

A large, bold, white capital letter 'R' is centered on the page. The background is a deep red color with various traditional Japanese patterns, including cherry blossoms, scalloped waves, and geometric designs.

RITSUMEIKAN
UNIVERSITY

English-medium Undergraduate Programs
Admissions in 2020

Kyoto, Osaka, Shiga JAPAN

Why Choose Ritsumeikan?

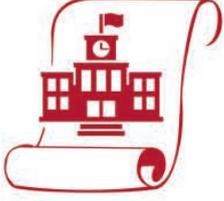
Top Global University



Selected by the Japanese government as **1** of the Top Global Universities

History

110+ years



An integrated university with



16 colleges and **22** graduate schools

As of 2019 AY

Campuses



4 campuses in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka

Alumni Worldwide

350,000+



International Students

2371 foreign students from **71** countries & regions



As of May 2018

Most Foreign Faculty Members



Ranked No.1

As of 2016 AY

Global Network

With **450** universities and institutions in **67** countries & regions



As of 2018 AY

Scholarships

99+% of international English degree students receive financial aid



As of 2017 AY

Employment rate of international graduates

98+%



As of 2017 AY

Graduate Employability

Ranked No.3 in QS nationwide



Clubs & Circles



430+

Research implemented for private-sector industries

Ranked No.1



In 2015 FY

*in QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2015(Pilot) among Japanese private universities.

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

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

*Subject to change. Application methods apply. Consult each Application Handbook for details.

**The intake includes 10 students enrolling into ANU

***The intake includes 5 students enrolling into AU

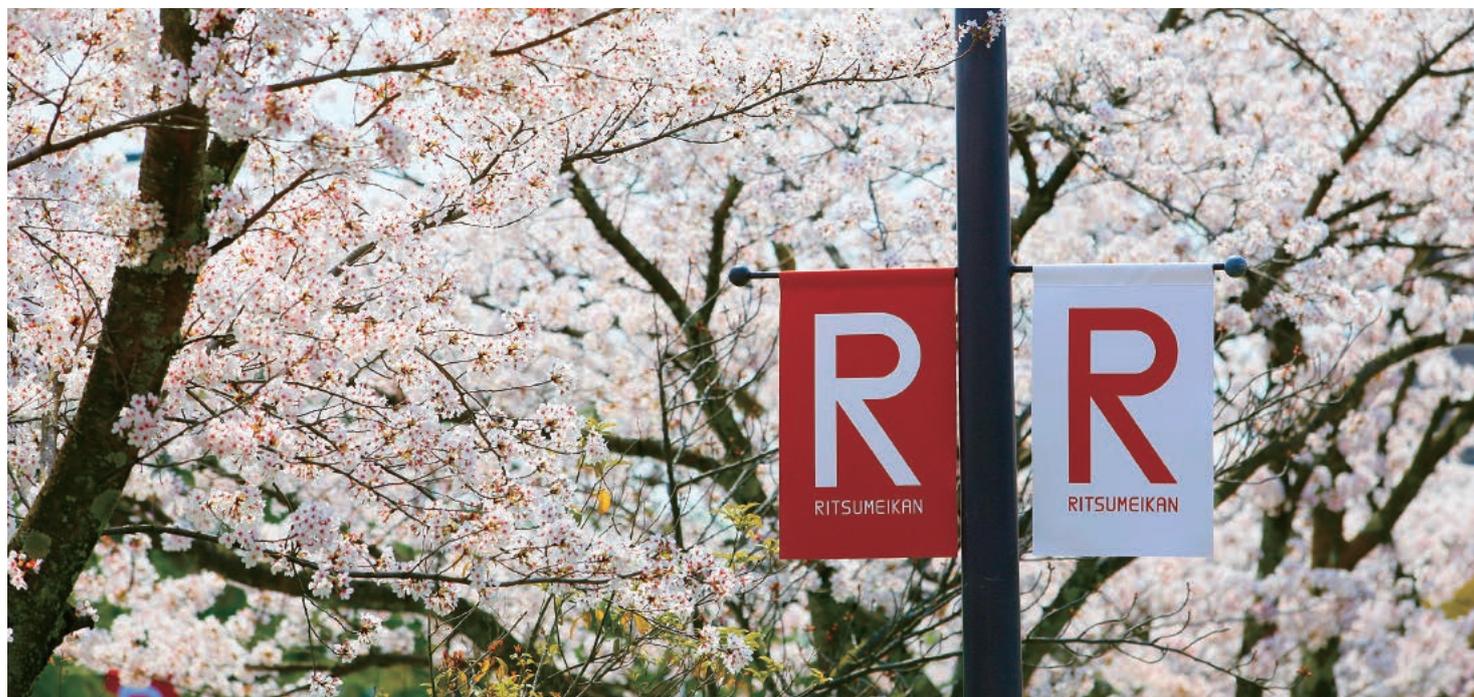
KYOTO | Kinugasa Campus



OSAKA | Osaka Ibaraki Campus



SHIGA | Biwako-Kusatsu Campus



“The best thing so far about being a student here is the chance it has given me to learn about the marvellous culture of Japan by spending time with Japanese friends.”

Abu Baker Khan
from Pakistan, Community and Regional Policy Studies Major, 4th year student



“What is so great about living in the dorm is the mixture of all different nationalities, ethnicities, languages, cultures and a lot more!”

Vidar William Huseby
from Norway,
Global Studies Major, 2nd year student

Housing for International Students

- Accommodation in a furnished apartment
- Student dormitory

The style of accommodation depends on the campus.



For more information on accommodation, please visit the website:
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/student_life/



Beyond Borders Plaza

A global commons for international language and cultural exchange.



For more information on Beyond Borders Plaza, please visit the website
www.bbp.ritsumei.ac.jp/en/

Study Abroad Opportunities

- Exchange partners with:
- National University of Singapore
 - Yonsei University
 - King's College London
 - Peking University
 - University of Hong Kong
 - University of Washington
 - University of British Columbia

And many more...



“Ritsumeikan university has many organizations that help international students so I think you won’t feel left out.”

Woranipit Chidsin
from Thailand, Information Systems Science and Engineering Course, 1st year student



Student Support

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

Each College also offers students with guidance and support from higher-year students through Orientation Coordinators (Oritor). Students are encouraged to engage in the hundreds of student sport and cultural organizations and clubs.



For more information on Student Support, please visit the website: en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/student-support/



Academic Calendar

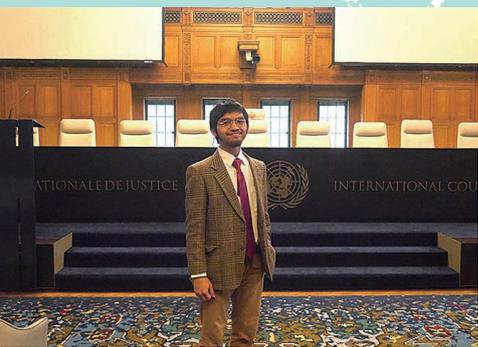
3 March	New Student Orientation (April Enrollment)
4 April	Start of Spring Semester
	Entrance Ceremony (April Enrollment)
7 July	End of Spring Semester
	Final Exams (Spring Semester)
8 August	Summer Break
9 September	Start of Fall Semester
	New Student Orientation (September Enrollment)
	Entrance Ceremony (September Enrollment)
11 November	Ritsumeikan Festival
12 December	Winter Break
1 January	End of Fall Semester
	Final Exams (Fall Semester)
2 February	Spring Break



Life at Ritsumeikan

Students have a wide range of opportunities to go on exchange and explore the world through study abroad programs. Ritsumeikan provides students with an array of programs from short term to full 1-year exchanges to meet their study needs.

157
Partner Institutions in
34
countries



“My motivation to join the one-year exchange program in Leiden is primarily academic. I wanted to further my studies in Global Studies, and discover the heritage of Indonesia in the Netherlands, its former colonizer. ”

Gilang Al Ghifari Lukman
from Indonesia, Global Studies Major, 2nd year student



“Even I am an international student at Ritsumeikan University and could learn a lot of things during the 2 years study in Japan, life in America was another new challenge which gave me different aspects of learning. ”

Jeong Hyun Park
from South Korea, Global Studies Major, 2nd Year student



For more information on study abroad, please check the website: en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/why_rueug/opportunities.html/

Dual degree program with the Australian National University

College of Global Liberal Arts [GLA]

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

The College of Global Liberal Arts (GLA), established in Osaka in April 2019 is the first in Japan to provide a college-wide dual degree program in collaboration with the Australian National University (ANU).

PROGRAM DESIGN

GLA provides students with a comprehensive liberal arts education in English required for our globalized times. The undergraduate dual degree program is offered jointly by GLA at RU and the College of Asia & the Pacific (CAP) at ANU. The dual approach will help to develop a competitive foundation for your career: applying your Asia-Pacific-wide experiences, intelligence, and in-depth knowledge to broaden business practices in global corporations. It leads you to proceed to professional careers in the fields of public policy, diplomacy, law, strategic studies, international relations, business administration, design etc., and pursuing specialized academic knowledge at graduate schools in Japan, Australia, and other regions.



R RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY

Learning Schedule

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

at RU ■ at ANU ■

Subject Groups and Course Examples

GLA [RU]	Cosmopolitan Studies	Cultural Studies, Media Studies
	Civilization Studies	Civilization in Global History, Evolution of Market Economy
	Innovation Studies	Knowledge and Innovation, Social Change with AI
	Japanese Studies Cluster	Contemporary Japan, Japan in Global History
CAP [ANU]	Politics and Government	The Politics of China, Lies, Conspiracy, and Propaganda
	International Relations and Security	(In)Stability on the Korean Peninsula, Politics of Nuclear Weapons
	Conflict and Peace-building	Leadership and Diplomacy, Environment and Development in the Pacific
	History and Cultural Identity	Economies of Emerging Asia, Islam in Southeast Asia

For more information on GLA, check out the program website:
<http://en.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/gla/>



For more information on Application, please check out the website:
http://en.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/gla/gla_apply.html/



How to Apply

Why GLA?

1

World-Class Education

Be a part of world-class education and learn with some of the best academics in the Asia-Pacific region. Graduate with two bachelor's degrees from leading universities in Australia and Japan.

2

3 years at RU in Japan + 1 year at ANU in Australia

Experience college life in both Japan, where cutting-edge technology meets tradition, and Australia where excellence in higher education meets multiculturalism.

3

New Liberal Arts for the New Era

Going beyond the boundaries of a traditional liberal arts education, this program focuses on practical training in a broad range of disciplines including cultural studies, management theories, science and technological studies.

4

Truly International Environment

The diverse student body of this program will allow students to foster connections with their peers and academics worldwide. Explore new perspectives and develop global competence.

American University - Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program [JDP]

College of
International
Relations

Bachelor of Arts in Global International Relations

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

PROGRAM DESIGN

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



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RITSUMEIKAN
UNIVERSITY



Learning Schedule

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

at RU ■ at AU ■

Curriculum

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

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

For more information on JDP, check out the program website:
www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ir/eng/jdp/



For more information on Application, please check out the website:
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/jd/jd_apply.html/



Why JDP?

1

Joint Degree from the Leading IR Faculties in the US and Japan

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

2

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

Washington D.C., the center of international politics, is an ideal place to study international relations. Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan and home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, is a famous international city that attracts more than 1.8 million foreigners each year. Students will have first-hand experiences through active learning in these two city environments, exchanging ideas with students coming from all over the world.

3

Jointly Designed Curriculum

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

4

Career Opportunities

The degree provides the chance to pursue career opportunities in the US and Japan. Alumni of the College of International Relations have found employment in a wide varieties of companies (trading companies, manufacturing companies, major airlines), institutions (like embassies, governments), as well as further studies at graduate schools like Oxford, LSE, UBC, University of Tokyo, etc. RU and AU will offer joint career advice in each country to all JDP students.

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

The College of International Relations at Ritsumeikan University was established in 1988. With 30 years of history, the Global Studies Major (GS) started its innovative challenge in 2011. GS offers English curriculums and welcomes students from overseas which add value to our unique and diverse learning environment.

PROGRAM DESIGN

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



Core Programs

Governance and Peace cluster	International Law, Peace and Conflict Studies, Security Studies, International Human Rights, International Organizations
Development and Sustainability cluster	Global Environmental Issues, Development Studies, Microeconomics, International Finance, International Trade and Investment, Global Civil Society and Development
Culture and Society cluster	Cultural Awareness and Communication, Media and Society, Topics in Identity, International Migration, Race and Ethnicity and Modern World

Area Studies Courses

Japanese Politics, Japanese Society, Japanese Culture, Japanese Economy, Japan-United States Relations, Special Lecture, (Area Studies Courses), Modern Japanese History, Introduction to Area Studies, Advanced Topics in Area Studies, Foreign Relations of Japan, Business Administration in Japan, Korean Studies, Contemporary China, United States Politics and Foreign Policy, Southeast Asian Studies

For more information on GS, check out the program website: en.ritsumei.ac.jp/ir/gs/



For more information on Application, please check out the website: en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/gs/gs_apply.html/



Why GS?

1

One of Japan's Leading International Relations Faculties

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

2

Faculty and Student Diversity

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

3

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

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

4

Career Opportunities

Graduates have found success in many careers with positions as diplomats, NGO employees, media professionals and also as workers in international business fields. GS alumni often pursue further study to deepen their knowledge at its graduate school but also at other famous schools such as Oxford University, Johns Hopkins University, London School of Economics, University of British Columbia and others.

Community and Regional Policy Studies Major [CRPS]

College of
Policy
Science

Bachelor of Arts in Policy Science

Since its launch in 1994, the College of Policy Science has grown considerably and it is now a representative of Japan's research in this academic field. Community and Regional Policy Studies started in September 2013.

PROGRAM DESIGN

In the first and second year, students acquire academic and critical thinking skills, as well as basic knowledge needed to study in the core discipline areas of our program. Several of our courses involve field research with our flagship On-site-Research Project program offering exciting opportunities for research collaboration with other students either in Japan or abroad. As students progress through the program, they continually focus on their studies, gaining more in-depth knowledge and advanced thinking skills in order to prepare for their advanced Policy Seminar and Case Study Seminar courses in their third and fourth year in which students produce a final graduation thesis based on their original research.



Core Programs

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

For more information on CRPS,
check out the program website:
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/ps/



For more information on Application,
please check out the website:
[en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/
crps/crps_apply.html/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/crps/crps_apply.html/)

How to
Apply



Why CRPS?

1

Faculty Members from a Variety of Backgrounds

We have faculty members who specialize in natural sciences as well as social scientists. The diversity of teaching staff allows students to not only learn specialized knowledge in various fields, but also how to analyze issues from a variety of perspectives. Small classes enable students to receive detailed instruction from the faculty members.

2

Practical Experience Conducting Social Surveys and Fieldwork

There are many opportunities in our program to do active field research either in Japan or also abroad. We place great emphasis on practical training, for example in carrying out social surveys and field research. Student-centered classes encourage active participation, lively discussions and dynamic presentations.

3

Instruction in Research Methods

A prime feature of our program is our focus on building research methods—statistical analysis, as well as quantitative and qualitative research skills. We believe these skills are critical for analyzing policies and practices and to be able to develop effective policy solutions to issues.

4

Intensive Japanese Language Studies and Exchange with Japanese Students

We offer Japanese language instruction for beginners up to advanced level. Learning Japanese will give students greater opportunities to: study policy science subjects in Japanese; participate in field research in Japan; join extra-curricular activities; do an internship; and perhaps get a part-time job. Learning Japanese to an advanced level could potentially lead to a career within Japan.

Information Systems Science and Engineering Course [ISSE]

College of
Information
Science and
Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering

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

PROGRAM DESIGN

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



Class Examples

Interactive Systems	Human Interface, Ergonomics and Affective Engineering
Systems Engineering	Computer Architecture, Databases, Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Computer Security
Graphics and Visualization	Computer Graphics, Image Processing, Visualization and Computer Art, Advanced Computer Graphics
Distributed and Embedded Systems	Network Systems, Distributed Systems, Embedded Systems, Imperative Programming, Web Information Engineering

Laboratories

e-Society Laboratory
Affective Engineering and Computer Arts Laboratory
Robot Dynamics and Control Laboratory
Advanced Computer Graphics and Digital Human Laboratory

For more information on ISSE, check out the program website:
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/ise/



For more information on Application, please check out the website:
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/isse/isse_apply.html/



Why ISSE?

1

Practice-Oriented

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

2

Customizable Education

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

3

Project Based Learning

Students join engineering projects from their first year study whilst education is centered around project work throughout the program. Students continue building foundation and basics and at the end of the third year, students are ready to launch their own project, which may be integrated with other projects but is the student's own innovation.

4

Global Opportunities

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

Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition and Fees (2019 Enrollees)			
Program	Admission Fee one-time only	Annual Tuition Fee 1st year	Annual Tuition Fee 2nd & subsequent years
Dual /Joint Degrees			
College of Global Liberal Arts Dual degree program with the Australian National University	300,000 JPY	2,300,000 JPY	2,300,000 JPY
College of International Relations American University-Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program		Students will pay tuition fee to RU during their study in RU and to AU during their study in AU.	
Single Degrees			
College of International Relations Global Studies Major	300,000 JPY	1,086,400 JPY	1,246,400 JPY
College of Policy Science Community and Regional Policy Studies Major		989,800 JPY	1,149,800 JPY
College of Information Science and Engineering Information Systems Science and Engineering Course		1,384,600 JPY	1,544,600 JPY

*The annual tuition is subject to change. Consult Application Handbook for details.

Scholarships and Stipends

Tuition Reduction Scheme

International Students (who hold the visa status of residence of [Student] while studying at RU) are guaranteed at least a 20% reduction, with 50% and 100% reduction offered to the most outstanding applicants.

- No separate application is required for the scholarship and the amount of reduction will be notified with admission results.
- The RU Tuition Reduction Scheme is offered initially for one year, based on the students' admission evaluation. For 2nd and subsequent years, the tuition reduction will be awarded based on students' grades during the previous year of study.

Post-Admissions scholarships available to International Students:

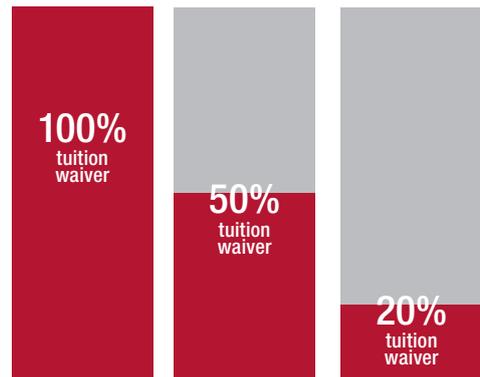
There are a variety of scholarships that students can apply for, after the admissions process. Students are encouraged to research other scholarships and their details. Examples of scholarships available as of 2019.

- JASSO Scholarship: 48,000 yen (US\$ 436) per month
- International Students Assistance Scholarship by RU Faculty/staff: 250,000 yen (US\$ 2,272) per year.
- And many more throughout your study, please consult our Scholarships' page. <http://en.ritsumeikan.ac.jp/current-students/financial-aid/>

Post-Admissions scholarships available for the dual / joint degree programs

We have additional scholarships and stipends offered to students enrolled in the dual degree program with the Australian National University and the American University - Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program. For details please check the website.

*The scholarship system may be subject to change.



For more information on scholarships, please check the website: en.ritsumeikan.ac.jp/e-ug/financial_info/scholarships.html/

Monthly Living Costs in Japan

Content	Living Cost (JPY)	Living Cost (US\$)
Accommodation by University	¥41,000-54,000	US\$373-491
Utilities	¥8,000	US\$72
Food	¥24,770	US\$225
Telecommunication	¥3,510	US\$32
Transportations	¥3,280	US\$30
Books & Supplies	¥2,950	US\$27
Entertainment	¥8,800	US\$80
Miscellaneous Expenses	¥13,270	US\$121
SUBTOTAL	¥105,580-118,580	US\$960-1,078

*Data from University Students' Life Survey, conducted in 2017 by National Federation of University Co-operative Association.
*Living costs vary depending on student lifestyle.

*Amounts in US\$ are for reference only.
(US\$ 1= 110.0 yen, as of December 2018)



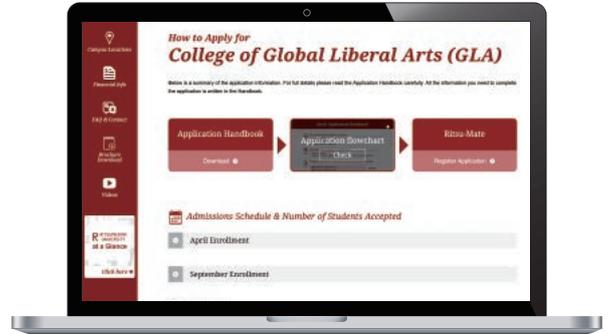
Locations

en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/why_rueug/great_locations.html/



How to Apply

en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/



1. Download and Consult the Application Handbook



2. Activate your Ritsu-Mate account



3. Upload + Send Documents



4. Pay Application Fee

*Please consult Application Handbook for details.



Any Questions?

en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/faq_contact/



Watch Videos

en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/videos/

Connect with Us



ritsumei



ritsumeikanu



@ritsumeikan_university

For more information

International Admissions Official Website
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/



R RITSUMEIKAN
UNIVERSITY

International Admissions Office

Office Hours: 9:00am-5:30pm(JST) Monday to Friday

E-mail: hello@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

Publication Version [March, 2019]

Information in this document is correct and valid as of publication date.

Interviews and opinions expressed are each individual's and separate of Ritsumeikan University.

Students' grade, degree major, portrait and report on all pages are correct as of date when interviewed.

Visit the International Admissions Office website for the latest information.



TOP GLOBAL
UNIVERSITY JAPAN