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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

2021 RITSUMEIKAN
ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

RANKED 5TH **FOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN** **THE 2019 JAPAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**

by Times Higher Education

SELECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN 2014
AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S
“TOP GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES”

48%

International Faculty



42

Countries and Regions
Represented by GSA Students



94.6%

Scholarship
Recipients



(Data from the 2018 academic year.)

TWO-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAM & THREE-YEAR DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Our interdisciplinary programs, led by faculty from over twenty countries with experience in distinguished organizations around the world, will challenge your critical thinking, creativity, and passion for change and action. All programs are conducted in English.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

- International Relations
- Society and Culture

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY

- International Public Administration
- Public Health Management
- Sustainability Science
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Development Economics

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY AT APU?

Admission fee (one-time deposit)

200,000 JPY (1,739 USD*)

Annual tuition

1,400,000 JPY (12,174 USD*)

Living costs and other fees

Approx. 1,000,000 JPY (8,696 USD*) per year

This includes 49,000 JPY per month for housing, additional fees, and a typical amount spent on living costs such as food, books, transportation, etc.

*US dollar equivalents are for reference only, based on the exchange rate of \$1 = 115 Japanese yen.
All fees must be paid in Japanese yen. See our website for a detailed breakdown of fees.

APU TUITION REDUCTION SCHOLARSHIP

30%, 50%, 65%, 80%, or 100%

Valid for the full two years of study

All applicants eligible to apply

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit

https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/how_to_apply/external_scholarship/
for details

LOCATION

APU is located in **Beppu, Japan**, a bayside city home to 120,000 people and over 2,000 natural hot springs.

Why Beppu is a great place to study:

Safe and affordable

Stunning location

Welcoming community



1. Beppu Park
2. Natural hot spring steam
3. Ocean view from student housing



GLOBAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ALUMNI PATHWAYS

- Department of Foreign Affairs, The Philippines
- Fujitsu Marketing Ltd., Japan
- Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Laos

- National Taiwan University
- NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), Japan
- The Embassy of Angola, Japan
- UNICEF Cambodia Office



APU VOICES

"APU's graduate school programs provide an intellectually strong and diverse community to support you as you hone your knowledge, skills, and global perspective to help tackle problems facing the Asia Pacific region and the world. Upon graduating from APU, you will join a large alumni network that is well-positioned to expand your connections across the globe as you take the next steps in your career."

Steven B. Rothman, Ph.D. (USA)

Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies



"In addition to attending various seminars and workshops at APU, I also had the opportunity to present my research at APU's annual Asia Pacific Conference. Through the conference, I received valuable feedback to improve my research and built a professional network with scholars from all over the world."

Bich T. Tran (Viet Nam, Graduated in 2017)

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Former Asia Studies Visiting Fellow, East-West Center in Washington



"The real-world experience, knowledge, and awareness of international issues I obtained through my studies at APU are invaluable to me as they have proven to be essential tools in my career in international diplomatic relations. I was able to establish a personal, worldwide network of accomplished professionals that I am still a part of today."

Swe Sett (Myanmar, Graduated in 2014)

First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Washington DC, USA



FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM TO MATCH YOUR LEARNING STYLE

No matter what division students choose, they will have the option of taking courses from other divisions within both graduate schools at APU. This allows students to fulfil a portion of their graduation requirements while also giving them the flexibility to round out their education and pursue their specific interests.

In addition, with the ability to freely distribute the course load each semester, students can focus their efforts on their research and job-hunting activities, work on or off campus, or explore Japan during semesters (typically 3rd and 4th) with lighter credit loads. The maximum number of credits that can be registered per semester is twenty-two. All subjects are awarded two credits upon completion and a minimum of **thirty-two credits** is required to graduate.

DIVISION SUBJECT LIST

Below are the main subjects from within each specialization.

A full list of available courses can be found on APU's official website.

International Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regionalism and Globalization• International Law• International Political Economy• Comparative Politics and Government• Conflict Resolution• International Security• Special Studies (International Relations)	Society and Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing Social Landscapes• Media and Communication• Migration and Trans-Nationalism• Social Organizations and Institutions• Sociology and Everyday Life• Cultural Change• Special Studies (Society and Culture)
International Public Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation• International Public Administration• International Organizations• Project Management• Planning and Evaluation• Community Development• Special Studies (International Public Administration)	Development Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development Economics• Macroeconomics• Development Finance• Comparative Economic Development• Microeconomics• Community Development• Special Studies (Development Economics)
Sustainability Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment and Natural Resources Conservation• Advanced Environmental Geosciences• Environmental Policy, Law and Administration• Environmental Economics• Urban Sustainability• Industrial Ecology• Special Studies (Sustainability Science)	Tourism and Hospitality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism Economics• Cultural and Heritage Tourism• Environmental Tourism• Community Based Tourism• Health and Wellness Tourism• Tourism Policy and Planning• Special Studies (Tourism and Hospitality)

HOW TO APPLY

April 2021 Enrollment

MEXT Scholarship applications:

September 1, 2020 (Tue) - September 23, 2020 (Wed)

General applications:

September 1, 2020 (Tue) - October 21, 2020 (Wed)

September 2021 Enrollment

MEXT Scholarship applications:

September 1, 2020 (Tue) - November 18, 2020 (Wed)

General applications:

September 1, 2020 (Tue) - March 31, 2021 (Wed)



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Bachelor's degree or equivalent
2. English language proficiency test score

Minimum requirements:

IELTS	6.5
TOEFL iBT® Test	85
TOEIC® L&R Test	800
Cambridge English Language Assessment	176
PTE Academic	58

3. Supervisor confirmation (Doctoral applicants only)

APPLY ONLINE

https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/apply_online/

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