Revisions on Academic Handbook for All GLA Students

The revisions are made to better clarify the minimum number of credits that has to be fulfilled for graduation. Please see the following items in red that applied to you.

Cohort A: Students who began their study at Ritsumeikan University in their 1st semester

Cohort B: Students who began their study at The Australian National University in their 1st semester

For 2019-2022 Admitted Cohort A & B Students

1. Degree Requirements

Students must meet all of the following requirements to graduate from GLA and earn a Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts.

(1) Students must enroll for at least eight (8) semesters.

(2) Students must complete all requirement groups by sufficient numbers of credits and courses.

(3) Students must complete all compulsory courses with a grade of C or higher.

(4) Students must earn at least 124 credits, including RU 64 credits.

2. Credit Required for Graduation

Subject Group	Credits Required
Essentials of Global Liberal Arts	32 credits or more (includes 16 credits from compulsory courses)
Cosmopolitan Studies	12 credits or more (includes 4 credits from a compulsory course)
Civilization Studies	12 credits or more (includes 4 credits from a compulsory course)
Innovation Studies	12 credits or more (includes 4 credits from a compulsory course)
Japanese Studies Cluster	4 credits or more
Languages	0 credit or more
Capstone Studies	12 credits or more (includes 12 credits from compulsory courses)
Total	124 credits or more (includes RU 64 credits)

For 2023 Onwards Admitted Cohort A Students

1. Degree Requirements

Students must meet all of the following requirements to graduate from GLA and earn a Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts.

(1) Students must enroll for at least eight (8) semesters.

(2) Students must complete all requirement groups by sufficient numbers of credits and courses.

(3) Students must complete all compulsory courses with a grade of C or higher.

(4) Students must earn at least 124 credits, including RU 64 credits.

2. Credit Required for Graduation

Sub-total Requirement	Subject Group	Credits Required
RU Credits (64 credits or more)	Foundation Courses	12 RU credits (All compulsory)
	Introductory Courses	8 RU credits or more
	Special Lectures	0 RU credits or more
	Intermediate Courses	6 RU credits or more
	Advanced Courses	4 RU credits or more (fulfilled by taking 2 research seminars for a year)
	Japanese Language Courses	0 RU credit or more
	Others	0 RU credit or more
Transfer Credits (up to 60 credits)	Foundation Courses	0 credit or more
	Introductory Courses	0 credit or more
	Special Lectures	0 credit or more
	Intermediate Courses	0 credit or more
	Advanced Courses	0 credit or more
	Japanese Language Courses	0 credit or more
	Others	0 credit or more
Total 124 credits or more		

For 2023 Onwards Admitted Cohort B Students

1. Degree Requirements

Students must meet all of the following requirements to graduate from GLA and earn a Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts.

(1) Students must enroll for at least eight (8) semesters.

(2) Students must complete all requirement groups by sufficient numbers of credits and courses.

(3) Students must complete all compulsory courses with a grade of C or higher.

(4) Students must earn at least 124 credits, including RU 64 credits.

2. Credit Required for Graduation

Sub-total Requirement	Subject Group	Credits Required
RU Credits (64 credits or more)	Foundation Courses	0 RU credits or more
	Introductory Courses	8 RU credits or more
	Special Lectures	0 RU credits or more
	Intermediate Courses	6 RU credits or more
	Advanced Courses	4 RU credits or more (fulfilled by taking 2 research seminars for a year)

	Japanese Language Courses	0 RU credit or more
	Others	0 RU credit or more
Transfer Credits (up to 60 credits)	Foundation Courses	12 transfer credits or more
	Introductory Courses	0 credit or more
	Special Lectures	0 credit or more
	Intermediate Courses	0 credit or more
	Advanced Courses	0 credit or more
	Japanese Language Courses	0 credit or more
	Others	0 credit or more
Total 124 credits or more		