

Updates on 2021 Spring Semester Classes and Support in Entering Japan

1. Current decisions on 2021 Spring Semester classes

At APU, it is important to maintain an environment where all students can learn on campus rather than online. Because APU's campus is a place where a diverse group of students, faculty, and staff gather, being here in person to make new discoveries through discussion and exchange with peers, living in AP House, and participation in extracurricular activities are core elements of an APU education. Consequently, classes will be held simultaneously in person and online for the 2021 Spring Semester. In order to prevent the spread of infection, students will be assigned designated days that they are allowed to come to campus, and the number of students able to attend classes in person will be limited.

2. Current decisions on support for entering Japan for the 2021 Spring Semester

In order to have as many students as possible come to Japan before the 2021 Spring Semester and start their student life here on campus, APU will continue to take measures to prevent the spread of infection on campus as well as provide the support outlined below to help students enter Japan.

- APU will follow the Japanese government's immigration policies to support new students entering Japan. The government's policies may change depending on the state of COVID-19 infections. We have been informed that, due to the pandemic, some Japanese embassies/consulates are requiring reservations one to two months in advance to apply for a visa. While we plan to send more detailed information on visa applications in late January, we recommend you contact your local Japanese embassy or consulate to get information on how to apply for a visa as soon as possible.

- Currently, the Japanese government requires by law that, as your host university, APU is responsible for supervising your approximately 15-day quarantine and health monitoring period once you enter Japan. As it is difficult to conduct this quarantine inside AP House, once you enter Japan, you will be required to stay in a hotel near the airport designated by APU for 15 days. Once this period has finished, you will travel to AP House by air or other type of public transportation on a day designated by APU. The Japanese government will not permit you to enter Japan by any other means, so you must follow all instructions given to you by the government and APU when entering the country.

- The airports designated by APU that you may use to enter Japan are Tokyo Haneda Airport, Narita Airport, and Fukuoka Airport.

- Please pick a day from Monday, March 1, 2021 to Saturday, March 13, 2021 to enter Japan. When possible, we prefer that you enter Japan between Monday through Thursday to best coordinate your move-in to AP House. Please access the list of arrival dates to Japan and the AP House move-in dates from the link below:

URL: http://r.apu.jp/2021S_Arrival

- In order to support your entry to Japan, APU will cover the following costs:

- Database fee to organize your immigration information
- Transportation fee from the airport to the hotel designated by APU after you enter Japan
- Hotel room fee for the approximately 15-day quarantine stay required by the Japanese government
- Rental and usage fees for a smartphone that will be used to record your daily health condition during the quarantine period

- We will send you a link in late January to the database where you will enter information required for your entry to Japan.

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