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**Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University**  
**Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies**

**Graduate School code: 40**

**Web site:** <http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/>

1. Graduate School code	40	
2. Maximum number of participants	<b>13</b> Participants per year •8 Participants per year : International Cooperation Policy(ICP) •5 Participants per year : Asia Pacific Studies(APS)	
3. Fields of Study	■Environmental Science    □Marine Science    □Meteorology ■Natural Disaster/ Disaster Prevention Science    ■Tourism    ■Politics ■Economics    ■Sociology    □Education    □Engineering □Agriculture (incl. Fisheries)    □Geology    □ICT    ■Medical Science ■Others( International Relations, Society and Culture, International Public Administration, Sustainability Science )	
Sub Fields		
4. Program and Degree	<b>Program</b>	■ <b>Master's in International Cooperation Policy</b> • International Public Administration (IPA) • Public Health Management (PHM) • Sustainability Science (SS) • Tourism and Hospitality (TH) • Development Economics (DE) ■ <b>Master's in Asia Pacific Studies</b> • International Relations (IR) • Society and Culture (SC)
	<b>Degree</b>	Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies
5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)	<b>2 years as a Master's Student</b> * Period of Enrollment: In principle, a student must be enrolled as a regular, full-time student in the Master's Program for 2 years. However, the degree may also be granted to outstanding students in less than 2 years. In this case, the minimum period of full-time enrollment is 1 year. Those interested in completing in (1 or 1.5years) should consult with a supervisor upon entry to the Graduate School	
6. Language of Program	(1) Lecture: English only (2) Text: English only (3) Seminar: English only	
7. Desirable English level and Necessary Academic background	<b>Linguistic Ability</b>	(1) TOEFL® Official Score Report iBT80 / PBT 550 points or above. (2) IELTS (Academic) Test Report Form 6.0 or above. (3) TOEIC® Official Score Report 780 points or above. (4) PTE Academic Score Report 50 points or above. For further details please refer to the following Admission Office of APU HP: <a href="http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/">http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/</a>
	<b>EJU, IELTS, GRE or else</b>	If you are taking or have taken the GRE® test, you can have your score forwarded directly to Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). Our GRE® Institution Code number is 7116. Test results are valid for five years from the test date. If you do not currently

		have a GRE® score, or taking this exam poses significant difficulties for you, we will accept your application without it. For more information regarding how and where to take the GRE® test, please refer to the following website: <a href="http://www.gre.org">http://www.gre.org</a>
<b>8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)</b>		
<b>9. Website</b>	(1) Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies <a href="http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/course_graduate/">http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/course_graduate/</a> (2) Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University: <a href="http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/?">http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/?</a>	
<b>10. Professors and Associate Professors</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Research Subject, Contact (e-mail), Special message for the Future students</b>
	Contact Address	To: <a href="mailto:grad@apu.ac.jp">grad@apu.ac.jp</a> Cc: <a href="mailto:yio41648@apu.ac.jp">yio41648@apu.ac.jp</a>  Please check the following URL for a list of faculty in the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies  <a href="https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academics/gsa_master/faculty/">https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academics/gsa_master/faculty/</a>
	Special message for the Future students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Faculty and students from 86 countries and regions around the world (2,947 out of the total 5,887 students are international students)</li> <li>● Fully accredited by the Japanese Government and partnered with leading universities worldwide</li> <li>● All programs conducted in English – Japanese language ability not required</li> <li>● Cutting edge educational facilities in an area of breathtaking natural beauty</li> </ul> <p>APU's graduate faculty members have diverse backgrounds and work experience in fields such as development aid, international relations and sustainable development, and come from many countries and regions such as Japan, Australia, Philippines, Singapore, US, Germany, and Thailand. Furthermore, APU has successfully integrated diverse applicants from all over the world. Graduates from this school will possess specialized knowledge in administration, environment, and development economics and have the practical problem-solving skills required for development in the Asia Pacific region.</p>
<b>11. Features of University</b>	<p><b><u>History</u></b></p> <p>Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) is one of the few international higher education institutions in Japan. APU was founded in April 2000 through the collaboration of three parties, namely Oita Prefecture, Beppu City and the Ritsumeikan Trust, which is one of the oldest and most distinguished private non-profit educational institutions in Japan. APU's values are based on a vision of freedom, peace, humanity, and the enhancement of international mutual understanding in the Asia Pacific region. Although APU was established only 15 years ago, it has already gained recognition as one of the most international university in Japan with a strong international orientation in its aims, educational programs, teaching faculty, administrative staff, and its enrolled students coming from all over the world.</p>	



### **Location**

APU is located on the outskirts of Beppu City (population of approximately 120,000) in Oita Prefecture in Kyushu, the southernmost island of the main Japanese archipelago. Beppu is one of Japan's most popular tourist destinations, being the home of the world's second largest outflow of hot springs, and approximately 1.2 million tourists visit Beppu every year. The large international students population and constant influx of visitors make Beppu one of the most lively and cosmopolitan cities in Japan.

### **APU as an International University**

APU provides education to 5,887 students, of which 2,947 (50%) are foreign students from 86 different countries and regions, thus creating a truly multi-cultural environment on its campus. Among these students, 82 are enrolled in the Master's Course of our Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies. APU graduate programs are conducted entirely in English, while all undergraduate programs are taught on a bilingual English-Japanese basis.

### **List of APU students by country:**

<http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/content57/>

### **Special Features**

APU strives to play an important role in the academics of the Asia Pacific region. Despite its short history, APU has already welcomed Nobel Laureates Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Prof. Amartya Sen and Prof. Lee Yuan Tseh for keynote lectures, and has hosted major academic events in collaboration with the United Nations, ASEAN, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Asia Pacific Water Forum. APU has also invited corporate executives of leading multinational companies to speak and interact with students on campus.

Here is a list of past visitors:

<http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/content170/>

Our graduate schools have already gained acclaim by being selected for prestigious scholarship programs offered by the World Bank, the Asia Development Bank, the Indonesian Government (PHRDP-III) and the Japanese Government. APU's innovative approach to education has repeatedly been recognized under the Japanese Government's "Good Practice" (GP) award. Also, APU was recently placed in the Top 25 Universities list for the 2017 Japan University Ranking by the Times Higher Education.

Please refer to: <http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/content177/>

As our profile grows both in Japan and the world, APU graduate students will have more and more opportunities to come face-to-face with some of the top decision-makers in this region, while gaining a broader exposure for their own research. We value diversity and warmly

	<p>welcome all those who have a desire to play an active role in fostering international cooperation and sustainable development.</p> <p>Over 300 Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) students have studied at APU until now, along with many other dispatched government officials from around the world. Our graduates have gone on to work at embassies in Japan, various ministries and agencies, and the ASEAN Secretariat. Several graduates have already become the minister of a government agency in their countries. APU takes pride in sending out graduates that can contribute to the development of their countries after studying here. Video clips of APU and our SNS links can be found through the “University Publicity” page at the following link:  <a href="http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/">http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/</a></p>
<p><b>12 . Features of Graduate School</b></p>	<p><b>■Master’s in International Cooperation Policy (ICP)</b>  The Asia Pacific region and the international community as a whole are facing many urgent issues which need to be addressed in order to ensure equitable development and sustainable environments. The International Cooperation Policy Master’s program provides students with policy-oriented and practical advice, drawing on diverse fields to train creative professionals who can understand complex challenges from multiple perspectives and formulate feasible solutions with integrative approaches from global, regional, and local perspectives. Such training will improve practical skills and knowledge to plan, implement, and evaluate projects, and thereby contribute to organizations that work closely with and in developing nations. As the program attracts students of diverse backgrounds from all over the world, students easily develop extensive personal networks during their course of studies. Such networks serve as valuable assets even after graduation. Graduates of this program work in industries in or dealing with the Asia Pacific region, national and local governments in Japan and around the world, development agencies, and other regional and international organizations.</p> <p><b>■Master’s in Asia Pacific Studies(APS)</b>  Many people regard the 21st century as the “Asia Pacific century” as a result of the region’s continuous and robust growth. The region’s prominence can be witnessed through its increasing political power in the G-20 and economic interdependence that boosts steady growth. Such economic interdependence leads to close socioeconomic interactions among the people of the region. 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. The program encourages students to analyze complicated and ever-changing socio-cultural conditions and international issues, pursue feasible solutions to challenges the region is facing and pave a path to a prosperous future for the region. Students accumulate professional knowledge and insights, interpret complex facts in objective and systematic manners and provide insightful solutions to problems. Graduates of this program can pursue careers as thinktank researchers, university teaching staff, in nongovernmental organizations/non-profit organizations (NGOs/NPOs), private companies, as well as central/local government agencies in Japan and around the world. A number of our graduates choose to stay on and pursue further research through APU’s doctoral course.</p>
<p><b>*APU has a long history and deep relation with universities from the Pacific Islands region. APU has produced a large number of graduates who have gone on to become ambassadors to Japan their countries and have substantially strengthened the</b></p>	<p><b>■Master’s in International Cooperation Policy (ICP)</b>  Students can select one of the following five divisions for their specialization: International Public Administration, Public Health Management, Sustainability Science, Tourism &amp; Hospitality and Development Economics. They are required to take analytical foundation courses, core courses on the Asia Pacific region, division specific courses and research oriented seminar courses, and submit a master’s thesis or a research report in order to complete their course. Furthermore, current topics are introduced through special study series courses. Some of the subjects are provided jointly with our MBA program for more</p>

<p>relations between both regions. There are 32 students from the Pacific Islands now enrolled in APU (Fiji 11, Samoa 10, Tonga 7, Micronesia 1, Marshall Islands 1, Vanuatu 1, Solomon Islands 1), a fact that can guarantee that APU is able to receive and comprehensively support students life from this region.</p> <p>Also, our admissions representative visits the region every year and has solid understanding of the regional issues, therefore, is able to provide meticulous advice.</p> <p>We hope that this message provides reassurance to prospective students that they can come to APU without any worries. There is also a network of APU graduates in the region which we hope they can be part of and make use of even after graduation.</p>	<p>effective professional development.</p> <p>This course is designed in such a way that students can develop multidisciplinary knowledge under the tutelage of multinational faculty members who possess both professional and academic experience. In order to take full advantage of such an environment, students are encouraged to engage actively in various activities in the program. Additionally, numerous seminars and workshops are organized throughout the year. There are many opportunities for students to participate in the exchange of ideas, information and expertise with academics, experts, business executives, policy makers, and senior administrators.</p> <p><b>International Public Administration (IPA):</b> The International Public Administration division aims to provide knowledge and skills to students interested in pursuing and advancing careers in national and international governmental organizations in an era of increasing globalization. This division enables students to improve professional and practical skills in order to manage and evaluate administrative operations and policies in national, regional and global settings. The major courses in this division relate to international organizations, international cooperation policy and public administration. These courses form the foundation upon which each student can further build more focused study depending on their intended policy fields.</p> <p><b>Public Health Management (PHM):</b> The Public Health Management division teaches students three fundamental skills: skills in budget management, finance, economics and accounting of healthcare costs; skills in epidemiology, health statistics and research methodology as well as information management; and skills in public health, mainly preventive medicine and environmental health. This division puts emphasis on economic, financial and administrative management of healthcare services in both the public and private sectors, while preserving the standard foundations of conventional public health education. Moreover, it encourages students at an early stage to focus on healthcare case studies that relate to significant issues in the Asia Pacific region. They start by reviewing current health issues as reflected in research papers and by raising research questions with policy implications. This aspect of teaching and research is a strategic approach applied throughout the length of the program.</p> <p><b>Sustainability Science (SS):</b> Sustainability Science is the application of science towards achieving the goals of sustainable development. It is about using science in the analysis, planning and implementation of policies and actions dealing with interactions between society and nature, with a view to create a sustainable future for all. It 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 resilience and sustainability. Students are expected to gain a holistic perspective, integrative skills and trans disciplinary orientation as they engage in analyzing and managing population-resource-technology-institution interactions relevant to particular problems or ecological settings, both human-made and natural.</p> <p><b>Tourism and Hospitality (TH):</b> Tourism is a fast growing economic sector that is transforming societies and communities in the Asia Pacific region. The Tourism and Hospitality division looks at various aspects of tourism (both mass tourism and alternative tourism) and their economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts on societies and communities through the lenses of culture and social sciences. 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</p>
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academic/professional skills obtained from this division are useful for students who seek employment opportunities in government service, international organizations and private corporations, as well as to those who seek to pursue further studies.

**Development Economics (DE):**

The Development Economics division is aimed at students interested in socio-economic issues faced by the developing world. Study in this division enables students to improve their critical and analytical skills in development economics, including industrial development, social development, political development, rural development and poverty alleviation, as well as enhancing their professional and practical skills related to international development. This division also aims to enhance research skills in this field for those who wish to pursue further studies. 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.

**■ Master's in Asia Pacific Studies (APS)**

A broad range of issues are addressed in the two divisions: International Relations and Society & Culture. The courses taught under this program consist of four pillars: analytical foundation courses, core courses on the Asia Pacific region, division specific courses and research oriented intensive seminar courses. Most courses are run on a quarterly basis, each lasting approximately two months.

This program nurtures students' research skills, including the ability to formulate frameworks for analyses, collect and analyze data and test arguments and hypotheses. Students are expected to conduct research under a specific theme in a systematic manner throughout their studies.

At the end of the program, students must submit a thesis or report on a theme of their choice, which they have developed under personal guidance from their supervisors in the seminar courses run throughout the program. In the process of thesis/report writing, they are encouraged to conduct field surveys in the Asia Pacific region. The graduate school provides financial support for these field surveys. APU organizes numerous seminars and conferences and invites prominent scholars and researchers to share on their fields of expertise. Students are encouraged to sharpen their research ideas by taking advantage of these opportunities.

**International Relations (IR)**

The International Relations division is aimed at expanding students' empirical knowledge base and sharpening their analytical and theoretical thinking in regard to social, economic, political and security phenomena in the globalizing world. The courses in this division provide a useful knowledge base for both academic-bound students and practice-bound students with intended careers in security, diplomacy and media. The major courses in this division include international security, international political economy, international law and conflict resolution. Students are allowed to choose subfield(s) to focus on in preparation for their thesis or report writing.

**Society and Culture (SC)**

The Asia Pacific is one of the most rapidly developing regions in recent decades. To capture the patterns of social and cultural changes that are 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 or communication and media studies. Knowledge concerning social and cultural backgrounds of the countries in the region enables students to

have greater employment opportunities in governments as well as industrial, commercial and academic institutes.

#### 14. Academic Schedule

Reference: 2017-2018 Academic Calendar (Tentative)

Date (Month) (Day)	Targeted students	Event & things to-do
Orientation Period in September		
9 16	everyone	Move into AP House (Dormitory) (-18)
9 22	everyone	Orientation and Class Registration(-Oct. 3)
9 25	everyone	Entrance Ceremony
9 26	Pacific-LEADS Scholars	Academic Writing Training (-Oct. 4)
Fall Semester		
10 4	everyone	1st Quarter Starts
10 end	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Supervisor is appointed
11 22	everyone	1st Quarter Final Exam (-24)
11 29	everyone	2nd Quarter Starts
12 23	everyone	Winter Holidays (-1/8)
2 1	everyone	2nd Quarter Final Exam (-6)
2 8	everyone	Winter Session (-12)
2 17	everyone	Spring Holidays Begin
		Research Proposal Submission
Spring Semester		
3 26	everyone	Class Registration (-27)
4 9	everyone	1st Quarter Starts
5 28	everyone	1st Quarter Final Exam (-30)
6 4	everyone	2nd Quarter Starts
6 15	Final Semester	<u>Research Projects Submission</u>
7 23	everyone	2nd Quarter Final Exam (-27)
7 29	everyone	Summer Session (-8/2)
8 3	everyone	Summer Holidays Begin
9 14	Final Semester	Graduation Ceremony (Mid-September)

#### 15. Supporting service to International Students

##### International Students Support Center for Consulting or counseling about daily life, campus life, cross-cultural adjustment etc.

Because international students compose about half of the total student population, APU does not maintain a separate international student support center but instead integrates support for international students into its overall structure, including academics, student life and careers. The campus is completely Japanese-English bilingual and English language is used every day—not only among the graduate school faculty but also in the admissions, academic and student life offices and the student dormitories. The university as a whole accepts international students and provides a comfortable environment for them to pursue their research. As detailed below, a health clinic and counseling room are also available.

**Health Clinic**  
 Located on-campus, the Health Clinic provides comprehensive health and medical support to the student body. In addition to first aid for sickness and injuries, the clinic can also refer students to an appropriate specialist or hospital as required.

**Counseling Room**  
 The Counseling Room offers students a place to go when they are feeling unsure or anxious about their student life at APU. Counselors are there to help students find a way to work through their issues and to support student development. Counseling services are available free of charge in English, Japanese, Korean and Chinese. Counseling is absolutely confidential.



	Please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> for details.
<b>Provision of Student Dormitory</b>	<p><b><u>Student Dormitory</u></b></p> <p>All incoming graduate students are guaranteed a room in one of APU's student housing facilities, AP House 4, which will help them adapt to their new life in Japan and to concentrate on their studies. All rooms are equipped with basic facilities, including internet access. At AP House 4, experienced students selected as Resident Assistants (RAs) are available to provide help and support to residents. AP House 4 is located off-campus in downtown Beppu and it takes about thirty minutes to campus by bus.</p> <p>If students wish to live in different off-campus housing or if they are coming with their family, they can find other affordable options in the form of private apartments and shared student housing. The cost of rent in Beppu is considerably lower than most other Japanese cities. Additionally, students can get assistance in locating and renting accommodations from Creotech, a university-affiliated company.</p>
<b>Japanese Language Education Program for International Students</b>	<p>The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies at APU offers Japanese classes as electives based on proficiency.</p> <p>Please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> for details.</p>
<b>Cultural Activities</b>	<p><b><u>Multicultural Week</u></b></p> <p>Every year during the spring and fall semesters, APU hosts a series of "Multicultural Weeks". During each week the spotlight is put on one of the many countries and regions represented on campus and that country's culture and language are introduced and celebrated through a range of student-led events and activities. A variety of weeks are organized by international students from different countries. There is also an Oceania Week collectively celebrating the diverse cultures and languages on the region. Both students and locals are able to experience original recipes, exhibitions and cultural performances on campus.</p> <p><b><u>Tenku Campus Festival</u></b></p> <p>The APU campus festival, Tenkusai, began in 2003, the first year the University had students in each college year. Featuring ethnic food stalls, traditional dances, colorful performing arts, displays from student volunteer circles, and much more, the Tenkusai festival always manages to draw a massive crowd. Held over two days in the fall semester, Tenkusai ends on a bang with an impressive fireworks display finale.</p> <p>Please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> for details.</p>
<b>Any special attention to Religious Practice</b>	<p>The cafeteria provides not only ethnic and halal food but also a vegetarian menu.</p> <p>Please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> for details.</p>
<b>Facilities (Library etc)</b>	<p>APU provides certain facilities exclusively for graduate students, including a spacious common room, separate computer lab, and a lounge for graduate students. There are approximately 2,000 high-speed internet connections available.</p> <p>The APU library has an extensive collection of publications in English and Japanese. Students can easily borrow books from all universities within the Ritsumeikan Trust and pick them up at the APU counter. A wide range of academic journals and other useful publications is also available through online databases. The library is open from 8:30 to 24:00 (Class Days).</p> <p>Other on-campus facilities include a cafeteria and cafe catering to a wide range of dietary requirements, a general store and a bookshop. In terms of athletics, APU has a gym, weight training room, tennis and basketball courts, a soccer field, track, and other facilities.</p>



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Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.	
<b>16. Message to Prospective International Students</b>	
<b>Message from University</b>	<p>At APU's Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, we provide you with unique and exciting challenges and opportunities to develop your potential as a scholar, professional, and person who aspires to change the world for the better. Our interdisciplinary programs, offered in English, emphasize innovation and relevance. Our world-class faculty, distinguished in their training, research, and work experience, exemplify leadership, creativity, and excellence.</p> <p>Our vibrant learning environment, diverse and multicultural, encourages mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation. Join us in our mission to have a positive impact on our world. Jumpstart your journey with us: deepen your critical understanding of pressing issues and concerns; learn advanced theoretical and practical knowledge and skills; explore and push the boundaries of knowledge through research; develop friendships and networks with people from all over the world; and learn how to be more responsible for yourself, for others, and for our world.</p> <p>Dr. Robert Anthony C. Salazar Dean – Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies</p> <p><b>*APU has a long history and deep relation with universities from the Pacific Islands region. APU has produced a large number of graduates who have gone on to become ambassadors to Japan their countries and have substantially strengthened the relations between both regions.</b></p> <p><b>There are 32 students from the Pacific Islands now enrolled in APU (Fiji 11, Samoa 10, Tonga 7, Micronesia 1, Marshall Islands 1, Vanuatu 1, Solomon Islands 1), a fact that can guarantee that APU is able to receive and comprehensively support students life from this region.</b></p> <p><b>Also, our admissions representative visits the region every year and has solid understanding of the regional issues, therefore, is able to provide meticulous advice.</b></p> <p><b>We hope that this message provides reassurance to prospective students that they can come to APU without any worries. There is also a network of APU graduates in the region which we hope they can be part of and make use of even after graduation.</b></p>
<b>Voice of International Students</b>	<p>■<b>Voice of Student : International Cooperation Policy (ICP)</b></p> <p>I am currently studying development economics at APU. In addition to learning about the economy, this division allows me to discover more about the history, culture and traditions of the Asia Pacific region. Being able to draw parallels with different countries and cultures is a vital skill that will enable me to contribute to the sustainable development of my country. In my seminar class, we do presentations and have vibrant discussions about our research projects. These discussions are further enriched by valuable inputs from our supervisor and idea sharing with Ph.D. students. Individual assignments also help us to hone our personal research and analytical skills. At APU, I have learned how to think globally and act locally.</p>

■Voice of Student : Asia Pacific Studies(APS)

My main area of study at APU is Japanese society and visual media. I am currently researching Harajuku subculture, delving into factors that influence the unique clothing of people in Harajuku and the role of institutions in this phenomenon. This year I plan to publish my second paper on this topic. Classes at APU are small, thus allowing us to interact, share our opinions and actively debate the various topics we are tackling. This has helped me to develop my research as I get to discover different perspectives thanks to the multicultural diversity of APU. In the future, I hope to pursue a Ph.D. and become a professor and researcher.

\* Need to submit the original of University Graduation Certificate (s) and Academic Transcripts before enrollment.