

Dear GLA students,

We are pleased to inform you that GLA will introduce a new curriculum effective Spring 2023. In conjunction with this new curriculum introduction, we will also implement new and broader course lineups and registration system for both current and Spring 2023 incoming students.

This message is to inform you about what will remain the same and what will change for students admitted into the 2019-2022 curriculum (“Current Curriculum”). Please read the following information carefully, and contact our academic advisors if you have any questions or concerns.

1. Graduation Requirements

Your requirements will remain the same both for credits and requirement areas perspectives.

More precisely, the following requirements will be the same:

- Students must earn at least 124 credits in total, within which a minimum of 64 must be from RU, and a maximum of 60 from ANU will count.
- All RU and ANU courses taken until Fall 2022 will remain on your RU academic record and count toward graduation.

Subject Group	Credits Required
Essentials of Global Liberal Arts	A minimum of 32 credits
Cosmopolitan Studies	A minimum of 12 credits
Civilization Studies	A minimum of 12 credits
Innovation Studies	A minimum of 12 credits
Japanese Studies Cluster	A minimum of 4 credits
Languages	0 credits required
Capstone Studies	A minimum of 12 credits
Total	A minimum of 124 credits

2. New Courses Countable to the Current Curriculum

Most new courses will count toward the current curriculum and fulfill respective requirement areas. Check the “[New Course Cheat Sheet for 2019-2022 Curriculum](#)” for details. Consult academic advisors for actual planning and questions.

3. Compulsory Course Equivalency

Students who previously failed the compulsory courses of the current curriculum must retake them by enrolling in the equivalent courses in the new curriculum. Consult academic advisors for more details.

4. JPNS Course Sequence

Japanese language courses will have a more precise sequence to accommodate students' needs as attached at the bottom.

5. ANU -> RU Transfer Equivalency

Course transfer equivalency from ANU to RU will remain the same for students following the current curriculum.

https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gla/academics/curriculum/transfer_equivalency_list/

6. Limit in Course Enrollment

To enrich students' learning experiences with more individualized attention from course instructors, all GLA courses will have a limited enrollment capacity of 25. Japanese language courses, Research Seminars, and a few other courses will have a smaller capacity.

7. New Registration System

The 25 slots in each course will be provided strictly on a first-come, first-served basis, except for the courses auto-registered by the GLA Office. To make this change happen, GLA will introduce a new "GLA Registration System," to be nicknamed "GLARS." Details about GLARS will be in the Registration Guidebook, which we plan to release around the end of February – early March.

8. Advising

Because the new courses will have a limited capacity on a first-come, first-served basis, students are expected to plan their courses well in advance. It will enable you to start registration in time fully prepared, or courses you wanted/needed to take may be closed.

Our Academic Advising Team will continue to assist students with course planning at least one semester ahead of time, as they currently do. Students are responsible for planning ahead to meet an advisor proactively.

9. Credit Numbers

In addition to the 4-credit courses, we will also start offering 2-credit courses effective Spring 2023. Please note that both 4-credit and 2-credit courses will run during the fifteen weeks of the standard semester.

Japanese language courses will have a credit range between 1 and 3 credits.

Due to this change, we will no longer run Summer & Winter Intensive courses. The college may make minor exceptions, but the number will be extremely limited.

10.Registration Cap

The number of RU credits you can register for one semester will be capped as follows:

		Until Fall 2022	From Spring 2023
Dual Degree	1st-Year	18 credits/semester*	19 credits/semester*
	2nd-Year & Above	10 credits/semester*	11 credits/semester*
Single Degree		20 credits/semester	21 credits/semester

*These numbers do not include ANU courses.

11.Course Numbering

All new courses from Spring 2023 will follow a simpler course numbering system. The new numbering system consists of four digits with a subject code. A combination of the new numbering system and course descriptions will give you a clearer idea of the level and contents of the courses even before detailed course syllabi are published.

[All courses except for Japanese]

0900-0999: Remedial courses

1000-1999: Courses appropriate for 1st-year students and above

2000-2999: Courses appropriate for 2nd-year students and above

3000-3999: Courses appropriate for 3rd-year students and above

[Japanese Courses]

1000-1999: Elementary level

2000-2999: Intermediate level

3000-3999: Advanced level

[Other Indicator]

xxx0: Special Lectures

xx82: Internship

12.FAQ

Please bookmark <https://gla-aac.support.ritsumeai.ac.jp/hc/en-us/> as your reference. The FAQ site will be updated continuously.

Japanese Course Comparison: 2019-2022 Curriculum & 2023 Curriculum

***This will be applied in Spring 2023 only.** Japanese course placement means will be different between Spring 2023 and Fall 2023. Please check the “Spring 2023 Registration Guidebook” to be available in mid-February for more details.

Last course you completed by Fall 2022	Grade	Next level of the new Japanese course you can register in Spring 2023
Japanese Language I	A+ ~C	“JPNS 1002 Elementary Japanese 2”
	F	“JPNS 1001 Elementary Japanese 1”
Japanese Language II	A+ ~C	“JPNS 1003 Elementary Japanese 3”
	F	“JPNS 1002 Elementary Japanese 2” or “JPNS 1001 Elementary Japanese 1”
Japanese Language III	A+ ~C	“JPNS 1003 Elementary Japanese 3” or “JPNS 2001 Intermediate Japanese 1” ->Students may register for this course by taking ROJPT again and Japanese Interview. Approval from the Japanese program coordinator is required. Unless otherwise, students will be registered for “JPNS 1003 Elementary Japanese 3.”
	F	“JPNS 1002 Elementary Japanese 2” or “JPNS 1003 Elementary Japanese 3”
Japanese Language IV	A+ ~C	“JPNS 2001 Intermediate Japanese 1”
	F	“JPNS 1003 Elementary Japanese 3”
Japanese Language and Culture I	A+ ~C	“JPNS 2002 Intermediate Japanese 2”
	F	“JPNS 2001 Intermediate Japanese 1”
Japanese Language and Culture II	A+ ~C	“JPNS 3001 Advanced Japanese (Comprehensive)”
	F	“JPNS 2002 Intermediate Japanese 2”
Advanced Japanese	A+ ~C	“JPNS 3002, JPNS 3011, JPNS 3021 Advanced Japanese” or above upon further placement assessment.
	F	“JPNS 3001 Advanced Japanese (Comprehensive)”
Higher Advanced Japanese	A+ ~F	“JPNS 3002, JPNS 3011, JPNS 3021 Advanced Japanese” or “JPNS 3012, JPNS 3031, JPNS 3041 Japanese VII” upon further placement assessment.