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Asia Pacific University



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

RITSUMEIKAN
ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

RANKED 5TH AMONG PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE 2021 TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION JAPAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

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

48%

International Faculty



56

Countries and Regions
Represented by GSA Students



95%

Scholarship
Recipients



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
- 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 estimation includes 49,000 JPY per month for housing, and other living costs such as food, 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 APU's website for details:
[admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/
how_to_apply/external_scholarship](https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/how_to_apply/external_scholarship)



LOCATION

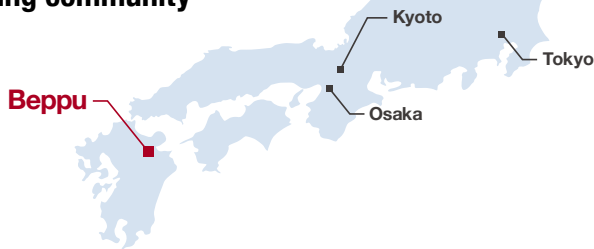
APU is located in **Beppu, Japan**, a bayside city home to 120,000 people and over 2,000 natural hot springs.

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
- Ministry of Labor, Tajikistan
- National College of Tourism, Tanzania
- NEC Corporation, Japan
- NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), Japan
- The Embassy of Angola, Japan
- Unicef Cambodia Office, Cambodia



APU VOICES

"The Asia-Pacific region has evolved with a focus on economic unity during the past three decades. Governance of this growth center of the globe in the 21st century is of a critical determinant of humankind's future. APU's Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies boasts great diversity in terms of the students' nationalities and backgrounds, and our students teach each other invaluable skills and experiences from one another's cultures, helping them grow into leaders and action takers who can work towards positively impacting the world! Balanced learning between practitioners and academics ensures that we are asking the right questions and that the discoveries we make contribute to the betterment of human society and the ecosystem."

Yoichiro Sato, Ph.D (Japan)
Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies



"APU's Master of Asia Pacific Studies is a unique learning platform that enabled me to effectively communicate, cooperate, and collaborate with my international peers on academic and creative projects. I not only learned in depth about my specialization (International Relations), but I also learned lessons that will be invaluable throughout my academic journey from the courses packed with assignments, presentations, and academic writing tasks. APU's outstanding faculty and my inspiring supervisors challenged me to prove my mettle and relentlessly pursue my dreams, and so I decided to continue into APU's Ph.D. program. Furthermore, how the university provided us with adequate academic, logistical, and financial support even during the pandemic to ensure unhindered learning was truly commendable and heartening."

Astha Chadha (India, Graduated in 2020)
International Relations Division Graduate, Current Doctoral Student
MEXT Scholarship Recipient



"Becoming a graduate student at APU has been one of my best life decisions so far. Supportive faculty and in-depth academics provided me with knowledge and skills necessary for my career in international public administration. With students from all over the world, the lectures and discussions I attended involved interesting, real-world applications of theoretical knowledge. In addition to studying, APU's international cultural events, field trips, and social events brought me a sense of community and understanding that made me more confident to pursue my dreams."

Nguyen Quynh Hoa (Viet Nam, Graduated in 2020)
International Public Administration Division Graduate
Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Recipient



FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM TO MATCH YOUR LEARNING STYLE

No matter what division students choose, they are permitted to take courses from other divisions within the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies. This allows students to fulfill their graduation requirements while rounding 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, and explore Japan during semesters with lighter credit loads. Graduate students can register to take up to 22 credits per semester. All subjects are awarded two credits upon completion, and a minimum of **32** is required to graduate.

DIVISION SUBJECT LIST

Below are the main subjects within each division.

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

International Relations

- Regionalism and Globalization
- International Law
- International Political Economy
- Comparative Politics and Government
- Conflict Resolution
- International Security
- Special Studies

Society and Culture

- Changing Social Landscapes
- Media and Communication
- Migration and Trans-Nationalism
- Social Organizations and Institutions
- Sociology and Everyday Life
- Cultural Change
- Special Studies

International Public Administration

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

Development Economics

- Development Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Development Finance
- Comparative Economic Development
- Microeconomics
- Community Development
- Special Studies

Sustainability Science

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

Tourism and Hospitality

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

APPLY ONLINE

April & September Enrollment

Visit APU's Admissions website for the application schedule and step-by-step instructions on how to apply.

admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Master's applicants: Bachelor's degree or equivalent
Doctoral applicants: Master's degree or equivalent
2. One of the following English language proficiency test scores:

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

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3. Supervisor confirmation (Doctoral applicants only)



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