships

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Schedule

**Fall Semester**
- September 26: Fall Semester Begins
- December 20: Fall Semester Ends
- January 31: Transcripts sent out

**Spring Semester**
- March 31: Application Deadline
- April 3: Application Deadline
- July 31: Transcripts sent out

Application
A completed application form with supporting documents must be submitted online 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.

How to apply >> http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/skp/apply