2026 Enrollment AO Admissions (English Basis)

Information Systems Science and Engineering Course, Department of Information Science and Engineering, College of Information Science and Engineering

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1. Number of Applicants, Successful Applicants, etc.

No. of applicants	No. of successful applicants in the first screening	No. of successful applicants
317	79	63

2. Target of this Admission Method

The College of Information Science and Engineering aims to educate students to become professionals who are able to play active and leading roles in information technology teams anywhere in the world. In the Information Systems Science and Engineering Course, an English-mediated project-based program, students will have ample opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge in information systems engineering necessary to function as innovative and competent specialists. After successful completion of the program, graduates are expected to be able to apply engineering knowledge acquired to resolve current and future issues societies face globally. We seek to attract students from all over the world who are determined to take full advantage of the learning opportunities and diverse environment offered in the ISSE Course, with an aim to acquire leadership skills to play key roles in a globalized society. Prospective applicants to the program must have high school level knowledge of mathematics and science, and also English proficiency sufficient to understand college-level lectures and exercises. The applicants must be eager to learn new technology, and be able to work both individually and as part of a team.

3. Content of Screening

(1) 1st Screening (document screening)

The application documents were reviewed holistically.
The topics of the essays were as follows:

> #1 Describe reason(s) you would like to enter the Information Systems Science and Engineering Course at Ritsumeikan University. (within 300 words)
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> #2 Write about school or learning experiences that you are proud of, and how they influenced your desire to study at university. (within 300 words)
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> #3 What is an IT/ICT technology or computer science method you would definitely like to study if accepted to ISSE? What would this technology or method be used for? (within 600 words)

(2) 2nd Screening (interview)

An online interview was conducted.

4. Intent of Essay Topics, Interview Questions, etc.

(1) 1st Screening (document screening)

The intent of the three essays was to specifically confirm applicants' 1) motivation for applying to the ISSE Course, 2) growth through high school experiences, and 3) plans for after entering the University.

These topics were designed to provide insight into their motivations, academic interests, past experiences, and long-term aspirations, helping to determine whether their goals align with the course's objectives and whether they possess the necessary skills and mindset to succeed in the program.

(2) 2nd Screening (interview)

The intent of the interview was to assess applicants' key competencies, including English proficiency and logical thinking. Applicants were asked about their reasons for applying to the ISSE Course, the fields and subjects they wish to study after enrolling, the activities they participated in during high school, and their future plans after graduation, based on what they had written in their application essays. This allowed interviewers to further explore applicants' thought processes, clarity of expression, and depth of understanding.

5. Key Points of Evaluation

(1) 1st Screening (document screening)

The application documents, such as essays, English test scores, high school transcripts, and letters of reference, were reviewed holistically. The evaluation focused on applicants':
- interest in and level of understanding of information science and computer technology
- motivation for studying in the ISSE Course
- logical thinking ability
- English proficiency

(2) 2nd Screening (interview)

The main points evaluated in the interview included applicants':
- interest in and level of understanding of information science and computer technology
- motivation for studying in the ISSE Course
- ability to correctly understand the interviewer's questions and logically discuss their opinions
- ability to orally explain and discuss in English

6. Summary of Screening Results

All the successful applicants demonstrated a very high sense of purpose and a high level of interest in information science and computer technology. In addition, we were able to confirm that the successful applicants have sufficient abilities to communicate their thoughts logically and to express themselves freely.

7. Advice for Next Year's Applicants

To enroll and study in the ISSE Course, it is important to have a strong interest in academic fields related to information science and computer technology, such as mathematics and informatics but also social sciences.

Please consider studying information and communication technology on a daily basis. Read related newspaper articles, blogs, and other resources to improve your sense of purpose for enrolling in the ISSE Course. Also, think carefully about what you would like to pursue in the future, and what you would need to learn to achieve that goal.