

Study Abroad Promotion Policy at Ritsumeikan University

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Ritsumeikan University is a private university located in Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, and forms part of the Ritsumeikan Trust, an integrated academy which consists of two universities (Ritsumeikan University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University), four senior and junior high schools, and one primary school, representing a total of 46,000 students. Based on its underlying principles of peace and democracy, Ritsumeikan University is serving the international community as a center of education, cutting-edge research, and global cooperation in the Asia Pacific region.

Ritsumeikan University actively accepts international students from many different countries to promote the internationalization of its education and research, by offering a wide variety of degree and non-degree programs designed for international students. Presently, more than 1,100 international students (undergraduate and graduate) from Asia, America, Europe, Oceania, and Africa are studying at Ritsumeikan University.

Ritsumeikan University has also been developing programs that would allow its domestic students to study abroad. These programs include Intercultural Programs, Ritsumeikan-UBC Academic Exchange Program, One Semester Study Abroad Programs, Dual Degree Programs, and so forth. During the 2007 Academic Year, approximately 1,400 Ritsumeikan students took part in such study abroad programs.

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The Spirit of Ritsumeikan

Founding Ethos

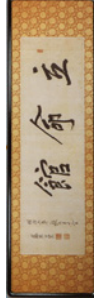
Freedom and Innovation

Advocated by Ritsumeikan founder Saionji Kinmochi, a member of the Japanese nobility known for his liberal and internationalist views. Saionji later served as prime minister of Japan.

Key Values Underlying Education

Peace and Democracy

The key values of Peace and Democracy underlying education at Ritsumeikan were adopted soon after Japan's defeat in World War II as Ritsumeikan committed itself to promoting these values under the leadership of Dr. Suekawa Hiroshi who served as university president through 1969.



History of Ritsumeikan Academy: The Past 140 Years

- **1869** Prince Saionji Kinmochi founds "Ritsumeikan" as a private academy.
- **1900** Nakagawa Kojiro establishes Kyoto Hosei School, an evening college of law.
- **1913** Nakagawa adopts the name "Ritsumeikan" upon consent from Saionji.
- **1945** Suekawa Hiroshi assumes university presidency to promote democratization.
- **1981** Campus moved within Kyoto from Crosstown Hirokoji to Kinugasa.
- **1985** Major reforms launched to introduce internationalization, information technology, and societal outreach.
- **1994** Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) established in Kusatsu City, east of Kyoto.
- **2000** Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) established as sister university in Beppu City, Oita Prefecture.
- **2004** School of Law is established at Kinugasa (later moved to Suzaku Campus in 2006)



Saionji Kinmochi



Nakagawa Kojiro

History of Ritsumeikan Academy: The Past 140 Years

- **2005** Graduate School of Technology Management is established at BKC.
- **2006** Suzaku Campus is established in Kyoto City's Nakagyo Ward. Ritsumeikan Moriyama Senior High School is established in Moriyama City, Shiga Prefecture. The Graduate School of Management is established at Suzaku Campus.
- **2007** Ritsumeikan Primary School is established in Kyoto's Kita Ward. The Graduate School of Management is established at Suzaku Campus. College of Image Arts and Sciences is established. Ritsumeikan Moriyama Junior High School is established in Moriyama City, Shiga Prefecture. The Graduate School of Public Policy is established at Suzaku Campus. Tokyo Campus is established.
- **2008** College of Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences are established at BKC.



Kinugasa Campus



Bivako-Kusatsu
Campus (BKC)



Suzaku Campus



Ritsumeikan Asia
Pacific University (APU)

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Ritsumeikan Academy

■ Ritsumeikan is a multi-disciplinary academic institution consisting of two universities, four campuses, eight affiliate primary and secondary schools and one elementary school, offering comprehensive education from elementary school to graduate school.

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      A[Ritsumeikan Elementary School (Founded April 2006)] --> B1[Ritsumeikan Junior High School]
      A --> B2[Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School]
      A --> B3[Ritsumeikan Keisho Junior High School]
      A --> B4[Ritsumeikan Moriyama Junior High School (Founded April 2007)]
      B1 --> C1[Ritsumeikan High School]
      B1 --> C2[Ritsumeikan Uji High School]
      B1 --> C3[Ritsumeikan Keisho High School]
      B1 --> C4[Ritsumeikan Moriyama High School (Founded April 2006)]
      C1 --> D1[Ritsumeikan University Undergraduate Colleges]
      C2 --> D1
      C3 --> D1
      C4 --> D1
      C1 --> D2[Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Undergraduate Colleges]
      C2 --> D2
      C3 --> D2
      C4 --> D2
      D1 --> E1[Ritsumeikan University (Graduate Schools)]
      D2 --> E2[Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Graduate Schools)]
  
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Campus & Office Locations

- Ritsumeikan Keisho Senior/Junior High School**
Ebetsu City, Hokkaido
- Ritsumeikan University, Biwako Kusatsu Campus**
Kusatsu City, Shiga Prefecture
- Ritsumeikan Elementary School**
Kita Ward, Kyoto City
- Ritsumeikan University, Kinugasa Campus**
Ritsumeikan University, Suzaku Campus
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University**
Beppu City, Oita Prefecture
- Osaka Office & satellite campus**
- Ritsumeikan Moriyama Senior/Junior High School**
Moriyama City, Shiga Prefecture
- Tokyo Campus**
- Ritsumeikan Senior/Junior High School**
Fushimi Ward, Kyoto City
- Ritsumeikan Uji Senior/Junior High School**
Uji City, Kyoto Prefecture

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Ritsumeikan University Kinugasa Campus

■ Approximately 18,000 students.

■ Locus of education and research in humanities and social sciences

■ Undergraduate Colleges (6) & Inter-Faculty Institute for International Studies
Law, Social Sciences, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, and Image Arts and Sciences

■ Graduate Schools (8)
Law, Sociology, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, Science for Human Services, Language Education & Information Sciences, and Core Ethics & Frontier Sciences

■ Research Institutes / centers (10)

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RITSUMEIKAN

Ritsumeikan University Biwako-Kusatsu Campus

■ Campus established in 1994 to combine technology with business and economics.

■ Approximately 17,000 students.

■ Undergraduate Colleges (6) & Integrated Institute of Arts & Science
Economics, Business Administration, Science & Engineering, Information Science & Engineering, Life Sciences, and Pharmaceutical Sciences

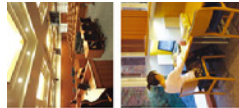
■ Graduate Schools (4)
Economics, Business Administration, Science & Engineering, and Technology Management

■ Research Institutes / centers (20)

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Ritsumeikan University **Suzaku Campus**

- Campus established in 2006 as a local and global center of knowledge.
- Diverse and high level professional graduate schools and University headquarters.
- Graduate Schools (3)
Law, Management, Public Policy



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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

- Founded in April 2000 in Beppu City, Oita Prefecture.
- Approximately 5300 students, with 50% coming from eighty-two countries/areas outside of Japan
- Bilingual institution: courses taught in English & Japanese
- Undergraduate Colleges (2)
Asia Pacific Studies, Asia Pacific Management
- Graduate Schools (2)
Asia Pacific Studies Management (MBA Program)
- Research institutes / centers (2)



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The Ritsumeikan Global Network

- Building academic ties with universities and educational/ research institutes around the world.
- Collaborative relationships with 349 universities and educational / research institutes in 57 countries and areas. -As of March 2008-



■ Overseas offices in Vancouver, Seoul, Jakarta, Shanghai

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Catching up with International Education (1)

Year	Program/Event	Starting Year Statistics Faculty and Staff: >10	2007 Statistics Faculty and Staff: 60
1985	International Center opened	91 students to 3 institutions in 2 countries	287 students to 13 institutions in 12 countries & areas
1986	Intercultural Programs launched	4 institutions in 4 countries	331 institutions in 56 countries & areas
1986	General Agreements of Cooperation Initiated	6 faculty members	111 faculty members
1986	Employment of Non-Japanese Faculty Members	60 students	888 students
1986	Enrollment of Degree-Seeking International Students through Special Purpose Entrance Exams (with Japanese language requirement)	4 students to 2 institutions in 1 country	94 students to 54 institutions in 18 countries & areas
1987	Student Exchange begun (Outbound)	6 students from 4 institutions in 3 countries	115 students from 60 institutions in 18 countries & areas
1988	Student Exchange begun (Inbound)		
1988	Faculty of International Relations Founded		

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Catching up with International Education (2)

Year	Program/Event	Starting Year Statistics	2007 Statistics
1989	Japanese Language and Culture Program Launched (Inbound)	16 students	128 students
1991	Ritsumeikan-UBC Academic Exchange Program started	100 students	101 students
1992	Sub-Major Programs in Foreign Languages begun	272 students in 4 languages	643 students in 6 languages
1994	Dual Undergraduate Degree Program with American University, Washington, DC, Launched	26 students	35 students
2000	APU founded		
2000	ARISE 2000 initiated		
2001	Study Abroad Program, Inter-faculty Institute for International Studies begun	61 students to 5 institutions in 5 countries	171 students to 9 institutions in 7 countries
2004	4-year Project initiated for expanding student mobility Programs		

Promotion of Study Abroad among domestic students

Developing International Education Programs that would allow 20% of undergraduate enrolment to study abroad until their graduation

→ Approx. 1,600 undergraduate students per year!

How?

By providing our domestic students with...

1. A wide variety of Programs

Categorizing programs according to...

Language level, Duration, Contents, Expected outcomes etc.

2. Scholarships offered by university

392 Million Yen (As of 2007)

3. College-based Programs (Independent Overseas Programs)

Discipline-related study contents
Successully meet individual needs of students from each college

Categorizing Study Abroad Programs NO.1

■ "Introductory" Programs

Intercultural Program (5 weeks)

Various courses in English, German, French, Spanish, Chinese and Korean speaking countries.

Ritsumeikan - Boston University, English Seminar Program (5 weeks)

Ritsumeikan – Showa Boston "Culture and Society Survey" Program (5 weeks)

Categorizing Study Abroad Programs NO.2

- “Intermediate” Programs
 - Ritsumeikan UBC Academic Exchange Program (8 months)**
Dispatch one hundred students each year for the program co-developed with University of British Columbia, Canada.
 - Ritsumeikan - University of Washington, 1 Semester Program**
Ritsumeikan - Macquarie University, 1 Semester Program
 - Ritsumeikan – Simmons College, “USA and South East Asia” Program (5 weeks)**

International Institute, Overseas Program (5 weeks)

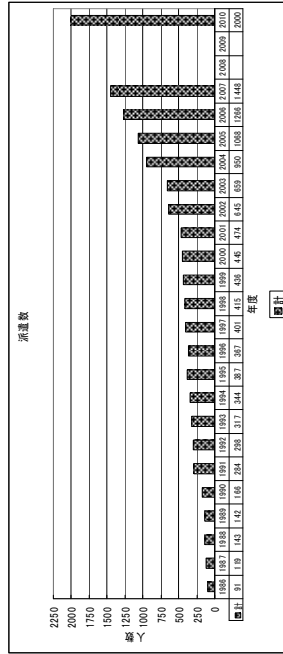
Various courses in English and practical field studies in the world.

Independent overseas programs offered through each college (2~4weeks)

Categorizing Study Abroad Programs NO.3

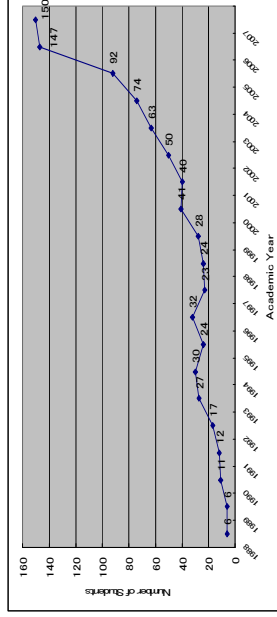
- “Advanced” Programs
 - Ritsumeikan University – American University Dual Degree Program (2 years)**
Can obtain dual undergraduate degree from Ritsumeikan & American University, Washington D.C., in four years.
 - Student Exchange Program (1 year)**
Students can take regular classes in their specialty at more than 90 universities around the world.

Growing Number of Outbound students



Study in Kyoto Program (SKP)

- Non-Degree Seeking Students at Ritsumeikan University**
- Students mainly from Ritsumeikan’s partner institutions
 - Students who share an interest in Japan
 - Good combination of Japanese language courses and Japanese cultural studies



Japan and World Perspectives Program (JWP)

- Adopted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in the category of "Cultivating the Ability to Use English in the Workforce" for the "2004 Program to Support Efforts to Meet Contemporary Education Needs".
- Mixture of lecture, tutorial, and discussion in English
- Japanese students and Study in Kyoto Program students learn together in the same classroom environment



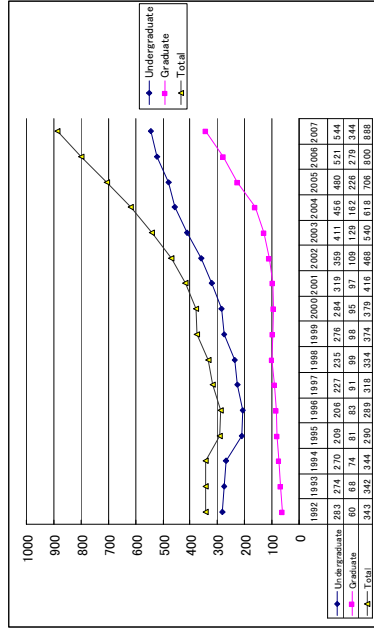
Ritsumeikan Summer Japanese Program (RSJP)

- Comprehensive introduction to Japanese language and culture
- Intensive Japanese language classes
- Academic fieldwork
- Cultural extracurricular activities



Degree Seeking International Students at Ritsumeikan University

■ RU accepts more than 800 regular international students each year.



Graduate School Programs Offered in English

Degree Programs Offered in English

- Master's / Doctoral Programs in International Technology & Management at the Graduate School of Science and Engineering
- Global Cooperation Program (M.A.) at the Graduate School of International Relations
- Master's Program in Economic Development at the Graduate School of Economics
- M.A. in Regional Policy and Planning at the Graduate School of Policy Science

Full Scholarship Opportunities

- Japanese Government (Ministry of Education) Scholarships
- Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Program (JICA- Japan International Cooperation Agency)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) Scholarship

Non-Degree Graduate Program

- International Advanced Studies Program

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