



Ritsumeikan University
Graduate School of Policy Science
Graduate School code: 43

Web site: <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsp/s/>

1. Graduate School code	43	
2. Maximum number of participants	3 Participants per year	
3. Fields of Study	Environmental Science, Disaster Prevention Science, Politics, Economics, Sociology, Engineering, Law, Public Administration, International Relations, Policy Science etc.	
Sub Fields	Public Policy, Sustainable Development, Social Management	
4. Program and Degree	Program	Master's Degree Program, Major in Policy Science
	Degree	Master of Arts in Policy Science.
5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)	2 Years: Entrance in Fall only	
6. Language of Program	English	
7. Desirable English level and Necessary Academic background	Linguistic Ability	Not Specified
	EJU, IELTS, GRE or else	Not Specified
8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)	Students are recommended to search professors at following website and inquire of admin staffs about professors. http://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/scripts/websearch/index.htm?lang=en Contact Address: gsp-s-adm@st.ritsumei.ac.jp	
9. Website	GSPS Official Site: http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsp/s/ Search Professors: http://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/scripts/websearch/index.htm?lang=en	
10. Professors and Associated Professors	Name	Research Subject, Contact(e-mail), Special message for the Future students
	IIDA Miki	Cultural studies, Gender studies
	UEHARA Takuro	Ecological Economics; Systems Science
	OTSUKA Yoko	Welfare policy, Gender studies
	ODA Hisaya	Development economics, Area study of South Asia
	KANEGAE Hidehiko	Planning theory, Disaster Mitigation, Simulation & Gaming
	KAMIKUBO	Contemporary Japanese politics, International political economy, British

	Masato	politics, Comparative Asian Politics
	KOSUGI Takanobu	Global environmental policy, Energy and environmental systems analysis
	SAKURAI Masanari	Sociology (Social enterprise, volunteering)
	SAKURAI Ryo	Wildlife management, Environmental education
	SHIKI Kimiko	Urban housing policy, Housing problems, Housing policy
	TAKAMURA Gakuto	Sociology of law, Urban environmental law, Field research Method
	TABAYASHI Yo	American literature, Cultural studies
	TOYODA Yusuke	Disaster mitigation
	NISHIMURA Yozo	Monetary Economics, International Finance, International Economics
	MIYAWAKI Noboru	International politics, International public policy, Security and human rights diplomacy
	HICKS Kimberly Anne	Political studies, Political culture
	YOSHIDA Tomohiko	Urban Planning, Human Settlement and Housing Policy
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11 . Features of University	<p>Ritsumeikan’s history begins with its establishment as a private academy in 1869 by Prince Kinmochi Saionji, an eminent international statesman of modern Japan and advocate of Freedom and Internationalism. In 1900, Saionji’s protégé Kojuro Nakagawa retained Saionji’s spirit and established the Kyoto Hosei School, an evening law school that was open to working people. With Saionji’s blessing, the name of this school was changed to Ritsumeikan Private University in 1913. At present, the Kinugasa and Suzaku campuses in Kyoto, as well as at the Biwako Kusatsu Campus (BKC) in Shiga prefecture, and the recently opened Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) in Osaka, combined, are home to over 35,000 students learning under the core educational philosophy of Peace and Democracy. In order to nurture just and ethical global citizens, Ritsumeikan is working to foster creativity and the development of individual talents on a solid foundation of academic achievement.</p> <p>Research Advancement :</p> <p>Recognizing that contemporary issues extend beyond existing fields of research, Ritsumeikan University is actively engaged in producing world-class research and fostering researchers who have the skills to succeed on the world stage. Through multidisciplinary cooperation, a number of RU research projects have been selected as part of the Global COE and 21st Century COE programs, and we work daily to strengthen our network of researchers both in Japan and overseas.</p>	

	<p>Achievements :</p> <p>Ritsumeikan University has been selected as a designated institution of the "Top Global University Project" by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan. The ministry-appointed panel of experts selected 37 institutions among 104 applicants and these institutions hold the status as of October 1st, 2014, to the end of fiscal 2023.</p> <p>The "Top Global University Project" has been established as a way to give financial support to 37 public and private universities aiming to promote comprehensive internationalization and become world-class research and education institutions. With our selection for this prestigious project, Ritsumeikan University will serve as a model for globalized schools.</p> <p>Additionally, Ritsumeikan University has had 7 approaches adopted by the Monbukagakusho's Support Program for Improving Graduate School Good Practice, 4 fields adopted for "The 21st Century COE Program", and 3 centers adopted by "The Global COE Program".</p> <p>Research Website: http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/html/research/</p>
<p>12 . Features of Graduate School</p>	<p>Ritsumeikan University's Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) was established in 1997 with a view to develop students' essential research skills to correctly understand the policy issues that we face in today's society, work out for optimal solutions, and upgrade their practical competence. Policy science is a discipline that explores solutions to various policy issues that affect us while pursuing innovation of social science itself. Through policy science study, the GSPS aims to train both new types of researchers with practical skills and competent policy practitioners.</p>
<p>13 . Features and Curriculum of Program</p>	<p>The curriculum of Ritsumeikan University's Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) is characterized by its "Research Project" program, which aims to open up intellectual spaces where faculty members of different specialties work with graduate students each of whom pursues different research themes. There, they are guided by their respective motivations to explore policy design to find solutions to policy issues that have taken place in real society, by constantly alternating between practical and basic theoretical approaches.</p>
<p>14 . Academic Schedule</p>	<p><Reference: AY 2018></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -April- Spring Semester Begins Spring Entrance Ceremony Graduate Student Orientation Spring Semester Classes Begin -July- Spring Semester Classes End -August- Summer Break Begins, Summer Intensive Courses Begin -September- Graduation Ceremony (Spring Semester) Summer Intensive Courses End, Spring Semester Ends <p><Reference: AY 2018></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -September- Fall Entrance Ceremony Fall Semester Begins, Fall Semester Classes Begin -December- Winter Break Begins -January- Winter Break Ends Fall Semester Classes Recommence Fall Semester Classes End -February- Spring Break Begins -March- Graduation Ceremony (Osaka Ibaraki Campus and Suzaku Campus) Graduation Ceremony (Kinugasa Campus)

	Graduation Ceremony (Biwako Kusatsu Campus) Fall Semester Ends, Spring Break Ends
15. Supporting service to International Students	
International Students Support Center for Consulting or counseling about daily life, campus life, cross-cultural adjustment etc.	Professional counseling is available in English or Japanese Monday-Friday. Currently, in the Osaka Ibaraki Campus International Center we have 1 professor and 7 full-time staff, including 1 native English speaker.
Provision of Student Dormitory	In order to offer a stable living environment to our international students, we are planning the construction of an international dorm near Osaka Ibaraki Campus. Scheduled to open in spring of 2018, the dorm will be available to house international students studying at OIC. It is possible for the University Cooperative's real estate agency to offer English-language assistance to students in order to provide students with single room accommodation in the local area.
Japanese Language Education Program for International Students	Ritsumeikan University is establishing the JICA English Program for JICA students to improve applied English ability at the graduate student level. Additionally, the university strongly encourages JICA students to enroll in the JICA Support for Daily Conversation in Japanese, which the university intends to establish so that students can adapt smoothly to life in Japan by learning basic conversation skills and hiragana/katakana.
Cultural Activities	We are planning to conduct programs such as the JICA Company Visit Program* and Kyoto Cultural Understanding Program* to better meet the needs of JICA students. *Final program name to be determined.
Any special attention to Religious Practice	The 4 dining locations on OIC include cafeterias and restaurants that provide halal food and vegetarian options in an effort to better provide a campus that is prepared to meet the dietary needs of its international population. Moreover, we also provide a room that students can use for prayer.
facilities (Library etc)	Library Services : Located at Osaka Ibaraki Campus, the OIC Library has space for 800,000 books, and a total of about 1,100 seats for use. Opened in April 2015, the library has kicked things off by bringing in 220,000 books, some from other campuses and some new purchases, and plans to increase that number with each coming year. *Ritsumeikan University, as a whole, has a collection of 3,131,197 books (Japanese: 2,272,773; Foreign language: 979,398) (as of March 2017). *Students may also borrow materials from libraries on other campuses using our electronic library services system. International Exchange Lounge : We have set up an International Exchange Lounge as an open area for international exchange where international students can interact with Japanese students and among themselves. The lounge, called iCommons, allows students to quickly access information about student support and events targeted at international students and international exchange. Moreover, in addition to a TV on which CNN can be viewed, there is an Express-PC computer station with office software, browsing, and printing capabilities set up for student use, and Wi-fi to keep students connected.

	<p>Training Room :</p> <p>In order to support students from a health perspective, our campus has a training room with the equipment necessary for a healthy workout. Here, we have trainers residing nearby and students can use the gym facilities free of charge.</p>
<p>Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.</p>	<p>Please refer to the Website for details: http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/html/about/</p>
<p>16. Message to Prospective International Students</p>	
<p>Message from University</p>	<p>Ritsumeikan University is working to promote internationalization of its education and research while concurrently reaching out to recruit international students from a wide variety of nationalities and backgrounds.</p> <p>We believe that a diverse international student body, comprised of a variety of ethnicities as well as historical and cultural backgrounds, is necessary to promote intercultural understanding and for a university to achieve and exceed international standards in education.</p> <p>At present, Ritsumeikan University is host to 1,890 international students from 67 countries and regions from across Asia as well as the Americas, Europe, Oceania, and Africa (as of May 1st, 2017).</p> <p>We work hard to provide support mechanisms for international students, such as offering a special Japanese language and Japanese studies curriculum alongside the standard courses and providing financial support, including an independent scholarship system. We also conduct a number of annual exchange events each year to give our international students the opportunity to make the most of their experience here at Ritsumeikan University.</p> <p>We look forward to you coming to join us!</p> <p>Please refer to the Website for details: http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/html/about/</p>
<p>Voice of International Students</p>	<p>Please see the interviews on our homepage to see why our students chose to study at the Ritsumeikan University Graduate School of Policy Science: http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsp/eng/education/student-voice/</p>