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Graduate School of Management

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1. Graduate School code	41	
2. Maximum number of participants	5 Participants per year	
3. Fields of Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science <input type="checkbox"/> Meteorology <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Disaster/ Disaster Prevention Science <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Politics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture (incl. Fisheries) <input type="checkbox"/> Geology <input type="checkbox"/> ICT <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others(Business Administration)	
Sub Fields		
4. Program and Degree	Program	Japanese Management Course Accounting and Finance Course Marketing and Management Course Innovation and Operations Management Course
	Degree	Master's Degree in Master of Business Administration
5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)	2 years as a Master's Student * 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 1.5 year. Those interested in completing in 1.5year 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	Linguistic Ability	(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: http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/
	EJU, IELTS, GRE or else	Please submit a satisfactory GMAT score unless you have solid full time work experience of at least three years, preferably related to your desired major.
8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)		
9. Website	(1) Graduate School of Management http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate (2) Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/	
10. Professors and Associated Professors	Name	Research Subject, Contact (e-mail), Special message for the Future students

	<p>Contact Address</p>	<p>To: grad@apu.ac.jp Cc: yio41648@apu.ac.jp</p> <p>Please check the following URL for a list of faculty in the Graduate School of Management</p> <p>https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academics/mba/faculty/</p>
	<p>Special message for the Future students</p>	<p>At APU's Graduate School of Management (MBA), 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>We look forward to welcoming you as a member of our diverse and exciting campus.</p>
<p>11. Features of University</p>	<p><u>History</u></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> <div data-bbox="523 1615 882 2101" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><u>Location</u></p> <p>APU is located on the outskirts of Beppu City (population of approximately 120,000) in Oita</p>	

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, 64 are enrolled in the Master's Course of our Graduate School of Management. 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/>

The Top Executive Lecture Series

Major figures in the political and business world are invited to APU to give talks in the Top Executives Lecture Series about current topics in the Asia Pacific Region and the world. This lecture series gives students concrete ideas about the kinds of issues facing the Asia Pacific Region, what kind of skills are needed to survive in today's competitive job market, and how to shape their future career.

<http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/career/content2/>

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. APU was also 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.

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 a 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:

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

<p>12 . Features of Graduate School</p>	<p>GSM Mission <i>Based on the vision of freedom, peace, and humanity, international mutual understanding, and the future shape of the Asia Pacific region, The Mission of GSM is to cultivate creative well-rounded professionals and leaders who will play a central role in resolving management issues at globalizing enterprises and other organizations by imparting advanced management skills, a good understanding of business ethics and a deep insight into globalization.</i></p> <p>At the Graduate School of Management, we focus on learning about the Japanese style of management based on an understanding of the fundamental theories and principals of international business and management. It is the only graduate school of its kind where you can study Japanese-style management in an all-English curriculum.</p> <p>So, you might ask, why should we study Japanese-style management? In the wake of defeat in the Second World War, Japan not only recovered, it achieved an economic miracle. Since then Japan has experienced the highs of the 1980’s economic bubble and the years of deflation that followed. Japan has experienced not only success, but also many failures. But through these experiences, Japan has gained wisdom and knowledge and progressed from an adolescent into a mature economy. Unlike back in the early days of the economic recovery, when Japan could be said to have been in its economic teens and twenties, the country now has the ability to impart its knowledge and experiences and to lead people.</p> <p>What are some the unique features of Japanese-style management? At the Graduate School of Business, we have prepared a wide range of case studies focusing on the three keywords of Japanese-style management, long-lasting management, quality control, and hospitality. Equipped with the spirit of Japanese business, students who complete our graduate program are leading active careers in different fields around the world.</p> <p>GSM Learning Goals/Curriculum Alignment Matrices (CAM) This section presents a table called “Curriculum Alignment Matrices” (CAM). CAM is a list that enables you to overview the learning goals for each course in the broader context of the GSM’s respective degree programs. The table presented here shows only the courses belonging to the specialization you have chosen.</p> <p>The GSM and the College of International Management (our undergraduate counterpart) have been accredited from AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (http://aacsb.edu/)) in August 2016. CAM has been developed for “Assurance of Learning”, one of AACSB’s accreditation standards. The whole AOL process involves assessing how sufficiently the academic missions stated by a university, its undergraduate college and graduate school are achieved and improving student’s learning according to the assessment results.</p> <p>Enlisted in the upper columns of the CAM are four Learning Goals and several Learning Objectives aligning with each Learning Goal. They were both developed in alignment with the Declaration of the Opening of APU, and the Missions of APM and GSM. The Learning Goals indicate the ideal conditions that the APU business school (APM/GSM) hopes students to achieve by the time they complete the degrees. The Learning Objectives further clarify more specific abilities that the business school hopes students to acquire. The AOL assesses only the latter.</p>

	<p>GSM Learning Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSM graduates will understand “Business Ethics” theory • GSM graduates will obtain the “Advanced Knowledge of Discipline” • GSM graduates will have a “Sense of Innovation” • GSM graduates will acquire “Global Perspectives” in business management <p>Please refer to each CAM below in order to know what kind of knowledge and ability each course enable you to acquire.</p> <p>Required Subjects (PDF)</p> <p>Japanese Management (PDF)</p> <p>Accounting & Finance (PDF)</p> <p>Marketing & Management (PDF)</p> <p>Innovation & Operations Management (PDF)</p>
<p>13. Features and Curriculum of Program</p>	<p>GSM offers four areas of specialization. In Japanese Management, students learn about the basics of Japanese business and management, focusing on family businesses (long-lasting businesses), quality management and hospitality management. Three additional discipline-based specializations are offered, namely Marketing and Management, Accounting and Finance, and Innovation and Operations Management.</p> <p>Japanese Management (JM)</p> <p>The Japanese Management (JM) specialization focuses on the philosophy and practices of Japanese corporations. Japan is the first Asian country that successfully industrialized, as it was supported by its world class corporations. Japanese corporations, with their emphases on quality, innovation, customer service, unique style of human resource management and stakeholder model of governance, provide an alternative to that of the shareholder model practiced mostly in the English speaking countries such as the USA. This specialization also focuses on issues as cases of success and failure of Japanese corporations and provides a model of corporate management in the Asia Pacific Region.</p> <p>Accounting and Finance (AF)</p> <p>The Accounting and Finance (AF) specialization discusses theories and concepts of corporate finance, financial engineering and financial institutions, financial accounting and managerial accounting, providing students with 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 cooperate strategies on various stakeholders.</p> <p>Marketing and Management (MM)</p> <p>The Marketing and Management (MM) specialization focuses on understanding and managing the human dimensions of organizations and markets. For business organizations, some of the most important actors are managers, employees and customers. Their decisions and actions are guided by a whole range of factors, from very ‘rational’ aspects to subjective perceptions, emotions and (moral) values. As, market conditions are in constant flux, this necessitates adaptation as well as provides opportunities for creating new market and social values. Consequently, this specialization emphasizes the need of organizations to develop multi-dimensional and differentiated strategies, and sustainable competences and capabilities, not only to cope with the changing business environment, but also to lead innovatively and responsibly.</p> <p>Innovation and Operations Management (IOM)</p> <p>The Innovation and Operations Management (IOM) specialization focuses on production</p>

planning, flexibility in production management, inventory management, quality management, management of supply chain and the impact of information technology on the entire process of production. Other focuses of this specialization are the management of product

【Graduate School of Management Program】
Please refer to the following website for the details:
http://education-japan.org/africa/tmp_img/30_02.pdf

14. Academic Schedule

Reference: 2017-2018 Academic Calendar (Tentative)

Date (Month)	(Day)	Targeted students	Event & things to-do
Orientation Period			
September	16	everyone	Move into AP House (Dormitory) (-18)
	25	everyone	Entrance Ceremony
	26	everyone	Orientation and Class Registration (-Oct.)
	26	Pacific-LEADS Scholars	Academic Writing Training (-Oct. 4)
Fall Semester			
October	4	everyone	1st Quarter Starts
November	mid	everyone	Seminar Orientation Session
	22	everyone	1st Quarter Final Exam (-24)
	29	everyone	2nd Quarter Starts
December	23	everyone	Winter Holidays (-1/8)
February	1	everyone	2nd Quarter Final Exam (-6)
	8	everyone	Winter Session (-12)
	17	everyone	Spring Holidays Begin
Spring Semester			
March	26	everyone	Class Registration (-27)
April	9	everyone	1st Quarter Starts
May	28	everyone	1st Quarter Final Exam (-30)
	31	Final Semester	Master's Thesis/Research Report Submission
June	4	everyone	2nd Quarter Starts
July	23	everyone	2nd Quarter Final Exam (-27)
	29	everyone	Summer Session (-8/2)
August	3	everyone	Summer Holidays Begin
September	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 everyday not only among the graduate school faculty but also in the 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

	<p>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.</p> <p>Please refer to the website for details.</p>
Provision of Student Dormitory	<p><u>Student Dormitory</u></p> <p>All 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>
Japanese Language Education Program for International Students	<p>The Graduate School of Management at APU offers Japanese classes as electives based on proficiency</p> <p>Please refer to the website for details.</p>
Cultural Activities	<p><u>Multicultural Week</u></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><u>Tenku Campus Festival</u></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 website for details.</p>
Any special attention to Religious Practice	<p>The cafeteria provides not only ethnic and halal food but also a vegetarian menu.</p> <p>Please refer to the website for details.</p>
Facilities (Library etc)	<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> <p>Please refer to the website for details.</p>
<p>Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.</p>	

16. Message to Prospective International Students

<p>Message from University</p>	<p>The Graduate School of Management (GSM) at APU educates students in the field of international business with a strong focus on Japanese business and management. It is the only institution in the world where you can learn about the Japanese style of business and management in English, within a culturally diverse learning environment.</p> <p>GSM has enjoyed an excellent reputation since it was established in 2003. It was selected as a 3 Palmes rating business school in 2009 and a top 20 business school in the field of international management in East Asia in 2012-2013 from Eduniversal, a global ranking and rating agency specializing in higher education. It was also elected as a council member of the Association of Asia Pacific Business Schools in 2012. In the same year, it was recognized as one of the top three educational institutions in Japan in terms of employability by The Nikkei and the top by business magazine, The President. Furthermore, in 2016 APU's undergraduate and graduate business schools were accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.</p> <p>Additionally, GSM is expecting you to achieve four goals during your program, i.e.,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Understand business ethics theory 2) Obtain advanced knowledge of discipline 3) Have a sense of innovation 4) Acquire global perspectives in business management. <p>Let GSM be your first step toward a successful global business career path in a Japanese company and beyond.</p> <p>Dr. Toshitsugu Otake Dean – Graduate School of Management</p> <p>* 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.</p> <p>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</p>
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	graduation.
Voice of International Students	<p>Studying at APU is a pleasant experience as the students are encouraged to interact and collaborate in their studies and research. This type of learning goes beyond the boundaries of books and GPA. As students come from all parts of the world, there is plenty to share, discover and learn.</p> <p>I am currently studying the sustainability of Japanese management systems and the possibility of applying these systems to South Africa. As a government economic policy maker, I hope to be able to use the knowledge gained from this MBA program to assist my country to empower the key sectors of infrastructure development, mining and beneficiation, manufacturing, the green economy and tourism.</p>

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