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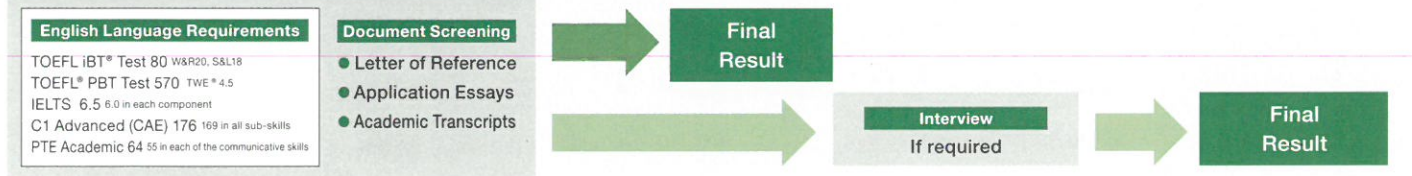
OSAKA CANBERRA

### Dual Degree Program with the Australian National University

April  
September

**Key words for this major**

Social Change with AI, Evolution of Market Economy, Design and Society, Civilizations in Global History, Cultural Studies, Knowledge and Innovation, Contemporary Japan, Internship, Politics and Government, International Relations and Security, Conflict and Peace Building, History and Cultural Identity



Enrollment Period	Application Period	Final Result	Call for Interview	Interview	Final Screening Result
April, 2019	Aug. 31, 2018– Sept. 20, 2018	Nov. 15, 2018		Dec. 1, 2018 Dec. 2, 2018	Dec. 20, 2018
	<b>1</b> Oct. 12, 2018– Nov. 1, 2018	Dec. 13, 2018		Dec. 22, 2018 Dec. 23, 2018	Jan. 24, 2019
September, 2019	<b>2</b> Dec. 14, 2018– Jan. 17, 2019	Mar. 5, 2019		Mar. 23, 2019 Mar. 24, 2019	Apr. 11, 2019
	<b>3</b> Feb. 15, 2019– Mar. 7, 2019	May 2, 2019		May 18, 2019 May 19, 2019	Jun.6, 2019

\*The scores are a summary of the English language admission requirements for the ANU. This policy may be updated from time to time. The most up-to-date information for RU applicants is available on the website ([http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/gla/gla\\_apply.html/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/apply/gla/gla_apply.html/)) as of the first date of the relevant application period. For further information, please consult the Application Handbook.

**College of International Relations**

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### American University-Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program [JDP]

April

**Key words for this major**

US-Japan Relations, Global and Comparative Governance, Peace, Global Security, Conflict Resolution, Identity, Race, Gender and Culture, Global IR, Sakura Scholars



Enrollment Period	Application Period	1st Screening Result	Interview	Final Screening Result
April, 2019	Aug. 31, 2018– Sept. 20, 2018	Nov.8, 2018	Nov. 24, 2018 Nov. 25, 2018	Dec. 13, 2018

### Key Features

- Scholarships**  
20%, 50%, 100% Tuition Reduction\*
- Interview via Skype**  
No need to fly to Japan for admissions
- Language Requirement**  
**English ONLY**  
No Japanese required for admissions
- Accommodation**  
Student dorm or apartment available\*
- Study Abroad**  
Wide range of programs available\*

\*Conditions apply. For details, please consult the Application Handbook available on our website.



College of International Relations

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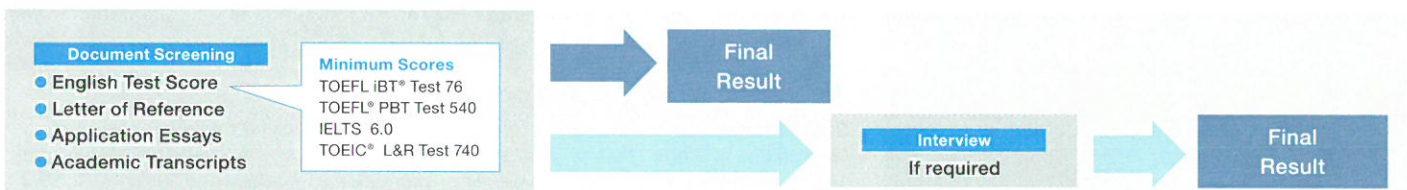


Global Studies Major [GS]

April September

Key words for this major

International Law, Peace and Conflict Studies, Security Studies, International Human Rights, The United Nations, Global Environmental Issues, International Development Cooperation, Migration, Gender Issues, Race and Ethnicity, Global Media



Enrollment Period	Application Period	Final Result	Call for Interview	Interview	Final Screening Result
April, 2019	Aug. 31, 2018– Sept. 20, 2018	Nov. 8, 2018		Nov. 24, 2018 Nov. 25, 2018	Dec. 13, 2018
	1 Dec. 14, 2018– Jan. 17, 2019	Feb. 28, 2019		Mar. 16, 2019 Mar. 17, 2019	Apr. 4, 2019
September, 2019	2 Feb. 15, 2019– Mar. 7, 2019	Apr. 25, 2019		May 11, 2019 May 12, 2019	May 30, 2019

College of Policy Science

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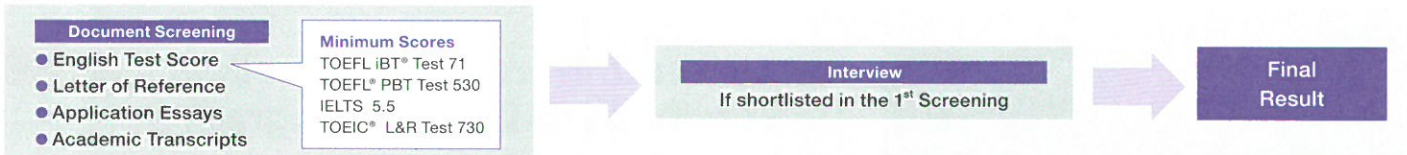


Community and Regional Policy Studies Major [CRPS]

September

Key words for this major

Urban Planning for Sustainable Cities, Community Safety, Development Economics, Environmental Policy, Global Public Policies, Social Welfare Policies, Revitalization of Rural Areas



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September, 2019	1 Dec. 14, 2018– Jan. 17, 2019	Feb. 28, 2019	Mar. 16, 2019 Mar. 17, 2019	Apr. 4, 2019
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College of Information Science and Engineering

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Information Systems Science and Engineering Course [ISSE]

April

Key words for this major

Network Security, IoT, E-Commerce, Artificial Intelligence, Robot Technology, User Interface, Computing Mathematics, Big Data Analysis, Advanced Computer Graphics, Imperative Programming



Enrollment Period	Application Period	Final Screening Result
April, 2019	2 Aug. 31, 2018– Sept. 20, 2018	Nov. 8, 2018
	3 Nov. 2, 2018– Nov. 20, 2018	Dec. 20, 2018
April, 2020	1 Feb.15, 2019- Mar. 7, 2019	Apr. 18, 2019

\*The other Application Periods for April 2020 enrollment will be announced in May, 2019.

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RITSUMEIKAN  
UNIVERSITY

English-medium Undergraduate Programs  
Admissions in 2019

Kyoto, Osaka, Shiga JAPAN







# About Ritsumeikan University

The history of Ritsumeikan dates back to 1869 when a private academy of the same name was founded in Kyoto. The academy has become a comprehensive institution consisting of two universities, including Ritsumeikan University (RU), four junior and senior high schools and a primary school. RU, which boasts 15 colleges and 22 graduate schools across 4 campuses, has actively promoted research collaboration with industry and has made significant contributions to society both nationally and globally through various academic projects. The RU alumni network extends throughout Japan and to all corners of the globe, promising students a wide range of contacts and career opportunities.

Ritsumeikan University was selected in 2014 as one of 37 universities for the highly competitive "Top Global University Project" by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Acknowledged as one of the leading global universities in Japan, RU is committed to further promote its global profile and offer a world-class education to students worldwide.

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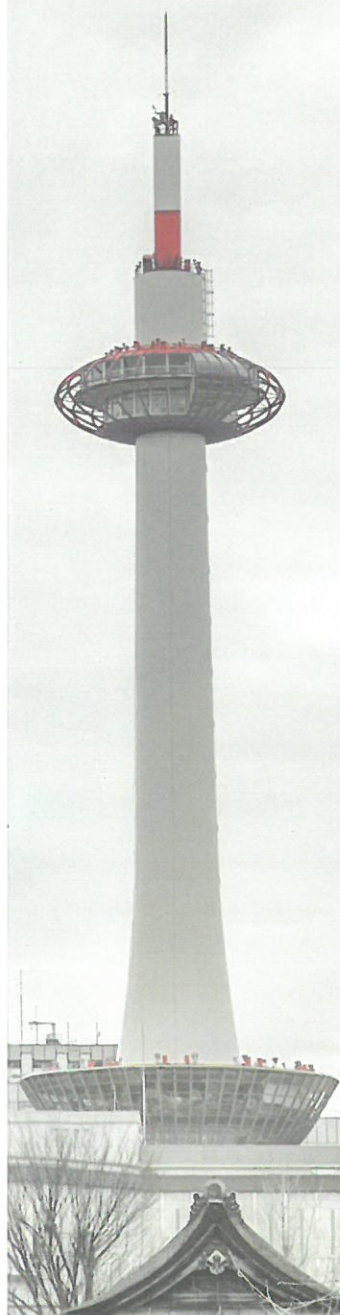
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# College of International Relations

The College of International Relations aims to help students to develop the skills and knowledge essential in our rapidly changing globalized world: creativity, the ability to think and act on a global scale, language and communication skills, and an understanding of different cultures. In the Global Studies Major, students learn to analyse global affairs from a variety of perspectives as part of a highly international student body and under the guidance of a diverse academic staff. Graduates from the College of International Relations have in the past found jobs as diplomats, international business people, NGO employees and media professionals.

Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Arts in International Relations
Duration	4 year full time
Language of Instruction	English
Yearly Intake	100 students*
Enrollment	April and September
Location	Kinugasa Campus (Kyoto)
Annual Tuition	[1st year] 1,086,400JPY* [2nd year onwards] 1,246,400JPY*
Scholarships for International Students	See the back cover

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\*The Admission fee of JPY300,000 is required for the first year.



# Global Studies Major [GS]

## 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 foundation courses as well as 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 Courses

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), 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

## Why GS?

### 1 One of Japan's Leading International Relations Faculties

RU is recognized as one of the top institutions in Japan in the field of International Relations and the College of International Relations was the first of its kind in western Japan. 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. The faculty's diversity and experience provide students with knowledge about various aspects of global studies. Having students from over 30 countries around the world, such as China, Korea, the US, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, Brazil, Belgium, Bangladesh, and more make for an ideal environment for studying of International Relations.

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

International Students will take 6 credits of Japanese courses in the first year and are encouraged to take further Japanese courses in the following years. GS students with a high level of Japanese language proficiency can take IR courses (Japanese-medium) while IR students can take GS courses in English. This cross-enrollment is designed to enhance the learning experiences and integration of students from both majors.

### 4 Career Opportunities

Graduates from the College of International Relations have in the past found jobs such as diplomats, international business people, NGO employees and media professionals. GS alumni are active in the business fields and often go on to excellent graduate schools (such as Oxford University, Johns Hopkins University, London School of Economics, University of British Columbia and others).

## Student's Voice



Paul Schneider

Country: USA

2nd year student of GS Major

I had always dreamed of expanding my horizons beyond the borders of my home country and leading a life abroad and the GS program gave me that exact opportunity. Besides generally small class sizes and qualified professors, what I like most about the GS program is that it acts as a microcosm of the world. The student body in the GS program is vibrant and diverse, representing different countries from nearly every continent. The GS program will not only give you the opportunity to befriend people from all over the world, but it will give you the tools to work with an international audience which is vital for those who are considering work in a global setting.

After graduation, I intend to continue my studies in a graduate level program. I am interested in potentially pursuing a career in diplomacy and dream of one day working for the United Nations.

To those who are looking to start a new journey abroad, I strongly encourage you to consider Ritsumeikan University and Kyoto, Japan as your new home. There is a whole world waiting for you, and it all starts here at Ritsumeikan.



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

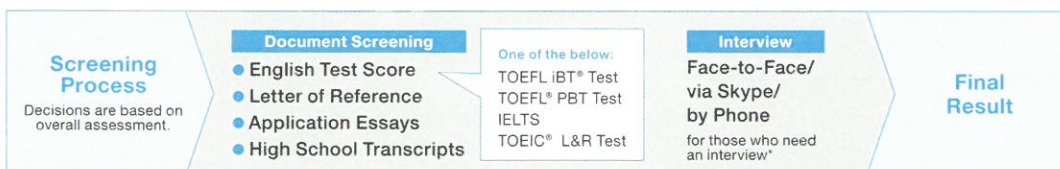


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## Admissions Overview

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# College of Policy Science

The College of Policy Science was founded in 1994 in response to a growing need for an interdisciplinary approach to solving the increasingly complex issues in society. Policy Science is an academic field which seeks to clarify the causes of these social problems and explore solutions in ways that satisfy the maximum number of members or stakeholders in the society. The program lays great emphasis on practical training, and the skills, knowledge and experience that students gain will make them attractive candidates for jobs in the public sector at both national and regional levels, and also for research and planning positions within the private sector.

Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Arts in Policy Science
Duration	4 year full time
Language of Instruction	English
Yearly Intake	40 students*
Enrollment	September
Location	Osaka Ibaraki Campus
Annual Tuition	[1st year] 989,800JPY* [2nd year onwards] 1,149,800JPY*
Scholarships for International Students	See the back cover

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\*The Admission fee of JPY300,000 is required for the first year.





# Community and Regional Policy Studies Major [CRPS]

## 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 Onsite-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 their studies, gaining more in-depth knowledge and advanced thinking skills in order to prepare for their advanced Policy 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

## 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 encourages 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.

## Student's Voice



**Koh Jia Min**

Country: Singapore  
4th year student of CRPS Major

My graduation thesis is regarding the concept of "creative depopulation" as a means to bring about revitalization to rural areas.

In CRPS, there is a strong focus on doing fieldwork studies to obtain research findings. For my research, I visited Kamiyama Town to conduct interviews so as to explore the relationship between newcomers and local residents. By taking a hands-on approach, I could get detailed data about my target group which helps me better understand my research topic. With the support of my professor, I was selected to present at the annual Academic Festa\*.

In addition, I was given an opportunity to do an internship with Nitto Denko Corporation through Ritsumeikan. I chose Nitto Denko as I was interested in how it utilizes its core technologies to achieve innovation in niche areas. Through the week-long program, I experienced the Japanese business environment and met employees from different divisions to learn more about working in a Japanese company. This experience has allowed me to get a better idea of what I am interested in as I look for a job in Japan.



\*Academic Festa: A competition held within each grade to decide the best research presentations.

For more information on CRPS, check out the program website:  
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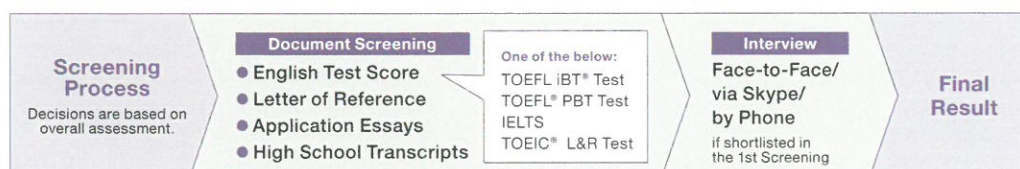


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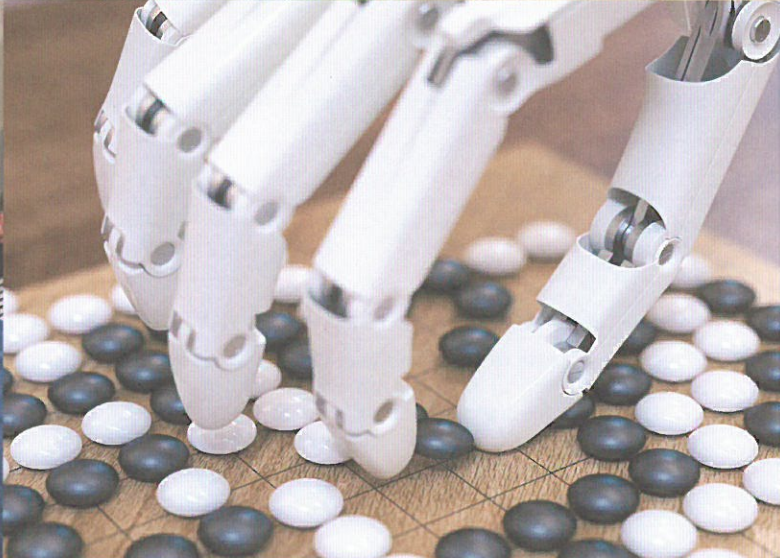
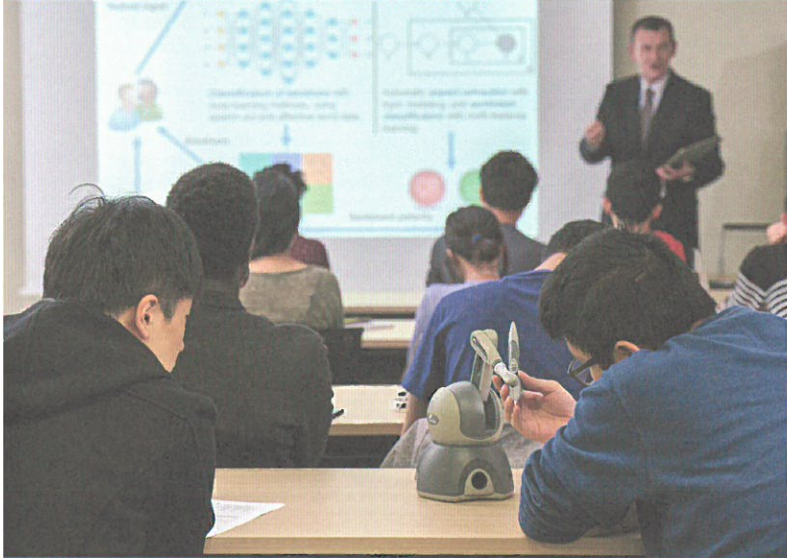
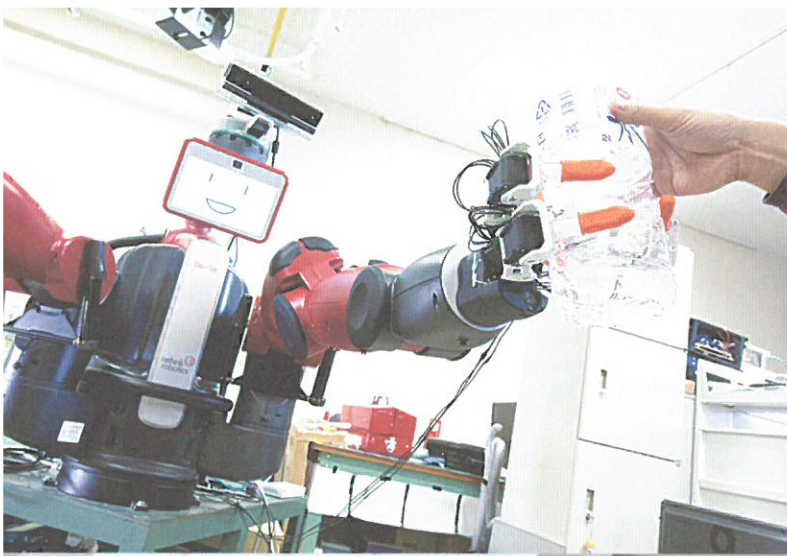
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# College of Information Science and Engineering

Modern information systems are developed by diverse international teams from many countries; Political and cultural borders are no longer boundaries. The main focus of education in the Information Systems Science and Engineering Course (ISSE) is to train people who can work in this quickly evolving technical world, as team members, as innovators, and as leaders.

Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Engineering
Duration	4 year full time
Language of Instruction	English
Yearly Intake	50 students*
Enrollment	April
Location	Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (Shiga)
Annual Tuition	[1st year] 1,384,600JPY* [2nd year onwards] 1,544,600JPY*
Scholarships for International Students	See the back cover

\*The number of students and the annual tuition are subject to change. Consult Application Handbook for details.  
\*The Admission fee of JPY300,000 is required for the first year.





# Information Systems Science and Engineering Course [ISSE]

## 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.

During the first year, students learn about the project lifecycle around which the Project-Based Learning courses are framed. After becoming acquainted with projects and labs, as well as getting the foundations of information science, in their second year, students begin to work as team members. At the same time, and moving into their third year, the students gain competence in advanced elective courses. 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. Completion of the fourth year and 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.

## 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

## 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. Students join engineering projects from their very first year of study while 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 High Value

The ISSE Course provides for a high-quality, globally recognized education that is ideal for students who want to get the most out of their investment. While the living cost in Japan is on par with other developed countries, the tuition fee is significantly lower.

### 4 Work with Global Leaders

Collaboration with leading academic institutions, such as the University of Oxford, and the University of Zurich, creates opportunities for academic mobility and integration with top-level research. A range of extracurricular programs and internships provides students with opportunities to test themselves in the larger world.

## Student's Voice



**Thariq Maulana Jauhari**  
Country: Indonesia  
1st year student of ISSE Course

I am a first year student of the ISSE Course. I am planning to join The e-Society Laboratory or Robot Dynamics and Control Laboratory as both labs correspond to my future plan. Here, not only do I learn the theories but also discuss and create solutions to the technology cases. This helps me develop a critical and analytical way of thinking. Hence, it improves my understanding of the knowledge. From this Course I hope to acquire the skills needed to create cutting-edge products to make our life simpler and better.

In regard to college life, the class itself is very international. I have classmates from Bhutan, Thailand, Korea, US, China, Bangladesh, Japan, and also Uganda. The professors are also from various countries so you will have exposure to a diverse learning environment.

Lastly, for those of you who want to be a Ritsumeikan student, you have a huge chance to get into this university as long as you are willing to work hard, be persistent, and ready to face the challenges! I know very well that there are lots of things that you have to do to enter this university but if you succeed, all the hard work will be paid off. I wish you all good luck!



For more information on ISSE, check out the program website: [en.ritsumei.ac.jp/ise/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/ise/)

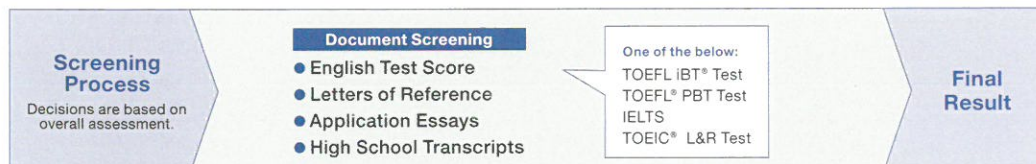


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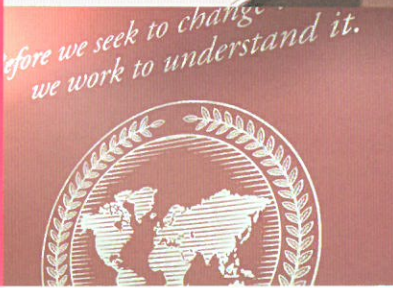
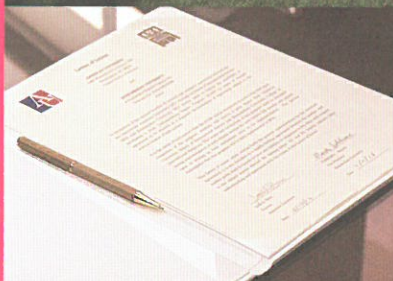
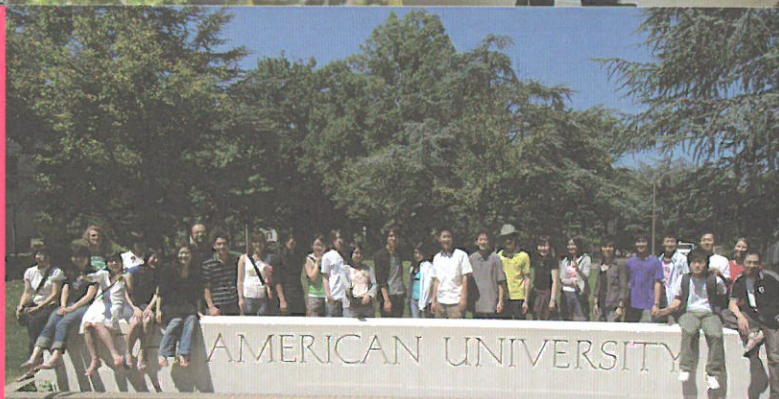
# College of International Relations

**JOINT DEGREE**

In April 2018, on its 30th anniversary, the College of International Relations established a joint degree program with the School of International Service, American University (AU). This program puts great emphasis upon the significance of learning about both the Western and non-Western perspectives of approaching international studies in a global sense. It will cultivate globally minded leaders who can take active roles on the international stage.

Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Arts in Global International Relations
Duration	4 years full-time (2 years at RU and 2 years at AU)
Language of Instruction	English
Yearly Intake	25 students*
Enrollment	April
Location	Kinugasa Campus (Kyoto) and American University (Washington D.C.)
Annual Tuition	Students will pay tuition fee to RU during their study in RU and to AU during their study in AU.
Scholarships for International Students	See the back cover

\*The number of students and the annual tuition are subject to change. Consult Application Handbook for details.





# American University - Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program [JDP] sakura scholars

## What is a Joint Degree Program?

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, RU and AU. While sharing the content of the GS course at RU and the IR course at AU, students will also take cohort classes together with AU home students at both RU and AU.

## Learning Schedule

The program brings together students from AU and RU, who will take classes from both institutions in the course of their studies. Students will spend two full academic years at their home institution and two years at the host institution. They will take advantage of the strengths of both their home and host institution.

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

## Why JDP?

### 1 Earn a 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. Students on this program will study two years each at RU and AU, acquiring 124 credits for graduation. 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. AU has hosted presidents such as John F. Kennedy and Barack Obama for speeches on world peace. 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. The program will deliver active learning through an environment where students can have first-hand experiences in these two cities, exchanging ideas with students coming from all over the world.

### 3 Jointly Designed Curriculum

The curriculum of the program has been 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 so students are guaranteed a unique, distinctive, and highly desirable qualification on completion of the degree.

### 4 Career Opportunities

The degree provides the chance to pursue career opportunities in the U.S. and Japan. RU offers many kinds of career planning events and placement support systems for both Japanese and international students. 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) and so on, as well as progressing to higher academic institutes such as graduate schools like Oxford, LSE, UBC, University of Tokyo and RU itself. RU and AU will offer joint career advice in each country to all JDP students.

## American University

Founded in 1893, American University (AU) has gained a high reputation as one of America's great universities. In Foreign Policy Magazine (2014), the School of International Service at AU ranks #9 among Top U.S. Undergraduate Institutions to Study International Relations, as well as #8 among Top Master's Programs for Policy Careers in International Relations. With its location in the U.S. capital, AU consistently attracts international students from more than 150 nations and areas.

## Tuition Reduction and Scholarships for RU Home Students

At AU, all students have the chance to get a 30% tuition reduction depending on their GPA level. RU will offer Ritsumeikan Sakura Honors Tuition Stipend (JPY 750,000 / semester) to the top three students who have the highest scores in admission examinations and fulfill the academic requirements after starting the Joint Degree Program. The Ritsumeikan University Study Abroad Challenge Scholarship (JPY 500,000 / semester) will be offered to other students who meet the conditions, achieve the required academic scores at RU, and apply for the scholarship. The Stipend or Scholarship will be paid for a maximum of two years (4 semesters) during their study in AU. The Sakura Honors Tuition Stipend and RU Study Abroad Challenge Scholarship cannot be provided in combination.

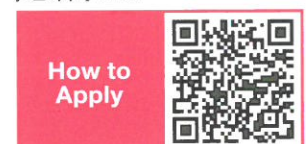
\*The scholarship system may be subject to change. Detailed information will be available upon enrollment.



For more information on JDP, check out the program website:  
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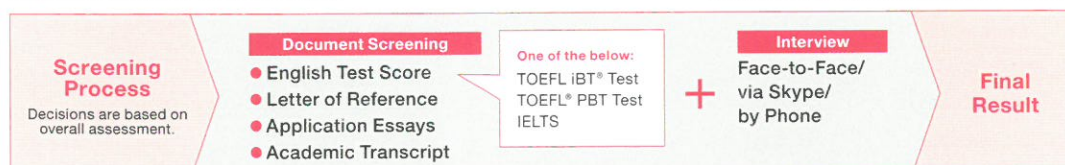


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## Admissions Overview

Application dates are announced on the website.



\*Please refer to the Application Handbook for details about the application. The Application Handbooks can be downloaded from the website.



# Campus Locations

Ritsumeikan University has four campuses in the Kansai region. English-medium undergraduate degree programs are offered at three of these campuses below.



To find out more about locations and how to access to each campus, visit "Campus Locations" on International Admissions website.

## KYOTO | Kinugasa Campus

Kyoto is the heart of history and traditional culture in Japan, where centuries-old buildings and historical sites constitute a natural part of cityscape. Visiting its famous Buddhist temples, statues, shrines, Japanese gardens or World Heritage Sites, will provide you with the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in authentic Japanese culture. Kyoto is also the prefecture with the largest percentage of students in Japan. Home to many renowned research and higher education institutions, Kyoto is one of the most student-friendly cities in Japan.

The College of International Relations is based at Kinugasa Campus.



## OSAKA | Osaka Ibaraki Campus

Osaka boasts the third largest population in Japan with 8.8 million people. There are around 21,000 foreigners living in Osaka and the international student population is second only to Tokyo. Osaka has long been known as a town of merchants, and as the home of such global brands as Panasonic, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company and Daikin Industries. It also has 65% of Japan's small and medium enterprises and many small factories, the technological skills of which are the base of the Japanese economy.

The College of Policy Science is based at Osaka Ibaraki Campus.

### Student Life KYOTO

#### Vidar William Huseby

Country: Norway  
Global Studies Major,  
2nd year student



Living in Kyoto can be compared to living in a real life fairytale. The reason why is simple. It is a city that never ceases to amaze me, and there is always something new to discover. One of my many favourite things about living in Kyoto is that you can just get lost in its streets and come across lesser known temples, shrines, stores, cafés and other cool places.

The Kinugasa Campus itself is surrounded by three UNESCO World Heritage sites and all of these are good opportunities to explore outside of school.

Choosing to live in the Taishogun Dorm my first semester was one of the best experiences I have had so far in Japan. What is so great about living in the dorm is the mixture of all different nationalities, ethnicities, languages, cultures and a lot more! Everyone is very open-minded, and willing to share their own values and cultures with other people.

Since everyone living in the dorm is new to Japan, it creates a special bond, where it's easier to connect with others and establish a social network you might not otherwise have had the opportunity to create.

### Student Life OSAKA

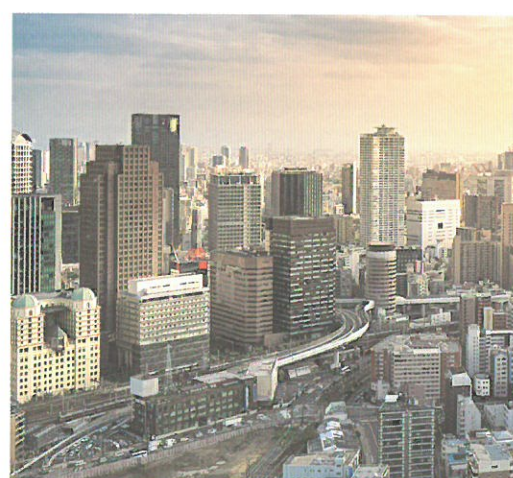
#### Abu Baker Khan

Country: Pakistan  
Community and Regional Policy Studies Major,  
4th year student



When I came to Japan, I brought a lot of questions with me; What Japan would be like and how university life would be like among students of huge diversity. After three and a half years, I feel like Japan is more home to me than any other place. Currently I reside in Osaka. My favorite place in Osaka is the "Sky Building" in front of Osaka Station. From the top of Sky Building you can catch the whole view of Osaka City. Sunsets in the evening and city lights during night time are spectacular.

Most days I spend 6 to 7 hours studying in the library on my own or with classmates. When I am not studying, I spend time talking with my family







**NOTE** Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe (the three combined cities in western Japan) were ranked No.1 for safety in the QS Best Student Cities 2017 index.\*

\* QS Best Student Cities 2017 (10 of the Safest Student Cities)  
<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings-articles/qs-best-student-cities/10-safest-student-cities>

# aki Campus



# SHIGA | Biwako-Kusatsu Campus

Shiga Prefecture is located only minutes away from Kyoto by train and is home of Lake Biwa, Japan's largest lake. Lake Biwa plays an important role in supporting business, agriculture and the lives of people throughout western Japan. To this extent, Shiga has become a cluster of high-tech industries and an important hub of businesses. Shiga is also known for the many historical sites that blend beautifully with its dynamic nature. National treasures such as Hikone Castle can be found on the beautiful lakeside of Biwa.



The College of Information Science and Engineering is based at Biwako-Kusatsu Campus.

## Student Life SHIGA



### Woranipit Chidsin

Country: Thailand  
 Information Systems Science and Engineering Course,  
 1st year student



back home or playing billiards and pool. I am a member of a billiards club and have participated in a lot of tournaments. I also had a part-time job at a fast food restaurant for 10 months, through which I learnt a lot about working in a team and customer service. 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.

My life here at Biwako Kusatsu Campus, Ritsumeikan University is good so far. The best thing as a student here is that we have labs which we can use whenever we want to and we are pretty close to the professors. We can ask and talk to them whether it is about school-related subjects or just casual talk.

improve my Japanese skills.

On average, I spend 10-15 hours per week doing assignments or reading some materials. Yes, it sounds a lot, but once you are here, it is not a lot. It is normal. I spend my free time chatting with my Japanese friends hoping to study Japanese and

I think that Shiga is very close to nature. For those who like nature or suburban environment, you will like this area. If you get a bicycle, that would be better. Without knowing any Japanese or research about Japan in general before coming here, it was a little bit difficult for me to settle down in Japan, however, this university has many organizations that help international students so I think you won't feel left out.

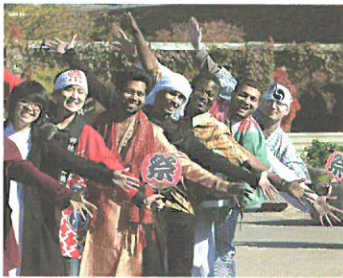




# Study Abroad Opportunities

## 150 Partner Institutions in 31 Countries

Students are encouraged to take part in study abroad opportunities. RU currently runs student exchange and study abroad programs with more than 150 overseas partner institutions in 31 countries and regions. In addition, RU operates the Dual Undergraduate Degree Program (DUDP), in which students can earn bachelor's degrees from both RU and universities in the United States. Under this program, students study at American University or Suffolk University for two years while still registered at RU and can obtain degrees from RU and the U.S. university in as little as four years. As well as study abroad opportunities, students may have the chance to take part in seminars, conferences, and academic competitions both within and outside Japan.



### Student Report

**Gilang Al Ghifari Lukman**  
Country: Indonesia  
Global Studies Major, 2nd year student

**Leiden University,**   
**Netherlands**



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.

Among the various classes offered here at Leiden, by far my favorite class was Jews and Judaism. Since I come from Indonesia where virtually no Jewish community is present, the lecture was indeed very revelatory.

I also participated in a program called Moot Court Public International Law. After months of preparation, I appeared before the Court and presented my case. The judges found my performance to be exceptional, and awarded me with the highest score. What is more, I had an opportunity to enter the Peace Palace in The Hague and actually talk with the staffs!

In the future I am considering to pursue masters and doctoral degree in Europe. Studying abroad was a great opportunity to familiarize myself to the more liberal education culture of Europe.

 **University of Pittsburgh,**  
**United States**

**Jeong Hyun Park**  
Country: Republic of Korea  
Global Studies Major, 2nd Year student

Studying abroad for a year made me deepen the thoughts about my future career and widen my academic interest. I decided to study abroad because I wanted to have new experiences by living in different environment and study wider area of subjects with American students.

I took economics, psychology, and statistics classes in the fall semester. All courses have difficult contents to understand and memorize but I really enjoyed studying since I did not study them before at Ritsumeikan University. There are various events that I participated and experienced American culture such as Thanksgiving Day dinner, Broadway musicals and Cathedral ball. I had spent exchange life fully with studying and experiencing American culture at the same time.

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.



For more information on study abroad,  
please check the website:  
[en.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/e-ug/why\\_rueug/opportunities.html/](http://en.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/e-ug/why_rueug/opportunities.html/)



# Student Life at RU

## Housing for International Students

Accommodation in a furnished apartment or off campus dormitory is available for students of English-medium undergraduate programs. The style of accommodation depends on the campus the student is based at. Priority is given to students who have no previous experience of living in Japan.



For more information on accommodation, please check the website: [en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/student\\_life/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/student_life/)

## 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
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>¥105,580-118,580</b>	<b>US\$960-1,078</b>

\*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 February 2, 2018)



## Student Support and Club Activities

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. In addition, each College has a group of higher-year students called 'Oritor' (Orientation Coordinators) who provide first year students with guidance and support in academic and daily life.

With hundreds of student clubs engaged in everything from sports through traditional cultural activities to community service, the campus provides plenty of opportunities to take a break from studies and meet other students.



Student Support: [en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/student-support/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/student-support/)



Club Activities: [en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/club-activities/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/club-activities/)

## A New International Dormitory Opens near Osaka Ibaraki Campus

OIC International House (OIC I-House) opened in March 2018 near Osaka Ibaraki Campus. Both Japanese and international students live together in a 6-person unit (individual bedrooms). Each unit also includes a RM (Resident Mentor) to help and support dormitory life.



For more information on OIC I-House, please check the website [en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/dorm/oic/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/dorm/oic/)



## Academic Calendar

<b>3</b> March	New Student Orientation (April Enrollment)
<b>4</b> April	Spring Semester begins Entrance Ceremony (April Enrollment)
<b>7</b> July	Spring Semester classes end Final Exams (Spring Semester)
<b>8</b> August	Summer Break
<b>9</b> September	Fall Semester begins New Student Orientation (September Enrollment) Entrance Ceremony (September Enrollment)
<b>11</b> November	Ritsumeikan Festival
<b>12</b> December	Winter Break
<b>1</b> January	Fall Semester classes end Final Exams (Fall Semester)
<b>2</b> February	Spring Break



## Scholarships for International Students

### Tuition Reduction Scheme

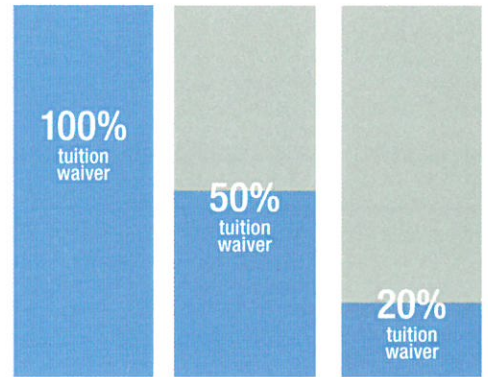
International students (students who will hold the status of residence of "student" while studying at Ritsumeikan University) are guaranteed at least a 20% tuition reduction, with 50% and 100% fee reductions offered to the most outstanding applicants.

- No separate application is required for the scholarship and the amount of reduction will be notified to the applicants with admission results.
- The RU Tuition Reduction Scheme is offered initially for one year, based on students' admission evaluation. In second and subsequent years, the tuition reduction is awarded based on students' grades during the previous year of study.
- The Scheme for 2019 admissions is subject to change. Please consult the Application Handbook for 2019 enrollment for details.
- For information on scholarships of JD program, please check the website: <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ir/eng/jdp/>

### Other available scholarships for International Students

Examples of scholarships available as of 2018:

- JASSO scholarship: 48,000yen (US\$ 436) per month
- International Students Assistance Scholarship by RU Faculty/Staff: 250,000yen (US\$ 2,272) per year



For more information on scholarships, please check the website: [en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/financial\\_info/scholarships.html/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/financial_info/scholarships.html/)

## Leading to a Dual Undergraduate Degree with The Australian National University

\*The program requires students to fulfill the specific academic levels.

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College of Global Liberal Arts (GLA) is scheduled to begin in April 2019, at Osaka Ibaraki Campus.

\*The information is subject to change.  
\*RU = Ritsumeikan University  
\*ANU = Australian National University

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**APRIL 2019**

For more information on GLA, Check out the program website: [en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gla/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gla/)



This Program is scheduled to begin in April 2019. The plans are subject to change.



**Any Questions?**

[en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/faq\\_contact/](http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/faq_contact/)



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