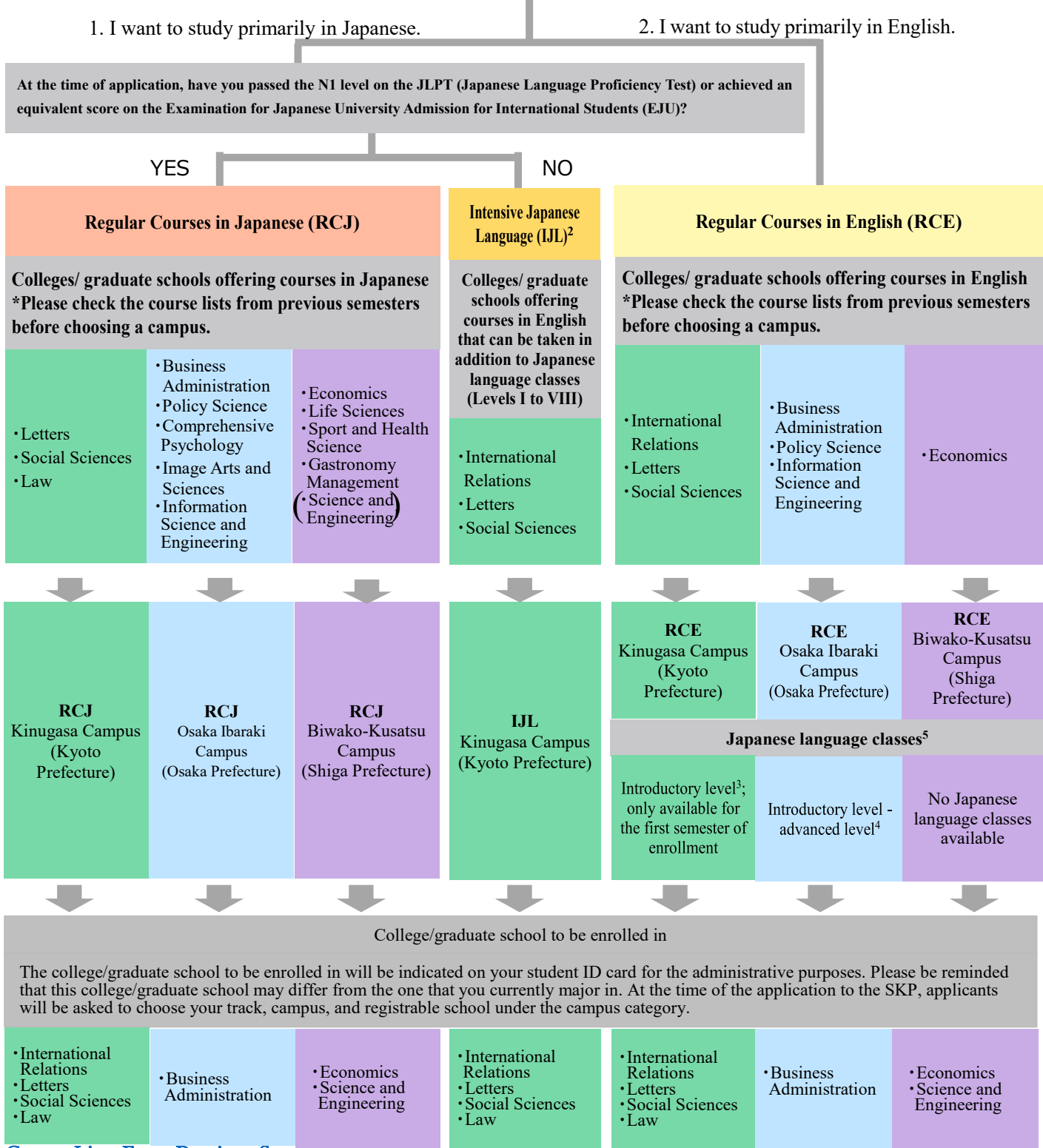


You will need to select a track and campus for your desired language of instruction as well as for the courses you wish to take in SKP. Use the chart below to confirm the tracks and colleges/ graduate schools offering courses. Also, refer to the course lists from previous semesters for each track and campus to determine which track/campus you will be applying to.

You wish to study Japanese language intensively and/or wish to take courses in your major in Japanese. → Go to 1
You wish to take courses in your major in English. → Go to 2



Course Lists From Previous Semesters

The finalized course lists will be distributed at the start of the course registration period. Please note that even if a course is listed as having been offered in the past, it may not be offered during future semesters. For some of the courses offered in each track, only a limited number of students can enroll. If the number of applicants for such a course exceeds the maximum number that can enroll, registration will be decided by lottery. Please note that there is a possibility that you may not be able to take your desired courses.

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¹ Course lists are not provided for the College of Science and Engineering/ Graduate School of Science and Engineering. Students that wish to take courses offered by the College of Science and Engineering/ Graduate School of Science and Engineering will need to go through a screening process that involves confirming the content of courses they have already taken at their home university in order to determine if they can take such courses.

² After admitted to the program, IJL students who have previously studied Japanese must take the Ritsumeikan Online Japanese Placement Test (ROJPT) before the start of the semester. Based on the results, they will be placed in the appropriate IJL class level. Students in Japanese Level VII and VIII can take liberal arts and specialized courses offered in Japanese.

³ **The RCE Japanese classes at the Kinugasa Campus** only offer an Elementary-level class. Please carefully review the following points:

【All Students】 : Indicate whether you wish to take Japanese classes when you submit your application. Requests to take Japanese classes will not be accepted after the application is submitted, so please answer carefully. If you are approved to take the classes, you can decide whether to enroll during the course registration period.

【All Students】 : There is a limit to the number of students who can enroll in RCE Japanese classes, so we cannot guarantee that all students who wish to take these classes will be able to do so.

【All Students】 : Students who are studying abroad for one year can only take Japanese classes during their first semester if approved.

【Students with Prior Japanese Study】 : You must take the Japanese Placement Test (ROJPT) before arriving in Japan. Your eligibility to take the classes will be determined based on your test results, your Japanese learning experience and the number of available spots. If you are assessed to have proficiency that does not meet the set level, you may not be able to enroll.

【Students with JLPT N4 or Higher Certification】 : You are not eligible to enroll.

【Students with No Prior Japanese Study】 : There is a limit to the number of students who can enroll in Japanese classes. If there are many applicants, a lottery may be held.

⁴ **The RCE Japanese classes at the OIC Campus** offer classes from elementary to advanced levels. Please carefully review the following points:

【All Students】: Each class has a limit on the number of students, so we cannot guarantee that all students who wish to take Japanese classes will be able to do so. The number of available spots may vary each semester as these classes are also open to non-SKP students.

【All Students】: Some classes are taken together with degree-seeking students, and the coursework will follow the curriculum of each faculty. This requires a significant amount of self-study and preparation/review time.

【All Students】: Indicate whether you wish to take Japanese classes when you submit your application. Requests to take Japanese classes will not be accepted after the application is submitted, so please answer carefully. If you are approved to take the classes, you can decide whether to enroll during the course registration period.

【Students with Prior Japanese Study】: You must take the Japanese Placement Test (ROJPT) before arriving in Japan. Your eligibility to take the classes and the class you can enroll in will be determined based on your test results and the number of available spots.

【Students with No Prior Japanese Study】: There is a limit to the number of students who can enroll in Japanese classes. If there are many applicants, a lottery may be held.

⁵ You can only take RCE Japanese classes at your home campus.

<IMPORTANT NOTES>

- **SKP students can select courses only from the course lists for each track/campus distributed to them at the start of the course registration period. Students will not be able to choose from among all of the courses for regular students.**
- Undergraduate students will be able to select courses only among those listed in the SKP course list designated for undergraduate students. Graduate students will be able to register for courses from both SKP course list for undergraduate students and that for graduate students.
- International students are required by Japanese law to attend a minimum of 10 hours of classes per week. Since one session lasts for 95 minutes at Ritsumeikan University, **you must take at least 7 class sessions of classes per week. You can register up to a maximum of 20 credits each semester (including Japanese classes).**
- There are courses with enrollment limit. If the number of applicants for these courses exceeds the enrollment capacity, a lottery system will be held. For such, **we are not able to guarantee a seat for particular courses, and consequently it is possible that the students are not able to take all their chosen courses.**
- SKP students can generally choose courses offered at their home campus. If there are available spots in courses offered at other campuses, they may apply to register for those courses. However, since students from the home campus have priority for course registration, the chances of successfully enrolling in these courses may be low. Additionally, travel between campuses takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, so course registrations that do not allow for sufficient travel time will not be approved. Therefore, **students wishing to apply should be advised to carefully review the course lists from previous semesters and consider their campus selection carefully.**

- IJL track Japanese Language Courses require a lot of self-study. IJL students willing to take courses offered in English on top of the pre-fixed IJL Japanese Language Courses are advised that they have a flexible study plan. In general, **IJL students may register for a maximum of two (2) English courses**. As the first priority for courses offered in English goes to RCE students, it is possible that IJL students are not able to register for their preferred courses in English.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please access the link below:
- [【SKP】LINK for Application Guidelines FAQ](#)

*** Notice:**

In April 2024, Ritsumeikan University has relocated the College and Graduate School of Imaging Arts and Sciences on the Kinugasa Campus (Kyoto City, Kyoto Prefecture) and the College and Graduate School of Information Science and Technology on the Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (Kusatsu City, Shiga Prefecture) to Osaka Ibaraki Campus (Ibaraki City, Osaka). Please be reminded of the campus relocation when choosing the study track/campus as well as when checking the course list from previous semesters.