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■ About Ritsumeikan

The history of Ritsumeikan dates back to 1869 when a private academy of the same name was established in Kyoto. The academy has become a comprehensive institution consisting of two universities, including Ritsumeikan University (RU), four junior and senior high schools, and primary school. RU is proud to be one of Japan's premier level universities, with about 38,000 students studying in 16 undergraduate colleges and 21 graduate schools on its campuses in the cultural heart of Japan : KYOTO, OSAKA, and the adjacent SHIGA prefectures.

In order to keep up with the changes surrounding the university, Ritsumeikan has facilitated the development of its research activities through the establishment of various institutes for the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, including the Ritsumeikan Global Innovation Research Organization (R-GIRO) and Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan Research Organization.

RU researchers of different fields have built cross-disciplinary partnerships pioneering new academic fields as well as fostering the next generation of young researchers. RU is a crossroads where outstanding faculty and students of unique backgrounds come together from across the world, collaborate creatively and rise above their differences.

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Overview of Ritsumeikan University Graduate Schools

Campus	Graduate School	DEGREE / Major	Enrollment Capacity
Kinugasa Campus	Graduate School of Law	MASTER OF LAWS / Master's Program in Law	50 Students
		DOCTOR OF LAWS / Doctoral Program in Law	10 Students
	Graduate School of Sociology	MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY / Master's Program in Applied Sociology	60 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIOLOGY / Doctoral Program in Applied Sociology	15 Students
	Graduate School of International Relations [SEP] [E]	MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS / Master's Program in International Relations	60 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in International Relations	10 Students
	Graduate School of Letters [SEP]	MASTER OF ARTS / Master's Program: Major in Humanities	70 Students
		Master's Program: Major in Informatics of Behavior and Cultures	35 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program: Major in Humanities	20 Students
		Doctoral Program: Major in Informatics of Behavior and Cultures	15 Students
	Graduate School of Science in Arts and Design ☾	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARTS AND DESIGN / Master's Program: Major of Science in Arts and Design	20 Students
	Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science [SEP] ☾	MASTER OF ARTS IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE / Master's Program in Language Education and Information Science	60 Students
	Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences [SEP]	DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Integrated Doctoral Program in Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	30 Students
Biwako-Kusatsu Campus	Graduate School of Economics [SEP] [E]	MASTER OF ECONOMICS / Master's Program in Economics	50 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in Economics	5 Students
	Graduate School of Sport and Health Science	MASTER OF SPORT AND HEALTH SCIENCE / Master's Program in Sport and Health Science	25 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in Sport and Health Science	8 Students
	Graduate School of Gastronomy Management	Master of Gastronomy Management / Master's Program in Gastronomy Management	20 Students
		Doctor of Philosophy in Gastronomy Management / Doctoral Program in Gastronomy Management	3 Students
	Graduate School of Science and Engineering [SEP] [E]	MASTER OF SCIENCE or MASTER OF ENGINEERING Master's Program : Advanced Mathematics and Physics	70 Students
		MASTER OF ENGINEERING Master's Program : Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems	155 Students
		Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics	155 Students
		Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering	145 Students
		DOCTOR OF SCIENCE or DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING Doctoral Program : Advanced Mathematics and Physics	6 Students
		DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING Doctoral Program : Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems	8 Students
		Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics	11 Students
		Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering	15 Students
	Graduate School of Life Sciences [SEP] [E]	MASTER OF SCIENCE or MASTER OF ENGINEERING / Master's Program in Advanced Life Sciences	150 Students
		DOCTOR OF SCIENCE or DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING / Doctoral Program in Advanced Life Sciences	15 Students
	Graduate School of Pharmacy	MASTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES / Master's Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences	20 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES / Doctoral Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences	3 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHARMACY / Doctoral Program in Pharmacy ☾	3 Students
Osaka Ibaraki Campus	Graduate School of Business Administration	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT / Master's Program in Business Management	60 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in Business Management	15 Students
	Graduate School of Policy Science [SEP] [E]	MASTER OF ARTS IN POLICY SCIENCE / Master's Program in Policy Science	40 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLICY SCIENCE / Doctoral Program in Policy Science	15 Students
	Graduate School of Human Science ☾	MASTER OF HUMAN SCIENCE or MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY / Master's Program in Human Science	75 Students
		DOCTOR OF HUMAN SCIENCE or DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY / Doctoral Program in Human Science	20 Students
	Graduate School of Image Arts	MASTER OF IMAGE ARTS / Master's Program in Image Arts	10 Students
	Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering [SEP] [E]	MASTER OF ENGINEERING / Master's Program in Advanced Information Science and Engineering	200 Students
		DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING / Doctoral Program in Advanced Information Science and Engineering	15 Students
	Graduate School of Technology Management [SEP] ☾	MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT / Master's Program in Technology Management	70 Students
		DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT [E] / Doctoral Program in Technology Management	5 Students
	Graduate School of Management ☾	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION / Master's Program: Major in Management	80 Students
		MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN TOURISM MANAGEMENT / Master's Program: Major in Tourism Management	70 Students
Suzaku Campus	School of Law	JURIS DOCTOR / Juris Doctor Program	70 Students
	Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education ☾	MASTER OF EDUCATION / Master's Program : Major in Teaching Profession and Educational Practices	35 Students

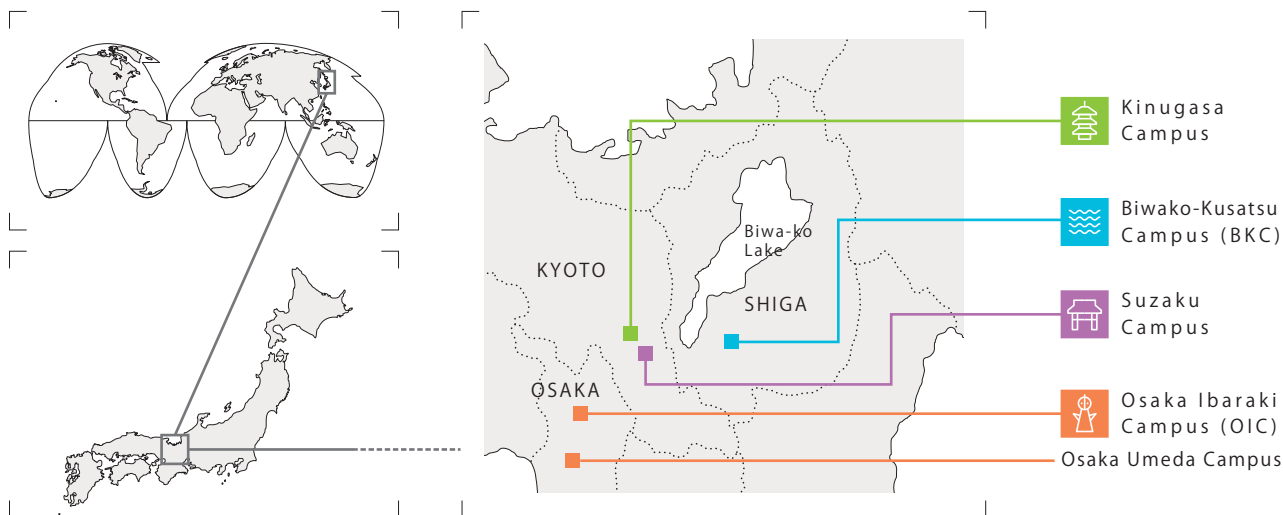[E] Graduate Schools that enable students to earn a degree by getting necessary credits only in English.

☾ Evening classes offered. See the graduate school's website or contact directly for details (p. 32).

[SEP] September Enrollment is available (Not all majors may be eligible. See Application Guidelines for details.)

Rooted in community, collaborating with the world:
4 campuses providing the basis for study & research

Kansai has long prospered as a cultural, political and economic center of Japan.
In addition to possessing many World Heritage sites and National Treasures that have been passed down through Japanese history, Kansai with its unique characteristics and attractiveness, is symbolized by the ancient capital of Kyoto, the rich natural environment of Shiga, and Osaka, the city of business, all cosmopolitan cities distinguished worldwide which continue to evolve day by day. The four campuses, located in areas with their own distinctive characteristics, cooperate with each other to undertake cutting-edge initiatives that contribute to the development of humankind, nature and local communities.

Kinugasa Campus

Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC)

Suzaku Campus

Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC)

Osaka Umeda Campus

KYOTO

Biwa-ko Lake

SHIGA

OSAKA

■Facilities, Equipment and Learning Environment

There are many facilities available to graduate students researching at Ritsumeikan University.
These facilities offer various features in order to accommodate a variety of research and study styles.

Communication spaces for sharing research achievements

There is an open space where graduate students can share ideas and research achievements through meetings, workshops and presentations and communicate with each other and members of faculty. Users are also able to hold open-style seminars and poster sessions.
There is also a lounge equipped with a kitchen and a counter where you can take a short break from your research.

Kyuronkan Performing Space (Kinugasa Campus)

Spaces where graduate students can concentrate on their studies and research without being interrupted

Graduate Study Rooms emphasize quietness, offering an atmosphere where graduate students can concentrate without being interrupted. The numerous partitioned-off carrel desks provide graduate students with a semi-private space to work on theses and presentation materials.

Graduate Study Room (OIC)

Space for group meetings and discussions

This space allows students to conduct group work such as joint research or have a casual group meeting. PCs and printers are available.

Kyuronkan Space for Group Meetings and Discussions (Kinugasa Campus)
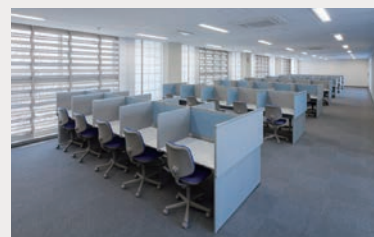
Libraries: one of the largest book collections in Japan

The number of books in the collection is among the highest in private universities (About 3.45 million books), and many highly specialized research materials are stored in each reference room. Graduate Students can borrow 100 books for 100 days.

Hirai Kaichiro Memorial Library (Kinugasa Campus)

■ CAMPUS

🏯 Kinugasa Campus in KYOTO

A campus where graduate schools specializing in the arts, humanities and social sciences come together with the living and breathing history and culture of the ancient capital city of Kyoto

Surrounded by numbers of cultural heritages, Kyoto with its long and deep history has been a core city of Japan since ancient times. The campus is located in a quiet area of the city where many famous temples are situated. Kinugasa campus combines tradition and innovation in a place where students are able to disseminate cutting-edge research to the world while being surrounded by Japanese tradition and culture.

- Graduate School of Law ● Graduate School of Sociology
- Graduate School of International Relations ● Graduate School of Letters
- Graduate School of Science in Arts and Design
- Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science
- Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences

〜 Biwako-Kusatsu Campus in SHIGA

A campus where world-class research and education are offered in a serene and natural environment

Offering top tier science education and equipped with some of the largest research facilities, Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) is a campus where students can conduct research activities that take advantage of the campus's location surrounded by nature and nearby Lake Biwa, and where numerous companies have established their own research facilities. It is an innovative campus which creates and disseminates world-class educational research, knowledge and technologies to all regions of the globe.

- Graduate School of Economics ● Graduate School of Sport and Health Science
- Graduate school of Gastronomy Management
- Graduate School of Science and Engineering
- Graduate School of Life Sciences ● Graduate School of Pharmacy

🗼 Osaka Ibaraki Campus in OSAKA

A campus promoting the dissemination of education and research in Asia from the mercantile city of Osaka

The Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) is located in Ibaraki City in Osaka Prefecture. Osaka is one of the biggest international and commercial centers in Japan, and the campus is expected to facilitate collaboration with industry and government institutions, promote the Ritsumeikan Academy's activities on the frontline of social collaboration and exchange, and support the further development of students.

- Graduate School of Business Administration ● Graduate School of Public Policy
- Graduate School of Human Science ● Graduate School of Image Arts
- Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering
- Graduate School of Technology Management
- Graduate School of Management

■ Satellite Campus: Osaka Umeda Campus
A campus conveniently located near Umeda Station in Osaka

In addition to providing employment support and assistance with establishing strong social networks, this campus is a base for studies and research that offers many graduate courses. It is outfitted with the latest research equipment and facilities, providing students with the necessary means to accomplish a wide variety of tasks.
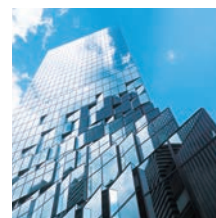
⛩ Suzaku Campus in KYOTO

A campus conveniently located in the historical and cultural center of Kyoto and outfitted with modern facilities

This campus provides students at its professional graduate schools with excellent research equipment and facilities catering to a wide variety of research styles as well as providing environments for self-study. Located in the center of Kyoto, Suzaku Campus provides the convenience of an urban-style campus while being surrounded by Japanese history and culture.

- School of Law
- Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education

Faculty Voice

Professor **CHIKAMOTO, Tomoyuki**
Graduate School of Science and Engineering

The Appeal of Graduate School Is the Freedom to Try "Learn and Practice"

My profession is architecture. The study of architecture is very ancient, and the introductory book on architecture called "The Ten Books on Architecture" by Vitruvius, which is still read today, was written around the turn of the era. The focus in this book is on both production and theory, and no lack of either is allowed. Steve Jobs, who created the iPhone, said, "Technology alone is not enough—it's technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the results that make our heart sing." When renovating a school building at an elementary school, I worked with the elementary school faculty, students, residents who use the facility, and construction workers to consider an environmentally friendly renovation plan, renovate the facility, and use the facility as a teaching tool to evaluate the effectiveness of the adopted technology.

It is not good to be all theory and no practice, but simply putting things into practice is not enough either. It is important to simultaneously practice considering social skills, cultural backgrounds and applying and utilizing this knowledge in practice while acquiring fundamental academic knowledge and a wide range of information with interest. The experiences from my student days, when we sometimes lost track of time while discussing various topics, and whenever we encountered something interesting or unknown, we would actually research and try it out, are still valuable to me today.

Graduate School Forms the Foundation for the Future of Your Life

In the graduate schools of science, many students (graduate students and graduation research students) gather in laboratories and work on a daily basis. This includes colleagues from the same laboratory who share good times and hardships through mutual encouragement, researchers from outside the university and abroad who collaborate with in academic activities and joint research, as well as young people of the same generation. Research is not something that can be carried out alone. We proactively incorporate opportunities to broaden interdisciplinary perspectives, such as across different fields and across the humanities and sciences, to form rich networks that will provide intellectual nourishment not only during graduate school but also throughout students' future careers. Two years of graduate school (master's course) is a very short time in this day and age when life expectancy is said to be 100 years. However, the experiences you have during this time will become the roots that sustain you for the next 50 years or more of your life after you take your place in society. I urge you to spend time in graduate school to grow into a large tree with firm roots.

Student Voices

Find out more…

Interview 01

AMAN, Mashal

Graduate School of
International Relations

Q1 What made you interested in studying in Japan?

Previously having completed my high school diploma in Japan, I came to the realization that education does not solely consist of what one learns in class. Instead, learning from new experiences and new people who think differently from you has a major impact on constructing one's identity and shaping their mind. It was this drive to create and surround myself with an enriching environment that propelled me to step out of my comfort zone once again and ultimately, led me back to Japan. So far, studying in Japan has offered me a rare perspective on cultural immersion as I was presented with the opportunity to build my own community from scratch which is a skill that I have come to cherish. Currently, I can confidently say that my desire to broaden my horizons, embrace new perspectives and contribute to a globalized world is the motivation behind my interest in pursuing higher education in Japan.

Q2 Would you describe some of the good things about graduate school at Ritsumeikan University?

Ritsumeikan University's commitment to internationalization has provided me with ample opportunities for cultural exchange and collaboration. This has been a key factor in enhancing my learning experience and encouraging me to constantly advocate for a globally inclusive perspective on life. Ritsumeikan's extensive network of renowned faculty members fosters an intellectually stimulating atmosphere conducive to academic growth. On a similar note, the university's strong emphasis on research supports students in their search for innovation in their respective fields. Additionally, getting the chance to study in a city like Kyoto has been life-changing for me. The cultural significance combined with the highly student-centered environment of Kyoto has been a wonderful foundation for me to immerse myself within Japanese culture and meet friends from all around the world.

Q3 Would you share your plans for after graduation?

After graduation, my plans are flexible as I'm currently exploring both academic and professional avenues. While pursuing a PhD is appealing for its opportunities to delve deeper into research and contribute to academia, I am also open to exploring career options in industry. Ideally, I aim to align my post-graduation plans with my passion for my studies and my desire to make a meaningful impact within my field. Regardless of which path I end up choosing immediately after graduation, I wholeheartedly believe that pursuing education is a lifelong journey, one that can be embraced at any stage of life. Therefore, you may find me pursuing further educational opportunities in the future,

Q4 Would you leave a message for international students who are interested in applying to graduate schools at Ritsumeikan University?

Embarking on a journey of higher education is a profound step towards personal and professional growth. Ritsumeikan University has been a safe and academically invigorating environment, making it a lucrative step in that direction for me. As you contemplate your academic future, I encourage you to embrace the opportunities that Ritsumeikan presents. Take advantage of the university's esteemed faculty, extensive resources and global network to pursue your aspirations. Be sure to also take advantage of how beautiful your campus looks during each season! Remember to make lifelong connections and cherish your time as a student.

■ Why Ritsumeikan University (RU)?

1. Academic Excellence

With high-level academics and cutting-edge research centers supported by over a century of history and tradition, RU has established itself as a center of academic excellence for future leaders both inside and outside of Japan.

2. Student Support

Personal, one-stop, multi-lingual international services for international students. With dozens of eateries, multicultural activities, and world-class facilities, there is always something new to explore RU.

3. Location

Want to spend the morning visiting world-renowned temples and shrines, the afternoon shopping in high-class boutiques, and the evening by the river with friends? All of this and more is waiting for you!

4. Global Network

As one of the most international and progressive private universities in Japan, RU can provide students with unique educational exchange and research opportunities through its extensive international network of partner institutions.

Interview 02

**MICHAEL,
Evan Santoso**

Graduate School of Information
Science and Engineering

Q1 What made you interested in studying in Japan?

My decision to study in Japan arises from a desire to promote cultural integrity and technological advancement. Japan's mindful cultural norms and pioneering scientific advancements are ideally aligned with my academic aims and personal ideals. I am convinced that studying in Japan will allow me to develop not just as a scholar but also as a global citizen, providing me with a unique viewpoint and a wide set of abilities. Moreover, Japan's educational landscape is exceptionally suited to academic study. The country's institutions are not just technologically proficient, but also culturally rich, encouraging a comprehensive approach to education. This environment is great for my academic aspirations, since it balances long hours of focused research with times of cultural participation and introspection. The disciplined yet innovative educational environment in Japan will enable me to develop intellectually and personally, surrounded by peers and mentors who share my commitment to success.

Q2 Would you describe some of the good things about graduate school at Ritsumeikan University?

Ritsumeikan University is at the forefront of NLP research, an area of computer science and artificial intelligence concerned with the interactions between computers and human languages. The university's commitment to exploring and expanding the boundaries of NLP is evident in its state-of-the-art research facilities and projects. This environment is not just conducive to learning; it is transformative, providing a fertile ground for innovation and discovery in the complex mechanisms of language processing, machine understanding, and the development of intelligent systems that can perform a wide array of language-related tasks.
In addition, Japan's research culture, known for its rigor, discipline, and innovative spirit fosters a meticulous approach to research, focusing on perseverance and a collaborative spirit. The emphasis on both individual responsibility and teamwork within the Japanese research context provides a balanced environment that I believe is ideal for nurturing groundbreaking research. Additionally, the approach taken towards research and development, which integrates technical excellence with ethical considerations, can significantly contribute to technology that benefits society at large.

Q3 Would you share your plans for after graduation?

After the successful completion of my master's degree at Ritsumeikan University, I am determined to advance my academic career by enrolling in a PhD program. This decision is motivated by my undying passion for research and creativity, as well as a desire to contribute to the body of knowledge in my field of study. Understanding the hard nature and intellectual demands of a doctoral degree, I am working to improve my research skills and academic credentials in order to make a meaningful contribution to the academic community. After earning my degree, I plan to pursue a career in academia. I hope to become a university professor, where I can shape the next generation of thinkers and innovators while continuing my studies. Being a part of an academic institution will allow me to share my expertise and develop a learning atmosphere that promotes curiosity, critical thinking, and creative problem solving.

Q4 Would you leave a message for international students who are interested in applying to graduate schools at Ritsumeikan University?

Ritsumeikan University takes pride in providing cutting-edge facilities designed exclusively for graduate students. Whether you study sciences, humanities, or engineering, you will discover well-equipped labs, huge libraries, and a wide range of tools to help you with your studies. Ritsumeikan not only provides physical resources, but also substantial research grants. These grants demonstrate their dedication to encouraging cutting-edge research and innovation. They allow you to follow your academic interests without regard for financial restraints, allowing you to concentrate on producing significant scholarly work.

Initiatives for Fostering Early-career Researchers

At Ritsumeikan University, graduate students are considered "early-career researchers" in its Research Advancement Plan, a collective effort to improve research capabilities of the University as a whole, and they are provided rather generously with diverse support according to their respective career stages, in addition to fundamental research support.

Currently, there are approximately 3,900 graduate students enrolled across 21 Graduate Schools, who are engaged in research on a daily basis to become highly specialized human resources with deep expertise and social implementation skills.

The following are some of our signature initiatives.

■ RARA (Ritsumeikan Advanced Research Academy) Student Fellowship Program (RARA x SPRING, RARA x BOOST)

Outstanding and highly-motivated graduate students in the doctoral course are provided with research grants as well as research activity support grants (equivalent to living expenses) to enable them to devote themselves to interdisciplinary and advanced research. Currently, about 100 graduate students have been selected as "RARA Student Fellow" and they are working to develop their potential as early-career researchers who will lead the future of academia or as highly specialized human resources who will be active in industry.

■ Support programs provided by the Graduate Student Career Path Support Center

The Ritsumeikan University Graduate Student Career Path Support Center provides career path formation support specific to graduate students. In addition to fundamental support including various scholarship programs, the Center also provides support that responds to contemporary issues, such as seminars aimed at cultivating transferable skills, thereby presenting diverse and attentive support.

"Graduate Student Career Path Support Center, Ritsumeikan University" Website
https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/

■ Research outreach activities

Ritsumeikan University's graduate students refine their research outreach skills through a variety of internal and external opportunities to communicate their research interests to wider society in an easy-to-understand and appealing manner.

Rice Ball Seminar: Research seminars for affiliated and partner schools

Poster sessions by graduate students

Research presentations

■ Ri-SEARCH (Ritsumeikan University Search Engine of Academic Record and Career History of Young Researchers)

Graduate students register their own research achievements in a dedicated database.
Please refer to the following URL to search for research achievements.

https://gyoseki.ritsumei.ac.jp/ritgshp/KgApp/TOP?lang=en

Research Organizations, Institutes, and Centers

Research organizations at Ritsumeikan University deploy various efforts to develop cutting-edge research. Such research contributes to society, and in turn leads to the advancement of research and education within the graduate schools. In order to promote research in the fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, RU has established various research institutions and conducts a wide variety of research activities from basic to applied research. Those institutions also facilitate collaborations with industry and government institutions, working to get results that give back to society.

* The following outlines information regarding research organizations, research institutions, and research centers as of March 1, 2025.

■ Ritsumeikan Global Innovation Research Organization (R-GIRO)

R-GIRO is a research organization under the direct supervision of the University President that was established in 2008 with the goal of "forming a research hub specifically for policy-driven research" and "strengthening the development of young researchers who will lead the next generation." The organization aims to contribute to the next generation of society by producing valuable research findings and actively disseminating those findings through the promotion of interdisciplinary research activities that integrate the fields of natural science with those in the humanities and social sciences in order to achieve a society that maintains a type of harmony between humans and nature.

■ Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan Research Organization

The Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan Research Organization is a research organization under the direct supervision of the University President. With the mission, "Cultivating Asia-literate, globally-capable human resources and contributing to the development of a common vision for the future of Asia and Japan," it promotes research that contributes to the "Asian Era" that is both strategic in nature as well as possessing concepts one would come to expect from Ritsumeikan. Serving as the nucleus of a diverse research network in collaboration with various institutions within Japan and overseas, it aims to promote Asia-Japan research from a global perspective. The organization focuses its efforts on conducting comprehensive practical research that possesses the essence of the keywords, "Symbiosis," "Co-creation," and "Co-commitment," and disseminating the results of such research.

■Asia-Japan Research Institute

■ Kinugasa Research Organization

Kinugasa Research Organization was founded in 1998 and it supports research activity as a research organization which manages the research institutes and research centers. The organization's goal is to contribute to human welfare and social progress under the four principles of "autonomy," "democracy," "openness," and "peaceful use".

■Institute of Humanities, Human and Social Sciences
■Institute of International Relations and Area Studies
■International Institute of Language and Culture Studies
■Institute of Human Sciences   ■Art Research Center
■Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage
■Shirakawa Shizuka Institute of East Asian Characters and Culture
■Institute of Ars Vivendi   ■Research Centers*

■ BKC Research Organization of Social Sciences

BKC Research Organization of Social Sciences was founded in 1998 in order to promote industry-academia- government collaborations in Social Sciences at Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC). We also aim to promote interdisciplinary research through exchanges with Natural Sciences in cooperation with the Research Organization of Science and Technology.

■Institute of Social Systems   ■Research Centers*

■ Research Organization of Science and Technology

The Research Organization of Science and Technology was established in 1994 as the Research Organization of Science and Engineering (changed to its present name in 2012) to contribute to the development of science and technology and local society. The organization's goal is to contribute to local society through joint research in industry-academia-government collaborations.

■Institute of Science and Engineering
■Synchrotron Radiation Center   ■VLSI Research Center
■Institute of Advanced Research for Sport and Health Science
■Research Centers*

■ OIC Research Organization of Open Innovation and Collaboration

Respecting the three core concepts of Osaka Ibaraki Campus, Asia's Gateway, Urban Co-creation, and Regional Cooperation, Research Organization of Open Innovation and Collaboration's goal is to foster human recourses who can play an important role in the global society, create innovation, and serve as a key player in the regional community.

■The Research and Development Institute of Regional Information
■Institute of Design Science
■Research Centers*

Research Centers*
Scan the QR code for more information on Research Organizations, Institutes and Centers at Ritsumeikan.

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RADIANT

Introducing Ritsumeikan University's Research Activities.

https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/radiant/

Find out more about Ritsumeikan University's research activities...

Tuition for 2025

Please note that the university fee is composed of the "admission fee" and "tuition fee".

* The tuition fee students who entered the university in September pay as part of the admissions procedure covers tuition for the Fall Semester of the first year only.
* Tuition may be revised when social factors, such as rapid inflation, have a significant impact on the University.
* The Graduate Degree Programs offered in Japanese are not including in the table below.
* Tuition for 2026 will be announced by mid-July on the website below.
  https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gr/en/scholarship/tuition.html/

Admission Fee
(JPY)

Category	Fee
-Admission	200,000
-Transfer Admission	200,000

Notes:
1) Payment of the admission fee is required in the year of admission only.
2) The students from Ritsumeikan Academy* are not required to pay the admission fee. For more information, please refer to the Application Guidelines.
   *Ritsumeikan University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)

Tuition for students enrolled in the 2025 Academic year

\<September Enrollment\>
    Fall semester Tuition: Tuition from September 26 to March 31
    Spring semester tuition: Tuition from April 1 to September 25

\<April Enrollment\>
    Spring semester tuition: Tuition from April 1 to September 25
    Fall semester Tuition: Tuition from September 26 to March 31

Tuition for Master's Program
(JPY)

Graduate School (English-based Program)	1st Year		2nd Year	
	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
-Policy Science	405,800	405,800	405,800	405,800
-Economics (MPED)	487,000	487,000	487,000	487,000
-International Relations (GIRP)	487,000	487,000	487,000	487,000
-Science and Engineering				
(except for Mathematics Course)	622,200	622,200	622,200	622,200
(Mathematics Course)	581,600	581,600	581,600	581,600
-Information Science and Engineering	615,300	615,300	615,300	615,300
-Life Sciences	615,300	615,300	615,300	615,300

Notes:
Third-and fourth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a master's program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.

Tuition for Doctoral Program*
(JPY)

1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year	
Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000

*Excluding Integrated Doctoral Program and Four-Year Doctoral Program

Notes:
1) Fourth-to sixth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a doctoral program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.
2) The tuition fee for those who enrolled for longer than the standard term for course completion who have fulfilled all the relevant graduate school's requirements for completion, except those relating to the doctoral dissertation, shall be 100,000 JPY per semester.

Examples of Scholarships and Grants

Model case for receiving Scholarships and Grants

Many students take advantage of scholarships at Ritsumeikan University. Financial burden can be reduced through such awards.
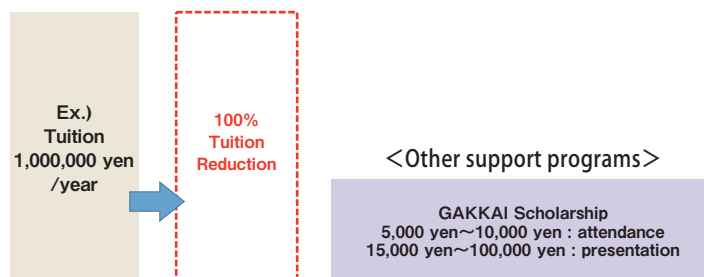*Please note that the details of the scholarships below are as of May 2025 and are subject to change. Please refer to pp. 10-11 for details.

International Student Master's Program 1st Year

＜Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category Ⅰ＞

Privately financed international students with a resident status of "Student" who achieved outstanding results in the entrance examination get a 100% tuition reduction.

There are also other scholarships and grants available, such as GAKKAI Scholarship for attendance and or presentation at conferences. The GAKKAI Scholarship is limited to two disbursals per student per year.

Ex.) Tuition 1,000,000 yen /year → 100% Tuition Reduction

＜Other support programs＞

GAKKAI Scholarship
5,000 yen～10,000 yen : attendance
15,000 yen～100,000 yen : presentation

＜SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) and Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category Ⅱ＞

Students who achieved great results in the entrance examination are awarded a SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment). Also, privately financed international students with a resident status of "Student" generally get a 20% tuition reduction if they apply for it after enrollment. In the example to the right, after receiving the SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (for 1st year of enrollment) and 20% tuition reduction, the total tuition amount comes to 600,000 yen.
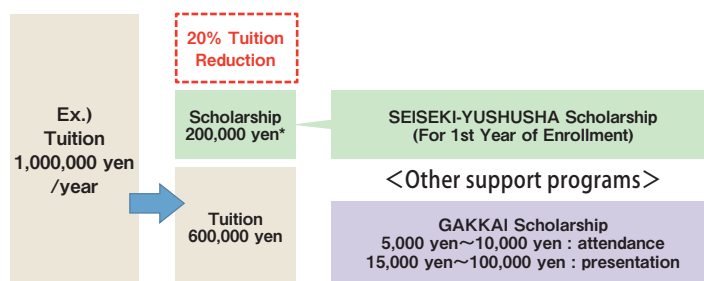
Ex.) Tuition 1,000,000 yen /year →
20% Tuition Reduction
Scholarship 200,000 yen*
Tuition 600,000 yen

SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment)

＜Other support programs＞

GAKKAI Scholarship
5,000 yen～10,000 yen : attendance
15,000 yen～100,000 yen : presentation

*In case of receiving 200,000 yen.

International Student Master's Program 2nd Year

＜Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category Ⅰ＞

The reduction period is set as the standard program duration. Thus, Master's Program 2nd year students continue to receive benefits.

There are also other scholarships and grants available, such as the KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO Grant for conducting research activities in Japan or overseas.

Ex.) Tuition 1,000,000 yen /year → 100% Tuition Reduction

＜Other support programs＞

GAKKAI Scholarship
5,000～10,000 yen : attendance
15,000～100,000 yen : presentation

＜SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) and Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category Ⅱ＞

Students who achieved great results in their studies and research activities during their first year are awarded a SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students). Also, privately financed international students with a resident status of "Student" generally get a 20% tuition reduction if they apply for it after enrollment. In the example to the right, after receiving the SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (for 2nd year students) and 20% tuition reduction, the total tuition amount comes to 600,000 yen.

Ex.) Tuition 1,000,000 yen /year →
20% Tuition Reduction
Scholarship 200,000 yen*
Tuition 600,000 yen

SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students)

＜Other support programs＞

GAKKAI Scholarship
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15,000～100,000 yen : presentation
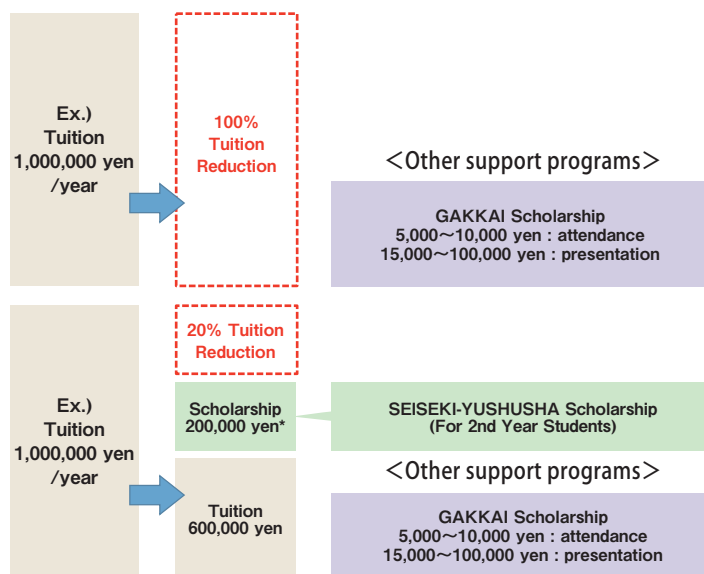
*In case of receiving 200,000 yen.

International Student Doctoral Program 1st Year

＜KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship A＞

Students who have achieved excellence in their field of research or can be expected to, are awarded a KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship A and get an amount equivalent to the total amount of tuition.

There are also other scholarships and grants available, such as the GAKKAI Scholarship for attendance and or presentation at conferences.

Ex.) Tuition 500,000 yen → KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship A 500,000 yen

＜Other support programs＞

Research Grant for Doctoral Students
100,000～500,000 yen

GAKKAI Scholarship
5,000 yen～10,000 yen : attendance
15,000 yen～100,000 yen : presentation
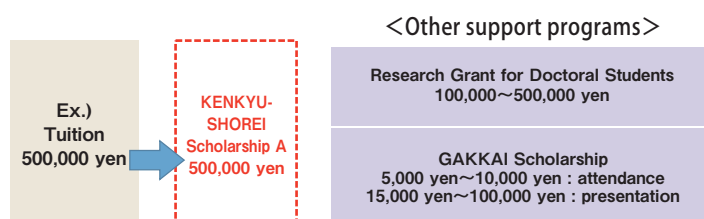
Scholarship Information

There are a number of scholarships that prospective students can secure before beginning their studies at RU, in addition to the scholarships and tuition reduction schemes that international students may apply for after commencing their studies. Scholarships are provided not only by RU, but also by organizations such as ADB and the Japanese government.

＊Please note that the details of the scholarships below are as of May 2025 and are subject to change without advanced notice. Please refer to the application guidelines of each scholarship and research grant or the website for detailed updated information.

Scholarship Type	Master's Program	Doctoral Program
Prize Fellowships for International Students (Governments, Organizations, etc)	Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship	
	Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program（ADB)	—
	Japan-International Monetary Fund Scholarship Program for Asia(JISPA)	—
	Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	
Fellowships for International Students (RU)	Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category Ⅰ (100%)	
	Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II（20%)	
	Ando Momofuku Scholarship for International Students	
	International Students Assistance Scholarship by Ritsumeikan faculty/staff	
Prize Fellowships	SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment)	KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship (Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students)
	SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 2nd Year Students)	RARA SPRING (RARA Student Fellow)
Support System for Career Development	GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)	GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)
	KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO Grant (Grant for Students Participating in Study Programs)	Research Grant for Doctoral Students
	Program to Support the Submission of Academic Papers in Foreign Languages (for Graduate Students)	
	—	Grant for Publication of Doctoral Dissertation

Apply before enrollment

Scholarship Name	Qualifications		Scholarship Conditions		Notes	Recipients in 2024
	Nationality & Age	Eligible Graduate School(s)	Benefits	Period		
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship	Countries recognized by the Japanese government; Under 35	Varies year to year	145,000-148,000 yen/ month, tuition fees, travel expenses	Master's 2years Doctoral 3years	Applicants must apply to RU via special MEXT admissions	74＊4
Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program(ADB)＊1	Citizens of ADB developing member countries; Under 35	Economics (Master's program only)	147,000 yen / month, tuition fees, travel expenses, book allowance, medical and health insurance	2 years	Applicants must apply to RU for admission and to ADB for scholarship separately	4
Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category Ⅰ (100%)	—	All graduate schools＊3	100% exemption from tuition fees	Master's 2years Doctoral 3years	Awarded to Regular Admissions applicants based on entrance exam performance	28
SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA＊2 Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment)	—	(Master's programs only) All except School of Law and Graduate School of Management	100,000 - 600,000 yen deducted from tuition. (varies by graduate school)	1 year	Awarded to Regular Admissions applicants based on entrance exam performance	412

＊1 Recipients of these scholarships may not accept any additional scholarships.
＊2 Notification of award is sent to the successful applicants along with admission results.

＊3 Actual graduate schools selected each year based on university protocol.
＊4 The number of students is for the MEXT University Recommendation Scholarship only.

Admissions & Aid

Information on scholarships to apply for before enrollment

Graduate Student Career Path Support Center

Information on scholarships and grants offered by Graduate Student Career Path Support Center

Apply after enrollment (for self-financed international students)

Scholarship/ Grant Name	Eligibility Criteria	Scholarship Conditions		Application Period	Recipients in 2024
	Year Level/Age	Benefits	Period		
Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II (20%)	All Levels	20% exemption from tuition (excluding admission fee)	1 year	Spring / Fall	801 [*1]
Ando Momofuku Scholarship for International Students	All Levels (Under30)	1,000,000 yen / year	1 year	Spring	4
International Students Assistance Scholarship by Ritsumeikan Faculty/Staff	All Levels	250,000 yen / year	1 year	Spring	4
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	All Levels	48,000 yen / month	1 year	Spring	21
			6 months	Fall	30
SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 2nd Year Students)	Enrolled in the 3rd semester of Master's Degree Program	100,000 - 600,000 yen (depending on graduate schools) / year	1 year	Spring or Fall One time in the 2nd year	407
KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship (Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students)	Doctoral Degree Program	S[*2]: Equivalent to the yearly tuition A: Equivalent to the yearly tuition B: Equivalent to half of the yearly tuition	1 year	Spring or Fall One time (Not all of graduate schools recruit in the fall semester.)	164

[*1] After enrollment, all students in English-based programs who meet the eligibility requirements and complete an application by the deadline are granted the award. The number of recipients listed only includes newly enrolled students. The Tuition Reduction scheme from the 2027 academic year onward is currently undecided. While changes from the current configuration are being planned, whether to enact changes or to retain the current format will be decided at a later date.

[*2] Students who have a status of JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1/DC2, or who passed the 1st stage screening.

Scholarship/ Grant Name	Summary of the Scholarship / Grant	Eligibility	Amount
GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)	This scholarship assists with part of expenses for participation and presentations at academic conferences.	All Levels	5,000 yen : online attendance 10,000 yen : attendance on site 15,000 yen : online presentation / proceeding (submitted paper) is published 30,000 yen : presentation in Japan 100,000 yen : presentation overseas
Research Grant for Doctoral Students	The purpose of this grant is to reduce the financial burden for the realization of outstanding research plans by outstanding students, and to promote research activities that contribute to the completion of their doctoral dissertations as early as possible, thereby supporting the completion of their doctoral dissertations within the standard period of study.	Doctoral Degree Program	Three types: 100,000 yen/ 300,000 yen/500,000 yen
Program to Support the Submission of Academic Papers in Foreign Languages (for Graduate Students)	The purpose of this program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to internationally disseminate their research results through research article publication in English.	All Levels	up to 50,000 yen : Proofreading Expenses up to 50,000 yen : Submission Expenses
Grant for Publication of Doctoral Dissertation	This program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to publish their dissertation. This program will provide financial assistance to support those who earned a doctoral degree from Ritsumeikan University to publish their doctoral dissertation. Published books will be stored and shelved in Ritsumeikan University Libraries.	Doctoral Degree Program	Maximum of 1,000,000 yen

Other available scholarships for international students

For more information about scholarships available for international students, please refer to the International Student Handbook.

Inquires：International Center at BKC   cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

Student Life at RU

■ Student Support

RU offers the complete range of student advisory services, including career planning, academic guidance, and services catering specifically for international students, such as assistance in obtaining visas and support for finding housing. There is also an extensive range of dining and retail options close to each of the campuses. RU is committed to providing students with the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential.

■ International Center

At the International Center, students can receive assistance with visa issues, accommodation, health, and day to day life. When new international students arrive at RU, the International Center organizes thorough orientations that include sessions outlining the procedures for obtaining their residence card, health insurance, and bank accounts.

A few words from the International Student Support Coordinator

"After traveling overseas to study with us, I'm sure you will encounter all sorts of fun and new experiences here in Japan. By that same token, however, it's also quite likely that you will face new difficulties and experience anxiety which you may not ever have dealt with in your home country.

Of course there is the language barrier, but beyond that there are certain to be differences in culture, customs, and even the way of thinking between Japan and your home country which will occasionally come up and cause you problems, or at least a bit of uncertainty, in your daily life. While living in a foreign country, Japan, and while studying hard at the same time, you will most likely feel stressed at one time or another. Many international students go through and overcome similar experiences before heading out into the world post-graduation. It is through these trials that international students often show such splendid development as people by the time they reach their graduation.

International Student Support Coordinators are stationed at the International Centers on each of Ritsumeikan's campuses to help international students deal with and overcome the problems and issues they face during their life studying abroad. Our support isn't limited to just big problems either - we are happy to listen and help you work through any small worries or concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to speak with us when you visit the International Center. We look forward to talking with you!"

■ Peer Support

Outside of the regular curriculum RU provides an extensive support net for its students, stretching from "Peer Support" which is offered by fellow students, to the "Orita" (also known as "Enta") system, in which students in their 2nd year and up help incoming students get accustomed to university life. This system was first introduced by Ritsumeikan and has since gained traction at other universities here in Japan. In addition to these, the "Tutors for International Students Assembly" support program (TISA) is also maintained by the university. TISA consists of currently enrolled students who assist both newly incoming and currently enrolled international students in their daily and academic life.

■ Health Care

■ Health Center
Located on campus, the health center promotes the health of students through a combination of general health support services and a medical office that specializes in internal medicine. To ensure their good health, all students must take part in a yearly health check that assesses their overall health condition and, depending on the result, follows up with additional tests as necessary.

■ Student Support Room
Also available for students of RU is the "Student Support Room." Students are free to use this room's facilities and consult its experts when they are feeling down or are in need of expert consultation or advice. Professional counselors can assist students in English or Japanese.

■ Administrative Office of Each Graduate School

The administrative office of each graduate school provides advice on all academic matters, including on course registration and internship opportunities.

■ Career Center

The Career Center offers career support for international students looking to pursue future employment in Japan. In addition to providing career consultation, information on internships, and on-campus company information sessions, the center organizes various career development events throughout the year.

Regional Exchange

Students at Ritsumeikan University have ample opportunity to interact with members of the local community. Community members are invited to participate in events held on campus, giving students and members of the community a chance to meet and deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and local traditions through a variety of activities. At the same time, international students have many opportunities to give presentations and share the culture and traditions of their own countries with their fellow students and the community.

Eateries

Each of RU's three main campuses houses at least one large cafeteria, with Kinugasa and BKC's cafeterias open until 8:00 pm, and OIC's cafeteria open until 7:00 pm. These cafeterias stay open late to ensure that students finishing up evening club activities or attending late lectures can relax and have a healthy meal afterwards. For students starting things off early the "100 Yen Breakfast Set" has become a popular choice. Meal plans are also available. In addition to the large main cafeterias, each campus is home to multiple smaller eateries and places to relax including Tully's Coffee at Kinugasa Campus, Starbucks at OIC, and SHIRU CAFE at BKC.

Events on Campus

Throughout the course of the year, the International Center, student groups and even individual students organize numerous exchange events for students both on and off-campus. From visits to historical sites in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka, to hands-on workshops in Japanese arts, crafts, and cooking, international students have plenty of opportunities to mix and mingle with their Japanese peers and to experience and enjoy Japanese culture outside of the classroom.

Living in Japan

Living expenses will vary depending on each student's individual lifestyle, but the following is a list of estimated expenses for an average student.

Notes	Approximate Monthly Cost
Rent	30,000 – 60,000 yen
Utilities	10,000 yen
Internet	4,000 yen
Basic Food	30,000 – 50,000 yen
National Health Insurance	2,000 yen
Mobile Phone	4,000 yen
Local Transportation	12,000 yen
Leisure Activities	25,000 yen
Total	117,000 – 167,000 yen

Housing

RU's three main campuses each has an international dormitory, known as an I-House, located nearby.
*There are three dormitories at Kinugasa Campus, however, graduate students are not admitted.

Monthly Lodging Fees

Room Type	BKC I-House		OIC I-House
	Type A (Single, private toilet only)	Type B (Single, private shower & toilet)	Shared (6 students/unit (private bedrooms))
Rent	39,000	47,000	50,000
Utilities (Electricity, Internet, etc.)	Electricity charged as used. Rent includes internet and water.	Electricity charged as used. Rent includes internet and water.	7,200
Bedding Rental Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000
Security Deposit	Equal to one month's rent	Equal to one month's rent	Equal to one month's rent

*Fees are current as of April 2025.

Initial Move-in Fees
・BKC I-House: Security deposit, 2 months' rent and bedding rental fees.
・OIC I-House: Security deposit, 1.5 - 2 months' rent (depending on move-in date), 2 months' of utilities and bedding rental fees, and the entrance fee 10,000.
For more details: https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/dorm/

All Campuses:
Students can find information about campus-area apartments at the Student Co-op.
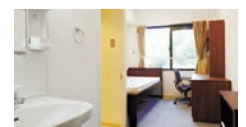
BKC International House : Private Room Type A

Language Support Programs

Ritsumeikan University offers the following language support programs to International Graduate Students.

For details, please visit our website ▶

1) ONLINE Academic Writing Tutorials

The ONLINE Academic Writing Tutorials provide you with the opportunity to have your written work checked by an English instructor. You can sign-up for a private (one-on-one) tutorial session in which an instructor will check your actual paper to find areas which need improvement. Students who are planning on submitting a thesis or any other form of academic paper but lack confidence in their English writing ability should take advantage of this opportunity.

<Session Schedule>
These sessions are scheduled to be offered during a designated period each semester (subject to change).
The number of sessions offered, however, differs each semester.
Please check our website below for detailed information.
https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/eng/language/

<Notes>
・The instructor will NOT instruct or give professional advice on the contents of your research.
・You must bring your own paper (or select pages from your paper) on the day of the tutorial since the writing instruction will be based on your actual written work.

Tools used: Zoom
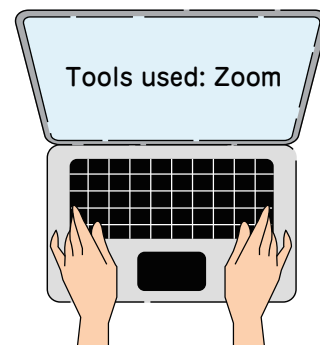
2) Japanese Conversation Program

The purpose of this program is to improve international graduate students' Japanese skills.
It's mainly geared towards students enrolled in English-based programs, and is offered online.

<Course Schedule/Description>
For details, please check our website.
https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/eng/language/

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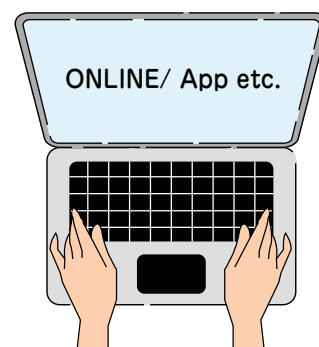
■ English Academic Writing (e-learning)

Graduate Students can attend the English academic writing program for researchers (Springer Nature's nature masterclasses).
This e-learning system helps students learn how to write scientific papers and understand peer review method.
https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/member/news/detail/?id=219
 (See the *nature masterclasses Online Course* Registration PDF to learn how to register.)

■ Beyond Border's Plaza (Commons)

The Beyond Border's Plaza (BBP) is a student commons designed for student exchange, inbound and outbound study abroad support, and language learning, with one location on each of the three main RU campuses. Each BBP is composed of several different areas, including the Reading Space – a relatively quiet study area stocked with language education texts, books from overseas, comics and magazines; the Support Desk – where a special lecturer is stationed to provide students with advice; the Communication Rooms – where students can pick up a foreign language through conversation classes, and which can be rented by students for private group study; and the Commons Space – where international exchange events and activities are held.

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bbp Beyond Borders Plaza

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The BBP provides student services such as the Communication Room language classes, help at the Support Desk, intercultural advising, events and so on. See the website for further info and check our SNS for upcoming events! !

【BBP Website】https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/bbp/

Beyond Borders Plaza

PICK UP   Employment situation

In Japan, most students decide their post-graduation career path while still in college/graduate school. Job-hunting in Japan usually begins when students are in their third year of undergraduate studies or first year of their master's program.

For international students with a status of residence "Student," job hunting is only permitted up until their graduation. The best tip for successful job hunting in Japan is to develop your Japanese language proficiency as much as possible and develop a deep understanding of Japanese culture while in college/graduate school. It is common even for foreign owned corporations in Japan to require you to have a high Japanese language level since their customers are mainly Japanese.

We encourage you to discover your future career path during your college life and utilize all the support provided by the Career Center. The Ritsumeikan University Career Center provides career support services, especially for international students seeking employment in Japan.

✔ **Career center provides a wide range of support for job-hunting for international students**
・Individual career consultation (English and Japanese)
・Company information session (English and Japanese)
・Entry sheet (Resume) writing workshop (Japanese)

✔ **Examples of Past Employers of International Student Alumni**

Liberal arts Humanities	Accenture Japan Ltd, Amazon Japan G.K., Fujitsu Limited., Hitachi, Ltd., IBM Japan, Ltd., KEYENCE CORPORATION, Kyndryl Japan KK, Nitori Holdings Co., Ltd., Rakuten Group, Inc. SoftBank Corp., etc.
STEM	IBM Japan, Ltd., KONICA MINOLTA, INC., KUBOTA CORPORATION, Lion Corporation, Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION, Sharp Corporation, SEGA CORPORATION, YANMAR HOLDINGS CO., LTD., etc.

*The above includes employers who have hired undergraduate students.

Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR)

Global International Relations Program / International Relations Program (Master's Program)

■ Outline

We are living in a connected world which faces a growing number of global issues; these are issues that no single state can cope with alone. The global pandemic, climate change, refugees and migration, terrorism, and natural disasters are all global issues that require dialogue and close cooperation between various national and international actors. Our Master of International Relations degree is designed to train future leaders who are equipped with the skills and expertise to address pressing global challenges which cut across politics, economic development, culture, and society.

■ Features

・We offer a unique interdisciplinary program that links politics, economics, media, and culture with a global perspective.
・We embrace a diverse group of students from over 30 countries.
・We are located in Kyoto, within cycling distance of various UNESCO World Heritage Sites and Kitano Tenmangu Shrine which enshrines the god of academics.

■ Program

Courses offered in Japanese / Courses offered in English

International Relations Program (Japanese-Based Program)

- Global Governance Cluster
- Sustainable Development Cluster
- Culture, Society and Media Cluster

Global International Relations Program (English-Based Program)

- Global Governance Cluster
- Sustainable Development Cluster
- Culture, Society and Media Cluster
- Global Japanese Studies Cluster

The GSIR's Master of Arts in International Relations program is designed to offer two programs, in Japanese and English.
* Admitted students are affiliated only with their program and not with any particular cluster.
* Students may take courses from any cluster.
* Not all courses are offered every year. Please confirm the exact information at the orientation after enrollment.

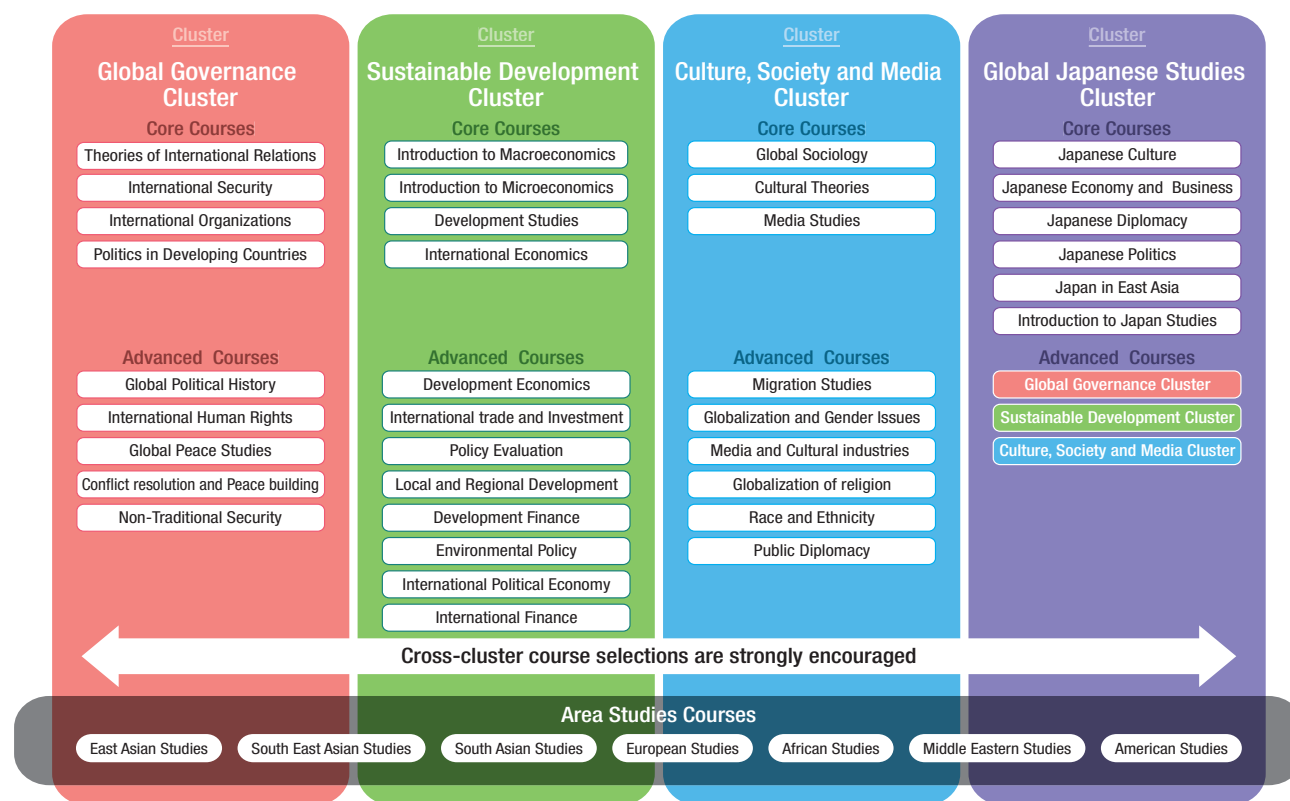## ■ Support for individual Research (Master's Thesis)

Students receive comments and feedback from professors at regular presentations prior to the submission of their master's thesis.
Student questionnaires show a high degree of satisfaction with our guidance.

Curriculum

*Please see our website for more details.

Global International Relations Program (English-Based Program)

Global Governance Cluster	Sustainable Development Cluster	Culture, Society and Media Cluster	Global Japanese Studies Cluster
Cluster	Cluster	Cluster	Cluster
Core Courses	**Core Courses**	**Core Courses**	**Core Courses**
Theories of International Relations	Introduction to Macroeconomics	Global Sociology	Japanese Culture
International Security	Introduction to Microeconomics	Cultural Theories	Japanese Economy and Business
International Organizations	Development Studies	Media Studies	Japanese Diplomacy
Politics in Developing Countries	International Economics		Japanese Politics
			Japan in East Asia
			Introduction to Japan Studies
Advanced Courses	**Advanced Courses**	**Advanced Courses**	**Advanced Courses**
Global Political History	Development Economics	Migration Studies	Global Governance Cluster
International Human Rights	International trade and Investment	Globalization and Gender Issues	Sustainable Development Cluster
Global Peace Studies	Policy Evaluation	Media and Cultural industries	Culture, Society and Media Cluster
Conflict resolution and Peace building	Local and Regional Development	Globalization of religion	
Non-Traditional Security	Development Finance	Race and Ethnicity	
	Environmental Policy	Public Diplomacy	
	International Political Economy		
	International Finance		

Cross-cluster course selections are strongly encouraged

Area Studies Courses

East Asian Studies — South East Asian Studies — South Asian Studies — European Studies — African Studies — Middle Eastern Studies — American Studies

Academic Advisors for Global IR Program (English-Based Program)

Researcher Database

Professors	Subject of Research
ADACHI, Kenki	International Politics, Disarmament and Arms Control, Global Governance, Civil Society
AMEKAWA, Yuichiro	Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Social Development, Sociology of Agriculture/Environmental Sociology, Area Studies (Southeast Asia, especially Thailand)
ATAKA, Hiroaki	Critical International Relations Theory, International Political Economy
CHEUNG, Yukman	Cultural-Historical Sociology, Nationalism, Urban Sociology, Japanese Studies, Japanese Subcultures (anime), Hong Kong Studies
DANISMAN, Idris	Religion and International Relations, Islamic Thought, Turkish Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Multiculturalism
FRENCH, Thomas William	Japanese History, Japanese Politics, History of US-Japan Relations, History of UK-Japan Relations
FUKUMI, Sayaka	International Relations, Non-Traditional Security Threats
HAYASHI, Daisuke	Political Economy, Environmental Policy, Climate Change Policy, Energy Policy
HIRONO, Miwa	China's International Relations, Security Studies
HONNA, Jun	Politics and International Relations in Southeast Asia, Indo-Pacific Strategic Affairs, Non-Traditional Security, Democratization, Civil-Military Relations/Security Sector Reform
ISHIKAWA, Sachiko	International Development Cooperation Theory, Conflict and Peace Studies, Regional Studies (Southeast Asia, ASEAN)
ITAKI, Masahiko	International Economy, International Surplus Capital
IWATA, Takuo	Comparative Politics, African Studies
KAWAMURA, Satoko	International Relations (Governance of Advanced Technology, International Thought), International Administration, The Law of International Relations
KOBAYASHI, Kazushige	Global IR Theory, International Orders, International Security, Peacebuilding, International Development, International Organizations, Russian Foreign Policy, EU Foreign Policy
KOGA-BROWES, Scott Philammon	Media Studies, Visual Semiotic Analysis of TV News
LU Wanxue	Development Economics, International Finance, Asian Economic Studies, Southeast Asian Area Studies
MASUDA, Minoru	International History, History of British Politics and Diplomacy
MATSUDA, Masahiko	Agriculture and Rural Development, Area Studies (Southeast Asia, Myanmar)
MATSUSAKA, Hiroaki	Global and Transnational History, Intellectual and Cultural History, North American and East Asian Studies, Transpacific Studies, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
NAKATO, Sachio	IR (International Relations) / IPE (International Political Economy)
OCHI, Megumi	International Criminal Justice (International Law, International Organizations, Peace and Conflict Studies)
OYAMA, Shinji	Cultural Studies, Media studies, Creative/Cultural Industries Studies: Critical Brand Studies
RAJKAI, Zsombor Tibor	Social and Cultural Studies, Modernization of Non-Western Societies, Family Studies
SHIMADA, Haruyuki	International Development and Cooperation, Development Economics, International Relations, Area Study（South and South East Asia）
SHIRATO, Keiichi	Journalism Studies (Japan, African Countries), African Area Studies, Japan-Africa Relations
SMITH, Nathaniel M.	Cultural Anthropology: Far Right Political Activism, Urban Studies, Japan Studies
SONODA, Setsuko	History, Area Studies, Overseas Chinese Studies, Modern Chinese History
SUECHIKA, Kota	Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, International Relations, Comparative Politics
TORIYAMA, Junko	Gender Studies, Gender Studies on the Middle East, Cultural Anthropology
TSUJIMOTO, Toshiko	Transnational Sociology, Studies on International Migration and Gender, Philippine Studies
UEMATSU, Hiroki	Development Economics, Poverty and Inequality, Sustainable Development, International Cooperation
WATANABE, Hiroaki Richard	International Relations, Comparative Political Economy (East Asia/Asia-Pacific, Europe, USA)
WATANABE, Matsuo	Economic Development, African Economies, West Balkan Study (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
YAMAGUCHI, Tomomi	Cultural Anthropology, Japan Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies
YANE, Haruka	International Economics, International Trade and Labor, Economic Policies

Graduate School of Economics

Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED) / Doctoral Program

Nurturing knowledge professionals with a base in economics

■ Outline

Since its establishment in 1950, the Graduate School of Economics has produced many outstanding graduates who have entered the business world, central and local governments, and various research organizations. Located near Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan, the campus offers a beautiful natural environment along with the highest level of facilities and equipment. The faculty of Economic has nurtured as much as 50,000 students with independence and ability in business. We feel proud that we kept a prominent position among a lot of graduate schools and faculties of economics in Japan in terms of quality of education and research.

■ Features of Program

Master's Program
The school has offered the program for international students in English since 2001. These have proved popular with international students who enjoy taking courses in English in a Japanese academic environment, while working with their academic advisors on the writing and submission of their theses. The Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED) starting from September 2002 is a course in fundamental economic theory such as Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics and applied economics, conforming to international standards and taught entirely in English. This course accepts students with strong interest in Japan and the Asian regional development from developing and developed countries, and will foster researchers - who have acquired specialized knowledge along with a strong sense of reality - and highly specialized professionals who can lead the international community. The aim of this program is to nurture talented individuals with wide-ranging discernment who can become leading figures in international society (in whichever field).

Doctral Program
In the Doctoral Program, which was established in 1964, researchers acquire a broad perspective, higher specialization in knowledge and skills, and a superior capacity to independently pioneer new spheres of research. As a result, this program has produced a large number of talented individuals who are working for a wide range of universities and research institutions.

■ Program Structure

Master's Program in Economic Development

Degree Requirements Students must acquire 30 credits in the two years, including:
- ・4 credits from Core courses.
- ・4 credits from Elementary Seminars Ⅰ and Ⅱ in the first year.
- ・4 credits from Special Seminars Ⅰ and Ⅱ in the second year.
  （Special Seminar is the individual thesis instruction by supervisor.）

Type of Courses

		First Year	Second Year
Course Work	Core Courses	Microeconomics I Microeconomics II Macroeconomics I Macroeconomics II Econometrics I Econometrics II	
	Elective Courses	Development Economics International Economics International Finance Financial Economics Topics in Economics	Japanese Economy Public Policy Environmental Economics Internship Program Applied Economics
Thesis; Elementary Seminars Special Seminars Research Seminars		Elementary Seminar I Elementary Seminar II	Special Seminar I Special Seminar II Research Seminar I Research Seminar II
Learning in Practice		Open Seminar, Workshop, Fieldwork, Study Tour	

Program Schedule

First Academic Year	
September February – March April	Entrance Ceremony, Fall Semester Begins Spring Break / Winter Intensive Course Submission of Research Plan
April June August – September	Spring Semester Begins / Health Examination Announcement of Supervisor and Sub-supervisor Summer Break / Summer Intensive Course

Second Academic Year	
September January January February – March	Fall Semester Begins Interim Presentation Submission of Special Seminar Report Spring Break / Winter Intensive Course
April July July August August – September September	Spring Semester Begins / Health Examination Final Presentation Submission of Master's Thesis Oral Examination of Master's Thesis Summer Break Commencement Ceremony

Doctoral Program

Degree Requirements
- ・Enroll for more than 3 years.
- ・Earn 12 credits or more including Research Seminar Ⅰ～Ⅳ.
- ・Submit a doctoral dissertation. Submitted dissertation must pass the Dissertation Review by Graduate School of Economics.

■ Faculty members

Researcher Database

Name	Field of Research, Subject of Research, Research Theme etc.
ADACHI, Yusuke	・Regional Economics ・Urban Economics ・Applied micro-econometrics
AONO, Kohei	・Empirical Study on Japanese Stock Market Empirical Analyses on the Impacts of Unconventional Monetary Policy
EHARA, Kei	・Marxian political economy
GOKAN, Yoichi	・Endogenous business cycle theory: in determinativeness and branch theory
GOMBI, Ichiro	・A Theoretical Study on Determination of Exchange Rate and International Balance of Payments
GOTO, Daisaku	・Behavioral Development Economics ・Behavioral Environmental Economics ・Applied Microeconometrics
HARIMAYA, Kozo	・Empirical analysis of financial institutions and financial markets ・Empirical analysis of the effects of industrial policy
HAYASHI, Hiroaki	・Comparative Study on Socio-economic Problems of Transition Countries
HORI, Kazumi	・Contract Theory・Organizational Economics ・Applied Microeconomic Theory
ICHINO, Yasukazu	・Diversity and international trade ・Gains from trade ・Flipped classroom in teaching economics
INASAWA, Izumi	・International Comparative Analysis of Policy Making Process in Energy / Environmental Sectors
KAKINAKA, Makoto	・Public Policy ・Financial Systems ・International Economics
KAWAGISHI, Taketo	・Macroeconomic Theory ・Economic Growth Theory ・Dynamic Macroeconomic Analysis
KINOKUNI, Hiroshi	・Industrial Organization ・A Theoretical Study on Durable Goods Monopoly
KOBAYASHI, Mizuki	・Automobile industry ・Relationship between automobile companies and suppliers
KURIHARA, Yukiko	・Micro data Analysis Based on Secondary Utilization of Official Statistics
KUROKAWA, Kiyoto	・Regional Development Economics. ・Private sector development study in developing countries. ・Economic Resilience
LEE, Kangkook	・Macroeconomics of inequality and economic growth・Financial development, financial globalization and income distribution
MASWANA, Jean-Claude	・Development theories and policies ・Trade and Sustainable Development ・Asia-Africa's Economic Interactions
MATSUMOTO, Akira	・Study on systematizing of the international economics with the international value theory as the key concept
MINETOSHI, Chiho	・Tourism Economics ・Tourism Education ・Conservation and Inheritance of Regional Resources
MOMOTA, Akira	・Economic growth theory ・A theoretical study on macroeconomic dynamics under low fertility and aging societies
NAKAI, Miwa	・Environmental Economics ・Environmental Policy ・Sustainable Investment
NIIGATA, Atsushi	・Financial market analysis ・Impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on finance ・Financial industry analysis
NISHI, Hiroshi	・Japanese economy ・Analytical political economy
NITTA, Kohei	・Experimental Economics and Behavioral Economics ・Research on Social Norms ・Layered Public Goods Game
ODAMAKI, Tomoko	・Social Policy ・Co-production of Welfare Services
OHASHI, Akira	・U.S. Economy ・Modern Economic History of the U.S. ・A Political Economy of the U.S. Financial System
OHNO, Atsushi	・International Political Economy ・Fair Trade and Ethical Consumption ・WTO and Development Policy
OSHIO, Ryohei	・European Economic History ・Socioeconomic history of performing arts and theatre in Vienna ・Socioeconomic history in modern Austria
QIN, Jie	・Financial Economics ・Behavioral Finance ・Market Microstructure ・Emotion and decision making
SANO, Sayaka	・Rural economy ・Development economics ・Economics policy (Agricultural policy) ・Agribusiness and Cooperatavies in Brazil
SASAO, Toshiaki	・Environmental Economics ・Economic Analysis of Waste Management and Circular Economy
SATOH, Takashi	・Marxian Economic Theory ・Theory of Capital ・The Theory of Capitalist Economy
SHEN, XUEMEI	・General equilibrium model ・Global value chain ・Input-output analysis ・Public finance
SHIMADA, Koji	・Energy Consumption Behavioral change using pricing and nudge ・Renewable energy policy and market evolution
TAKEUCHI, Ai	・Institutions to raise and sustain cooperation ・Effects of information on behavior
TERAWAKI, Taku	・Economic valuation of non-market goods with stated preference approaches
TOKUMARU, Natsuka	・Economic Philosophy ・Experimental Economics ・Micro-behavioral Theory of System and Ethics
VIXATHEP, Souksavanh	・Economic Development Studies ・Southeast Asian economies ・Enterprise development, entrepreneurship, innovation ・International trade and economic development
YOSHIOKA, Shinji	・Business cycle in Japan, and applying for development economics, and policy analysis in general

Graduate School of Science and Engineering

International Program for Science and Engineering (Master's and Doctoral Program)

Powering the Future -The Structure of the Future-

■ Outline

To train researchers and professionals to possess not only a high level of theory and skills in the specialized fields of science and engineering, but also the ability to make creative discoveries.

The society of the 21st century becomes more diverse and complex, expecting towards graduate education in science and engineering to be greater than ever before. Furthermore, we now must think about technology in terms of its potential contributions to a sustainable global society. In order to meet these requirements, we offer diverse programs: Advanced Mathematics and Physics, Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems, Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics, and Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering. Our graduate school is staffed with professors who are capable of fulfilling our educational philosophy, and well-equipped with facilities such as laboratories that satisfy all essential requirements for advancing education and research.

■ Completion Requirements

Master's Degree Program < Standard Period of Study: 2 years>
Students must gained 30 credits and handed in a Master's thesis.
・Not less than 4 credits from Common Subjects must be acquired
・Not less than 10 credits from Major Subjects must be acquired
・16 credits from Research Subjects must be acquired

Doctoral Degree Program < Standard Period of Study: 3 years>
Students must gained 8 credits and handed in a Doctoral dissertation.
・8 credits from Research Subjects must be acquired

■ A Model of Research Flowchart in Master's Degree Program

First Year	
First Semester	Setting of a research theme and embodiment of issues to be solved
	Drafting of research plan / Confirmation of research guidance proposal
	Research
Second Semester	Confirmation of the research progress and confirmation or modification of a research plan
	Research, Consideration of academic conference presentation
	Interim debriefing session for thesis, summary and evaluation of research achievement during one year

Second Year	
Third Semester	Drafting of a research plan based on achievement progress and achievement objective
	Research, Consideration of academic conference presentation
	Summary of research achievement, Consideration of paper submission
Fourth Semester	Outline of essential points for thesis
	Writing of thesis, application for awarding degree, determination of chief examiner/vice-examiner
	Defense, Screening

■ Program Features and Courses

- ■ All courses and research supervision in English
- ■ Opportunity to receive focused supervision on your particular field of interest
- ■ 4 degrees available: Master of Science, Master of Engineering, Doctor of Science, and Doctor of Engineering
- ■ Practical result-oriented research to prepare you to excel in a leading field of technology
- ■ Multinational faculties and students
- ■ Learn how to express your research mission effectively to technical experts, industrial specialists, and government representatives
- ■ Learn how to make use of acquired experience and skills to regional development

※At the Master's level, the Physics Course is only available for Japanese-based students.

・Mathematics Course
・Physics Course

ADVANCED MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

ADVANCED ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

ADVANCED MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ROBOTICS

ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

・Mathematics Course
・Physics Course

ADVANCED MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

MASTER'S PROGRAM

ADVANCED ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS

・Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems Course

・Mechanical Engineering Course
・Robotics Course
・Micro Systems Technology Course

ADVANCED MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ROBOTICS

ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

・Civil and Environmental Engineering Course
・Architecture and Urban Design Course

Researcher Database

■ Past Research Topics

Advanced Mathematics and Physics

Mathematics Course
・Chern-Simons theory and its applications
・Applications of Stochastic Calculus based on Hyperbolic Brownian Motion
・Numerical analysis for stochastic differential equations with irregular coefficients

Physics Course
・Indirect signature of Kaluza-Klein dark matter
・Electronic States of the First Order Ferrimagnet $ErCo_2$ Studied by Polarization Dependent Hard X-Ray Photoemission Spectroscopy
・One Loop Analyses of Superstring Vacua on Asymmetric Orbifolds

Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems
・Efficient thermal analysis algorithm for Lithium ion battery modules
・Transient stability analysis of a multimachine power system using Lyapunov's second method
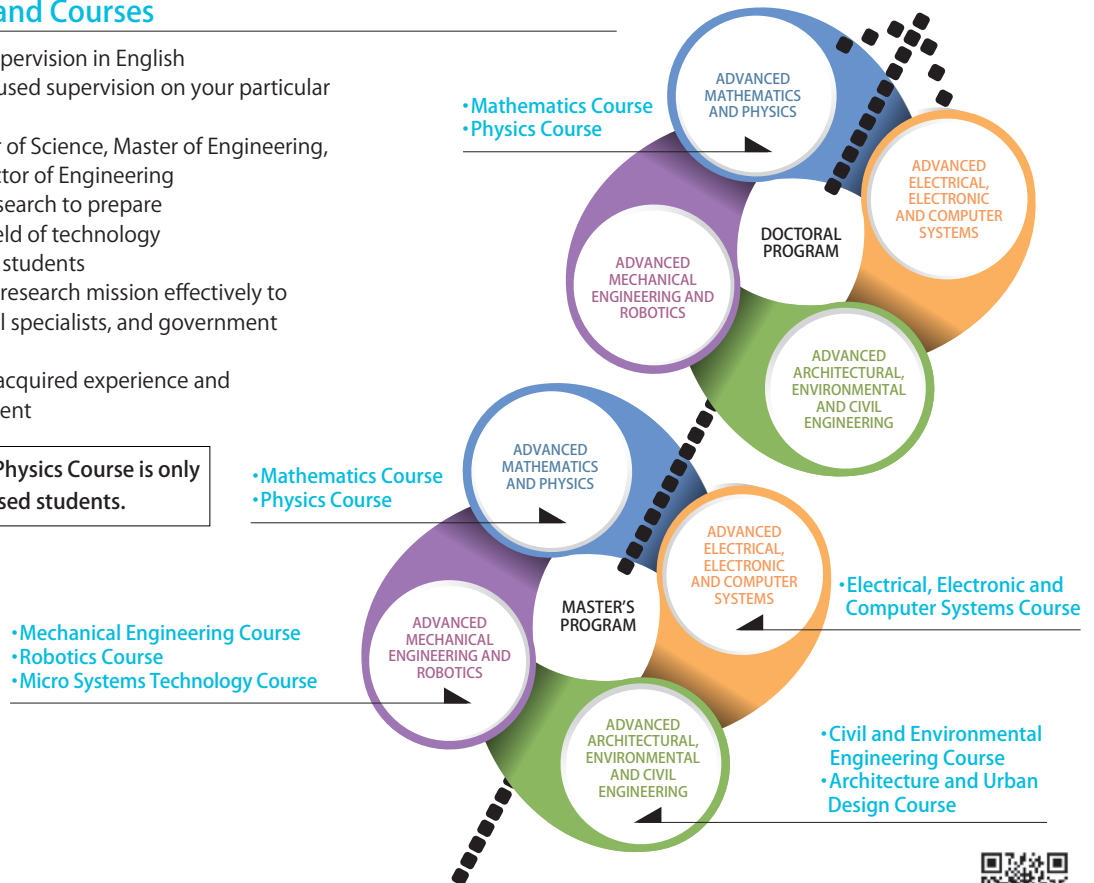・Advanced Positioning Algorithms for Automotive Single Frequency Receivers Based on PPP/VPPP GR Models

Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics
Mechanical Engineering Course
・Investigation of Power Electricity of Small Propeller in Waste-water Pipe
・Design and Parametric Study of Micro Compressor for Micro Gas Turbine using Computational Fluid Dynamics
・Study on Deformation Behavior of Heterogeneous Structure Materials via Multi-Scale FEM Analysis

Robotics Course
・Design of an Under-Actuated Adaptive Prosthetic Finger
・Variable Configuration Stereo Using Two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
・Mechanical Design and Control of Inflatable Robotic Arm

Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering
Civil and Environmental Engineering Course
・Study on Paste Dripping of Porous Concrete and New Evaluation Method for Fresh Porous Concrete
・Evaluation of Rebar Corrosion in RC using Acoustic Emission and Half-Cell Potential under Electrical Corrosion Test
・Effectiveness of Bike to School Policy for Junior High School Students in Blitar Municipality, Easy Java Province, Indonesia
・Exploring the Potential of 3D Printing for Building Houses in Nigeria and Brief Numerical Analysis of Lintels in 3D Printed Houses
・Assessment of Secondary Lead Reserves and Potential Lead Waste of Nations
・Exploring and Comparing the Quality of Public Transportation Services from Social Media: Case Study of Greater Jakarta

Architecture and Urban Design Course
・Development of a Sustainability Assessment Tool for Cities in Indonesia using the Analytic Hierarchy Process Method
・Architectural Heritage Preservation as a Tool for Sustaining the Architectural Identity
・Electrical Resistivity Measurement Based of Compressive Strength Control for High Fluidized Soil Improvement Construction
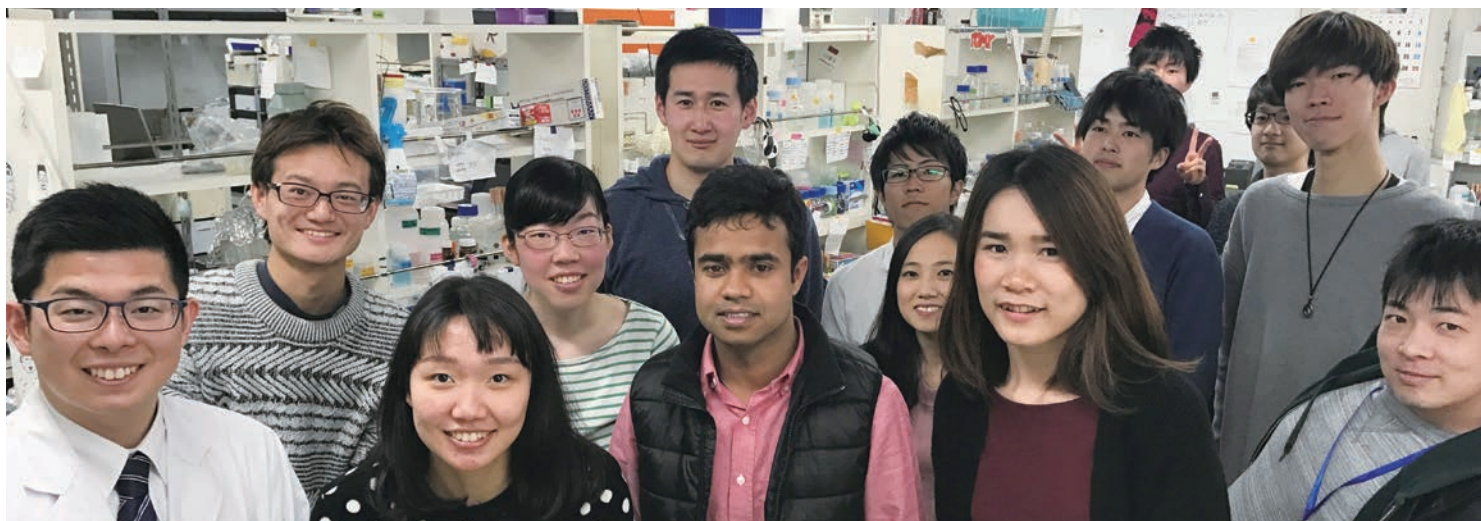

Find your potential supervisor

Graduate School of Life Sciences (GSLS)

International Program for Life Sciences（Master's and Doctoral Program）

Cultivating human resources that can contribute to solve the challenges of all humankind in the 21st century

■ Outline

The Graduate School of Life Sciences focuses on integrated and collaborative education in the life sciences where students can proactively study related fields while simultaneously deepening their understanding of their specialized area of study. We educate students and conduct research in the hope of cultivating individuals with a depth and breadth of knowledge who manifest independence and initiative.
International students are accepted for all courses, which are taught in English.
The program is designed to foster the acquisition of broad knowledge and specialized skills related to the life sciences.

■ Research Topics of Faculty

Applied Chemistry Course

・Synthesis and Physical Properties of Novel Organic Functional Materials
・Understanding the Functional Principles of Metal Catalysts and Developing Next-Generation Materials
・Developments of Novel High-Performance Photofunctional Materials Based on Physical Chemistry
・Design and Construction of Chemical Reaction Spaces Using Biomolecules
・Fabrication of Electronically and Electrooptically Functional Materials Through Synthesis and Assembly of Unexplored Molecules
・Elucidation of the Photochemical Dynamics by Femtosecond Pulse Laser Measurements and Quest for Application
・Development of Next Generation Rechargeable Battery Based on Solid Electrochemistry
・Redox Biochemistry
・Creating Future Polymer Materials by State-of-the-Art Nanotechnology
・Design of New Metal Complexes and Their Application to Transformation of Inert Molecules
・Creating Bioactive Molecules Using Catalytic and Enzymatic Transformations
・Molecular Mechanisms of Structure Formation and Conformational Change of Biomacromolecules

Biotechnology Course

・Functional Analysis of Plant Carbohydrate-Active Enzymes and Carbohydrate Compounds
・cAMP Signaling System in Plants
・Structural Bioscience for Improvement of Nature Environment and Drug Design
・Clarification of Biological Roles of Glycans by Synthetic Molecular Probes
・Development of the Production System of Valuable Materials Using Enzymes and Fermentation
・Generation of Virus- and Viroid-Resistant Plants through Genome Editing
・Mechanism of Bacterial Metabolic Pathways
・Understanding the Intracellular Organization of Archaeal Genomes and Its Functional Importance

Bioinformatics Course

・Analyze Tissue and Organ Function Based on the Accurate Cell Level Model
・Molecular Mechanisms of Environmental Stresses Tolerance in Plants
・Understanding from Genome to Life System
・Elucidation and Application of Structure-Function Relationship of Bio-molecules
・How Photosynthetic Microorganisms Respond to Changes in Their Environment?
・Rhythms in Motion and Rhythms in Brain: Deciphering Neural Information Processing from Rhythm
・Mathematical Models for Understanding Life as Information Processing Machinery
・Understanding the Function of Biomembranes in Plant Growth and Environmental Stress Tolerance

Biomedical Sciences Course

・Development of Innovative Therapy Targeting Immunosuppressive Cells
・Proteomic Study on the Diseases
・Dissecting the Process of Somatic Cell Reprogramming and Stem Cell Differentiation and Its Application to Regenerative Medicine
・Study for Pathologic Elucidation and Treatment of Diabetes
・Remodeling of Neural Network Underlies Vigorous Adaptability of the Brain
・Roles of Protein Modifications in Biological Phenomena and Disease Onsets
・Assessing the Value of Health Technologies and Supporting Policy Decision Making
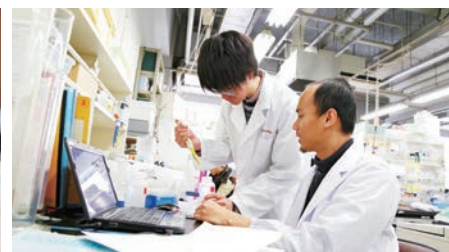
Program and Courses

MASTER Major in Advanced Life Sciences

Applied Chemistry Course

Studying both theory and technology in chemistry at the molecular level, and exploring new materials, new energy sources, and new biomaterials.

[Keywords]
- New materials
- Nanotechnology
- Environmental analysis
- Energy conversion
- Functional materials

Biotechnology Course

Studying both theory and technology in biology at the molecular level, and exploring new frontiers in environmental technology, food technology, bio-resources, and energy technology.

[Keywords]
- Microorganisms
- Bio-energy
- Molecular biology
- Environmental purification
- Biological resources
- Plant

Bioinformatics Course

Studying both fundamentals of life science and information science, and exploring new frontiers in life sciences by combining those two perspectives at the molecular level.

[Keywords]
- System biology
- Genome analysis
- Information science
- Bioinformatics

Biomedical Sciences Course

Studying both the forefront of medical sciences and their fusion fields, and exploring new frontiers in life sciences, medical science and medical policy.

[Keywords]
- Genome medical chemistry
- Tailor-made medicine
- Gene therapy
- Preventive health medicine

Completion Requirements

Master's Program

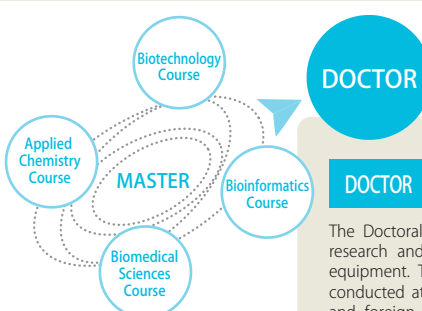| Category		Credits Required		Total
Common Subjects		Not less than 4 credits		Not less than 30 credits
Major Subjects	Core Subjects	Not less than 6 credits	Not less than 10 credits	
	Electives			
Research Subjects		16 credits		

Doctoral Program

Category	Credits Required	Total
Major Subjects	-	Not less than 8 credits
Research Subjects	Not less than 8 credits	

Biotechnology Course

Applied Chemistry Course

MASTER

Bioinformatics Course

Biomedical Sciences Course

DOCTOR

DOCTOR Major in Advanced Life Sciences

The Doctoral program engages in graduate-level education and research and makes use of highly specialized laboratories and equipment. There are also myriad cooperative research projects conducted at the international and regional levels with domestic and foreign companies and other graduate schools within the university.

Student Voice

Philippines

GONZAGA JOSE RYAN DEBUQUE
Level of Study: Master's Program
Course: Biotechnology Course

Q What is your favorite thing about Ritsumeikan University?

A One thing I really love about Ritsumeikan University is how vibrant and encouraging the community is here. Coming from the Philippines, I was a little worried about fitting in. The welcoming atmosphere has made me feel at home. The university offers a range of support services and resources that have been incredibly helpful in my transition to life in Japan. The modern facilities and the focus on biotechnology research have really enhanced my journey. Additionally, the administrative staff are very friendly and accommodating to the needs of foreign students. The Japanese class and career support services are incredibly helpful and have been crucial in preparing me for landing my dream job here in Japan.

India

RAWAT Arushi
Level of Study: Doctoral Program
Course: Advanced Life Sciences

Q Were you worried about your new life at Ritsumeikan University before your arrival? If so, how did your worries change after arriving?

A The language barrier has been the one thing that most times renders me unable to interact much with those around me. But even so, the people here have always been helpful to me regardless of the language barrier. Any time I face some difficulty in conveying something, they take the trouble to use a translator and try their best to understand what I am trying to say. In our laboratory also, everyone is helpful and they try their best to interact with me and make me feel included. As of now, having stayed in Japan for ten months, Japan feels like a second home to me. In these past few months I learned a lot of things. I have made friends from different countries across the globe and started learning Japanese.

America

LAW King Chuen
Level of Study: Doctoral Program
Course: Bioinformatics Course

Q Why did you choose to study at Ritsumeikan University?

A Ritsumeikan University is a prestigious private university that offers world class education and research facilities. Professors of Ritsumeikan University are experts in their respective fields and willing to share their extensive knowledge with young scientists in order to advance scientific research. I chose Ritsumeikan University because it offers an exceptional and positive learning environment where I can benefit from the expertise and guidance of my professors and foster my own personal and academic growth.

Bangladesh

KHAN Md. Riad Hossain
Level of Study: Doctoral Program
Course: Advanced Life Sciences

Q How do you think your experience at Ritsumeikan University will help you achieve your goals?

A Higher study with specific goals is very important in any student's educational journey. I think the knowledge I learned from Ritsumeikan University will help me in my future research activities. Cutting-edge research facilities with diverse faculty members enriched my knowledge which will help my future career development. Moreover, I think, the job placement support system will help me to get my dream job in the future.

Graduate School of Policy Science

Master's Program / Doctoral Program

Building the ability to implement policies through direct interaction with society

■ Outline

Policy science is a new discipline that involves interdisciplinary and practical studies.

The curriculum of Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) is characterized by its "Research Project" program, which aims to open up intellectual spaces where faculty members of different specialties work with graduate students each of whom pursues different research themes. There, they are guided by their respective motivations to explore policy design to find solutions to policy issues that have taken place in real society, by constantly alternating between practical and basic theoretical approaches.

■ "Research Project" and the Three Clusters, Characteristics of Policy Science

PUBLIC POLICY CLUSTER
Describes and elucidates how a policy is shaped, decided, and implemented in public sphere and conducts research eyeing future development possibilities

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER
Aims to "pursue and design the theory for sustainable society".
Conducts research from the following 3 approaches; 1. mastering policy science / engineering, 2. solving the same-dimension problems regarding human, society, and economics which arise according to regional environment change, 3. acquiring field research technique

RESEARCH PROJECT

SOCIAL MANAGEMENT CLUSTER
Focuses on the current state and problems of the social system and/or network which designs such policies as welfare and/or regional management, and its management process multidirectionally

Project-type research guidance to deal with policy issues

What is unique in our graduate school is "project-type" research guidance in which instructors from different expertise organize joint research teams and students participate in the joint research process within the group. The purpose of this Research Project is not just giving research guidance from one academic supervisor for one specific area, but rather several instructors who differ in their specialties with common interests in the area / theme of study collectively directing the students.

Project-type research guidance (by several instructors)

Instructor — Instructor — Instructor

Guidance/ advice

Student

Research guidance at the Graduate School of Policy Science

One-to-one

Instructor

Guidance/ advice

Student

General guidance
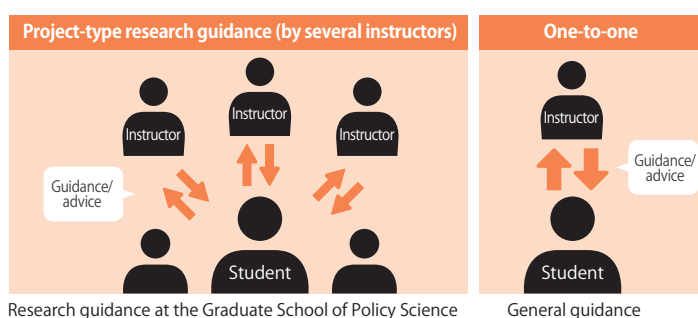
Course Titles

- Policy Case Reading I
  (Studies in Culture and Public Policy)
- Policy Case Reading I
  (Environmental Policy Analysis)
- Policy Case Reading I (Local Governance)
- Policy Case Reading I (Japan Studies)
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Introduction to Social Management
- Introduction to Sustainable Development
- Policy Case Reading II
  (Planning Science and Technology)
- Policy Case Reading II (Social Welfare Policy)
- Policy Case Reading II
  (Statistical Analysis for Policy Studies)

- Policy Case Reading II (Japan Studies)
- Policy Case Writing I
- Policy Case Writing II
- Participatory Case Research Analysis
- Social Survey Data Archive Analysis
- Policy Science Special Lecture
  (Technology Management I・II)
- Advanced Policy Studies
- Research Project I
- Research Project II
- Research Project III
- Research Project IV
- Regional Co-creation Study

Reseach Project Guideline

Example

Enrollment		
1st Year (1st Semester)	Research Project I - Advanced Policy Studies - Submission of Research Paper I - Submission of Research Plan and Research Advisory Plan	**Conditions for Completion** 1. Acquire at least 30 credits in total 2. Acquire a minimum of 6 credits for 3 courses including "Research Project IV A" among "Research Project I A", "Research Project II A", "Research Project III A" and "Research Project IV A" 3. Present oral research reports at the Policy Science Workshops held in the 2nd and 4th semesters. 4. Attain a passing mark for evaluation and oral examination conducted at the time of the "Research Project IV A" evaluation.
1st Year (2nd Semester)	Research Project II - Presentation at the Policy Science Workshop - Submission of Research Paper II	
2nd Year (3rd Semester)	Research Project III - Submission of Research Paper III - Submission of Research Plan and Research Advisory Plan	
2nd Year (4th Semester)	Research Project IV - Presentation at the Policy Science Workshop - Submission of Master's thesis or application for the extension of the period of enrollment - Oral examination - Degree Conferment Ceremony	

Degree to Be Conferred: Master of Arts in Policy Science

Example

Enrollment		
D1	• Organize the past research and narrow down the research theme • Preparation for dissertaion, contribution of articles, and presentation at academic conference	
	1st Semester	Registration for Research Seminar Research・Surveys •Submission of Research Plan and Research Advisory Plan
	2nd Semester	Registration for Advanced Research Seminar Presentation at the Policy Science Workshop Preparation of the Research Report
D2	• Organize the past research and narrow down the research theme • Preparation for dissertaion, contribution of articles, and presentation at academic conference	
	3rd Semester	Registration for Research Seminar Research・Surveys •Submission of Research Plan and Research Advisory Plan
	4th Semester	Registration for Advanced Research Seminar Presentation at the Policy Science Workshop Preparation of the Research Report •Submission of "Dissertation Proposal"
D3	• Preparation for doctoral dissertaion, contribution of articles, and presentation at academic conference	
	5th Semester	Registration for Research Seminar Research・Surveys •Submission of Research Plan and Research Advisory Plan
	6th Semester	Registration for Advanced Research Seminar Presentation at the Policy Science Workshop Preparation of the Research Report Submission of Ph. D Dissertation or application for the extension of the period of enrollment Oral Examination and Final Examination (Dissertation Public Hearing) Degree Conferment Ceremony

Degree to Be Conferred: Doctor of Philosophy in Policy Science

Master's Thesis Titles / Doctoral Dissertation Titles, and Faculty Members

Please access the links below for master's thesis, doctoral dissertation, and faculty members.

【Master's Thesis】 https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsps/education/thesis.html/
【Doctoral Dissertation】 https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsps/education/thesis.html/
【Faculty Members】 https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsps/introduce/faculty

Researcher Database

Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering (GSISE)

Promoting Education and Research in Cutting Edge IT

■ Outline

International students can enroll in either Japanese or English-based curriculum of instruction. This program is designed to support engineers capable of actively participating in global-level careers.

■ Appeals of GSISE

■ Professors Covering Various Fields

There are over 100 professors in our graduate school and our graduate school is one of the biggest graduate schools in IT field in Japan. Our professors cover a lot of research fields and have various research themes. Students can study under all of our professors in English. Our professors are also active in their research activities and obtain budgets from Japanese government for their unique research which its results boast to the world. That makes students study based on the latest research achievements.

■ Countries of International Students

China, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Korea, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Malaysia, USA, Cote d'Ivoire, Pakistan, Hungary, Bangladesh, Morocco, Rwanda, Russia, Uzbekistan, South Africa, Philippines, India, Mongolia, Ukraine, Uganda, Egypt, Sweden, Brazil, Mexico
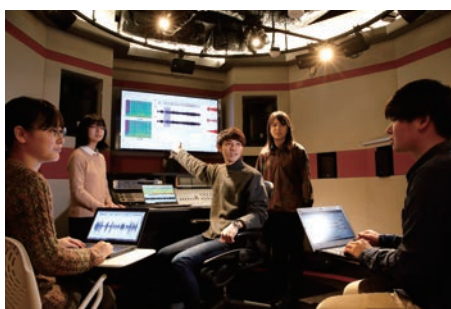
MASTER
Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major

The Master's Program aims at fostering researchers and specialists who are ready to tackle and solve issues pertaining to today's information society at the local and global levels. Students will gain competencies in analyzing and solving problems, communicative proficiency in Japanese and in English, understanding of developments in theories and cutting-edge technologies in information processing, network construction and system architecture, media technology, technologies applied to human life and intelligence, and ethics in science and technology.

MASTER
Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major
Information Science and Engineering Course

DOCTOR
Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major

DOCTOR
Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major

The Doctoral Program fosters researchers and specialists who can function at the forefront of various domains in order to solve, with creative and innovative approaches, important and critical issues of society. Acquired in the program are understanding of theoretical and technological advances in information technology, knowledge and attitudes in research ethics, creativity in identifying, analyzing, and solve problems, and skills in pursuing research activities and those in effective communication.

Researcher Database

■ Curriculum

■ Subjects in Master's Program

(extracted subjects from Special Major Subjects are shown below)

Advanced Topics in Global Software Engineering
Advanced Topics in Software Engineering
Advanced Topics in Communication Science
Advanced Topics in Human Factors for Systems Engineering
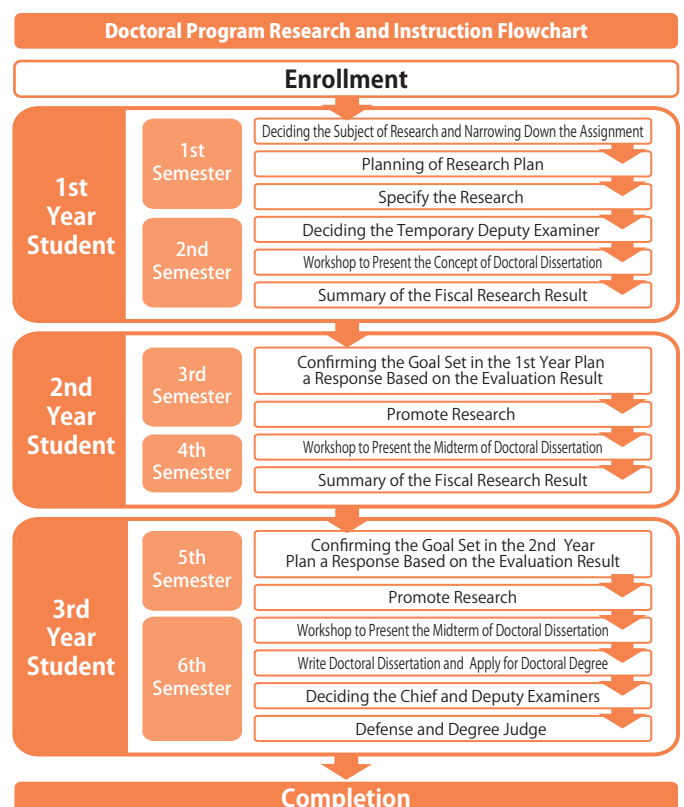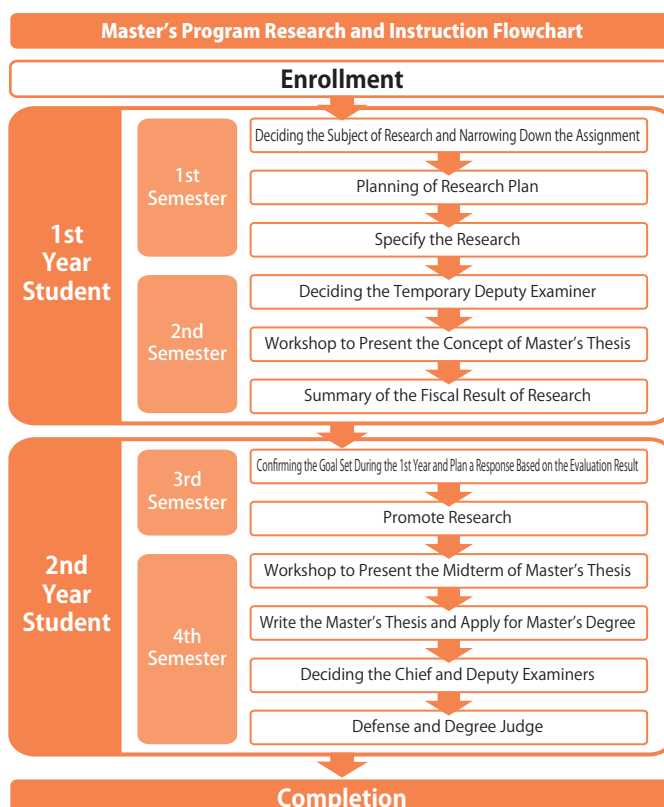Advanced Topics in Computational Intelligence in Games

Advanced Topics in Image Processing
Advanced Topics in Knowledge - based Systems
Research for Master in Information Science and Engineering 1 ～ 4

■ Subjects in Doctoral Program

(Special Research Subjects)

Research for Doctor in Information Science and Engineering 1 ～ 6

■ Flow chart (M・D)

Master's Program Research and Instruction Flowchart

Enrollment

1st Year Student

1st Semester
- Deciding the Subject of Research and Narrowing Down the Assignment
- Planning of Research Plan
- Specify the Research

2nd Semester
- Deciding the Temporary Deputy Examiner
- Workshop to Present the Concept of Master's Thesis
- Summary of the Fiscal Result of Research

2nd Year Student

3rd Semester
- Confirming the Goal Set During the 1st Year and Plan a Response Based on the Evaluation Result
- Promote Research
- Workshop to Present the Midterm of Master's Thesis

4th Semester
- Write the Master's Thesis and Apply for Master's Degree
- Deciding the Chief and Deputy Examiners
- Defense and Degree Judge

Completion

Doctoral Program Research and Instruction Flowchart

Enrollment

1st Year Student

1st Semester
- Deciding the Subject of Research and Narrowing Down the Assignment
- Planning of Research Plan
- Specify the Research

2nd Semester
- Deciding the Temporary Deputy Examiner
- Workshop to Present the Concept of Doctoral Dissertation
- Summary of the Fiscal Research Result

2nd Year Student

3rd Semester
- Confirming the Goal Set in the 1st Year Plan a Response Based on the Evaluation Result
- Promote Research

4th Semester
- Workshop to Present the Midterm of Doctoral Dissertation
- Summary of the Fiscal Research Result

3rd Year Student

5th Semester
- Confirming the Goal Set in the 2nd Year Plan a Response Based on the Evaluation Result
- Promote Research

6th Semester
- Workshop to Present the Midterm of Doctoral Dissertation
- Write Doctoral Dissertation and Apply for Doctoral Degree
- Deciding the Chief and Deputy Examiners
- Defense and Degree Judge

Completion

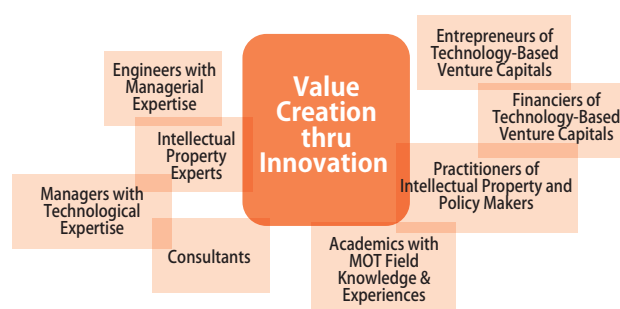# Graduate School of Technology Management

Master's program in Japanese / Doctoral program

Realizing new potential by bridging business with Technology

■ Outline

Management of Technology (MOT) concerns how firms to capitalize on technology. The relevant technologies in research involve a wide array of industries including automobile, electronics, telecommunication, energy, utility, and so on. MOT as a research discipline surpasses the technical realm of streamlining management. Along with the fields of R&D, operations management, corporate organization and finance, the curriculum of MOT also incorporates strategic management of technology, technology marketing, and innovation strategy. The Graduate School of Technology Management provides Master's Programs only in Japanese and Doctoral Programs in both Japanese and English for global career as well.

Value Creation thru Innovation

- Engineers with Managerial Expertise
- Intellectual Property Experts
- Managers with Technological Expertise
- Consultants
- Entrepreneurs of Technology-Based Venture Capitals
- Financiers of Technology-Based Venture Capitals
- Practitioners of Intellectual Property and Policy Makers
- Academics with MOT Field Knowledge & Experiences

■ Program Overview and Features

	Master's Program	Doctoral Program
Degree	Master of Technology Management	Doctor of Philosophy in Technology Management
Language of Instruction	Japanese	English and Japanese
Enrollment Semester	April and September	April and September
Duration	2 Years	3 Years
Enrollment Capacity	70 Students	5 Students

The Graduate School of Technology Management (MOT) at Ritsumeikan is the only one of its kind in the Kansai region that develops talented young leaders at the Master's and Doctoral levels and gives them a foundation in the management and technology pillars as well as practical experience with leading Japanese enterprises. We offer weekday, evening, and weekend classes, bringing together students at all levels of academic and professional development from all over the world at Osaka Ibaraki Campus, to integrate a rich diversity of cultures and experiences into a unique educational environment that will prepare our students to become leaders on the international stage.

Researcher Database
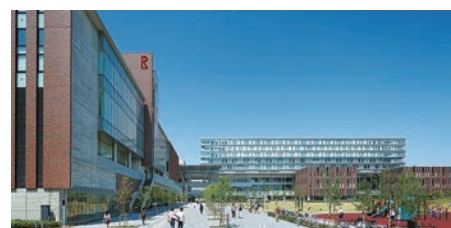
Research Field of MOT

Technology and Management Strategy	Understand frameworks for sustaining and developing a company through innovation, as well as strategies for guiding research and development to commercialization and industrialization.
Marketing and Roadmapping	Learn methodologies for forecasting and predicting future trends in society, markets, services, products, and technology development, and incorporating them into corporate strategy planning.
Business Creation and Entrepreneurship	Acquire comprehensive knowledge essential for creating new businesses, exploring new fields, and achieving entrepreneurial success is covered.
Intellectual Property	Learn how to protect and leverage creative value and brands as intellectual property. It also covers the strategic acquisition and global challenges of intellectual property.
Operations Management	Learn technology development, product and service development, procurement and manufacturing, and supply chain management necessary for the stable supply of high-quality products and services to the market.
Finance, Financial Accounting, and Risk Management	Acquire fundamental knowledge of financial accounting for sustainable business management, along with basic finance theories to enhance corporate value, and develop systematic capabilities in corporate risk management.
ICT Strategy and Services	Learn business innovation through the strategic planning, technology development, product development, manufacturing, and supply chain integration of ICT, including artificial intelligence, big data, IoT.
Human Resource Management	Learn development of talent for driving innovation and strategies for leveraging such talent within organizations. It focuses on leadership skills required for managing research and development teams.
Decision-Making and Negotiation	Understand the frameworks and roles of situational analysis and negotiation in areas such as corporate competitive strategy, research and development.
Social Systems and Design	Learn social fields and various fields necessary for designing and viewing social systems from a broad perspective.

Research Field of MOT

- Crowdsourcing for Business Ideas through Reddit: Exploring the Dynamics of Online Innovation
- A Study on Chinese Patients' Decision-Making in Online Health Communities
- A Study on Social Application in the Development of Mobile Health
- A Study on Chinese Short-Video Using Social Media Advertising Model
- An empirical study of the factors affecting customer satisfaction and intention to use food delivery apps before and during the COVID-19 in Thailand
- The Role of Innovation Policy and Science Communication in Accepting New Food Technology
- A Study of Nonaka's Wise Leader Practices and an Image of Leadership from the Perspective of Subordinates, to Promote Management Innovation Performance via Stimulating Employee's Knowledge Sharing Aspiration
- A System Dynamics Modelling for Healthcare Demand and Smartphone-based Technology Adoption in Malaysian Public Hospitals
- Analyses of inter-organizational collaboration for personalized medicine development, and organizational structure suitable for successful outcomes
- Exploring Knowledge Process and Organizational Culture to Promote Individual Learning: An Empirical Study in Science Museums
- Maximization of Energy Safety Using Neuro-Fuzzy Systems
- Alliance Management during Joint Development between Corporations -Investigation into important items when undertaking joint development and examination of a general-purpose model-
- Market Creation for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles: Infrastructure Dependent New Products and Expectations
- Implicit Patent Alliance Acquiring the Appropriability of Innovation
- Exploratory research on collaboration: Approach to individual, organization and strategy

Graduate School Courses Offered in Japanese

RU offers the following Graduate Degree Programs offered in Japanese

For details,
please visit the website ▶

※M: Master's Program   D: Doctoral Program

🏯 Kinugasa Campus in KYOTO

■ Graduate School of Law（M/D）

Since its founding in 1950, the Graduate School of Law has produced many individuals outstanding in their fields, including research academics, complementing the over 100 years of tradition at the College of Law. The school has also achieved admirable results in training highly specialized professionals, such as tax accountants, corporate legal staffs and civil servants.

■ Three courses
・The Legal Specialist Course—Cultivating specialists in areas requiring essential knowledge of the law.
・The Law & Politics Research Course—Deepening academic involvement in the various issues of law and politics.
・The Doctoral Research Course—Fostering future legal researchers.

■ Graduate School of Sociology（M/D）

The Graduate School of Sociology was established in 1972 to promote a comprehensive understanding of an increasingly complex world and to tackle issues of modern society in collaboration with many sociological subfields, as well as social policy, social welfare, anthropology, and economic sociology.

■ Four major research fields
・Modern Society
This research field aims to provide students with opportunities and tools for sociological analysis and insight.
・Human Welfare
This research field aims to enable students to engage with social issues in human development, welfare policy, and social work practice.
・Sports & Society
This research field aims to enable students to analyze sports culture and the relation between sports and society.
・Media & Society
This research field aims to enable students to analyze media culture and media society from various perspectives.

■ Graduate School of Letters（M/D）

The Graduate School of Letters offers two majors comprising 13 programs. The school continues to build upon traditional literature studies developing new academic fields incorporating information technology.

■ Two majors and 13 programs
・A major in Humanities—1) Philosophy, 2) Educational Anthropology, 3) Japanese Literature and Linguistics, 4) Chinese Literature and Thought, 5) English and American Literature, 6) Japanese History, 7) East Asian History, 8) European and Islamic History, 9) Modern East Asian Languages and Cultures, 10) Languages, Cultures, and Area Studies of English-speaking Countries, 11) Cultural Dynamics Studies.
・A major in Informatics of Behavior and Cultures—12) Geography and Regional Tourism Studies, 13) Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.

■ Graduate School of Science in Arts and Design (M)

The Graduate School of Science in Arts and Design will be newly established in April 2026. At the Kinugasa Campus, located in the historical and cultural city of Kyoto, we will pursue new, future-oriented design studies which integrate education and research across natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences—grounded in the technologies and sensitivities of art. The aim is to develop a more flexible and higher-dimensional learning environment suitable for a diverse society, utilizing not only real space but also online, on-demand, and virtual space. Creative and flexible thinking will be cultivated. This includes comprehensive skills in "problem-solving," "reframing," "co-creation," "challenge-identifying," and "innovative thinking," all backed by a foundation in aesthetics.

In addition to the two-year course for students from various fields of undergraduate studies, a one-year course will be offered mainly for working professionals. The one-year course offers two specialized programs. The first, "New Domain Design Strategy (NDS)," focuses on developing the mindset and abilities needed to generate new concepts for social good. The second, "New Domain Art Direction (NAD)," emphasizes expertise in digital archiving and the orchestration of diverse creative experiences.

■ Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science（M）

The Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science was relaunched in 2024. It offers three courses, two focusing on language education (English and Japanese) and one on linguistics and studies of communication and expression. For language education, the aim is to develop the teaching skills of future and practicing teachers. In addition, other aims include innovation in language education practice, teacher and student development, and research on issues in second language acquisition. For linguistics and studies of communication and expression, students can focus on various subdisciplines and conduct significant research in these areas.

■Three courses
・English Language Education Course
・Japanese Language Education Course
・Course in Linguistics and Studies of Communication and Expression

■ Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences （Integrated Doctoral Program）

The Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Science was established for the purpose of examining and seeking solutions to the problems that have been passed down to the 21st century and making approaches to common issues for all humanity from the four perspectives of Publicness, Life, Social-Cultural Symbiosis, and Representation, with an emphasis on core ethics. We adopt integrated doctoral program consisting of transversal lectures and exercises from different fields.

■ Four field themes
・Publicness—Publicness in the 21st century
・Life—Life as an Issue
・Social-Cultural Symbiosis—Possibilities and Limitations in Sociai-Cultural Symbiosis
・Representation—Analysis of Culture and Art through Representative Theory

🏫 Suzaku Campus in KYOTO

■ School of Law（Juris Doctor Program）

The School of Law nurtures "Global-Citizen Lawyers" that think and act based on the global perspective and common sense. We educate students with various backgrounds to be the legal professions, each person who has rich humanity, a keen sense of human rights, and profound education with a global perspective and high-leveled specialties.

■ Specialized subjects
・Bankruptcy Law, Tax Law, Economic Law, Intellectual Property Law, Labor Law, Environmental Law, International Private Law and International Public Law

■ Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education （Master of Education）

The Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education nurtures highly skilled teachers who have the ability to tackle issues that are getting more and more complicated at schools.

We aim to combine theoretical education and practical training and cooperate with not only our affiliated schools but also other schools in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka where the University has its campuses so that we can provide unique programs associated with a series of fieldwork and a long-term internship to the students. The students will learn from various type of teachers, from experts in education study to instructors with experience of teaching, and are expected to acquire excellent skills required for teachers and school leaders. We offer 3 courses, 1) Clinical Research on Human Development and Education, 2) Educational Methods and Learning Sciences, and 3) International Education which propose the distinctive education of Ritsumeikan University.

Biwako-Kusatsu Campus in SHIGA

Graduate School of Sport and Health Science (M/D)

The Graduate School of Sport and Health Science aims to foster highly-specialized professionals and researchers who have expertise in the field and advanced practical and leadership skills as well as the capacity to contribute to society. The school supports your research with top-level faculty and cutting-edge facilities and equipment.

■ Two courses in the Master's program
- Sport and Exercise Science—Focusing on education and research to analyze sports performance from a scientific approach and to elucidate the maintenance and furtherance of health based on scientific evidence.
- Sport Pedagogy and Management—Focusing on education and research to improve student's educational and management abilities in the field of sport and health science.

Graduate School of Gastronomy Management (M/D)

The Graduate School of Gastronomy Management aims to rear a new generation of highly skilled professionals and researchers who possess practical managerial skills by research economic activities related to gastronomy using their expertise in economics and business administration.

■ Three social priority issues
- Management and innovation in the gastronomy industry
- Creating a multicultural community through gastronomy
- Welfare and health coordination through gastronomy

Graduate School of Pharmacy (M/D)

The Graduate School of Pharmacy consists of two majors: a four-year doctoral program in pharmacy, and a two-year master's program and a three-year doctoral program in pharmaceutical sciences.

■ Two majors
- Doctoral Program in Pharmacy — Aims to train pharmacists, medical personnel, and researchers who will contribute to advanced medical care as a leading role.
- Master's Program and Doctoral Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences — Aim to deepen research in the field of drug discovery and to train researchers who will be engaged in the discovery and creation of new drugs.

Osaka Ibaraki Campus in OSAKA

Graduate School of Business Administration (M/D)

The Graduate School of Business Administration is a strong academic community that provides a solid practice ground for future business leaders and academic researchers. The school acknowledges the need to respond the tumultuous global market and increasingly globalized business competition. Our research consists of seven fields, each focusing on the global issues and the latest academic debates. The students will expand their research into practical business agenda, and are expected to become truly influential leaders of the future generation of business practice and management research.

■ Seven research fields
Technology Management and Strategies, Organization and Human Resources, Marketing, International Business, Accounting, Finance, and Design and Management.

Graduate School of Human Science (M/D)

The Graduate School of Human Science has established a new academic research field, "Human Science in Practice," in 2022. Faculty members and graduate students are working together to actualize the new academic field of human science.

■ Research Fields
- Psychology: Offers courses including cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, educational psychology, and research methods to expand students' academic understandings on psychology.
- Human Science in Practice: Offering courses that deepen understandings on human science in practical settings, such as community psychology, social psychology, law and criminal justice, intervention modalities, and behavioral sciences. Also, courses putting Problem Based Learning into practice are offered.
- Clinical Psychology: Offers courses that correspond to the curriculum stipulated by the Japanese Certification Board for Clinical Psychology. Our school is a Type I accredited graduate school for Clinical Psychologists.

Graduate School of Image Arts (M)

The Graduate School of Image Arts leverages all the benefits of Ritsumeikan's organization as a comprehensive university to provide broad education, aiming to cultivate skills, techniques and analytical methodology related to visual image production (extending beyond the making of visual image products and including development and application) and visual image studies as well.

■ Subject Zones
- Film Arts
- Game Entertainment
- Content Business Management
- Creative Technology
- Society and Images

Graduate School of Management / MBA (M)

The Graduate School of Management, known as Ritsumeikan University Business School (RBS), provides MBA education focused on developing business leaders ready to shape the future. The teaching approach goes beyond lectures to include discussions based on case studies and group projects. From experienced faculty, students acquire practical knowledge and skills, enhancing their ability to think critically and creatively by integrating theory and practice.

■ Two majors
- Major in Management—Aims to train business leaders for general business fields.
- Major in Tourism Management—Aims to train business leaders in the tourism industry.
  Both majors offer two tracks: The Management Development Track focusing on advanced management expertise and the Career Development Track focusing on basic business skills and mindsets.

Application Information

Ritsumeikan University releases application information approximately 1 year before admission.

Step1. Find out more about the programs we offer by visiting our website.
https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/

Step2. Obtain the guidelines and read carefully.
Contact the department in charge of your desired program of study.

Applying for Pre-enrollment Scholarship Programs： (Ex. Monbukagakusho, Asian Development Bank)

■ International Center at BKC：**cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**

・Please check our site beginning from October 2025
for more information on how to apply for scholarships for
the 2026 academic year.

Applying as a Self-financed Student：

■ Graduate School of International Relations：**ir-adm@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**
■ Graduate School of Economics：**gs-ec@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**
■ Graduate School of Science and Engineering：**se-admw1@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**
■ Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering：**gsise@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**
■ Graduate School of Life Sciences：**gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**
■ Graduate School of Policy Science：**gsps-adm@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**
■ Graduate School of Technology Management：**moten@st.ritsumei.ac.jp**

Step3. Submit all application forms.
Send all your application documents during the application period.

Sample list of required application materials (for a full list, please see the guidelines)

・Application for graduate admission at RU　・Letter of recommendation　・Research proposal　・Certificate of graduation
・A photocopy of applicant's passport information page　・Proof of linguistic talent / practical expertise (TOEFL®test, TOEIC®test, etc)

■ Frequently Asked Question
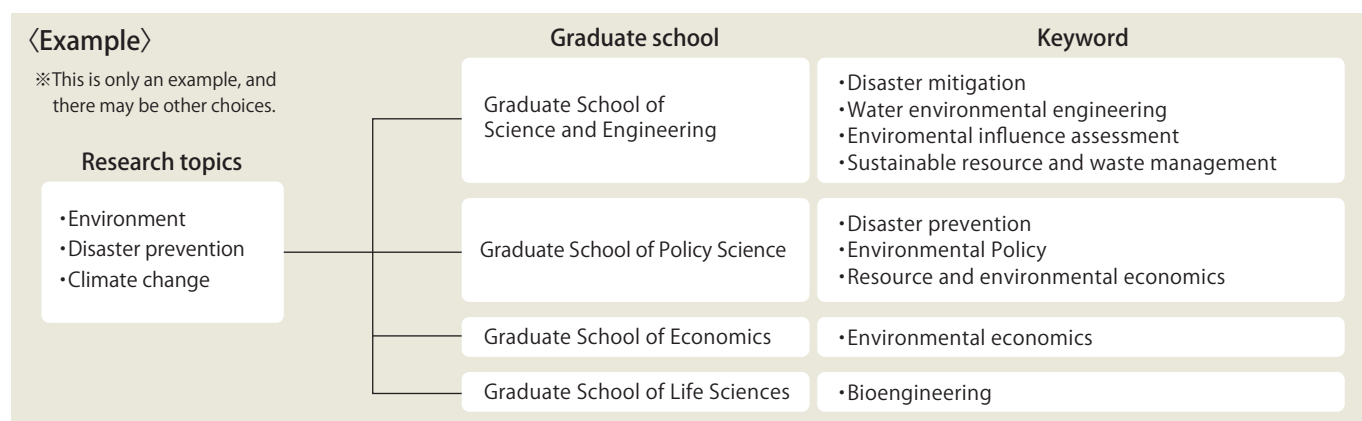
Q1. What are the application requirements?

Requirements differ based on the graduate schools and their procedures. Please review the Application Guidelines of each graduate school and check the appropriate eligibility criteria mentioned in "Eligibility Requirements".

Q2. What is the screening method like?

Screening is conducted mainly based on submitted materials. Written tests and / or interviews are also conducted in some graduate schools. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for details.

Q3. How can I find my desired major and supervising professor?

RU has many graduate schools and research areas may be offered by one or more graduate schools. Prospective students are expected to find out which graduate school offers a program related to their area of research interest and decide from which faculty member they should receive supervision by checking the website for each graduate school or the laboratory of each faculty member before applying.

〈Example〉 ※This is only an example, and there may be other choices.	Graduate school	Keyword
Research topics ・Environment ・Disaster prevention ・Climate change	Graduate School of Science and Engineering	・Disaster mitigation ・Water environmental engineering ・Enviromental influence assessment ・Sustainable resource and waste management
	Graduate School of Policy Science	・Disaster prevention ・Environmental Policy ・Resource and environmental economics
	Graduate School of Economics	・Environmental economics
	Graduate School of Life Sciences	・Bioengineering

General information of each graduate school is available in the "Guidebook Brochure" or on the Ritsumeikan University website.

Guidebook Brochure
https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gr/download/index.html/

Ritsumeikan University website
https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/academics/

You can also find a potential supervisor by entering keywords such as dissertation titles or research topics, in the "Ritsumeikan University Researcher Database" shown below.

Ritsumeikan University Researcher Database
https://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/rithp/TOP?lang=en

Q4. Is it possible to directly contact the professor who I would like to be my supervisor?

You are able to contact faculty directly if they have made their email address available on the graduate school's website, Researcher's Database, etc.

Q5. How can I obtain a student visa before coming to Japan for the first time?

The International Center will help international students who are entering Japan for the first time to obtain a student visa. Please ask the administrative office of your graduate school after passing the entrance examination.

Q6. Is Japanese language ability required?

If you wish to enroll in one of the English-based programs shown on pp. 16-29, Japanese language ability is not required. Each of these programs, including lectures, is conducted entirely in English.

That being said, some knowledge of Japanese language will help you adjust to life in Japan. RU offers "Language Support Programs" to international graduate students. Please refer to p. 14.

(If you are interested in one of the Japanese-based programs shown on pp. 30-31, Japanese language ability is mandatory. See the Application Guidelines of each graduate school for specific criteria. Please note that some, but not all, of the graduate schools require JLPT N1 or N2, or the equivalent.)

More FAQs
https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gr/en/faq/index.html/

ACCESS

KYOTO | ● Kinugasa Campus ● Suzaku Campus

From Kansai International Airport to Kyoto Station
75 min. by JR Limited Express "Haruka"

From Tokyo Station to Kyoto Station
2 hr. 20 min. by JR Shinkansen (bullet train)

From Kyoto Station to Kinugasa Campus
40 min. by taxi / 42 min. by bus

From Kyoto Station to Suzaku Campus
Approx. 10min. by train and on foot

SHIGA | ● Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC)

From Kansai International Airport to Minami Kusatsu Station
Approx. 95 min. by JR Limited Express "Haruka" and train

From Tokyo Station to Minami Kusatsu Station
Approx. 2 hr. 40 min. by JR Shinkansen (bullet train) and train

From Minami Kusatsu Station to BKC
Approx. 20 min. by bus

OSAKA | ● Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) ● Osaka Umeda Campus

From Kansai International Airport to Ibaraki Station
Approx. 80 min. by bus

From Tokyo Station to Ibaraki Station
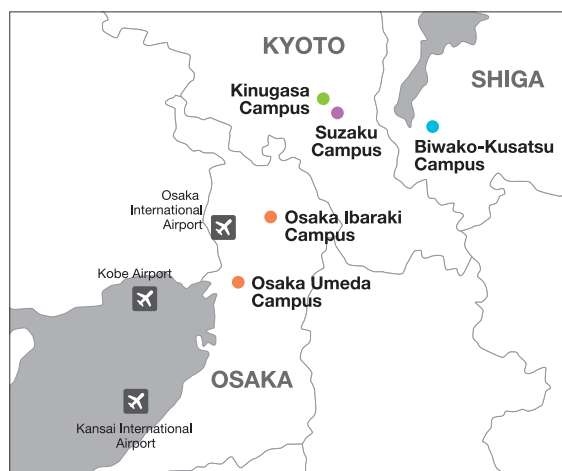Approx. 2 hr. 40 min. by JR Shinkansen (bullet train) and train

From Ibaraki Station to OIC
5 min. on foot

From Kansai International Airport to Osaka Station
Approx. 1 hr. by bus

From Osaka Station to Osaka Umeda Campus
5 min. on foot

* Estimated time does not include time needed to change trains.

Campus Locations

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