



Study in Japan and Australia



Australian National University
College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP)
Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs



RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY
College of Global Liberal Arts (GLA)
Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts

College of Global Liberal Arts

Department	College of Global Liberal Arts	
Degree	RU : Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts ANU : Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs	
Enrollment Period	April / September	
Location	April Enrollment	Semester 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 : RU, Osaka Ibaraki Campus Semester 4, 5 : ANU, Acton Campus (Canberra, Australia)
	September Enrollment	Semester 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 : RU, Osaka Ibaraki Campus Semester 5, 6 : ANU, Acton Campus (Canberra, Australia)
Duration	4 Years	
Annual Student Intake	100 The intake includes 10 students enrolling into ANU	

Information

GLA Website
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gla



RU International Admissions Website
Latest information on Admissions and Events
en.ritsumei.ac.jp/e-ug/



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That's why GLA

A multi-faceted education in a multi-cultural background

Isobel Florice Maretza Fincher
Third-year Student
Attended West Buckland School, U.K.

Why I chose GLA

When looking at universities, I really struggled to find one that I thought would cover all my interests. In my home country of the U.K., it was difficult to find a course that allowed for a varied programme featuring mostly humanity-based subjects, but with options such as psychology and Japanese.

Unusually, GLA offered a course that allows for a multi-faceted education in a multi-cultural background in Japan, a country that I have come to love. The location is also excellent, as the Osaka Ibaraki Campus offers a peaceful environment that is nevertheless conveniently located halfway between Kyoto and Osaka rail stations. One big concern for international students is finance, but Ritsumeikan and GLA both offer very generous scholarship opportunities. Those are the reasons why I decided to apply to GLA and I was very happy when I got the acceptance letter!

The best things about studying at GLA

The relationship between the students and the professors is the most appealing aspect of learning at GLA. As the teaching staff and the student body are both small, you get to know the lecturers a lot better and you receive more direct feedback on assignments and essays. Despite the small size of the student body, GLA is an incredibly diverse community, and because everyone is so open-minded and accommodating, there was no difficulty in making friends even when we were kept apart by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Message to prospective students

Don't worry if you arrive at university not knowing what you want to do or who you need to be: There is often pressure to decide your career path immediately after high school, but you will likely finish university with a completely new career in mind. Moving away from home is also a challenge, but the experience is definitely worth sacrificing familiarity for. I look forward to finally meeting you all on campus!

GLA — the perfect place to explore your options

Seojin Park
Forth-year Student
Attended Michuhol Foreign Language High School, Korea

Why I chose GLA

During my time in high school, I realized I wanted to explore the world more and study beyond what was typically expected of a Korean student, but it was difficult to find a university that satisfied me. GLA turned out to be the only college that fulfilled my criteria. Firstly, GLA is one of the very few places in Japan that offers a dual degree program. Secondly, it provides a rare opportunity to study at ANU, which is one of the most prestigious universities in the world. As my field of interest is international relations, being able to study at both Ritsumeikan and ANU was a huge merit for me. Thirdly, the internationality within GLA provides a unique space for not only domestic students, but also us international students. Fourthly, the GLA curriculum offers a wide variety of courses, from history and politics to business, design, and computer programming. That means you are free to pursue your own interests and goals by selecting from the great variety of subjects within the GLA curriculum. In short, GLA provides an experience that is not available at any other university in Japan.

The best things about studying at GLA

Thanks to the variety of courses and excellent teaching staff of both Ritsumeikan and ANU, you will be able to learn a great deal and enhance your skill set. You will also be able to broaden your perspective as you study with staff and students from many different international backgrounds. What is really good about studying at GLA is that you get to study in small-sized classes. That means you can ask more questions and participate more actively in the class. Moreover, GLA adopts a one-lecture, one-tutorial system for all courses, which really supports two-way communication with teachers and classmates. GLA is the perfect place for students who seek more than just a series of lectures.

Message to prospective students

A university is about exploring what you want to do in the future and GLA is the perfect place to discover your options if you do not have a clear career path. As long as you put in the effort, you will reap a reward in the end. The GLA community is waiting to welcome you, so I wish you all the best of luck!

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Graduate with 2 degrees from 2 universities



History
120+
Years

Global Network

463 Universities and Institutions in 68 Countries and Regions

2700+
International Students

Ritsumeikan University

Ritsumeikan University is a leading comprehensive private university in west Japan with over 120 years of history. It was selected to lead the globalization of Japanese higher education as part of the "Top Global University Project" funded by the Japanese government. Today, around 36,000 students are studying and conducting research on its four campuses in Kyoto, Shiga, and Osaka. Ritsumeikan University is pioneering new programs utilizing Japan's well-developed education with their English-medium Bachelor Programs.



College of Global Liberal Arts

The College of Global Liberal Arts (GLA) was inaugurated in April 2019 at the Osaka Ibaraki Campus. Under the partnership with the College of Asia and the Pacific at the prestigious Australian National University (ANU), all GLA students pursue a four-year dual degree program leading to degree qualifications from both Ritsumeikan and ANU. The Ritsumeikan component provides thorough training in the liberal arts based on small-group discussion and is aimed at promoting social progress through the application of wide-ranging knowledge of the arts and sciences. GLA provides maximum global career support to students from a diverse range of international backgrounds.



The Australian National University

Founded in 1946, ANU is Australia's national university and is a research-centered institution focused on finding solutions to global problems. Occupying a high position in a range of university ranking systems, it is equally renowned for its outstanding alumni, who include Australian prime ministers and Nobel Prize winners. The university's campus is centrally located in the Australian capital city of Canberra, and enjoys a parkland setting of great natural beauty where approximately 7,400 overseas students (as of 2020) pursue research activity.



College of Asia and the Pacific

GLA's partner, the College of Asia and the Pacific has one of the world's largest concentration of English-speaking researchers specializing in the Asia-Pacific region. It plays an important role not only as a source of expertise on Australia's domestic public policy, but also as a knowledge base for the societies, cultures, and economies of the Asia-Pacific region. Meanwhile, the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs (Bell School for short), in which students from GLA are enrolled, is a world-leader in Asia-Pacific and international politics, society, strategy, security, and diplomacy.



#1
in Australia

*QS World University Ranking 2022

#10
in the World for Politics

*QS World University Ranking 2023

#30
in the World

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Define yourself and make a difference to the world

KEY FEATURES

Dual degree program with ANU

Through the four-year program, students will graduate with a Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts from RU and a Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs from ANU upon completion of the requirements and credits of both universities. In Japan, students study liberal arts with a focus on becoming a proactive member of the global society in the twenty-first century. In Australia, students experience the dynamism of globalization firsthand and deepen their studies of the Asia-Pacific region.

World-Class Education that Supports Curving out Future Careers

Students receive a world-class education, learn from some of the best academics in the Asia-Pacific region, and graduate with two bachelor's degrees from leading universities in Australia and Japan. The exciting learning experience in both environments expands students' possibilities and helps them carve out future careers.

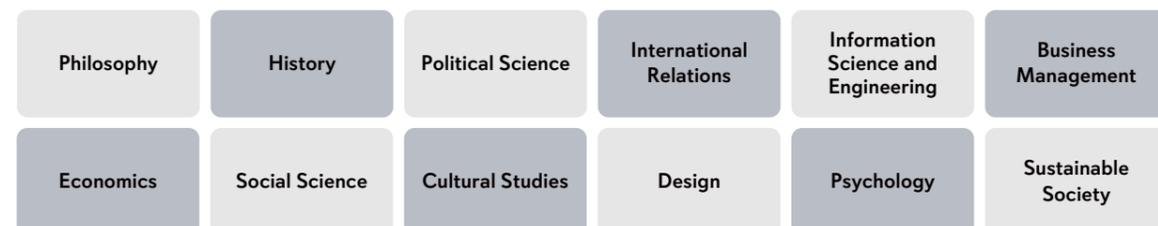
3 Years at RU in Japan + 1 Year at ANU in Australia

In this 4-year program, students spend 3 years in total at RU in Osaka and 1 year at ANU in Canberra. They learn from ANU faculty members based at RU's Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) before and after they travel to Australia to study. Upon their return to Japan, students continue taking ANU courses to complete their studies of Global Liberal Arts and Asia-Pacific Affairs.

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
April Enrollment	Spring 1	Fall 2	Spring 3	Fall 4	Spring 5	Fall 6	Spring 7	Fall 8
	RU Courses		RU+ANU Courses	ANU Courses		RU+ANU Courses		
September Enrollment	Fall 1	Spring 2	Fall 3	Spring 4	Fall 5	Spring 6	Fall 7	Spring 8
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Liberal Arts Education to Nurture Global Citizens

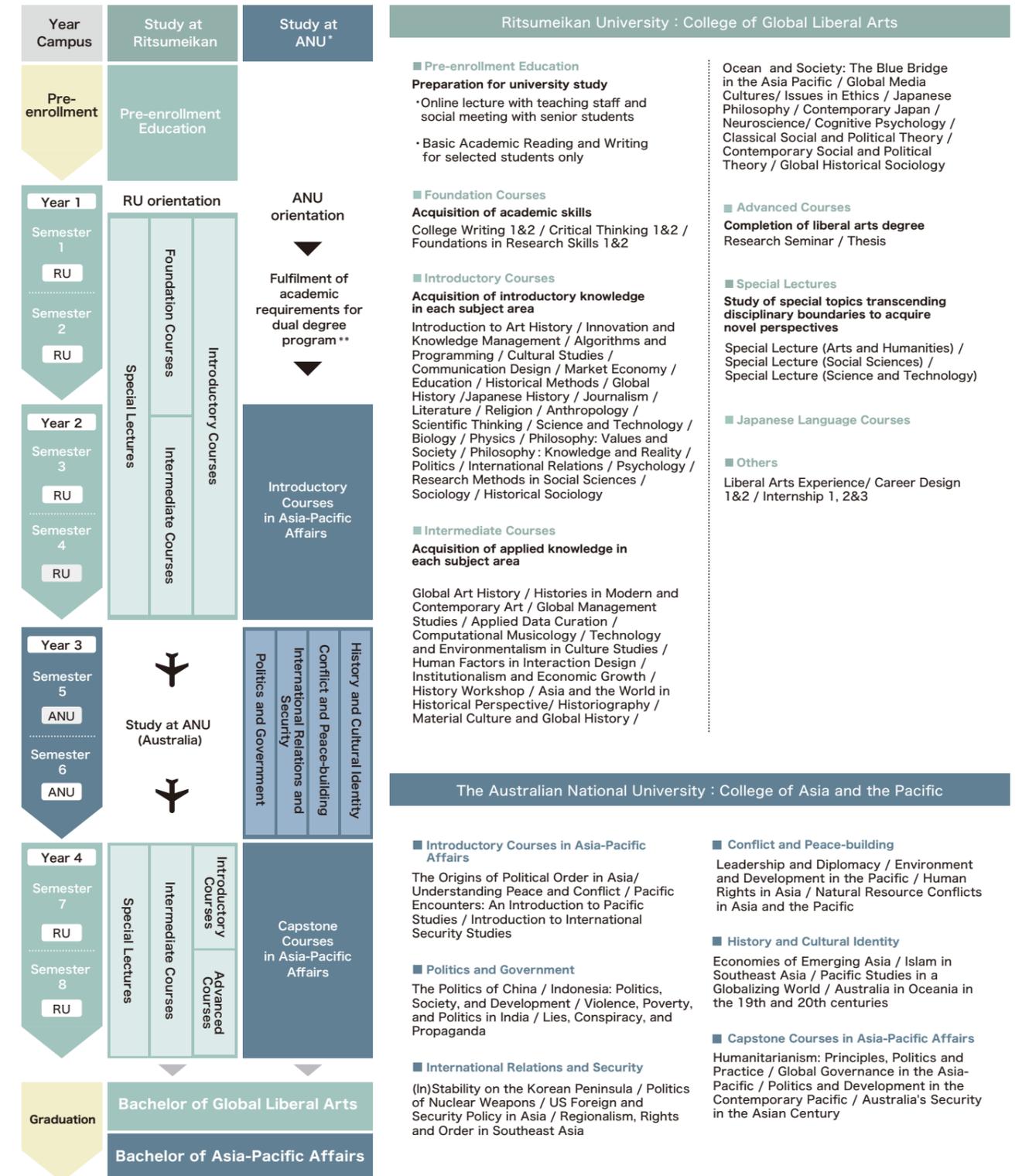
GLA provides students with a flexible yet rigorous interdisciplinary education through systematic exposure to fundamental knowledge from diverse disciplines. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be trained to apply their acquired knowledge for social development and problem solving.



CURRICULUM

College of Global Liberal Arts study flowchart (September enrollees)

* For more information, check the ANU website

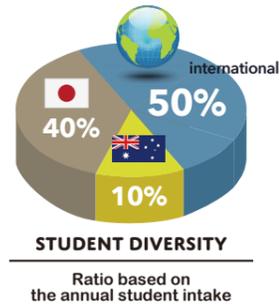


** To be eligible to take the Australian National University (ANU) courses, students must meet standards for academic ability. For more detail, please contact GLA office.

Learning at GLA

Truly international learning environment

GLA has 100 students per year, about 60% of whom are international students from around the world. 90 students start studying at RU and the remaining 10 at ANU. Outside of the classroom, both domestic and international students live in an on-campus dormitory built for GLA students. This international learning environment helps students develop cross-cultural communication skills.



All courses in small and interactive group



GLA courses take place through an active learning approach based on small groups of no more than 25. The program consists of a combination of lectures emphasizing communication with professors and tutorials centered on discussion and group work with other students from diverse international backgrounds.

Academic Advising Center (AAC) support for all students

GLA is committed to providing academic support to every student via the AAC. The mission of the AAC is to help students navigate the GLA curriculum and to make sure students remain on track for graduation, all through individual guidance.



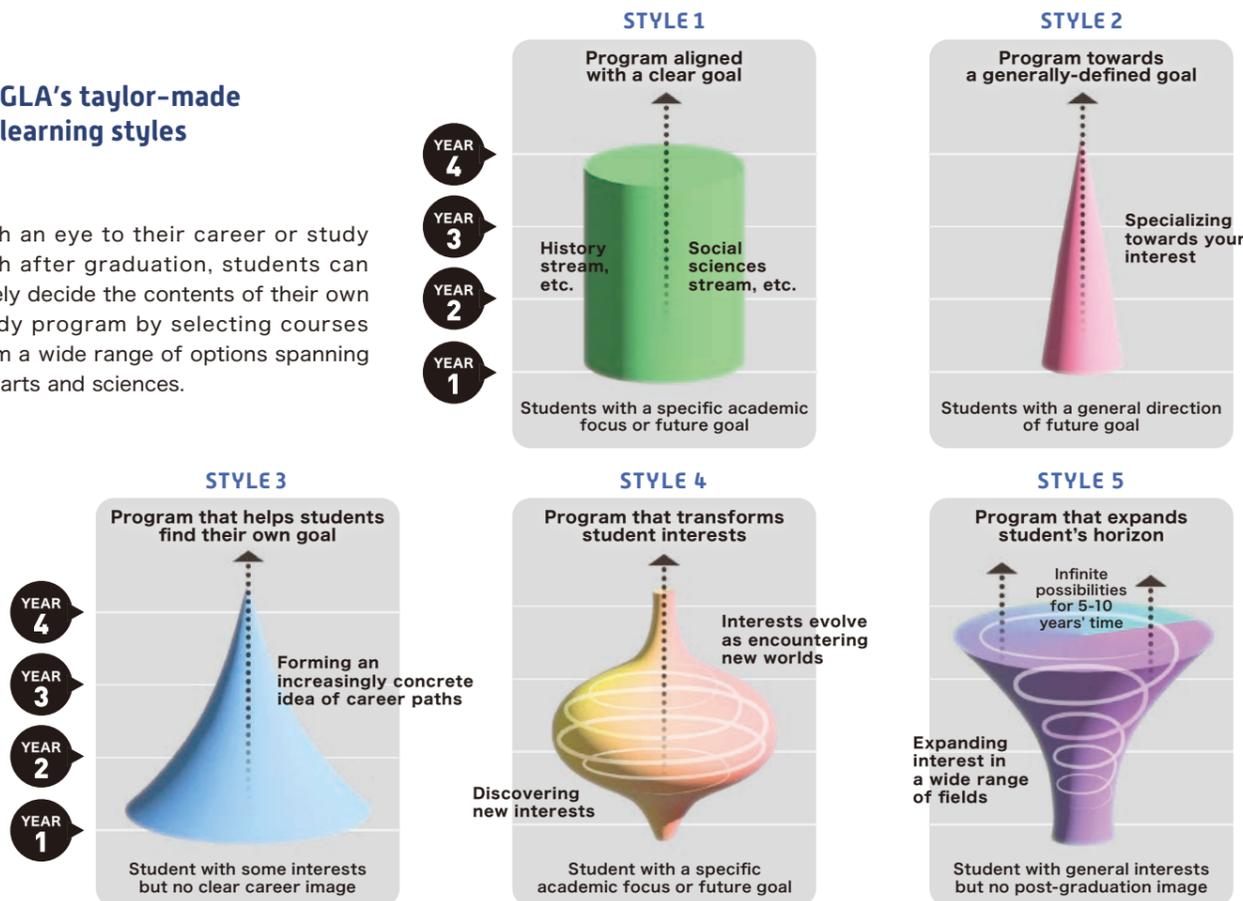
A wide range of advisors to help students



- Pre-Enrollment Navigators: To help you prepare for enrollment
- Academic Advisors: To advise you on study planning
- Writing Coaches: To help you acquire academic writing skills
- Career Advisors: To assist you with career planning for after graduation

GLA's tailor-made learning styles

With an eye to their career or study path after graduation, students can freely decide the contents of their own study program by selecting courses from a wide range of options spanning the arts and sciences.



Career

GLA's distinctive system of career support

To support each individual GLA student to realize their future ambition, GLA works in coordination with the Ritsumeikan Career Center to provide optimal individual career support throughout the four years. Specifically, our support includes Career Design1, where first-year students consider their future life plan in relation to their studies at GLA over the coming four years, internships in which students gain experience of working life, and Career Design2, where third-year students clarify their post-graduation career or study path in light of their studies at ANU and other experiences. These are designed to stimulate individual career awareness in a progressive and continuous manner.

GLA's independently developed system of career planning support



Prospective Career Path

GLA graduates can look to employment in global enterprises in Japan and overseas (IT businesses, trading companies, advertising agencies, consultancies, etc.) or continued study at top-ranking graduate schools in Japan and overseas. Further deepening their specialisms at graduate school will throw open the path to global careers in government agencies, international organizations, NGOs, and other activities at international level.



The Value of the Dual Degree Program – Understanding where we live

Kim Kunhee
AY2022 graduates of the College of Global Liberal Arts

Throughout the dual degree program, I was able to get a thorough understanding of the Indo-Pacific. Being aware of what is happening in the region cannot be done only by looking into political relations, but also requires understanding economic flows, technological developments, and cultural exchanges. My professors were very active in supporting me in these diverse areas of study, and through this I was able to acquire the knowledge I needed to understand the region. After graduating, I am continuing my studies at graduate school. I plan to use the expertise I have developed to work on the international stage as a diplomat.



Launch your own global career.

GLA graduates with the skills of communication, critical thinking, and problem solving developed through the Dual-Degree Program find their career in leading global companies. Some pursue graduate studies in prestigious universities.

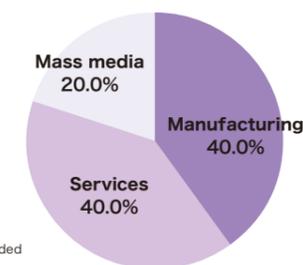
Career

AY2022 graduates career outcomes

Pursuing graduate studies

16.7%

* Numbers in the pie chart are rounded to the second decimal place.



AY2022 graduates' career paths include:

- Amazon Japan G.K.
- Kubota Corporation
- TERUMO CORPORATION
- DENTSU INC.
- PROGRIT Inc.

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WATCH ON YouTube

Interview videos with AY2022 graduates are available on the YouTube channel link below.

<https://youtube.com/@glaritsumeikanuniversity8299>



Live & Learn

OIC Global House for GLA students



Resident Mentor activities have deepened my understanding of diversity, and have helped me build better relationships with other people.

Raku Numagami
Second-year Student
Attended Katoh Gakuen Gyoshu Senior High School



The OIC Global House, located in the Wakebayashi International Plaza, is the student residence hall for GLA students. Residents from different countries talk and socialize with each other in the shared kitchen and dining areas as well as in the tatami living rooms. They quickly become friends as they watch TV together and play table tennis and billiards. In addition, because the OIC Global House is located on campus, you can go back to your room for a break between classes and have easy access to the library, cafeteria, and other on-campus facilities.

As a 2nd year student, I am now a Resident Mentor (RM), and my RM duties vary from providing language support to incoming residents at the bank and City Hall, to organizing Global House meetings to discuss better communal living. Through my RM activities, I have gained a better appreciation for student diversity and have become more understanding of others. When conflicts occasionally arise between residents, I am now able to see things from a broader perspective, and find solutions that are fair to everyone involved.

Although we were unable to organize social events during COVID-19, we are now enjoying the best of the international dormitory. Last year we had a Halloween party, watched the football World Cup on TV together, and were able to enjoy every day socializing together.

International Dormitory

A constant learning experience

OIC Global House is an international dormitory that forms part of the Wakebayashi International Plaza completed at the Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) in 2019. Many students of the College of Global Liberal Arts reside here to enjoy an experience of shared learning and shared living within the campus environment. Alongside 200 single bedrooms, the facility also offers a traditional tea room, a Japanese-style garden, a multipurpose hall with a Noh performance stage, and other spaces promoting diverse international encounters within a Japanese-themed cultural setting.



Faculty Members



Yuko Ishihara



Saeko Ogiso



Yasuko Hassall Kobayashi



Christopher Johnson



Helena Čapková



Christophe Thouny



Saeeda Batool



Miwa Hirono



Kayoko Fujita



Paul Haimes



Miki Horie



Ichiro Maekawa



Gian Powell Marquez



Noriko Yamagishi



Norihisa Yamashita



Huseyin Rasit

Scholarships

The two scholarships indicated below are open to GLA students studying at ANU in the Dual Degree Program.

Tuition Reduction for International Students with the "Student" Status of Residence

- 100% Reduction** - The amount of reduction will be notified with admission results.
- 50% Reduction**
- 20% Reduction** - Scholarship awards are based on merit: admissions results for the 1st year and academic grades for each year from the 2nd year onwards.

Scholarships Awarded to All Students Studying at ANU in the Dual Degree Program

- 1. College of Global Liberal Arts Scholarship for Study Abroad 700,000 JPY** - Though students can receive both scholarships at the same time, neither of them can be awarded in combination with other scholarships specified in RU policies.
- 2. Ritsumeikan University Study Abroad Challenge Scholarship 300,000 JPY** - These scholarships are awarded for the 1 year period at ANU.

The scholarship systems may be subject to change.

Tuition

In taking Dual Degree Program, tuition fees of ANU shall not be charged separately. However, travel expenses, dormitory fees, and living expenses, etc. in relation to taking the courses offered in Japan and Australia shall be paid by students.

Admission Fee and Tuition Fees 2023 Enrollees

(Unit : JPY)

Year 1				Year 2 and onwards		
Admission Fee	Tuition Fees for Spring Semester	Tuition Fees for Fall Semester	Total	Tuition Fees for Spring Semester	Tuition Fees for Fall Semester	Total
200,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	2,500,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	2,300,000

Miscellaneous Membership Fees 2023 Enrollees

(Unit : JPY)

Student Government Board		Parents Association of Student Education Assistance		Total
Registration Fee	Annual Membership Fee	Registration Fee	Annual Membership Fee	
3,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	23,000

*Membership fees for the Alumni Association and the Parents Association for Student Education Assistance are payable only in the first year of enrollment.