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At APU's Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, we provide you with unique and exciting challenges and opportunities to develop your potential as a scholar, professional, and person who aspires to change the world for the better. Our interdisciplinary programs, offered in English, emphasize innovation and relevance. Our world-class faculty, distinguished in their training, research, and work experience, exemplify leadership, creativity, and excellence.

Our vibrant learning environment, diverse and multicultural, encourages mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation. Join us in our mission to have a positive impact on our world. Jumpstart your journey with us: deepen your critical understanding of pressing issues and concerns; learn advanced theoretical and practical knowledge and skills; explore and push the boundaries of knowledge through research; develop friendships and networks with people from all over the world; and learn how to be more responsible for yourself, for others, and for our world.

Dr. Robert Anthony C. Salazar
Dean – Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

A portrait of Dr. Toshitsugu Otake, a middle-aged man with short dark hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red tie with a small white pattern. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with greenery and a building.

The Graduate School of Management (GSM) at APU educates students in the field of international business with a strong focus on Japanese business and management. It is the only institution in the world where you can learn about the Japanese style of business and management in English, within a culturally diverse learning environment.

GSM has enjoyed an excellent reputation since it was established in 2003. It was selected as a 3 Palms rating business school in 2009 and a top 20 business school in the field of international management in East Asia in 2012-2013 from Eduniversal, a global ranking and rating agency specializing in higher education. It was also elected as a council member of the Association of Asia Pacific Business Schools in 2012. In the same year, it was recognized as one of the top three educational institutions in Japan in terms of employability by The Nikkei and the top by business magazine, The President.

Additionally, GSM is expecting you to achieve four goals during your program, i.e.,

- 1) Understand business ethics theory
- 2) Obtain advanced knowledge of discipline
- 3) Have a sense of innovation
- 4) Acquire global perspectives in business management.

Let GSM be your first step toward a successful global business career path in a Japanese company and beyond.

Dr. Toshitsugu Otake
Dean – Graduate School of Management

Why APU?



Create a Future Beyond Borders



With over 100 years of tradition and history, the Ritsumeikan Academy opened APU in April 2000 as Japan's first genuinely international university. Our graduate schools welcome students into a fully English-based curriculum within a uniquely multicultural environment. Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) Graduate Schools are fully accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Since the opening of APU's Graduate Schools, efforts have been made to further its education and research initiatives and expand its contribution to the Asia Pacific region. The Graduate Schools at APU focus on Asia Pacific studies, with study options geared towards tackling the complex issues facing the societies and environments of the Asia Pacific region, as well as management, with a focus on the Japanese business style and the dynamic world of international business.



World Class Education

APU's graduate programs have been selected for several prestigious scholarship schemes in recent years. These include the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program and the Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Program, which provide support for students from member countries to undertake graduate studies at renowned institutions of higher education around the world. APU is also among the very few institutions to be selected by the Japanese government for scholarships such as the Student Priority Placement Program. Some of the other organizations which have sponsored students to study in our graduate programs include the Indonesian Ministry of Finance, Japanese corporations, local government bodies and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). This is a testimony to the value placed on APU's graduate programs by both public and private sectors in Japan and throughout the world.



A Truly International Environment



The campus is a unique doorway to the world, attracting students and faculty from all over the globe. Our Japanese faculty members also come to us with diverse international careers and academic experiences. This extremely rich mixture of language and culture has earned APU the reputation of being Japan's 'global village'. Our aim is to bring together talented people to study and live within this unique environment. APU encourages all students to bring and share their own unique thoughts and ideas. In this one of a kind environment, students naturally acquire intercultural communication skills.

As APU's graduate programs are offered entirely in English, students are not required to know any Japanese to gain admission. English speaking students come to APU and study their degree in English, are taught by international professors and lecturers and study alongside English speaking classmates from around the world. Our system has made it possible for outstanding scholars to study in Japan in an unprecedented international learning environment.

A photograph of a traditional Japanese bamboo water spout (sugorube) pouring water into a dark stone basin. The background is a blurred garden with trees and foliage. The title 'The Japanese Experience' is overlaid in white text at the top left.

The Japanese Experience

Japan has a long and rich history and is a diverse cultural mix of East and West, old and new, natural and highly engineered. Having gone through various stages of development, the nation's rich and unique culture is what led it to emerge as a world leader in terms of economy and technology. Its strong economy, combined with a culture that places a great deal of importance on respect for others, also makes it one of the safest countries in the world. For international students, it is an ideal environment to live and study in.

As graduate school classes are conducted entirely in English, no prior knowledge of the Japanese language is required. However, for those with a keen interest to learn Japanese, beginner level classes are held specifically for graduate students at no additional cost. Immersed in the culture of Japan, students can put their new language skills to use on a daily basis.

Programs

SCHOOL	PROGRAM	MAJOR	COURSE	DEGREE AWARDED
Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (GSA)	Master's	Asia Pacific Studies (APS)	International Relations (IR)	Master of Science (Asia Pacific Studies)
			Society and Culture (SC)	
		International Cooperation Policy (ICP)	International Public Administration (IPA)	Master of Science (International Cooperation Policy)
			Public Health Management (PHM)	
			Sustainability Science (SS) (includes International Material Flow Management (IMAT) program)	
			Tourism and Hospitality (TH)	
			Development Economics (DE)	
	Doctoral	Asia Pacific Studies		Doctor of Philosophy (Asia Pacific Studies)
Graduate School of Management (GSM)	Master's	Business Administration (MBA)	Japanese Management (JM)	Master of Business Administration
			Accounting and Finance (AF)	
			Marketing and Management (MM)	
			Innovation and Operations Management (IOM)	

M.Sc. Asia Pacific Studies

Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

Degree Earned

Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies

Program Duration

2 years*

Yearly Intake

15 Students

Enrollment Semesters

April, September

Total Tuition

2,800,000 JPY

(*Accelerated completion in 1 or 1.5 years may be possible upon further examination after enrollment.
The total tuition for the programs will not change even if you complete your degree before the standard period of completion.)

About the Program

Many people regard the 21st century as the “Asia Pacific century” as a result of the region’s continuous and robust growth. The region’s prominence can be witnessed through its increasing political power in the G-20 and economic interdependence that boosts steady growth. Such economic interdependence leads to close socio-economic interactions among the people of the region. The Master’s Program in Asia Pacific Studies aims to educate and transform students into competent leaders ready to handle challenges facing the Asia Pacific region. The program encourages students to analyze complicated and ever-changing socio-cultural conditions and international issues, pursue feasible solutions to challenges the region is facing and pave a path to a prosperous future for the region. Students accumulate professional knowledge and insights, interpret complex facts in objective and systematic manners and provide insightful solutions to problems.

Graduates of this program can pursue careers as think-tank researchers, university teaching staff, in non-governmental organizations/non-profit organizations (NGOs/NPOs), private companies, as well as central/local government agencies in Japan and around the world. A number of our graduates choose to stay on and pursue further research through APU’s doctoral course.

Course Structure and Content

A broad range of issues are addressed in the two divisions: International Relations and Society & Culture. The courses taught under this program consist of four pillars: analytical foundation courses, core courses on the Asia Pacific region, division specific courses and research oriented intensive seminar courses. Most courses are run on a quarterly basis, each lasting approximately two months.

This program nurtures students’ research skills, including the ability to formulate frameworks for analyses, collect and analyze data and test arguments and hypotheses. Students are expected to conduct research under a specific theme in a systematic manner throughout their studies.

At the end of the program, students must submit a thesis or report on a theme of their choice, which they have developed under personal guidance from their supervisors in the seminar courses run throughout the

program. In the process of thesis/report writing, they are encouraged to conduct field surveys in the Asia Pacific region. The graduate school provides financial support for these field surveys. APU organizes numerous seminars and conferences and invites prominent scholars and researchers to share on their fields of expertise. Students are encouraged to sharpen their research ideas by taking advantage of these opportunities.

Divisions

International Relations (IR)

The International Relations (IR) division is aimed at expanding the students’ empirical knowledge base and sharpening their analytical and theoretical thinking about social, economic, political, and security phenomena in the globalizing world. The courses in this division provide a useful knowledge base for both academic-bound students and practitioner-bound students with an intended career in security, diplomacy, and media. The major courses in this division include international security, international political economy, international law, and conflict resolution and allow students to choose their subfield(s) to focus on toward their paper writing.

Society and Culture (SC)

The Asia Pacific is one of the most rapidly developing regions in recent decades. To capture the patterns of social and cultural changes that occurred, the Society and Culture (SC) division is devoted to promoting comparative academic research on the region. The students can acquire practical skills in formulating and conducting research using theories and methods developed in sociology, cultural anthropology, or communication and media studies. With knowledge concerning social and cultural backgrounds of the countries in the regions, it enables students to have greater employment opportunities in government, industrial, commercial and academic institutes.

Examples of Previous Research Topics

- *Quality assurance of higher education in Vietnam*
- *Social transformation through local environmental knowledge: Thami slate miners in Alampu, Northeast Nepal*
- *Prospects for joint development in the South China Sea*
- *Post-Cold War Japan’s national security history under the LDP and the DPJ: Foreign policy developments from 1989 to 2012 with China, North Korea and Russia*



My main area of study at APU is Japanese society and visual media. I am currently researching Harajuku subculture, delving into factors that influence the unique clothing of people in Harajuku and the role of institutions in this phenomenon. This year I plan to publish my second paper on this topic. Classes at APU are small, thus allowing us to interact, share our opinions and actively debate the various topics we are tackling. This has helped me to develop my research as I get to discover different perspectives thanks to the multicultural diversity of APU. In the future, I hope to pursue a Ph.D. and become a professor and researcher.

Atsumi Nakao (Japan)

Asia Pacific Studies – Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

The APS Master's program in GSA fosters an interdisciplinary perspective through diverse fields of course work and empirical research instructions in order to identify, analyze and tackle socio-political and cultural issues affecting the Asia Pacific region. Faculty members in the program have expertise in various fields and are fully committed to assisting students in acquiring the theoretical and practical knowledge necessary for succeeding in their individual projects. APU students get to explore various aspects of Japan while immersed in a vibrant, multicultural environment on campus. This not only helps them to become more open-minded, but also turns them into versatile researchers.

Dr. Kaori Yoshida (Japan)

Associate Professor – Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies



M.Sc. International Cooperation Policy

Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

Degree Earned

Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy

Program Duration

2 years*

Yearly Intake

45 Students

Enrollment Semester

April, September

Total Tuition

2,800,000 JPY

(*Accelerated completion in 1 or 1.5 years may be possible upon further examination after enrollment.
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About the Program

The Asia Pacific region and the international community as a whole are facing many urgent issues which need to be addressed in order to ensure equitable development and sustainable environments. The International Cooperation Policy Master's program provides students with policy-oriented and practical advice, drawing on diverse fields to train creative professionals who can understand complex challenges from multiple perspectives and formulate feasible solutions with integrative approaches from global, regional, and local perspectives. Such training will improve practical skills and knowledge to plan, implement, and evaluate projects, and thereby contribute to organizations that work closely with and in developing nations.

As the program attracts students of diverse backgrounds from all over the world, students easily develop extensive personal networks during their course of studies. Such networks serve as valuable assets even after graduation. Graduates of this program work in industries in or dealing with the Asia Pacific region, national and local governments in Japan and around the world, development agencies, and other regional and international organizations.

Course Structure and Content

Students can select one of the following five divisions for their specialization: International Public Administration, Public Health Management, Sustainability Science, Tourism & Hospitality and Development Economics. They are required to take analytical foundation courses, core courses on the Asia Pacific region, division specific courses and research oriented seminar courses, and submit a master's thesis or a research report in order to complete their course. Furthermore, current topics are introduced through special study series courses. Some of the subjects are provided jointly with our MBA program for more effective professional development.

This course is designed in such a way that students can develop multidisciplinary knowledge under the tutelage of multinational faculty members who possess both professional and academic experience. In order to take full advantage of such an environment, students

are encouraged to engage actively in various activities in the program. Additionally, numerous seminars and workshops are organized throughout the year. There are many opportunities for students to participate in the exchange of ideas, information and expertise with academics, experts, business executives, policy makers, and senior administrators.

Divisions

International Public Administration (IPA)

The International Public Administration (IPA) division is aimed at providing knowledge and skills to those who are interested in pursuing an advanced career in national and international governmental organizations in an era of increasing globalization. Study in this division enables students to improve professional and practical skills to manage and evaluate administrative operations and policies in national, regional, and global settings. The major courses in this division relate to international organizations, international cooperation policy, and public administration, and form the foundation on which each student can further build more focused study depending on their intended policy fields.

Public Health Management (PHM)

The Public Health Management (PHM) division teaches students three fundamental skills: skills in managing the budget, finance, economics and accounting of healthcare costs; skills in epidemiology, health statistics and research methodology as well as information management; and skills in public health, mainly preventive medicine and environmental health. This division puts emphasis on economics and finances as well as administrative management of healthcare services in both the public and private sectors, while preserving the standard foundations of conventional public health education. Moreover, it encourages the students at an early stage to focus on healthcare case studies that relate to significant issues in the Asia Pacific region. They may start by reviewing current health issues as reflected in papers, and by raising research questions with policy implications from the very beginning. This aspect of teaching and research is looked upon as a strategic approach throughout the whole length of the program.

Sustainability Science (SS)

Sustainability Science is about using science in the analysis, planning and implementation of policies and actions dealing with interactions between society and nature with a view to create a sustainable future for all. It involves the scientific understanding of society-nature interactions; linking research with policy and actions; generating new knowledge, tools and techniques; and enhancing scientific and institutional capability for promoting resilience and sustainability. The students are expected to gain a holistic perspective, integrative skills, and trans-disciplinary approach as they engage in analyzing and managing population-resource-technology-institution interactions relevant to particular problems and issues or ecological settings, both artificial and natural ecosystems.

Tourism and Hospitality (TH)

Tourism is a fast growing economic sector that transforms societies and communities in the Asia Pacific region. The Tourism and Hospitality (TH) division looks at various aspects of tourism (both mass tourism and alternative tourism) and its economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts on societies and communities, mostly through the lenses of culture and social sciences. The division also studies the theory and practice of hospitality management as it relates to the tourism, service, and health and welfare industries. The knowledge and academic/professional skills obtained from this division will be useful to a wide variety of employment opportunities, in government service, international organizations, and private corporations, as well as for further study in master's and doctoral programs.

Development Economics (DE)

The Development Economics (DE) division is aimed at those who are interested in the socio-economic issues of the developing world. Study in this division enables students to improve their critical and analytical skills in development economics, including industrial development, social development, political development, rural development and poverty alleviation, as well enhancing their professional and practical skills related to international development. This division also aims to enhance the development of research skills in this field for those who are wishing to pursue further study. The knowledge and skills obtained will provide a wide variety of employment opportunities in international organizations, national and local governments, international development agencies, NGOs, and development consultancy firms.

Examples of Previous Research Topics

- *Development aid policy for Myanmar in the reengagement with the World Bank*
- *Volunteer Tourism: An exploration of sociocultural impacts from local community perspective. A case study of Mai Chau, Hoa Bihn, Vietnam*
- *Sierra Productiva: leadership development and knowledge sharing for community capacity development: a case study of entrepreneurial indigenous peasants in Cuzco, Peru*
- *A cost-effectiveness analysis of mobile health teams (MHTs) in comparison with basic health centers (BHCs) for rural Afghanistan*
- *Study of temperature variation over Nepal and its different topographic regions between 1989 and 2010*

Dual Degree Program - International Material Flow Management (IMAT)

IMAT is a dual degree program managed jointly by APU and the Institute for Applied Material Flow Management (IfaS), an innovative research institute of the University of Applied Sciences, Trier (Germany). IMAT offers multidisciplinary courses, engaging seminars, and interactive excursions to prepare students to become young professionals in the fields of sustainable development and "Green Business". In addition to the learning goals of APU's Division of Sustainability Science, students learn to link economic development with environmental protection in the fields of energy, water, waste or other material streams, through the use of optimized technology management strategies. In this two year program, students spend their first year at APU and their second at the Zero-Emission Campus Birkenfeld in Germany. Upon completion of the program, students receive master's degrees from the respective institutions (see below).

Degrees Earned:

Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy

Master of Engineering in International Material Flow Management

Program Duration: 2 years

Enrollment Semester: September

Total Tuition : 2,800,000 JPY *The IMAT program includes extra fees while in Germany during the second year.

Program Fee: 100,000 JPY per semester (400,000 JPY total)

*For more information on the content of the IMAT program please visit: <http://www.imat-master.com/our-programmes/imat-in-japan/curriculum/>





I am currently studying development economics at APU. In addition to learning about the economy, this division allows me to discover more about the history, culture and traditions of the Asia Pacific region. Being able to draw parallels with different countries and cultures is a vital skill that will enable me to contribute to the sustainable development of my country. In my seminar class, we do presentations and have vibrant discussions about our research projects. These discussions are further enriched by valuable inputs from our supervisor and idea sharing with Ph.D. students. Individual assignments also help us to hone our personal research and analytical skills. At APU, I have learned how to think globally and act locally.

Adiba Muminova (Tajikistan)

International Cooperation Policy – Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

The tourism industry is the biggest and most globalized industry. The “Cultural and Heritage Tourism” course provides students with a basic understanding of cultural characteristics and tourism in the Asia Pacific region. It is really exciting to have a deep understanding of the regional culture and tourism industry in the Asia Pacific and evaluate how the tourism industry contributes to countries, their culture and cultural tourism products. Drawing from my experience living in five countries in the last 25 years, I customize lessons to make them enjoyable and valuable with a variety of interesting topics for class discussions.

Dr. Timothy Jeonglyeol Lee (Australia)
Professor – Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies



MBA

Graduate School of Management

Degree Earned

Master of Business Administration

Program Duration

2 years*

Yearly Intake

40 Students

Enrollment Semester

April, September

Total Tuition

3,600,000 JPY

(*Accelerated completion in 1.5 years may be possible upon further examination after enrollment.
The total tuition for the programs will not change even if you complete your degree before the standard period of completion.)

About the Program

The Graduate School of Management (GSM) offers a case method education focused on Japanese business and management with a strong foundation in established management techniques and opportunities for independent research. Classes are conducted entirely in English in a multicultural environment, giving students the chance to benefit from the experiences of experts in the field and learn the skills and sensibilities required for a successful career in international business.

Course Structure and Content

The GSM program consists of required elective and core related courses. Student must take 44 credits or more in order to graduate. One of GSM's features is that students are given the option to take basic Japanese language courses and count credits from these courses towards program completion requirements. This knowledge of the Japanese language has aided many GSM students who have sought for employment at Japanese companies. A management seminar course is also offered as one of the specialization courses to assist students in gaining a deeper understanding of their field by writing a master's thesis, report or business case.

Areas of Specialization

GSM offers four areas of specialization. In Japanese Management, students learn about the basics of Japanese business and management, focusing on family businesses (long-lasting businesses), quality management and hospitality management. Three additional discipline-based specializations are offered, namely Marketing and Management, Accounting and Finance, and Innovation and Operations Management.

Japanese Management (JM)

The Japanese Management (JM) specialization focuses on the philosophy and practices of Japanese corporations. Japan is the first Asian country that successfully industrialized, as it was supported by its world class corporations. Japanese corporations, with their emphases on quality, innovation, customer service, unique style of human resource management and stakeholder model of governance, provide an

alternative to that of the shareholder model practiced mostly in the English speaking countries such as the USA. This specialization also focuses on issues as cases of success and failure of Japanese corporations and provides a model of corporate management in the Asia Pacific Region.

Accounting and Finance (AF)

The Accounting and Finance (AF) specialization discusses theories and concepts of corporate finance, financial engineering and financial institutions, financial accounting and managerial accounting, providing students with skills to understand and interpret financial and accounting information. The aim of the specialization is to provide students with tools in the areas of accounting and finance to formulate strategies, design control systems and evaluate the impact of cooperate strategies on various stakeholders.

Marketing and Management (MM)

The Marketing and Management (MM) specialization focuses on understanding and managing the human dimensions of organizations and markets. For business organizations, some of the most important actors are managers, employees and customers. Their decisions and actions are guided by a whole range of factors, from very 'rational' aspects to subjective perceptions, emotions and (moral) values. As, market conditions are in constant flux, this necessitates adaptation as well as provides opportunities for creating new market and social values. Consequently, this specialization emphasizes the need of organizations to develop multi-dimensional and differentiated strategies, and sustainable competences and capabilities, not only to cope with the changing business environment, but also to lead innovatively and responsibly.

Innovation and Operations Management (IOM)

The Innovation and Operations Management (IOM) specialization focuses on production planning, flexibility in production management, inventory management, quality management, management of supply chain and the impact of information technology on the entire process of production. Other focuses of this specialization are the management of product



development, and role of entrepreneurship from a technological perspective. This specialization also addresses the question as to why some countries are more innovative than others.

Why Japanese Business and Management

Japanese business and management practices have continued to attract attention. As a result, economic developments in Japan, such as the rapid economic recovery following World War II, the subsequent bubble

economy of the 1980s and the deflation that followed. All these factors have contributed to shaping the Japanese management style. The MBA program consists of principles of long-lasting management, quality control and hospitality, which are at the core of Japanese business and management. Through our courses, students gain a deep understanding of management techniques that are vital for a future career in Japan or the Asia Pacific.



Eduniversal is a well-known rating organization for business schools. In 2009, GSM received the 3 Palmes "Excellent Business School" rating and has received the same rating every year since.



Eduniversal recognised GSM as one of the top 20 international schools across 17 countries in the far east for 2012-2013.

AACSB

AACSB is the most prestigious accreditation organization in the world. Only the world's leading business schools can receive accreditation, with approximately 600 schools having obtained accreditation so far. APU's undergraduate and graduate business schools have been working towards accreditation since 2008 and are currently at the final stage. The accreditation is expected to be finalized in 2016.



AAPBS

AAPBS is Asia's only business school association. It has a membership of 148 organizations. In 2012, APU's business school (including both undergraduate and graduate divisions) was selected as a council member representing Japan.

Studying at APU is a pleasant experience as the students are encouraged to interact and collaborate in their studies and research. This type of learning goes beyond the boundaries of books and GPA. As students come from all parts of the world, there is plenty to share, discover and learn.

I am currently studying the sustainability of Japanese management systems and the possibility of applying these systems to South Africa. As a government economic policy maker, I hope to be able to use the knowledge gained from this MBA program to assist my country to empower the key sectors of infrastructure development, mining and beneficiation, manufacturing, the green economy and tourism.

*Martin Lesole Manganye (South Africa)
MBA - Graduate School of Management*



An MBA program is about gaining new opportunities in a globalized world. APU stands for the global integration of Japan. Notwithstanding the emergence of the newly industrialized countries, Japanese companies are a strong and positive force in the world, shaping this industrial transformation in many countries with creative production operation and management approaches. Japanese companies are also good employers with strong values and numerous career opportunities. The MBA program at APU prepares young people to engage with Japanese businesses on many levels around the world. It opens the door to a managerial career in a Japanese company. It gives direction and gist to mutually beneficial and harmonious engagement with Japanese customers and cooperation with suppliers.

*Dr. Marian Beise-Zee (Germany)
Professor and Associate Dean – Graduate School
of Management*

Ph.D. Asia Pacific Studies

Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

Degree Earned

Doctor of Philosophy in Asia Pacific Studies

Program Duration

3 years*

Yearly Intake

10 Students

Enrollment Semesters

April, September

Total Tuition

4,200,000 JPY

(*Accelerated completion in 2 years may be possible upon further examination after enrollment.
The total tuition for the program will not change even if you complete your degree before the standard period of completion.)

About the Program

The doctoral program aims to produce independent individuals capable of conducting high-level research. Such capabilities extend from the expertise in theoretical and empirical approaches for investigation, combined with in-depth knowledge of the Asia Pacific region, to the ability to collect necessary data, analyze it scientifically and draw practical solutions of complicated issues in comprehensive and integrative manners. Graduates of this program become distinguished leaders of society and take on prominent roles in advanced institutions for research and higher education around the world. Research is divided into two broad areas of study:

I. Understanding the current situation in the Asia Pacific region: Research examines and defines critical issues currently facing the region by synthesizing the results of previous studies.

II. Working to create a prosperous future for the Asia Pacific region: Future-oriented research focuses on strategies for establishing sustainable development in the region.

The developing world is in great need of internationally-minded individuals possessing specialized knowledge and skills. As such, it is becoming increasingly common for international aid organizations to enlist the professional guidance of doctoral students. The same holds true for local organizations that receive and coordinate aid. The Ph.D. in Asia Pacific Studies at APU helps students to realize their potential in order to make significant contributions to society.

Course Structure and Content

Completion of the Ph.D. requires fulfillment of doctoral coursework in addition to submission and approval of a final dissertation. The dissertation should integrate the result of in-depth investigation into Asia Pacific issues and incorporate individual findings that outline strategic, policy-oriented and practical solutions to issues arising from current developments in the region. Research supervision can be provided in areas such as diversity and integration, environment and development, international political economy and

tourism development.

The Graduate School organizes the Research in Progress Seminars as an opportunity for doctoral students to observe the work of their peers and gain presentation experience and constructive feedback in regards to their research. These seminars are not only beneficial to those currently conducting their Ph.D. research, but also to those who wish to know more about the doctoral program and the research involved. Finding empirical data through field research is the core of dissertation writing. APU provides support for doctoral students conducting field research for their dissertations. The doctoral program is highly personalized and prospective students are encouraged to contact APU at an early stage to discuss their research interests and program structure.

Examples of Previous Research Topics

- “Economics-Security Nexus” in Issues of Regional Cooperation and Security in Central Asia Since the Early 1990s
- Economic, Ecological and Empirical Assessments of Renewable Energy Potentials in Islands using Bio-Computational Modelling
- Crossing Matrilineal Boundaries: a Case Study of Minangkabau Women's Migration to Jakarta and Tangerang
- Corporate Social Responsibility in Japan: The Influence of the National Business System, the Issues and Stakeholders Involved, and the Impact on the Firms' Financial Value Added
- Understanding Local Realities of Microfinance and Women's Empowerment Capabilities in Sri Lanka: The Perspective of the Samurdhi Program and its Beneficiaries in Two Adjoining Rural Communities
- Anthropogenic Changes and Emerging Patterns of River Basin Governance in 21st Century Japan: A Case Study of the Kizu River Basin
- An Evaluation System for Ecotourism Zone Sustainability: With Special Reference to China
- Analysing Determinants of Rural Household Poverty and Policy Options in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone
- Assessing and Evaluating Global Competence: A Japanese Case Study
- Modeling the Responses to Climate Change, Zoning and Site Selection for Potential Vineyards Using GIS Fuzzy Multi-Criteria Analysis



After completing an MBA at the University of Toronto, I worked for eight years in the financial markets in Canada and Japan. My research focuses on Japanese Portfolio Investment in Developing Asia. APU's Ph.D. program was attractive to me because of its flexibility, focus on development, high-quality faculty and the location – Kyushu is one of my favorite areas in the world. The diverse nature of faculty and students fosters an excellent research environment in which to learn from and share with others.

Ian James Bisset (Canada)
Ph.D. - Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

Subject List (Master's)

Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

Analytical Foundation Subjects

Research Methods and Academic Writing
Information Resources and Data Analytics

Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region

Politics and Economics in the Asia Pacific
Environment and Sustainable Development in the Asia Pacific
Social and Cultural Processes in the Asia Pacific
Tourism in the Asia Pacific
Public Health in the Asia Pacific

Seminars

Research Project I - III
Final Research Project

APS Major Subjects

International Relations
Comparative Politics and Government
Conflict Resolution
International Political Economy
International Security
Regionalism and Globalization
International Law

Society and Culture

Cultural Change
Sociology of Everyday Life
Changing Social Landscapes
Media and Communication
Migration and Trans-nationalism
Social Organizations and Institutions

ICP Major Subjects

International Public Administration
International Organizations
International Public Administration
Project Management
Planning and Evaluation
Community Development
Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation

Public Health Management

Public Health Essentials
Epidemiology
Healthcare Economics
Biostatistics
Bioinformatics
Environmental Health

Sustainability Science

Environmental Policy, Law and Administration
Environment and Natural Resources Conservation
Industrial Ecology
Environmental Economics
Urban Sustainability
Advanced Environmental Geosciences

Tourism and Hospitality

Tourism Policy and Planning
Tourism Economics
Community Based Tourism
Cultural and Heritage Tourism
Environmental Tourism
Health and Wellness Tourism

Development Economics

Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Development Economics
Development Finance
Community Development
Comparative Economic Development

Core Related Subjects

Management Information Systems
Database Management
Advanced Data Analytics and Statistics
Decision Making Under Uncertainty
Information Technology and Operations Management
Marketing Research
Marketing Strategy
Hospitality Management
Product Development Strategy

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Required Subjects

Quantitative Analysis and Statistics
Managerial Economics
Finance
Leadership and Organization Behavior
Technology Management
Marketing
Business Ethics
International Management
Accounting
Theories of Institutions
Strategic Management

Elective Subjects

Japanese Management
Management in Asia and Japan
Japanese Corporations and Asia Pacific
Management of Japanese Family Business
Quality and Operations Management
Financial Institutions and Markets
Hospitality Management

Accounting and Finance

Corporate Finance
Financial Engineering and Risk Management
Financial Institutions and Markets
Managerial Accounting
Financial Accounting

Marketing and Management

Human Resource Management
Management of Japanese Family Business
Management in Asia and Japan
Marketing Strategy
Marketing Research
Product Development Strategy
Hospitality Management

Innovation and Operations Management

Quality and Operations Management
Information Technology Management
Supply Chain Management
Entrepreneurship and New Business
Project Management
National Innovation Systems

Seminars

Management Seminar I - III

Core Related Subjects

Advanced Research Methods
Management Information Systems
Database Management
Decision Making Under Uncertainty
Japanese for Communication I - IV

Research



APU is involved in a range of research projects in accordance with the needs of international society and Japanese national research policy. Research at APU is carried out with a strategic focus in the following four areas:

- Global Movement Studies
- Resource Security
- Human Capability and Innovation
- Management Science Enterprise

Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies (RCAPS)

RCAPS was established in July 1996 with a mission to promote and foster research into the multi-faceted developments and challenges that face the Asia Pacific region in the 21st century. It provides valuable opportunities for research activities by sponsoring annual conferences and coordinating seminars throughout the year. Dissemination of research findings is conducted through the RCAPS Journal and the RCAPS seminars as well as by linking with other research institutions to establish a global academic network.

Support for Graduate Students

The university provides subsidies to support field research and academic society presentations that lead to master or doctoral theses. RCAPS organizes seminars at APU to which renowned researchers and professionals from around the globe are invited.

Major Research Initiatives

Graduate students can reap the benefits of the many research events held on campus throughout the year, including:

- Major conferences and symposia
- Visits to APU by distinguished researchers and international scholars

RCAPS – Affiliated Research Centers

- Asia Pacific Innovation Management Center
- Integrated Man-Biosphere Center
- Digital Technologies Innovation Center
- Asia Pacific Research Institute for Health-Oriented Tourism
- APU Center for NEXT Generation Business and Industrial Creation
- Center for Democracy Promotion
- Research Center for Muslim Affairs

For more information, please refer to the sites below:

<http://www.apu.ac.jp/rcaps/>

<http://apu.ac.jp/researchsupport>

International Association for Asia Pacific Studies (IAAPS)

The International Association for Asia Pacific Studies (IAAPS) was established in 2010 with aspirations to become a center of excellence in Asia Pacific research. IAAPS aims to shape and promote Asia Pacific Studies and contribute to the further development of the region through the accumulation and publication of research in particular disciplines and on various sub-regions of the Asia Pacific. Members include a wide range of scholars and students from all over the world.

Publications

IAAPS' journal, *Asia Pacific World: The Journal of the International Association for Asia Pacific Studies*, is a scholarly, internationally refereed journal. The journal focuses on social, political, cultural and economic development of the Asia Pacific region and discusses issues of current and future concerns for the Asia Pacific and its relations with the rest of the world.

As a forum for the publication of research on the Asia Pacific by scholars who have connections to the region, *Asia Pacific World* presents cutting edge research in many areas, including:

- Sociology and Cultural Studies
- History
- Politics
- International Relations
- Finance
- International Business Management
- Marketing

For more information, please refer to the website below:

<http://www.apu.ac.jp/iaaps/>

Career Opportunities

APU's worldwide network presents graduates with numerous career options. This network consists of international heads of state, ambassadors and industry leaders (Advisory Committee); distinguished researchers from around the world (Academic Advisors) and institutions associated with APU's faculty members. Numerous symposia, seminars, workshops and presentations by professionals working in the field today give students a clear picture of the kinds of career options available to them, skills employers look for and the type of work that suits them best. Faculty and students also provide various consultation services to local industries and have the opportunity to interact with executives at the front lines of change.

Many international and Japanese companies and organizations find APU's international students highly employable with their multilingual skills and in-depth knowledge of their chosen field. As a result, more than 350 companies visit APU's campus specifically to recruit students every year. APU offers detailed career education and training to all students throughout their period of study.

** Proficiency in Japanese language is a prerequisite for those seeking employment in Japan.*

Examples of organizations that hosted APU Graduate School students for internships recently:

Pricewaterhouse Coopers Co., Ltd.
Japan Tourism Marketing Co.
Oita Transportation Co., Ltd.
Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.
Convention Linkage, Inc. Oita Branch
Ikenobo (Flower Arrangement)

Examples of companies that have employed APU graduates:

Ateneo de Davao University (Philippines)
BANDAI NAMCO Games Inc. (Japan)
Cotopaxi Energy Limited (India)
Directorate General of Taxes, Ministry of Finance Indonesia (Indonesia)
Ecopetrol S. A. (Columbia)
Hays Specialist Recruitment Japan K.K. (Japan)
Hikari Kikai Seisakusho Co., Ltd. (Japan)
Institute of tropical and infectious diseases (Kenya)
Japan Tourism Marketing Co. (Japan)
Kudus Local Government (Indonesia)
Medecins Sans Frontieres (Hong Kong)
Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan
Ministry of Education (Republic of the Union of Myanmar)
Ministry of Finance (Kyrgyz Republic)
Ministry of Finance (Republik of Indonesia)
Ministry of Finance (Republic of Tajikistan)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Republic of Sierra Leone)
National Bureau of Statistics (China)
National Park Resort Villages of Japan, Qkamura (Japan)
NISSAN MOTOR CO.,LTD. (Japan)
Noawi Local Government (Indonesia)
People's Bank of China
Takming University of Science (Taiwan)
University of Economics and Law (Vietnam)



I graduated from MBA class of 2005 and am currently outsourced at NTT Communications as a senior network engineer. At APU I had the opportunity to study under professors who not only had academic accolades but were also from various fields within the corporate sector. The knowledge they imparted was drawn from real scenarios and personal experiences in the fast-moving world of business in addition to books and standard academic learning. Close interaction with students and faculty hailing from all corners of the globe also helped me to develop a global perspective. Being an alumnus of APU is something I regard with pride as it was a very important milestone in shaping the person I am today.

Charanjot Singh (India)
MBA Class of 2005 – NTT Communications



Facilities



APU is a modern campus located approximately 400 meters above sea level with a spectacular view of the city, mountains and ocean. Our lecture halls, seminar rooms, classrooms and media rooms are equipped with the latest audiovisual and computer technology, enabling our students to take part in conferences and seminars happening in other parts of the world in real time. APU's library, part of the Ritsumeikan Network, allows students access to over 2.3 million books and publications. International newspapers, magazines, periodicals and video materials are available and students are able to study together and carry out discussions in our group learning area, 'Pangaea'.

Within the Faculty Office Building, graduate students have their own lounge, lockers and computer rooms. There are also small study rooms where students can bring their own computers and work on their papers and assignments. As faculty members have their offices in the same building, students can easily consult their supervisors during office hours.



Student Life

Student life at APU is an international experience like no other. The multicultural diversity of the campus provides a unique environment for students to improve their communication skills and expand their networks. The Student Office at APU provides a range of services for students in terms of club activities, local exchange, homestay programs, accommodation and visa renewal. A health clinic and counseling rooms are also available should students encounter any problems or need advice. There are English speaking staff in all offices who are always happy to lend a hand.

Living Costs

The average monthly living expenses for students at APU vary depending on lifestyle, but usually range from 70,000 to 100,000 Japanese Yen including accommodation. Students can purchase meals cheaply at our cafeteria, which offers an array of Japanese and international cuisine.

Events on Campus

The campus becomes very lively during Multicultural Weeks. These events are organized to showcase the multitude of languages and cultures of our student body. During these weeks, students gather to celebrate their unique diversity through dance, film, music and various other types of performances. The university also holds a cultural festival annually, called “Tenkusai”, where students put each others’ countries on show with food stalls, exhibitions, musical performances and cultural shows.



Accommodation

Our on-campus dormitory, ‘AP House’, is a secure and comfortable living environment where students from all over the world live side by side. All graduate students are guaranteed a place in AP House, which will help them to adapt to their new life in Japan and to concentrate on their studies. It is a great place for those looking to improve their language skills within a short period of time and to mix with new friends from various countries. All rooms are equipped with basic facilities, including internet access. Additionally, the dormitory buildings have communal kitchens, Japanese-style rooms, meeting rooms, computer rooms, and other facilities, including open spaces on each floor for social events and activities.

If students wish to leave AP House or would like to live off campus, there are a number of affordable housing options in the form of independent student dorms, private apartments and shared student housing. The cost of rent in Beppu is considerably lower than most other Japanese cities.

*Students coming with their families may not reside at AP House.

Application Information

The following is a brief outline of the application and enrollment procedures for 2016 enrollment. For more details on the requirements and procedures for all degrees, including special conditions for the IMAT program, please refer to our Admissions Handbook or our website: <http://admissions.apu.ac.jp>

Application Periods

April 2016 Enrollment:

September 7th, 2015 – October 16th, 2015

September 2016 Enrollment:

March 14th, 2016 – April 8th, 2016

* *Ph.D. applicants*

All Ph.D. applicants are required to first find a supervisor who matches their research field and then undergo prescreening before they can apply officially. Information about our faculty and their research fields can be found on our website. The prescreening procedure is used to help find out whether an applicant's research topic is suited to our program. For more information regarding prescreening, please refer to our Admissions Handbook. The application periods to submit the documents for prescreening are as shown below. Please note that prescreening documents submitted after these dates will not be accepted and applicants will be unable to apply for that semester.

Prescreening Periods:

April 2016 Enrollment: August 20th, 2015 – September 16th, 2015

September 2016 Enrollment: December 17th, 2015 – January 20th, 2016

How to Apply

Applications for the April and September enrollment periods are accepted at specific times throughout the year. Please confirm the deadlines for each enrollment period. Applications can be made by submitting a hard copy of required documents or via the APU online application system. (Please note that there may be cases where the online application system cannot be used.) Applicants for the doctoral program must contact the APU Admissions Office in advance to arrange for prescreening before submitting their formal application.

Admissions Requirements

Master's degree applicants must have completed an undergraduate (Bachelor's) degree or equivalent, while doctoral applicants must have a master's degree or equivalent and demonstrate adequate ability for independent research. All non-native speakers of English are required to provide test scores such as the TOEFL®, TOEIC® and IELTS. The score requirements are as follows:

TOEFL® iBT 80 and above

TOEFL® PBT 550 and above

TOEIC® 780 and above

IELTS (Academic) 6.0 and above

MBA applicants must have at least two years of full-time work experience or a satisfactory GMAT® score. Details regarding general requirements and additional requirements for each program can be found in our Admissions Handbook and website.

Screening

Screening is mainly paper based, though in some cases interviews are required. Application screening is conducted on the basis of documents submitted with the application form, with no written examination required. Applicants who reside in Japan are required to attend an interview at APU. More information can be found in the APU Admissions Handbook and website.

Visas and Enrollment

Students may enroll at APU in either April or September. However, not all programs begin from both semesters, so please be sure to confirm the enrollment periods. Applicants who do not possess Japanese nationality or who do not have a valid visa are required to obtain a student visa in order to study in Japan. APU applies for a Certificate of Eligibility to Japan's immigration authorities on behalf of admitted applicants. This certificate must then be used by the applicant to apply for a student visa.

Scholarships

At APU, outstanding students have opportunities to study funded under a range of different scholarships. There are several scholarships available, ranging from the APU Tuition Reduction Scholarships to full scholarships sponsored by various organizations such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Japanese Government.



APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship

This scholarship, ranging from 30% to 100% tuition reduction, is available to both Japanese nationals and international students. This scholarship can be applied for through our regular application form at the time of application to APU's graduate programs. All applicants can apply for this scholarship. Applicants awarded these scholarships are notified together with their screening result. After enrolling at APU, students also have many opportunities to apply for additional scholarships.

Full Scholarship Support from Public Agencies

Overseas students have the opportunity to apply for one of several full scholarships offered by our external partners. The organizations that sponsor our graduate programs vary from year to year. Below are some examples of scholarships that were offered in the past:

Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)

The ADB-JSP scholarship aims to provide an opportunity for well-qualified citizens of ADB's developing member countries to pursue graduate studies in development-related fields in the Asia Pacific region. Upon completion of their study programs, scholars are expected to contribute to the economic and social development of their home countries.

Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP)

This program awards scholarships to individuals from World Bank member countries to undertake graduate studies at universities renowned for their development research and teaching. The objective of the scholarship is to help create an international community of highly-trained professionals working in the field of economic and social development. The recipients will be expected to actively participate in capacity building efforts in their home countries and regions.

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship

MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology) offers generous scholarships to international students who wish to enroll at Japanese universities as research students each year.

Applicants must first apply to a nearby Japanese embassy and then contact APU after screening by the embassy has yielded a positive result. Most embassies accept applications around April, but please contact the relevant Japanese embassy to confirm their application procedure as it differs from country to country. Successful applicants can enroll in April or September of the following year.

For more information regarding Japanese embassies, consulates and permanent missions in your country, please visit the following link:

http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html

Beppu City

APU is located in Beppu, a small city of 120,000 inhabitants located on the northeastern coast of Kyushu, the southernmost major island in the Japanese archipelago. The city is famous for its abundance of *onsen* (Japanese for hot spring baths), and 140,000 tons of water gush daily from over 2000 sources, which is second only to Yellowstone National Park in the United States. Enclosed by beautiful mountains and the sparkling Beppu Bay, the city's historic backstreets and billowing steam clouds give it a peaceful old-town charm and it remains a popular tourist destination for Japanese and international tourists alike. Beppu is also a mere ten minute train ride from Oita City, a vibrant city of 400,000, which was the venue for four matches of the 2002 FIFA® World Cup Korea/Japan™.







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