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Ritsumeikan
Asia Pacific University



MBA

RITSUMEIKAN
ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT



RANKED IN THE
TOP 25 MBA PROGRAMS IN ASIA
BY QUACQUARELLI SYMONDS (QS) IN 2020

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

65%

International
Faculty

33

Countries and Regions
Represented
by MBA Students

100%

Scholarship
Recipients

31

Average
Age



TWO-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAM

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 in 2023, students are provided with opportunities to engage with industry through in-class activities, field studies, internships and business case competitions in Japan and overseas.

SPECIALIZATIONS

- Accounting and Finance
- Marketing and Management
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Operations Management
- Japanese Management



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY AT APU?

Admission fee (one-time deposit)

200,000 JPY (1,739 USD*)

Annual tuition

1,900,000 JPY (16,552 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/](https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/how_to_apply/external_scholarship)

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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. Shopping street in the Beppu city center



GLOBAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ALUMNI PATHWAYS

- BANDAI NAMCO Games Inc., Japan
- Bloomberg, Japan
- Danske Bank, Norway
- Ministry of Finance, Indonesia
- Ministry of Industry and Trade, Viet Nam
- National Bank of Ethiopia, Ethiopia
- Nippon Steel and Sumikin Bussan India Pvt. Ltd., India
- Oita Bank, Japan
- Procter and Gamble Co., Poland
- Unilever, Indonesia



Job Placement Rate

APU VOICES

"At the Graduate School of Management, we do what any other top management school does — prepare students to become well-rounded professionals and experts. Our international student body creates an unparalleled learning environment that cannot be found anywhere else. If you are looking for a unique experience where you can grow and develop your management knowledge and professional skills by advancing your knowledge in business and gaining understanding of Japanese management practices, I invite you to discover the opportunities our Graduate School of Management has to offer!"

Lailani Laynesa Alcantara, PhD (The Philippines)
Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Management



"My time at APU was the best two years of my life. I met many amazing people and made friends from all over the world that I am still connected with today. My current position as the director of IITE institute at SIMAD University and the work I am doing in Somalia was inspired by Japan and the unique and multicultural environment of APU. Our institute's mandate is to prepare the human capital necessary for the recovery of Somalia, and we do this by helping the youth to start their own businesses. By targeting the priority sectors and areas in the country we are working to build a different future for Somalia. This work is possible due to ideas that began to develop at APU."

Mohamed Muse Hassan (Somalia, Graduated in 2018)
Director of the Institute of Innovation, Technology, & Entrepreneurship (IITE Institute), SIMAD University, Somalia



"I had been wanting to pursue higher studies in Japan for quite some time. As a former employee of Ritsumeikan University in India, I chose to go for APU's AACSB- and AMBA-accredited MBA program. And it was the best place to be! The small, compact class room sizes at APU's graduate school create an efficient study environment. Being one of the most diverse universities in Japan, surrounded by students and faculty from all around the globe, my time at APU taught me the value of cultural differences. Last but not the least, at APU I had plenty of opportunities to network with various organisations globally."

Sakshi Verma (India, Graduated in 2022)
E-Procurement and Business Development, HIPUS Co. Ltd, Japan



FLEXIBILITY TO MATCH YOUR LEARNING STYLE

Students can choose from four types of final research projects to match their interests and career goals: Business Plan, Internship-based Case Study, Independent Report or a Master's thesis.

In addition, beyond the required subjects, seminar courses, and electives required for their chosen specialization, students have their chance to fulfill the remainder of their credits with Japanese language classes and experiential learning classes such as internship and field studies. They may also take courses from the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies as part of the Core Related Subjects requirement. This flexibility allows students to pursue a broad range of interests.

Credit Requirements for Program Completion

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

Recommended Credit Registration Schedule

1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
16	12	10	6

Graduate students can register to take up to 22 credits per semester.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECT LIST

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

Japanese Management

- Sustainable Business in Asia Pacific
- Japanese Corporations and Asia Pacific
- Japanese Management and Entrepreneurship
- 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
- Project Analysis and Financing

Marketing and Management

- 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

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Operations Management

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

HOW TO APPLY

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/apply_online



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Bachelor's degree or equivalent
2. Three years of full-time work experience
3. 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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