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GRADUATE SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

APU GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACTS AND FIGURES

Placed among the
TOP 30 UNIVERSITIES

in the 2022 Japan
University Rankings
by Times Higher Education

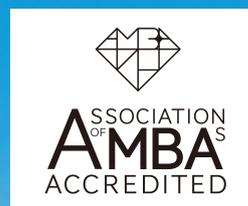
Third Japanese
university to become



Selected by the
Government of Japan in 2014
as one of the country's

**TOP GLOBAL
UNIVERSITIES**

Second university in Japan
to become





Countries and Regions Represented by Students



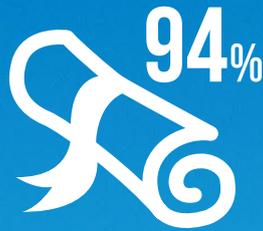
Countries and regions represented by APU alumni



International Students



Average Age



Scholarship Recipients



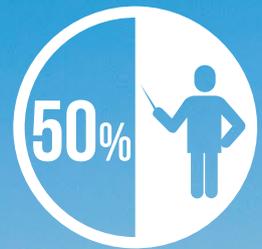
Job Placement Rate



Countries and Regions Represented by Faculty



Faculty holding a degree for an overseas university



International Faculty

All data and figures are current as of the 2022 academic year.



SHAPE YOUR WORLD

With over 100 years of tradition and history, the Ritsumeikan Academy opened Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in 2000 as Japan's first genuinely international university. APU's graduate schools, fully accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), welcome students into an entirely English-based curriculum within a unique multicultural environment. Since the opening of our graduate schools in 2003, efforts have been made to further education and research initiatives as well as expand our contributions 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.

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Lailani Laynesa Alcantara, Ph.D.
 (the Philippines)
**Professor and Dean of the Graduate School
 of Management**

Degree:
 Ph.D. in Management (University of Tsukuba, Japan)
 MBA (University of Tsukuba, Japan)
Research Fields:
 Management



MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

The MBA Program at APU prepares graduate students with advanced knowledge in international business and Japanese management techniques. Conducted entirely in English and in a culturally diverse learning environment, this both AACSB and AMBA accredited program opens up global career options for graduates looking to enter the field of international management.

With the reformed curriculum from April 2023, students are provided opportunities to engage in their chosen industry through in-class activities, field studies, internships, and business case competitions in Japan and overseas. The flexibility of the programs allows students to pursue a broad range of interests, including the ability to take Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies and Japanese language courses to fulfill credit requirements.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Subject Category	Minimum Required Credits
MBA Essentials	Pass
Required Subjects	26
Elective Subjects	8 or more
Seminars	6
Experiential Learning	—
Core Related Subjects	—
Total	44 or more

Students can choose from four types of final research projects to match their interests and career goals: a business plan, internship-based case study, independent report, or master's thesis.

The mission of the Graduate School of Management (GSM) is to cultivate creative, well-rounded professionals and leaders who will play a central role in resolving management issues at globalizing enterprises and organizations. It is the only institution in the world where students can study Japanese management practices in an all-English curriculum while being immersed in a culturally diverse learning environment. In addition to advanced management skills, the students are to build innovative and global mindset, deep understanding of business ethics, and appreciation for diversity.

The Graduate School of Management has maintained an excellent reputation since its establishment. In 2009, GSM was awarded a Palms of Excellence rating of '3' in the Eduniversal Business Schools Ranking due to its status as an excellent business school with strong international influence. In 2016, GSM earned AACSB International accreditation, widely regarded as the highest level of accreditation for business schools internationally, and in 2020, it became the second business school in Japan to earn accreditation from the Association of MBAs (AMBA), granted to only 2% of business schools around the world. Such recognition demonstrates the alignment of APU's education and research with international standards as well as the university's commitment to perpetual improvement.

Learning Objectives



Lead with purpose



Redefine business



Think globally



Leverage diversity



Dare to create a better future

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Degree:** Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Specializations:** Accounting and Finance (AF)
Marketing and Management (MM)
Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Operations Management (EIM)
Japanese Management (JM)
- Enrollment Semesters:** April, September
- Program Duration:** 2 years*
- Yearly Intake:** 40 students
- Total Tuition:** 3,800,000 JPY (subject to change)

*Accelerated completion in 1.5 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.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



74 Students



519 Alumni



33 Countries and Regions Represented by GSM Students

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION



JAPANESE MANAGEMENT (JM)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Geunhee Lee, Ph.D., Professor (Korea)

Research Fields: Business Administration

“The MBA program at APU prepares you to engage with Japanese corporations around the world. It opens the door to a managerial career in Japanese companies as well as companies that seek to enter or expand in the Japanese market. APU stands for the global integration of Japan, and it is the place you must be to explore your potential and establish your legacy in the international business world.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

The Japanese Management specialization focuses on the philosophy and practices of Japanese corporations, which helped Japan to successfully industrialize. Japanese corporations, with their emphases on quality, innovation and customer service, as well as their unique style of human resource management and governance, provide an alternative to corporations that follow the Western business model. In this specialization, students will be able to assess both the successes and failures of Japanese management practices to gain a foundation for new models of corporate management in the Asia Pacific region.



In December 2019, four APU MBA students participated in an international business case competition at McGill University in Quebec, Canada. These competitions afford students the chance to gain real-world business analytical skills, showcase their own ideas, and network with other universities and industry-leading brands around the world.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Sustainable Business in Asia Pacific
- Japanese Corporations and Asia Pacific
- Japanese Management and Entrepreneurship
- Quality and Operations Management
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Hospitality Management
- Special Studies

“Despite coming from a mechanical engineering background, I was provided with a pool of opportunities at APU—from exposure to diverse cultures and learning from faculty with world-class expertise to gaining an entrepreneurial mindset. Thanks to APU’s unique programs, such as short internships at family-run businesses and meeting with exchange students like those from Norway who shared their knowledge of fast-paced technological growth in Scandinavia, my time at APU also enabled me to expand my network within Japan and worldwide. Thanks to these experiences and the inspiring professors that supported me, I gained the practical knowledge needed to help me follow my passions and dreams.”

Anty Kannampilly Joseph (India, Graduated 2019)
Co-founder of JIITAK, Japan



ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (AF)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Phillip Dean Pardo, MBA, Professor (Canada)

Research Fields: Business Analytics, Hospitality Management
Accounting, Sentiment Mining, CRM, Valuation, Taxation, Auditing,
Virtuous Management, Natural Capital Accounting

“With ninety-eight percent of students originating from outside Japan, our AACSB-accredited MBA program is truly international, with a diverse mixture of languages, cultures, and perspectives. Our business school meets the highest international standards, and our students, faculty, and alumni are all actively engaged and contribute to the global community.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

The Accounting and Finance (AF) specialization discusses theories and concepts of corporate finance, financial engineering, financial institutions, financial accounting, and managerial accounting, providing students with the 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 corporate strategies on various stakeholders.



GSM professors and students attending a Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony. Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB worldwide.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Corporate Finance
- Financial Engineering and Risk Management
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Managerial Accounting
- Project Analysis and Financing
- Quantitative Analysis and Statistics
- Special Studies

“I traveled halfway across the world to study at APU, and it turned out to be an amazing journey. While studying for my MBA, I learned about organizational structures, business strategies, ethics, innovation, and operations management, but at the same time I learned how to interact with people from other cultures. At APU, I had the liberty to focus on subjects I am interested in, such as how companies stay innovative and motivate employees to create through goal setting. The knowledge and experience I gained helped prepare me to take on leadership positions in global, innovative companies.”

Marita Myren (Norway, Graduated in 2019)
Operations Officer, Danske Bank, Norway



MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT (MM)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Lailani Laynesa Alcantara, Ph.D., Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Management (the Philippines)

Research Fields: Management

“At APU, we bring the world to our classroom. Our MBA students and faculty come from different parts of the world with diverse professional backgrounds. Being part of our program means that you are not just achieving your potential—you are building a network of professionals who will make a difference in the world.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

The Management and Marketing specialization focuses on understanding and managing the human dimensions of organizations and markets. In business organizations, some of the most important actors are managers, employees and customers, whose decisions and actions are guided by a whole range of factors, from very ‘rational’ aspects to subjective perceptions such as emotion and moral values. The constant flux of market conditions requires adaptation as well as provides opportunities for creating new market and social values. This specialization prepares students to develop multi-dimensional strategies and sustainable capabilities for organizations in order to cope with the changing business environment.



The Marketing course gives an overview of the concepts and tools necessary within organizations that create customer value. In addition, students are able to learn from one another about how business standards vary around the world.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Human Resource Management
- Japanese Management and Entrepreneurship
- Sustainable Business in Asia Pacific
- Marketing Strategy in Emerging Economies with Simulation
- Marketing Research
- Agile Product Development and Design Thinking
- Hospitality Management
- Special Studies

“The exceptional academic resources and conducive learning environment at APU helped me to strike a balance between theoretical study and practical application in real-life situations. The managerial prowess, analytical thinking, and research skills I developed fully prepared me for a Doctoral Program in Economics, which I now currently pursue at another outstanding university in Japan.”

Joseph Junior Aduba (Nigeria, Graduated in 2017)
JSPS Fellow and Ph.D. Student, Ritsumeikan University, Japan



ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (EIM)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Rian Beise-Zee, Dr., Professor (Germany)

Research Fields: Business Administration, Economic Statistics, Commerce

“Today’s industries and industry leaders are always in need of innovative ideas, products, and business models. Equally important is a sustainable means of facilitating the implementation and organization of these elements through an equally innovative operations strategy. The courses in our Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Operations Management specialization provide students with the intellectual and practical tools to master both of these and to link them to their own future business goals.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

The Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Operations Management specialization focuses on how businesses and product ideas emerge, develop and realize through entrepreneurship and innovation. This specialization also puts emphasis on the need for effective management of technology, production planning, operations management, supply chain management and creation and operation of new business models. It highlights the importance of innovation and creativity in launching and running a business. This specialization also addresses the issues that might arise when managing a venture through the periods of its life cycle, such as pre-establishment period, start-up period, growth period, and business expansion period.



Numerous business competitions during the program give students the chance to put theory into practice. APU has been participating the CFA Institute Research challenge since 2013 and has been part of the finals every year from 2018.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Quality and Operations Management
- Digital Business Strategy
- Supply Chain Management
- Innovation Systems and Entrepreneurship
- Project Management
- Startups and Business Development
- Special Studies

“APU’s multicultural environment provides the perfect opportunity to learn about the business standards of other countries, as well as multiple opportunities for collaboration and discussion with classmates through small class sizes. This has given me new insights and knowledge from different cultural perspectives while also allowing me to share my own point of view. At APU, I was constantly being challenged to be a better version of myself all while preparing to become a leader with global values.”

Kezia Stephanie Natania (Indonesia, Graduated in 2018)
Management Consultant, Skylight Consulting Inc., Japan



CURRICULUM MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

A minimum of **44 credits** is required for program completion. All subjects in the chart below are awarded two credits upon successful completion.

MBA Essentials

MBA Essentials is a non-credit program that all MBA students must attend before their first semester at APU. This program includes online training and in-person workshops for essential MBA skills and values, including presentation, writing, teamwork, case analysis, creative thinking, and appreciation for diversity and inclusion.

COURSE NAMES AND SEMESTER DISTRIBUTION

		LECTURE SUBJECTS			Experiential Learning	Seminars (6 credits)
		Required Subjects (26 credits)	Elective Subjects (8 credits or more)	Core Related Subjects		
First Year	1st Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Research Methods Accounting Data Analytics Leadership and Organization Behavior Legal Strategy and Corporate Governance Managerial Economics Marketing Political Economies of Institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Corporations and Asia Pacific Financial Engineering and Risk Management Human Resource Management Agile Product Development and Design Thinking Startups and Business Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision Making Under Uncertainty Database Management Management Information Systems Negotiation for Value Creation Japanese for Communication I* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glocal Immersion Internship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection of seminar advisor
	2nd Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Finance Technology Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Management and Entrepreneurship Financial Institutions and Markets Sustainable Business in Asia Pacific Hospitality Management Project Management Quality and Operations Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese for Communication II Japanese for Communication III Japanese for Communication IV 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA Research Seminar I
Second Year	3rd Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Management Global Strategy for Impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managerial Accounting Marketing Strategy in Emerging Economies with Simulation Digital Business Strategy Innovation Systems and Entrepreneurship 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA Research Seminar II Research progress presentation
	4th Semester		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Finance Project Analysis and Financing Marketing Research Supply Chain Management Special Studies 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA Research Seminar III Submission and examination of the final research project

* Students must complete or test out of Survival Japanese (1 and 2) in order to enroll in this course.



The following list is composed of companies and organizations where MBA students have interned*, in some cases for the fulfillment of their graduate thesis requirement (per the **internship-based case study** option).

INTERNSHIPS

- Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.
- Arcterus Co., Ltd.
- Asian Development Bank, the Philippines
- British American Tobacco Japan, Ltd.
- Catalyst K.K.
- Convention Linkage, Inc.
- Fisco Japan Co., Ltd.
- INTAGE Inc.
- Japan Tourism Marketing Co.
- Kyosan Electric
- Lenovo, China
- Oita Transportation Co., Ltd.
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers Co., Ltd.
- 7-Eleven Malaysia
- Shochu Shiratsuyu
- Tech Health Solutions LLC
- 3Any Inc.
- United Nations ESCAP, Thailand
- United Nations University
- VINAFCO, Vietnam
- Voith Fuji Hydro K.K.

*Please note that APU does not guarantee internships to students. Students must seek them independently.

“My top three reasons for choosing APU’s MBA program were the active learning curriculum, the multicultural environment, and the ability to learn foundation Japanese at the same time. With enough determination to make the most of the two-year program, you can graduate from APU with a very strong profile: a global-minded MBA holder who can speak multiple languages.”

Avila Carlo Irawan (Indonesia, Graduated in 2017)
Senior Consultant, Deloitte Consulting, Indonesia





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

Degree:

Ph.D. in Political Science (University of Hawaii, USA)

M.A. in International Studies (University of South Carolina, USA)

M.Sc. in Politics (University of Oregon, USA)

Research Fields:

Politics, International Relations

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

MASTER'S PROGRAM IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

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. Individuals embarking on this program should possess a high-level interest in research pertaining to one of two specializations: International Relations or Society and Culture. The broad range of issues addressed in these specializations are supported by four pillars: analytical foundation courses, core courses on the Asia Pacific region, division-specific courses, and research-oriented intensive seminar courses. Under the supervision of their chosen faculty advisors, students will formulate and conduct research that systematically reflects knowledge gained through coursework as well as fieldwork in the Asia Pacific region.

MASTER'S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY

The Master's Program in International Cooperation Policy aims to cultivate human resources who will contribute to a peaceful and mutually beneficial coexistence in the Asia Pacific region. Individuals entering this program should possess the ability to incorporate diverse perspectives in their research and will frame their studies around one of four specializations: International Public Administration, Sustainability Science, Tourism and Hospitality, and Development Economics. Students can further build upon their current knowledge and cultivate their research skills through a variety of workshops and seminars offered throughout the year where they can exchange ideas with leaders within their respective fields. By graduation, they will develop the practical problem-solving skills and creativity required for sustainable development within the Asia Pacific region.



The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies aims to shape a better world by cultivating individuals with broad knowledge across the social sciences. GSA students develop the practical problem-solving skills required to contribute to the sustainable development of the Asia Pacific region.

The interdisciplinary programs, conducted fully in English and led by faculty with experience in distinguished organizations around the world, challenge students' critical thinking, creativity, and passion for action and change. The GSA community—vibrant, stimulating, diverse, and multicultural—supports learners in the pursuit of excellence, mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation in a globalizing world. Alumni, now spread across the globe and well-positioned in their respective fields, broaden the vast network available to GSA students as they pursue their academic and career goals.

OVERVIEW

ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES (APS)

- Degree:** Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies
- Divisions:** International Relations (IR)
Society and Culture (SC)
- Enrollment Semesters:** April, September
- Program Duration:** 2 years*
- Yearly Intake:** 15 students
- Total Tuition:** 2,800,000 JPY (subject to change)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY (ICP)

- Degree:** Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
- Divisions:** International Public Administration (IPA)
Development Economics (DE)
Sustainability Science (SS) (includes IMAT)
Tourism and Hospitality (TH)
- Enrollment Semesters:** April, September
- Program Duration:** 2 years*
- Yearly Intake:** 45 students
- Total Tuition:** 2,800,000 JPY (subject to change)

*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.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IR)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES



Hidetaka Yoshimatsu, Ph.D., Professor and Division Head (Japan)

Degree: Ph.D. in International Relations (Australian National University, Australia), M.Sc. in International Relations (Warwick University, UK)

Research Fields: International Relations, International Political Economy, Regional Studies (East Asia)

“The International Relations division at APU provides a range of opportunities for students to deepen their knowledge of current international issues and develop the research skills necessary to have a strong impact on the global stage. Students who take advantage of the opportunities available here will find that careers in international organizations, academia, diplomacy, corporate leadership, government services, media, and many other fields will become open to them.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The International Relations division is aimed at expanding students’ empirical knowledge base and sharpening their analytical and theoretical thinking skills regarding social, political, economic, 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 intended careers in security, diplomacy, and media. While taking subjects such as international security, international law, and conflict resolution, students also focus on writing a thesis or research report.

MAJOR SUBJECTS

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



Seminars, conferences, and symposiums held by APU invite speakers from outside the university to enhance network building and information sharing. Dr. Michael Reiterer (pictured above), a distinguished professor and retired EU ambassador, was welcomed in June 2022 to speak at a seminar held by the Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies (RCAPS) titled “The EU’s strategy in the Indo-Pacific region”.

“Not only did the courses challenge me to think in depth and analytically about international affairs, the multicultural environment allowed me to do so with a worldwide network of friends and classmates whose different perspectives acted as precious learning resources during classroom discussions. Additionally, the ample opportunities for research funding and assistance gave me the invaluable experience of presenting my research at reputable international conferences around the world.”

Dinar Swastiningtyas Theosa (Indonesia, Graduated in 2017)
Consultant, MUFG Bank Group, Indonesia



SOCIETY AND CULTURE (SC)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES



Kaori Yoshida, Ph.D., Professor and Division Head (Japan)

Degree: Ph.D. in Asian Studies (University of British Columbia, Canada), M.A. in Communication Studies (University of Calgary, Canada), M.Ed. in Language Education (Fukuoka University of Education, Japan)

Research Fields: Media and Cultural Studies, Gender and Ethnicity in Media, Media and Politics, Popular Culture, Dark Tourism

“In the Society and Culture division, students deepen their knowledge of the rapid transformations taking place in the age of globalization through the lens of media, society, and culture. Students also gain practical knowledge through courses on theory and research methodologies in the social sciences. Placed in the unique multicultural environment at APU, the division trains our graduate students to become specialists on the sociopolitical issues that characterize our time, while acquiring the cosmopolitan dispositions required to excel on the global stage.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The Asia Pacific is one of the most rapidly developing regions in recent decades. To capture the patterns of social and cultural changes occurring, the Society and Culture division is devoted to promoting comparative academic research on the region. Students acquire practical skills in formulating and conducting research using theories and methods developed in sociology, cultural anthropology, media, and communication studies. With knowledge concerning the social and cultural backgrounds of the countries and regions of the Asia Pacific, graduates of the program have greater access to employment opportunities in government, industry, commerce, and academia.

MAJOR SUBJECTS

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



Numerous conferences and workshops give students opportunities to present their research progress, receive feedback, and gain experience giving academic presentations.

“Due to my desire to pursue a career in academic work related to the field of Japanese popular culture, I was motivated to join the Society and Culture division. The professors in this division specialize in a broad range of topics and encourage their students to analyze their lectures critically. By interacting and discussing directly with these professors and my classmates, I have broadened my perspectives both academically and professionally as a global-minded citizen.”

Alisha Rabuepin (Thailand, Graduated in 2018)
Sales Support Representative, Farm Frites International B.V., Thailand



INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (IPA)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



Yoichiro Sato, Ph.D., Professor, Dean and Division Head (Japan)

Degree: Ph.D. in Political Science (University of Hawaii, USA), M.A. in International Studies (University of South Carolina, USA)

Research Fields: Politics, International Relations

“Our global society is changing rapidly and drastically. While conflict and friction are bound to occur, we are living in a mutually-dependent society where people, goods, money, and information move freely beyond borders. We must tackle global issues to achieve sustainable development. Under such circumstances, domestic public policy may affect and/or be affected by the public policies of other countries. In this sense, collaborative action among the various societies is a key to solving issues. The International Public Administration division addresses these topics and explores various solutions and measures to improve our society and future.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The International Public Administration division is aimed at providing knowledge and skills to those who are interested in pursuing an advanced career in national and international governmental organizations. 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 subjects in this division relate to international organizations, international cooperation policy, and public administration and form the foundation on which each student can further build a more focused study depending on their intended policy field.

MAJOR SUBJECTS

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



To graduate, all students must submit a final project, either in the form of master's thesis or a research report. Seminar subjects are designed to support students as they begin preliminary reading and research, determine a research topic, and start systematic research and data collection.

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

Nguyen Quynh Hoa (Viet Nam, Graduated in 2020)
Lecturer, Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Viet Nam



DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS (DE)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



Koichi Yamaura, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Division Head (Japan)

Degree: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (Kansas State University, USA), M.A. in Agricultural Economics (Kansas State University, USA)

Research Fields: Food and Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics

“Our faculty members have experience working with various international organizations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and Asian Productivity Organization. Many of our students represent various developing regions and are working on different issues of development economics in their own countries. As a student, you will interact with other students who have a range of job experiences in their home countries alongside whom you can prepare yourself for a career in international development on the world stage.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The Development Economics 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 many areas of development economics, including industrial development, social development, political development, rural development, and poverty alleviation. Students are also able to enhance their professional, practical, and research skills related to international development. This division also aims to enhance the development of research skills in this field for those 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.

MAJOR SUBJECTS

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



APU alumni shape the world daily through their work across various fields, industries, and sectors. One such GSA graduate, Shirin Amonzoda (pictured above), was appointed Tajikistan's Minister of Labor in November 2020.

“At APU I was given the opportunity to experience the intricacies of enriching cultures with unique people from all parts of the world. The knowledge and skills I gained from interacting with many different people allowed me to expand my own range of thought. As a result, I was able to work more effectively as I organized and implemented social programs, workshops, and awareness campaigns through my local government after graduating.”

Mirna G. De La Portilla F. (Mexico, Graduated in 2013)
Consultant at Servicios, Productos Industriales y Construcción, Mexico



SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE (SS)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



Hiromi Yamashita, Ph.D., Professor and Division Head (Japan)

Degree: Ph.D. (University of Birmingham, UK)

Research Fields: Environmental Sociology, Environmental Communication, Public Participation in Decision Making, Coastal Wetlands Restoration Projects, Ramsar Convention and Local Implementation

“Due to climate change and other threats to the planetary boundaries, we must accelerate the transitions to sustainable development, which will bring both challenges and chances to all our environmental, social, and economic systems. Our experienced faculty members in the Sustainability Science division are fully committed to helping students develop outstanding research and problem-solving skills that will contribute to their future careers involving transitions towards sustainability.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The Sustainability Science division focuses on the application of science for achieving the goals of sustainable development. This division analyzes the planning and implementation of policies and actions that deal with the relationship between society and nature with the ultimate goal of creating a sustainable future for all. Study 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 sustainability and resilience. Students are expected to gain a holistic perspective, integrative skills, and interdisciplinary knowledge as they engage in analyzing and managing particular problems and issues of population-resource-technology-institution interactions.



APU offers a wide range of clubs and circles for students who wish to connect with peers, the local community, and nature. Environmental Community for Sustainability (ECOS) (pictured above) is a student organization that has collaborated with the local community to bring fireflies back to Beppu City's urban area.

MAJOR SUBJECTS

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

“During the master’s program at APU, I met students from dozens of different countries with different religions, cultures, and perspectives. We all dreamed of fulfilling our personal goals and making a difference in our home countries. My professors helped me to comprehensively understand Japan’s urban management policies, and as a result I am optimistic and firmly believe that I can make a great contribution to the improvement of Shanghai’s environment.”

Limin Qiu (China, Graduated in 2014)
Principal Staff Member, Shanghai Environmental Protection Bureau, China



INTERNATIONAL MATERIAL FLOW MANAGEMENT (IMAT)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY (APU)

MASTER OF ENGINEERING IN INTERNATIONAL MATERIAL FLOW MANAGEMENT (TRIER UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES)



Faezeh Mahichi, Ph.D., Associate Professor and IMAT Program Coordinator (Iran)

Degree: Ph.D. in Life Science, Tokyo Institute of Technology (Japan)

Research Fields: Social-Ecological Systems



Peter Heck, Dr., Professor and IMAT Program Director (Germany)

Degree: Ph.D. in Geography (Saarland University, Germany)

Research Fields: Regional Material Flow Management, Zero Emission and Circular Economy, Green Technology, Green Finance and Regional Added Value, Bio-Economy, Green Growth, Climate Protection and Biodiversity

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

IMAT is a dual-degree program managed jointly by APU and the Institute of Applied Material Flow Management (IfaS), an innovative research institute of the Trier University of Applied Sciences. Students spend their first year studying at APU and their second year at the Zero-Emission Campus Birkenfeld in Germany.

The program offers integrated knowledge in engineering, economics, and law, as well as in the natural and social sciences. In addition to the learning goals of the Sustainability Science division, the program's multidisciplinary courses and intensive modules prepare students to become young professional in zero emission systems design with profound knowledge in renewable energy, integrated water resource management and other sustainable community development areas. Students will also have the opportunity to conduct field work in Japan and participate in an internship in Germany.

MAJOR SUBJECTS

- Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategies and Carbon Trading
- Zero Emission, Circular Economy and Regional Material Flow Management
- Principles of Industrial Material Flow Management
- Regional Material Flow Management

“Studying in IMAT has allowed me to discover, develop, and enhance my own potential. Due to the variety of lecturers from academic, governmental, and business backgrounds as well as the cross-cultural experiences that APU in Japan and IfaS in Germany offer, I have gained confidence in international cooperation, broadened my horizons, and nurtured my passion in this innovative and emerging field of study.”

Ulrike Kirschnick (Germany, Graduated in 2018)

Project Manager, IfaS (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany



TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY (TH)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



Thanh Huong Bui, Ph.D., Professor and Division Head (Viet Nam)

Degree: Ph.D. in Tourism Management (Griffith University, Australia), M.B.A. (Waseda University, Japan), M.A. in Tourism Management (Griffith University, Australia)

Research Fields: Tourism Resource Management, Tourism Economics, Business and Commerce

“Tourism is the interdisciplinary crossing and integration of knowledge in geography, sociology, anthropology, development, governance, environment, economics, and management. Being one of the world’s largest industries, tourism has contributed significantly to the global economy, along with considerable environmental and socio-cultural impacts on local communities. Comprehensive understanding of the discipline from both theoretical and practical perspectives, from global to local scales, thus demands a holistic approach to learning and research.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

Tourism is a fast growing economic sector that transforms societies and communities in the Asia Pacific region. The Tourism and Hospitality division looks at various aspects of mass and alternative tourism and the economic, social, cultural, and environmental impacts on societies and communities. The division also studies the theory and practice of hospitality management as it relates to the tourism, service, health, and welfare industries. The knowledge and academic/professional skills that students obtain are useful for a wide variety of employment opportunities in government service, international organizations, and private corporations, as well as for further study.

DIVISION SUBJECTS

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



Taking advantage of APU’s location in Beppu city, the hot spring capital of Japan, the Tourism and Hospitality division and its faculty have actively contributed to the local revitalization through tourism.

“Joining the Tourism and Hospitality division at APU was a significant milestone in my career which created immense opportunities to learn and interact with different cultures and environments, while developing social interaction and international communication skills. The courses, field studies, and internships the program provided enhanced my knowledge and skills in developing policy, and helped me gain the abilities that I know I’ll need to contribute to developing sustainable tourism in my country.”

Ella Lynthia Simata (Solomon Islands, Graduated 2019)
Deputy Provincial Secretary (Isabel Province), Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening, Solomon Islands Government, Solomon Islands



CURRICULUM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

A minimum of **32 credits** is required for program completion. All subjects in the chart below are awarded two credits upon successful completion. Basic Japanese language subjects are available for those who are interested in studying Japanese but do not fulfill any credit requirements.

COURSE NAMES AND SEMESTER DISTRIBUTION

		First Year		Second Year		
		1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester	
LECTURE SUBJECTS	Analytical Foundation Subjects (4 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methods and Academic Writing Information Resources and Data Analysis 				
	Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region (4 credits or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health in the Asia Pacific Tourism in the Asia Pacific Politics and Economics in the Asia Pacific Social and Cultural Processes in the Asia Pacific Environment and Sustainable Development in the Asia Pacific 				
	Major Subjects (10 credits or more)	IR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regionalism and Globalization International Law International Political Economy Conflict Resolution 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative Politics and Government International Security Special Studies 	
		SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing Social Landscapes Media and Communication Migration and Trans-nationalism Cultural Change 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Organizations and Institutions Sociology of Everyday Life Special Studies 	
		DE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Economics Macroeconomics Development Finance Comparative Economic Development 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microeconomics Community Development Special Studies 	
		IPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Project Management International Organizations Planning and Evaluation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Public Administration Community Development Special Studies 	
		SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment and Natural Resources Conservation Urban Sustainability Industrial Ecology 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Economics Advanced Environmental Geosciences Environmental Policy, Law and Administration Special Studies 	
		TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism Economics Cultural and Heritage Tourism Environmental Tourism Community Based Tourism 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellness Tourism Tourism Policy and Planning Special Studies 	
		Core Related Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision Making Under Uncertainty Hospitality Management Information Technology and Operations Management Product Development Strategy 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing Strategy Marketing Research Management Information Systems Database Management Advanced Data Analysis and Statistics 	
	Seminars (4 credits or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project II <i>Research proposal submission</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project III <i>Research progress presentation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Research Project <i>Submission and examination of the final research project</i> 	

PH.D. ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

DOCTORAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The developing world is in great need of internationally-minded individuals who possess specialized knowledge and skills. Therefore, it is becoming increasingly common for international aid organizations to enlist the professional guidance of doctoral graduates. The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies doctoral program at APU aims to produce independent individuals capable of conducting high-level research. This involves gaining expertise in theoretical and empirical approaches for investigation, acquiring in-depth knowledge of the Asia Pacific region, collecting and analyzing data, and drawing practical solutions for complicated issues in a comprehensive and integrative manner. Alumni of this program become distinguished leaders and take on prominent roles in advanced institutions for research and higher education around the world.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



24 Students



109 Alumni



15 Countries and
Regions Represented
by Ph.D. Students

DOCTORAL SUPERVISORS

Thanh Huong Bui, Ph.D., Professor

Human Geography, Social Psychology, Tourism Management and Development, Sustainability and Resilience

Nader Ghotbi, Ph.D., Professor

Public Health and Epidemiology, Health Economics, Environmental Economics, Ethics and Philosophy, Bioethics

Ji Han, Ph.D., Professor

Urban Ecology, Material Metabolism, Low-carbon City/Transport, Livable City, Circular Economy, Ecosystem Services, GIS and Remote Sensing

Thomas E. Jones, Ph.D., Professor

Environmental Policy, Nature-Based Tourism, Protected Areas, Regional Development

Yoshinori Kaseda, Ph.D., Professor

Politics, International Relations

Takuro Kikkawa, Ph.D., Professor

Politics, Area Studies, International Relations

Yan Li, Ph.D., Professor

Environmental Policy, City Planning, Regional Planning, Traffic Engineering, Social System Engineering

Peter Mantello, Ph.D., Professor

Artificial Intelligence, Chatbots, Human-Machine Relations, Emotional AI, Malicious AI, Surveillance Systems, Predictive Policing, Videogame Theory, Conflict Media

Serik Meirmanov, Ph.D., Professor

General Life Science, Social Psychology, Human Genetics, Human Pathology, Public Hygiene Studies/Health Science

Kaoru Natsuda, Ph.D., Professor

International Development Studies, International Political Economy, Economic Policy, Industrial Development, Rural and Community Development, Automotive Industry, Apparel Industry

Davar Pishva, Ph.D., Professor

Environmentally Sound Technologies (ESTs), Simulation and Modeling (SaM), Decision Science (DS)

Yoichiro Sato, Ph.D., Professor

Politics, International Relations

Yasushi Suzuki, Ph.D., Professor

Fiscal Studies/Finance Theory, Theoretical Economics, Institutional Economics, Political Economy

Hiroshi Todoroki, Ph.D., Professor

Geography, Area Studies, Human Geography

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Cultural Heritage Management, Ecotourism, Agriculture Heritage Tourism, Community Based Tourism and Rural Tourism

Tatsufumi Yamagata, Ph.D., Professor

Development Economics, Textile Industry, Bangladeshi Economy, Health and Development, Disability and Development

Hiromi Yamashita, Ph.D., Professor

Environmental Sociology, Environmental Communication, Public Participation in Decision Making, Coastal Wetlands Restoration Projects, Ramsar Convention and Local Implementation

Hidetaka Yoshimatsu, Ph.D., Professor

International Relations, International Political Economy, Regional Studies (East Asia)

Yukio Yotsumoro, Ph.D., Professor

Sociology, Tourism

Yiyang Sun, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Information Network, Web Informatics, Service Informatics, Management, Commerce

Utpal Vyas, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Area Studies (East Asia), Politics, International Relations, Area Studies (European Union), Political Economy

Koichi Yamaura, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Food and Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics

Seung Ho Youn, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Tourism Management, Tourism Behavior and Psychology, Tourism/Destination Marketing, Cultural Tourism



ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Asia Pacific Studies

Enrollment Semesters: April, September

Program Duration: 3 years*

Yearly Intake: 10 students

Total Tuition: 4,300,000 JPY (subject to change)

*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.

PH.D. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

	Subjects
1st Year	Lecture Subjects, Seminars, Research Paper
2nd Year	Seminars, Research Paper, Tutorials, Presentations
3rd Year	Seminars, Tutorials

Completion of the doctoral program requires fulfillment of doctoral coursework in addition to submission and approval of a final dissertation.

“Getting my doctorate at APU allowed me to conduct field work both within Japan and throughout Southeast Asia. This research that culminated in my dissertation also led to additional peer-reviewed publications and my own book. I was fortunate to also work with my supervisor on JICA international development projects, which gave me practical skills in training, evaluation, and program design needed for my career. This experience helped me learn about emergent leadership and gain the global perspective necessary to start my own evaluation and organization development consultancy and contribute to the global community as the representative to the UN for the International Association for Community Development.”

Dr. Cindy Lyn Banyai (USA, Graduated in 2010)

US Congressional Candidate, Founder and Principal of Banyai Evaluation & Consulting, LLC, and Adjunct Faculty, Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Florida Gulf Coast University, USA



RESEARCH



APU is involved in a range of research projects in accordance with the needs of international society and the Japanese national research policy.

RITSUMEIKAN CENTER FOR ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES (RCAPS)

RCAPS was established in 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.

ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE (AP CONFERENCE)

The AP Conference is an international academic conference held once a year at APU. Researchers and students from around the world participate to present their research and academic perspectives. In 2019, approximately 200 presenters and 350 participants from 20 countries gathered on APU's campus for the conference.

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- The RCAPS Journal is a non-refereed academic journal. The editorial board conducts screening of all submissions. It is open to graduate school students.
- RCAPS Working Paper Series/DOJO is an online series in which students/young researchers can publish their papers with comments by senior researchers for free.

SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

RCAPS provides financial subsidies for graduate school students to support them in their research endeavors.

Master's Field Research Support Subsidy

Master's students may receive up to 75,000 JPY once in either their second or third semester for travel expenses (transportation and accommodation fees) incurred while undertaking field research or presenting a paper at academic conferences.

Ph.D. Research Support Subsidy

Ph.D. students may receive this subsidy for various research activities such as participating in conference presentations, field research, academic programs or publishing papers in an academic journal. They may receive up to 100,000 JPY a year.

SEMINARS

There are many seminars to support students and researchers at APU.

- RCAPS Onigiri Seminars invite speakers from outside APU to enhance network building and information sharing in Asia Pacific Studies.
- Current Research Seminars enable APU faculty members to present their latest research.

For more information, please refer to the website below:

www.apu.ac.jp/rcaps

Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies



CAREER PATHWAYS

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students have access to and support from a worldwide network which consists of international heads of state, ambassadors, and industry leaders (APU Advisory Committee), distinguished researchers from around the world (Academic Advisors), and institutions associated with APU's faculty members. This network also includes APU alumni who work in an array of fields and industries across the globe. Utilizing this network is indispensable for our students' careers.

Numerous seminars, workshops, and presentations by professionals working in the field today give students a clear picture of the kind of career options available to them, the current skills being sought by employers, and the type of work that suits them best. In addition, both our faculty and students also provide various consultation services to local industries and have opportunities to interact with executives at the front lines of change in their respective industries.

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

EXAMPLE ALUMNI CAREER PATHS

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Companies

- BANDAI NAMCO Games Inc., Japan
- Bloomberg, Japan
- Creed Group, Indonesia
- ESD Technology Co., Ltd., Thailand
- Ecopetrol S. A., Colombia
- ExxonMobil Corporation, Thailand
- GUCCI Group, Japan
- Hikari Kikai Seisakusho Co., Ltd., Japan
- KPMG, Japan
- Kyosan Electric Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Japan
- LEOC Co. Ltd., Japan
- La Casa Del Jade, Guatemala
- Lenovo Group, Ltd., China
- Marsh Japan, Inc., Japan

- Michael Page, Japan
- NCH Corporation, USA
- NTT Docomo, Inc., Japan
- National Bank of Ethiopia
- Nippon Steel and Sumikin Bussan India Pvt. Ltd., India
- Nissan Motor Co. Ltd., Japan
- Oita Bank, Japan
- POSCO-America, Mexico
- Procter and Gamble Co., Poland
- Siam Cement Group, Thailand
- Skylight Consulting, Inc., Japan
- Tata Consultancy Services Japan
- Unilever, Indonesia
- Voyagin, Japan

Government Offices

- Andhra Pradesh State Department, India
- Consulate General of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Fukuoka, Japan
- Ministry of Finance, Indonesia
- Ministry of Industry and Trade, Viet Nam
- Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, Afghanistan
- Ministry of Transport, Kenya
- State Customs Service, Kyrgyz Republic

Organizations

- Fobang Foundation, Cameroon
- World Wide Fund for Nature, Zimbabwe

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

Companies

- Bosch Corporation, Japan
- Cotopaxi Energy Limited, India
- Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting LLC, Japan
- EATALY Asia Pacific, Japan
- Fraunhofer IGB, Germany
- Fujitsu Marketing Ltd., Japan
- General Motors Powertrain, Uzbekistan
- H.I.S. Co., Ltd., Japan
- Hays Specialist Recruitment Japan K.K., Japan
- Industrial Decisions Inc., Japan
- JTB Pte Ltd., Singapore, Japan
- KT Accounting Co., Ltd., Viet Nam
- KTC Holdings, Japan
- NEC Corporation, Japan
- National Park Resorts of Japan, KYUKAMURA, Japan
- TSUBASA Corporation, Japan

Government Offices

- Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Department of Foreign Affairs, the Philippines
- Korea Development Institute, Korea
- Ministry of Economic Development, Tajikistan
- Ministry of Education, Myanmar
- Ministry of Energy and Water, Afghanistan
- Ministry of Finance and Planning, Sri Lanka
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China
- Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Laos
- National Tourism Administration, China
- The Embassy of Angola, Japan
- The Embassy of Israel, Japan
- The Embassy of Mexico, Japan

Organizations

- Asian Development Bank, the Philippines
- Medecins Sans Frontieres, Hong Kong
- NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), Japan
- National Medical Research Institute, Mongolia
- The Sino-Japan Friendship Center for Environmental Protection, China
- UNICEF Cambodia Office
- Uganda Network of AIDS Service Organizations

Academic Careers

- Health Sciences University of Mongolia
- Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh
- Kabul Medical University, Afghanistan
- National College of Tourism, Tanzania
- National Taiwan University
- University of Queensland, Australia

STUDENT LIFE AND FACILITIES



FACILITIES

APU's classrooms are equipped with audiovisual and computer technology, enabling our students to take part in conferences and seminars occurring in other parts of the world in real time. The APU library, part of the Ritsumeikan Network, allows students to access over 2.3 million books and publications. Graduate students have their own lounge, lockers, and computer rooms in the Faculty Office Building where they can easily consult with their supervisors during office hours.

STUDENT LIFE

Student life at APU is an international experience like no other. The multicultural diversity of 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, accommodations, and visa renewal. A health clinic and counseling rooms are also available should students encounter any problems or need advice. APU makes efforts to cater to the needs of students from all over the world, with countless small comforts found throughout campus—from areas like the Quiet Space, meant for meditation, prayer, and other forms of calm reflection, to a wide variety of foods available, including APU Cafeteria's halal-friendly favorites such as Thai curry and Japanese fried eggplant.

LIVING COSTS

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

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

The campus becomes very lively during events such as Multicultural Weeks and the annual cultural festival Tenkusai. These events are organized to showcase the multitude of languages, cultures, and talents of our student body through food, dance, film, music, and various performances.

ACCOMMODATION

All graduate students are entitled to a room in one of APU's student housing facilities, AP House 3 or AP House 4, which helps them adapt to their new life in Japan and concentrate on their studies. At 33,000–49,000 JPY per month, all rooms are equipped with basic facilities, including internet access. Both housings are located off campus. If students wish to live in different off-campus housing or if they are coming with their family, they can find other affordable options, as Beppu is considerably less expensive than other Japanese cities for both private and shared housing. Students can also get assistance in locating and renting accommodations from Creotech, a university-affiliated company.



BEPPU CITY

APU is located in Beppu, a small city of 120,000 inhabitants located on the coast of Kyushu, the southernmost major island in the Japanese archipelago. The city is famous for its abundance of onsen (hot spring baths), and 140,000 tons of water gush daily from over 2,000 sources, 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 480,000, which served as a host for the 2002 FIFA® World Cup Korea/Japan™ and the Rugby World Cup Japan 2019™.

PLACES OF INTEREST



● JR Beppu Station



● Beppu Hot Spring Steam Observation Deck



● Beppu Beach Sand Bath



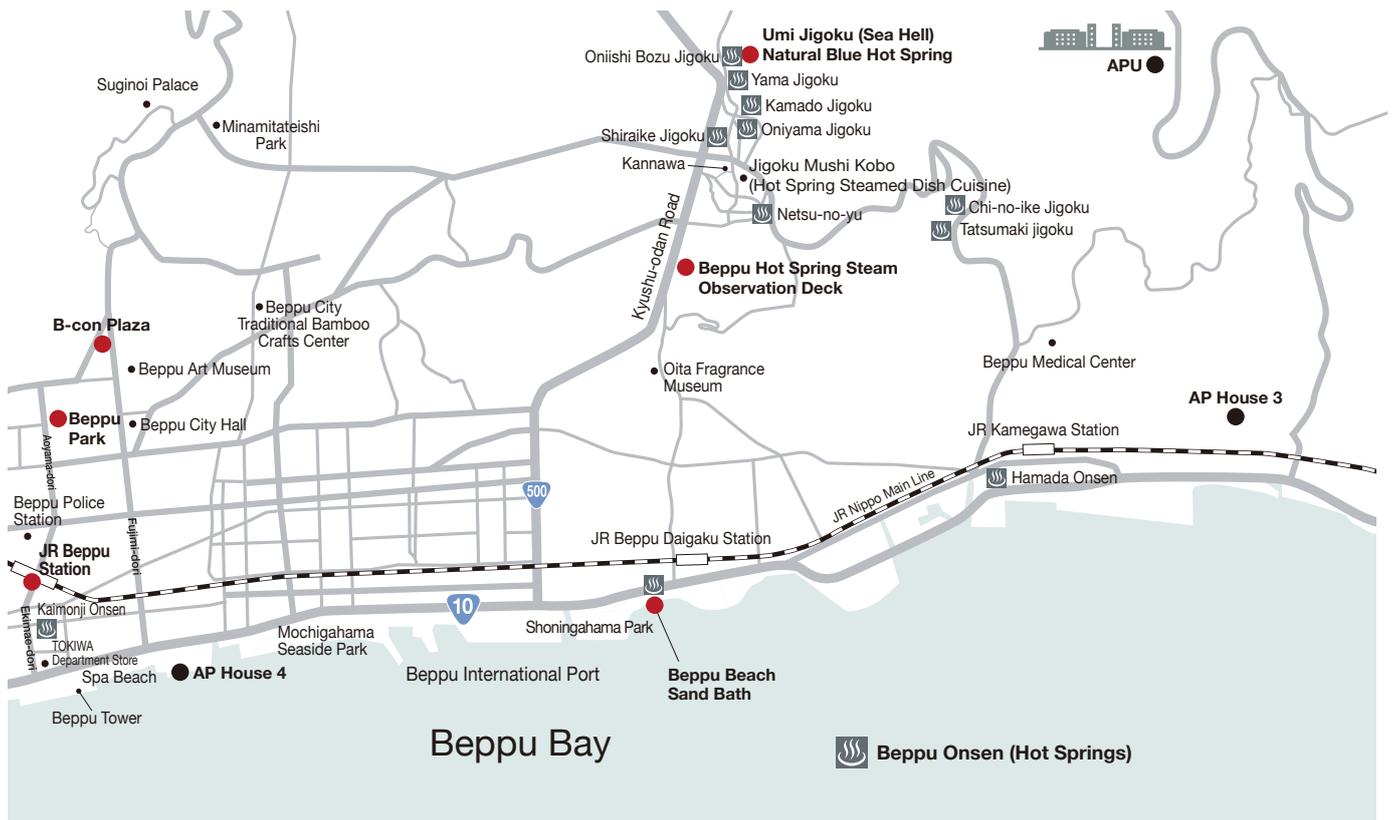
● B-con Plaza



● Beppu Park

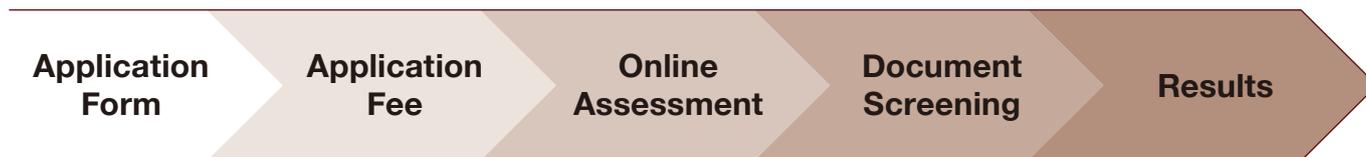


● Umi Jigoku (Sea Hell) Natural Blue Hot Spring



HOW TO APPLY

Application 100% Online



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. A bachelor's degree or equivalent
2. English language proficiency test score*
3. (MBA applicants only) At least three years of full-time work experience

Minimum English Proficiency Requirement

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

*Applicants that have completed a university degree for which the medium of instruction was English are exempt from submitting an English proficiency test score

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DOCTORAL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Applicants for the doctoral program must receive a signed *Supervisor Confirmation Letter* from their desired APU faculty advisor before submitting their application. The request can be submitted via the APU Admissions website:

<http://r.apu.jp/grad>

APPLICATION PERIOD

Multiple application periods are available for each enrollment semester depending on the applicant's desired program, scholarships, and country or region of residence at the time of application. Visit the APU Admissions website for the latest application schedule and scholarship-specific deadlines.

April Enrollment		September Enrollment	
Applicants outside Japan	September – Mid-October	Applicants outside Japan	September – Late March
Applicants in Japan	September – Early December	Applicants in Japan	September – Late May

Document	Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies			Graduate School of Management
	Master's	IMAT	Doctoral	
Personal Statement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Research Proposal/Study Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓
University Graduation Certificate(s) / Certificate of Scheduled Graduation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curriculum Vitae		✓		✓
English Language Proficiency Documents	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sample Work / List of Research Achievements		✓	✓	
Two Letters of Recommendation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Passport Scan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Photographs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supervisor Confirmation Letter			✓	
GMAT® Results, GRE® Results	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Certificate of Employment				✓

COST & SCHOLARSHIPS

COST

Total tuition

GSA (two years)	2,800,000 JPY (25,455 USD*)
GSM (two years)	3,800,000 JPY (34,545 USD*)
Ph.D. (three years)	4,300,000 JPY (39,091 USD*)

One-time fees for enrollment

• Admission fee

200,000 JPY (1,818 USD*)

• Comprehensive Renters' Insurance

Master's Programs	9,250 JPY	(84 USD*)
IMAT Program	5,120 JPY	(47 USD*)
Doctoral Program	13,400 JPY	(121 USD*)

• AP House Entrance Fee

AP House 3	148,500 – 165,000 JPY	(1,350 – 1,500 USD*)
AP House 4	204,500 – 229,000 JPY	(1,859 – 2,082 USD*)

Living costs and other fees

Approx. 1,000,000 JPY (9,100 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 amounts are for your reference only and are based on the exchange rate of \$1=110 Japanese yen. All fees must be paid in Japanese yen and are subject to change. See our website for a detailed breakdown of fees.

SCHOLARSHIPS

APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship

The APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship covers 30%, 50%, 65%, 80%, or 100% of your tuition until graduation. All applicants are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

External scholarships

Applicants can apply for various external scholarships at the time of application:

- MEXT University Recommendation Scholarship
- Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)
- African Development Bank - Japan Africa Dream Scholarship (AfDB-JADS)

Please visit our website for more information concerning all available scholarships, including their eligibility and application requirements: <http://r.apu.jp/external>

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Admissions Webinars



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

April Semester

Entrance Ceremony
first week of April

Start of Classes,
First Quarter
second week of April

Start of Classes,
Second Quarter
second week of June

Start of Summer Break
second week of August

Summer Session Classes
first week of August

Graduation Ceremony
third week of September

September Semester

Entrance Ceremony
fourth week of September

Start of Classes,
First Quarter
first week of October

Start of Classes,
Second Quarter
fourth week of November

Winter Break
Fourth week of Dec –
first week of January

Winter Session Classes
second week of February

Start of Spring Break
third week of February

Graduation Ceremony
third week of March



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