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RITSUMEIKAN
UNIVERSITY

English-medium Undergraduate Programs
Admissions in 2027

Kyoto, Osaka JAPAN

WHY CHOOSE RITSUMEIKAN?

Top Global University

Selected by the Japanese government as one of the Top Global Universities



History

over **125** years



Founded in 1900

Total Number of Students

39,000+



3rd largest student population in Japan

An Integrated University with

17 colleges and **22** graduate schools



Campuses

4 campuses in Kyoto, Osaka, and Shiga



Global Network

With **471** universities and institutions in

69 countries & regions



as of May 2025

International Students

3,386 international students

from **79** countries & regions

3rd largest international student population in Japan



as of May 2025

Most International Faculty Members

Ranked **No.1** in Western Japan



as of AY2025

Alumni Worldwide

446,000+



Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

Ranked **No.1** private university in Japan



as of FY2025

Employment Rate

96.8%



as of AY2024

Clubs & Circles

Approx. **400**



Research Excellence

54 faculty members included in the

World's Top **2%** Scientists



Stanford/Elsevier's Top 2% Scientists Rankings, 2025

English-medium Undergraduate Programs (4-year full time)

Programs	Degree Offered	Location	Enrollment	Yearly Intake*	
Dual/Joint Degrees					
GLA	College of Global Liberal Arts Dual degree program with The Australian National University	Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts + Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs	Osaka + Canberra	April September	100**
JDP	College of International Relations American University - Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program	Bachelor of Arts in Global International Relations	Kyoto + Washington, D.C.	April	25***
Single Degrees					
GS	College of International Relations Global Studies Major	Bachelor of Arts in International Relations	Kyoto	April September	100
CRPS	College of Policy Science Community and Regional Policy Studies Major	Bachelor of Arts in Policy Science	Osaka	September	40
ISSE	College of Information Science and Engineering Information Systems Science and Engineering Course	Bachelor of Engineering	Osaka	April	50

*Subject to change. Includes all admissions methods. Consult each Application Handbook for details.

**The intake includes 10 students enrolling through ANU.

***The intake includes 5 students enrolling through AU.

KYOTO | Kinugasa Campus



OSAKA | Osaka Ibaraki Campus





Life at Ritsumeikan

Dormitories for International Students

Kyoto - International House (Taishogun, Tokiwa, Utano)
 Osaka - OIC International House
 - OIC Global House (on-campus, available to international and Japanese students in the College of Global Liberal Arts)



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Academic Calendar

March	New Student Orientation (April Enrollment)
April	Start of Spring Semester
	Entrance Ceremony (April Enrollment)
July	End of Spring Semester
	Final Exams (Spring Semester)
August	Summer Break
September	Start of Fall Semester
	New Student Orientation (September Enrollment)
	Entrance Ceremony (September Enrollment)
November	Ritsumeikan Festival
December	Winter Break
January	End of Fall Semester
	Final Exams (Fall Semester)
February	Spring Break



Beyond Borders Plaza

Global Commons Focused on International Exchange and Language Learning

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Study Abroad Opportunities

Exchange partners with:

King's College London
 National University of Singapore
 Peking University
 The University of British Columbia
 The University of Hong Kong
 The University of Melbourne
 Yonsei University

And many more...

150

Partner Institutions in

35

Countries & Regions

As of May 2025

Students have a wide range of opportunities to explore the world through study abroad programs. Ritsumeikan University provides students with an array of programs, ranging from short-term, to 1-semester or 1-year exchanges, to meet their study needs.

Student Services

- Career Planning
- Academic Guidance
- Visa Application
- Housing and Accommodation Support
- Study Abroad Support
- On-Campus Medical Support

Each college also offers students guidance and support from higher-year students through Orientation Coordinators (Oritors).

Students are encouraged to engage in the hundreds of student sport and cultural organizations and clubs.

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JDP

I believe that studying international relations in JDP will help me approach global issues from multiple perspectives. Understanding that our views are shaped by personal biases was a crucial lesson for me before diving deeper into my field of study. In addition, studying international relations in Washington, D.C. feels like playing football in Brazil—there is simply no better place for it. On top of that, internships, networking, and a degree from two universities greatly widen the opportunities you can have in the future.

Rintaro
Japan (Raised in New Zealand)

2



GS

My research in high school sparked my interest in regional development disparities under globalization and helped me realize that the GS Major aligned with my academic goals. Introduction to Anthropology offered great freedom in conducting fieldwork and included a final project where I researched anime pilgrimage culture in Uji, a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of culture, media and tourism. In Global Simulation Gaming, I represented the EU Council and applied international relations theories to real-world cases.

Zitian
China

3



ISSE

What I love about the ISSE Course is that you are already gaining project experience from your first year. You learn how to define a problem, how to approach it, what to do when you are stuck, and where to look for solutions. These are things you only really learn by doing, and ISSE has given me that opportunity. My group developed a prototype for a drone-based plant monitoring system. Before, I was interested in technology for the sake of it. Now, I am much more drawn to ideas that can solve real-life issues, even in small ways.

Tam
Bangladesh



Graduate Interview



GLA

At Ritsumeikan University in the dual-degree program with The Australian National University, I studied politics, international relations, and Asia-Pacific issues in a highly international classroom. Learning alongside peers from diverse backgrounds challenged how I thought about global and regional dynamics and helped me to connect academic study with real-world contexts. These experiences shaped my interest in international security and continue to inform my work at the Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu.

Aimee
USA

Employers

- Accenture Japan Ltd.
- Amazon Japan G.K.
- Canon Inc.
- DENTSU INC.
- Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.
- JCB Co., Ltd.
- KYOCERA Corporation
- Microsoft Japan Co., Ltd.
- Mitsubishi Motors Corporation
- MUFG Bank, Ltd.
- NTT DOCOMO BUSINESS, Inc.
- ORIX Corporation
- Procter & Gamble Japan Ltd.
- Rakuten Group, Inc.
- Singapore Tourism Board
- SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.
- SoftBank Corp.
- Sojitz Corporation
- Sumitomo Life Insurance Company
- Suntory Holdings Limited
- The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.
- The Mainichi Newspapers Co., Ltd.
- ... and more

Graduate Schools

- Stanford University
- Columbia University
- University of Washington
- Johns Hopkins University
- The University of Chicago
- The University of British Columbia
- University of Oxford
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- The University of Edinburgh
- National University of Singapore
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Peking University
- Seoul National University
- The University of Tokyo
- Kyoto University
- Ritsumeikan University
- The University of Sydney
- ... and more

Dual degree program with The Australian National University

ANU TEQSA Provider ID: PRV12002 (Australian University) | ANU CRICOS Provider Code: 00120C

College of
Global Liberal
Arts [GLA]

Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts (RU) & Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs (ANU)

The College of Global Liberal Arts (GLA) is the first in Japan to provide a college-wide dual degree program in collaboration with The Australian National University (ANU).

PROGRAM DESIGN

GLA has partnered with the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) to offer a dual degree program. All students enrolled in this program will have the opportunity to graduate with two degrees—a Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts from RU, and a Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs from ANU. GLA offers a liberal arts program with a wide variety of course choices for students to explore, including Philosophy, History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Cultural Studies, International Relations, Information Science and Engineering, Business Management, Design, Psychology, Sustainable Society, Education Disability Studies, and Linguistics. At ANU, students will experience the dynamism of globalization firsthand and deepen their studies of the Asia-Pacific region. GLA also offers individualized career support to assist students to achieve their professional and academic goals. Let us help you make your dream a reality.



Australian
National
University



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Learning Schedule

	1 st year		2 nd year		3 rd year		4 th year	
April Enrollment	Spring 1	Fall 2	Spring 3	Fall 4	Spring 5	Fall 6	Spring 7	Fall 8
	RU Courses		RU+ANU Courses	ANU Courses		RU+ANU Courses		
September Enrollment	Fall 1	Spring 2	Fall 3	Spring 4	Fall 5	Spring 6	Fall 7	Spring 8
	RU Courses		RU+ANU Courses		ANU Courses		RU+ANU Courses	

at RU ■ at ANU ■

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Subject Groups and Course Examples

GLA [RU]	Foundation Courses	College Writing, Critical Thinking, Foundations in Research Skills
	Introductory Courses	Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Global History, Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Algorithms and Programming, Introduction to Marketing
	Intermediate Courses	Japanese Philosophy, Applied Data Curation, Asian Urban Cultures, Ocean Science and Sustainability
	Advanced Courses	Research Seminar and Thesis
	Electives	Special Lectures, Japanese Language Course, Career Design
CAP [ANU]	Politics and Government	The Politics of China; Taiwanese Society & Politics; North Korea: History, Culture, Politics
	International Relations and Security	Indonesian Foreign and Security Policy; Security Concepts in the Asia Pacific; Chinese Foreign and Security Policy
	Conflict and Peace-building	Australia and Security in the Pacific Islands; Why Nations Fight: The Causes of International Conflict; Peace and Conflict Studies
	History and Cultural Identity	Human Migration and Expansion in the Rise of the Asia-Pacific; Pacific Studies in a Globalizing World; History of Modern China

Why GLA?

1

World-Class Education that Supports Carving out Future Careers

Be a part of a world-class education and learn from some of the best academics in the Asia-Pacific region. Graduate with two bachelor's degrees from leading universities in Australia and Japan. The exciting experience of learning in both environments will expand students' possibilities and help them carve out future careers.

2

3 Years at RU in Japan + 1 Year at ANU in Australia

Students will commence their studies at RU in Osaka, then embark on a year-long experience at ANU in Canberra, immersing themselves in university life in both Japan and Australia. This unique opportunity expands cultural horizons and builds an extensive network while delving into the interdisciplinary studies of Global Liberal Arts and Asia-Pacific Affairs. Upon their return to Japan, students seamlessly integrate ANU courses into their curriculum, ensuring the continuation of their academic journey.

3

Liberal Arts Education to Nurture Global Citizens

GLA provides students with a flexible yet rigorous interdisciplinary education through systematic exposure to fundamental knowledge from diverse disciplines. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be trained to apply their acquired knowledge for social development and problem-solving.

4

Truly International Learning Environment

This program effectively engages students in active learning in small classes. Outside of the classroom, both domestic and international students live in an on-campus dormitory built for GLA students. This interactive and international learning environment helps students develop cross-cultural communication skills.

American University - Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program [JDP]

College of
International
Relations

Bachelor of Arts in Global International Relations

This program was launched in 2018, the 30th anniversary year of the establishment of the College of International Relations. This course is the first joint undergraduate degree program between Japan and the United States.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Joint degree programs are collaborative degrees offered by two different universities with educational and student support systems designed to develop graduates whose skills and knowledge are in demand. This exciting program offers students a chance to fully immerse themselves in the cultures and learning environments of Japan and the US. Students at both Ritsumeikan University (RU) and American University (AU) will form a cohort within and across academic years, enabling them to learn about each other's cultures and develop their cross-cultural communication skills in an interactive learning environment.



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Learning Schedule

	1 st year		2 nd year		3 rd year		4 th year	
Ritsumeikan University HOME	Spring 1	Fall 2	Spring 3	Fall 4	Spring 5	Fall 6	Spring 7	Fall 8
	RU	RU	RU	AU	AU	AU	AU	RU

at RU ■ at AU ■

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Curriculum

Course Category Core Courses, Foundation Courses, Research Methodology, Foreign Language, Thematic Areas, Regional Focus, Capstone, Elective

Thematic Areas In order to learn specialized topics within Global IR systematically, students will choose their primary and secondary areas of focus from:
Global and Comparative Governance (GCG)
Identity, Race, Gender and Culture (IRGC)
Peace, Global Security and Conflict Resolution (PGSCR)

Why JDP?

1

Joint Degree from Leading IR Facilities in the US and Japan

The College of International Relations (RU) is recognized as one of the top institutions in Japan in the field of international relations. The School of International Service (AU) is a top-10 school of international affairs in the US. On completion, students will be jointly conferred a Bachelor of Arts degree in Global International Relations from RU and AU.

2

2 Years in Kyoto and 2 Years in Washington, D.C.

Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan and home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, is a famous international city that attracts visitors from all over the world. Washington, D.C., the center of international politics, is an ideal place to study international relations. Students will have first-hand experiences through active learning in these two cities, exchanging ideas with students coming from all over the world.

3

Jointly Designed Curriculum

The curriculum is designed jointly by RU and AU. Students will study in a coherent academic curriculum in English which enables them to earn a joint degree from a Japanese and a US institution. This is the first program of its kind in Japan. Students will acquire a degree that is unique, distinctive, and highly desirable.

4

Career Opportunities

RU and AU offer joint career advice to all JDP students. Alumni of the College of International Relations have found employment in a wide variety of world-renowned companies and institutions, including trading and manufacturing companies, major airlines, embassies, and governments. Many have pursued further studies at graduate schools like University of Oxford, the London School of Economics and Political Science, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Tokyo.

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

The College of International Relations was established in 1988. With more than 35 years of history, the Global Studies Major (GS) started its innovative challenge in 2011. GS offers English curriculums and welcomes students from overseas, which adds value to our unique and diverse learning environment.

PROGRAM DESIGN

The program is designed to be flexible, with students able to design their learning programs based on their interests and career goals. In the first year, students take a range of introductory and academic skills courses, which develop a foundation for their studies. From the second year, students start their study of core and area studies courses from the list detailed below. Second year students also take part in the hands-on Global Simulation Gaming, a class taken together with Japanese-based students. They continue to deepen their studies in the third year, particularly through the research-focused Advanced Seminar, before writing their graduation thesis in their fourth year.



Cluster Courses

Governance and Peace cluster	International Law, Peace and Conflict Studies, Security Studies, International Human Rights, International Organizations, Global Political Economy, Comparative and Global Governance, Global Issues (Politics & Security), Global Issues (Law)
Development and Sustainability cluster	Global Environmental Issues, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, International Finance, International Trade and Investment, Global Civil Society and Development, Global Issues (Development & Sustainability), Global Issues (Economics)
Culture and Society cluster	Media and Society, Topics in Identity, International Migration, Race and Ethnicity in the Modern World, Global Sociology, Global Issues (Culture & Society)

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Area Studies Courses

Japanese Politics, Japanese Society, Japanese Culture, Japanese Economy, Japan-United States Relations, Modern Japanese History, Foreign Relations of Japan, Korean Studies, Chinese Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, Global Issues (Area Studies)

Why GS?

1

One of Japan's Leading International Relations Faculties

The Graduate School of IR is the only full Japanese member of APSIA (Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs). APSIA includes highly advanced universities in 10 countries, such as Harvard University, Yale University, National University of Singapore, and others.

2

Faculty and Student Diversity

We have faculty members from various countries and regions, such as Asia, North America, and Europe. In addition, several professors have experience working at the UNHCR, the World Bank, as international journalists, and in a range of other international careers providing guidance to students from approximately 30 countries around the world.

3

Japanese Language Studies and Cross-Enrollment between the English-medium and the Japanese-medium Majors

International students take 6 credits of Japanese language courses in the first year and can take further Japanese courses in the following years. GS students with a high level of Japanese language proficiency can take Japanese IR courses.

4

Career Opportunities

Graduates have found success in many careers with positions as diplomats, NGO employees, and media professionals, and are also employed in international business fields. GS alumni often pursue further study to deepen their knowledge at the Graduate School of IR in addition to other renowned schools, such as University of Oxford, Johns Hopkins University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the University of British Columbia.

Community and Regional Policy Studies Major [CRPS]

College of Policy Science

Bachelor of Arts in Policy Science

CRPS, an English-medium major in the College of Policy Science, offers a multicultural environment where 80% of students are international, coming from 15 countries/regions. In small cohorts of 40 per year, students develop problem-solving skills for modern policy issues.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Our program aims to help students build practical skills to develop effective policy solutions to real-world social problems. In the first and second years, students acquire academic and critical thinking skills, as well as basic knowledge necessary to study in the core discipline areas of the program. Project-based learning equips students with skills and experiences critical to gaining more in-depth knowledge and advanced reasoning abilities in preparation for their advanced seminar courses in their third and fourth years, where they write a final graduation thesis based on their original research.



Core Programs

Sustainable Urban Policy	Urban Planning for Sustainable Cities, Community Safety, Housing and Policy, Disaster Mitigation, Systems Analysis, Environmental Education, Nature Conservation
Regional Economy and Development	Development Economics, Regional Development, Economic Institutions, Public Economics, International Trade and Finance
Multi-level Governance	Inter-Government Relations and Cooperation, Global Public Policies, Public Management, Constitutional Law, Social Welfare Policies

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On-site Research Projects (Overseas/Domestic Fieldwork)

During the summer, all students conduct field research in groups (mixed with Japanese-medium major students). They visit a research site in Japan or abroad, such as Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam and Kyoto, and deepen their understanding of their research topic by speaking with local residents, visiting government agencies, and working with local universities and academic institutions. This knowledge and experience, which cannot be gained in the classroom, forms a basis for further learning in seminars from the third year onwards.

Why CRPS?

1

Faculty from Diverse Backgrounds

We have faculty members who specialize both in natural and social sciences. The diversity of the teaching staff means that students can learn not only special knowledge in each field, but also how to analyze problems from different perspectives. Small class sizes allow students to receive detailed guidance from instructors.

2

Fieldwork Experience and Instruction on Research Methods

Our program provides students with both practical fieldwork experience and skills in research methods—statistical analysis as well as quantitative and qualitative research skills. They gain active fieldwork experience and learn how to develop and analyze surveys, both of which are crucial to the creation and practice of policy to address social problems.

3

Intensive Japanese Language Studies

International students earn 12 credits in Japanese language courses. Intensive lessons in small classes help develop practical Japanese skills that can lead to greater opportunities, such as taking Japanese-medium courses, conducting field research in Japan, joining extracurricular groups, or getting a part-time job. Learning Japanese to an advanced level could lead to a career within Japan.

4

Career Opportunities

The academic environment and small class sizes, which allow students to receive intensive instruction and support, have motivated many students to continue their studies after graduation. Nearly 40% of our graduates go on to graduate schools in Japan and abroad, such as the University of Chicago, Columbia University, King's College London, the University of Edinburgh, National University of Singapore, and the University of Tokyo. Also, many of our students have found employment with Japanese companies and NGOs in Japan and abroad, making the most of what they have learned.

Information Systems Science and Engineering Course [ISSE]

College of Information Science and Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering

The College of Information Science and Engineering was established in 2004. It is the largest ICT college in Japan that provides education in the main academic fields of computer science.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Students in the Information Systems Science and Engineering Course develop the information systems engineering skills necessary to work anywhere in the world and bring imagination and technical competence to every kind of project and organization, while also maintaining the powerful benefits of their own unique personalities and cultures. The program lays a foundation in the basics of engineering and the technical competency to work flexibly with continually evolving hardware, software, and user needs.



Class Examples

Interactive Systems	Human Interface, Systems Ergonomics
Systems Engineering	Computer Architecture, Databases, Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Computer Security
Graphics and Visualization	Computer Graphics, Image Processing, Data Visualization
Distributed and Embedded Systems	Network Systems, Distributed Systems, Introduction to Robotic Systems, Imperative Programming, Web Information Engineering

Laboratories

Visual Information Engineering Laboratory
e-Society Laboratory
Affective Engineering and Computer Arts Laboratory
Intelligent Computer Entertainment Laboratory
Digital Governance Systems Laboratory

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Why ISSE?

1

Practice-Oriented

The Information Systems Science and Engineering Course is project-based learning at its best—offering practical, hands-on engineering experience to match the demands of industry leaders in Japan and worldwide. This practice-oriented education is centered around project work throughout the program.

2

Customizable Education

The Course offers flexible study plans to complement and foster individual abilities in the best possible way. A combination of fundamental classic science courses and interdisciplinary engineering practice disciplines allows students to learn both for and from doing. The learning environment as a whole is designed to develop distinctive talents, embracing diverse personalities who will work together to innovate the future world.

3

Project-Based Learning

Students join engineering projects from their first year of study and education is centered around project work throughout the program. During the first two years, students learn various processes of the engineering product life cycle and teamwork. During the third year, they are ready to launch their own projects that will lead into graduation theses.

4

Global Opportunities

A range of extracurricular programs and internships provides students with opportunities to test themselves in the larger world through academic mobility and interactions with top-level researchers. Graduation launches students into a new world where they can continue to work as researchers, product and system developers, international project managers, entrepreneurs, and more.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition and Fees (2026 Enrollees)			
Program	Admission Fee	Annual Tuition Fee	
Dual/Joint Degrees			
College of Global Liberal Arts Dual degree program with The Australian National University	200,000 JPY (Approx. 1,290 USD)	1st year	2nd year onwards
		2,400,000 JPY (Approx. 15,484 USD)	2,868,000 JPY* (Approx. 18,503 USD)
College of International Relations American University - Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program		Study at RU	Study at AU
1,439,200 JPY (Approx. 9,285 USD)		60,270 USD** (12-17.99 Credit hours)	
Single Degrees			
College of International Relations Global Studies Major	200,000 JPY (Approx. 1,290 USD)	1,439,200 JPY (Approx. 9,285 USD)	
College of Policy Science Community and Regional Policy Studies Major		1,331,600 JPY (Approx. 8,591 USD)	
College of Information Science and Engineering Information Systems Science and Engineering Course		1,771,600 JPY (Approx. 11,430 USD)	

* In the College of Global Liberal Arts, all students are initially enrolled in the RU-ANU Major. After enrollment, depending on factors such as the English language and academic requirements for enrollment in The Australian National University (ANU), as well as the result of an ANU admissions evaluation, a change of enrollment to the RU Major may occur. For students in the RU Major, the tuition from the second year onward will remain the same as the first year's tuition.

** The fees are for the 2025-2026 academic year at AU. The fees may change by the time students begin their second year at AU.

Scholarships and Stipends

The Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scheme

Tuition Reduction Category	Amount of Tuition Reduction	Number of Students Accepted	Eligibility	Period
Undergraduate Category I	100% Reduction Ex.) 1,439,200 JPY → 0 JPY	Top 10% or less of the admissions capacity	Those who possess the status of residence "Student" by the time of enrollment Program-specific notes: • For GLA, only Undergraduate Category I is applicable. • For JDP, reductions apply only during periods of study and tuition payment at Ritsumeikan University.	One Year
Undergraduate Category II	50% Reduction Ex.) 1,439,200 JPY → 719,600 JPY	The next 10% or less of the admissions capacity		
Undergraduate Category III	20% Reduction Ex.) 1,439,200 JPY → 1,151,360 JPY	All other admitted students not receiving a Category I or II reduction		

* The above chart indicates Tuition Reduction Scholarship allotment for the first year of study.

- The 1st Year: decided based on admission result.
- The 2nd Year and onwards: decided based on the grades of each year.
- The above examples indicate the annual tuition for GS Major students enrolling in AY 2026.
- The Tuition Reduction scheme from the 2028 academic year onward is currently undecided. Please understand that changes from the current configuration, including but not limited to partial discontinuation or revamping of the scheme, may be instituted.



Post-Admissions Scholarships Available to International Students

There are a variety of scholarships that students can apply for after the admissions process. Students are encouraged to research other scholarships and their details.

Examples of scholarships available as of 2025

- JASSO Scholarship: 48,000 JPY (310 USD) per month
- International Students Assistance Scholarship by RU Faculty/Staff: 250,000 JPY (1,613 USD) per year

For other scholarships available throughout your study, please consult our Scholarships page: en.ritsumei.ac.jp/current-students/financial-aid/

Program Specific Scholarships and Stipends for Dual/Joint Degree Programs

For GLA Students

1. RU Study Abroad Challenge Scholarship*
 - 300,000 JPY for the 1 year period at ANU

2. College of Global Liberal Arts Scholarship for Study Abroad*
 - 700,000 JPY for the 1 year period at ANU

*Although students can receive both 1 and 2, students may not combine these with other scholarships specified in university policies.

For JDP Students

- RU Study Abroad Challenge Scholarship
- 1,000,000 JPY per year for the 2 year period at AU
 - Awarded to students who meet the eligibility requirements

The above information is accurate at the time of publication and subject to change. Visit en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/financial_info/scholarships.html/ for details and the latest information.

Monthly Living Costs Among Ritsumeikan University Students

University Accommodations	39,000-65,000 JPY (252-419 USD)
Food	29,500-32,200 JPY (190-208 USD)
Books & Supplies	600-2,100 JPY (4-14 USD)
Transportation	4,700-5,800 JPY (30-37 USD)
Entertainment	13,000-16,500 JPY (84-106 USD)
Telecommunications	3,700-4,200 JPY (24-27 USD)
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,100-4,800 JPY (7-31 USD)
TOTAL	133,600-144,700 JPY (862-934 USD)

*Based on "FY2025 Student Life Survey Report" by Ritsumeikan Co-op.

*Living costs vary depending on student lifestyle.

*Amounts in USD are for reference only.
(1 USD = 155 JPY, as of Dec. 2025)



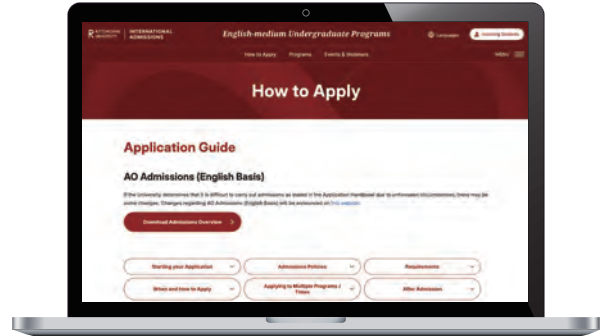
Locations





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How to Apply

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1.  Download and Consult Application Handbook
2.  Create your Online Application System Account
3.  Upload Documents
4.  Pay Application Fee

*Please visit our website for details.



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Visit the International Admissions Office website for the latest information.