



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

<b>1. Graduate School Code</b>	15	
<b>2. Area</b>	Social Science (Peacebuilding/ Peace and Conflict Studies Political Science / Public Administration)	
<b>3. Research Field</b>	<b><u>International Cooperation Policy</u></b> ▪ International Public Administration (IPA)	
<b>4. Degree</b>	Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy	
<b>5. Standard Timetable (Years needed for graduation)</b>	Before students start their Master's program for 2 years, students may participate Japanese training program at other institution coordinated by JICA for their first year.	
<b>6. Language of Program</b>	Year 1 and 2 – Master's Student: (1) Lecture: All lectures in English (70/70courses) (2) Text: English only (3) Seminar: English only	
<b>7. Desirable English Level and Necessary Academic Background</b>	(1) TOEFL® Official Score Report iBT85 or above. (2) IELTS (Academic) Test Report Form 6.5 or above. (3) TOEIC® L&R Official Score Report 800 points or above. (4) PTE Academic Score Report 58 points or above. (5) Cambridge English Language Assessment 176 points or above.	
<b>8. Website</b>	(1) Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University <a href="http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/">http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/</a> (2) Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies <a href="https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academics/gsa_master/">https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academics/gsa_master/</a> (3) Master's in International Cooperation Policy <a href="https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academics/gsa_master/icp/index.html">https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academics/gsa_master/icp/index.html</a>	
<b>9. Additional Information</b>	Availability	Note
Japanese Language		
(1) Necessity of Japanese language for study	Not necessary	
(2) Availability of Japanese language class	Available	The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies offers Japanese classes as electives based on proficiency. We offer six subjects: - Survival Japanese 1 - Survival Japanese 2 - Japanese for Communication 1 - Japanese for Communication 2 - Japanese for Communication 3 - Japanese for Communication 4 Please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> for details.
Facility Information		
(1) Dormitory available for JISR participants	Available	Single type: Available Family type: Not available
(2) Prayers room or Mosque	Available	APU students and faculty can use “The Quiet Space” on campus for meditation, contemplation, introspection, prayer, and other forms of calm, quiet reflection. Also there is a Mosque in downtown Beppu.
(3) Halal food available in cafeteria	Available	The APU Cafeteria provides not only ethnic and halal food but also a vegetarian menu. The cafeteria was



		<p>authenticated as a Muslim-friendly facility whose menu partially satisfies halal authentication standards as dictated by Islamic law. Please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> for details.</p>
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**10. Features and Curriculum of Program**

■ **Master’s in International Cooperation Policy (ICP)**

Students can select one of the following five divisions for their specialization: International Public Administration, Public Health Management, Sustainability Science, Tourism & 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 effective professional development.

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.

**International Public Administration (IPA):**

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.

**11. Professors and Associate Professors**

	Research Subject/ Contact
Contact Address	<p>To: <a href="mailto:grad-rec@apu.ac.jp">grad-rec@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></p>



## 12. Academic Schedule

### <To apply to become a regular Master's Student>

- May to June 2021      Submit the application forms required for becoming a regular Master's Student
- Around June 2021      Master's program application result notification
- \* it is possible that this schedule might change slightly

### <For Reference> Year 2021 Academic Calendar

- The dates will vary slightly, but the basic schedule will remain mostly the same.
- In order to begin as a Research Student from 2021, we plan to have participants join from the new student orientations.

Date	Targeted students	Event & things to-do
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
<u>Mid-Late September</u>	Everyone	New Students Orientation Period (including moving into AP House and Entrance Ceremony)
<u>Beginning of October</u>	Everyone	Registration for Fall Semester Classes
<u>Beginning of October</u>	Everyone	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Classes Start
<u>End of October</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Students	Supervisor is appointed
<u>Mid-November</u>	Everyone	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Joint Research Presentations
<u>Late November</u>	Everyone	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Final Examinations
<u>End of November</u>	Everyone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Classes Start
<u>Late December</u>	Everyone	Early January: Winter Holidays
<u>Mid-January</u>	Everyone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Joint Research Presentations
<u>Beginning of February</u>	Everyone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Final Examinations
<u>Early-Mid February</u>	Everyone	Winter Session
<u>Late February</u>	Everyone	Spring Holidays Begin
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
<u>Late March</u>	Everyone	Registration for Spring Semester Classes
<u>Early April</u>	Everyone	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Classes Start
<u>Mid-May</u>	Everyone	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Joint Research Presentations
<u>End of May</u>	Everyone	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Final Examinations
<u>Beginning of June</u>	Final Semester Students	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Classes Start
<u>June 15</u>	Final Semester Students	Master's Thesis/Research Report Submission Deadline
<u>June 30</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Students	Research Proposal Submission Deadline
<u>Mid-July</u>	Everyone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Joint Research Presentations
<u>Late July</u>	Final Semester Students	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Final Examinations
<u>Beginning of August</u>	Everyone	Summer Session
<u>Mid-August</u>	Everyone	Summer Holidays Begin
<u>Mid-September</u>	Final Semester Students	Graduation Ceremony



### **13. Facilities and Cultural Activities for International Students**

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.

#### **(1) Student Dormitory**

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. 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.

#### **(2) Japanese Language Program**

The Japanese language program will enlist the help of the highly-experienced teaching staff from the current undergraduate program to provide Japanese education to the students. During the first year of the program, students will be able to learn the fundamentals of Japanese communication.

#### **(3) Others**

##### **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 and Chinese. Counseling is absolutely confidential.

##### **Cultural Activities**

###### **Multicultural Week**

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. Both students and locals are able to experience original recipes, exhibitions and cultural performances on campus.

### **Tenku Campus Festival**

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,

Please refer to the [website](#) for details about student life.

### **Other Facilities**

Within the Faculty Office Building, graduate students have their own lounge, lockers and computer rooms. There are also small study rooms where students can bring their own computers and work on their papers and research. As faculty members have their offices in the same building, students can easily consult with their supervisors during office hours.

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).

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.

Please refer to the [website](#) for details about the APU library.

## **14. Information on Job Placement Assistance Service for International Students**

Since its establishment in 2000, APU has welcomed international students with little to no Japanese language ability and provided intensive Japanese language courses that helped them to achieve business level proficiency. Accordingly, every year among the job seeking international students, over 90% or around 200 students are able to find employment at various companies in Japan.

We offer Career Design guidance to help students define clear goals for their future, and organize internships with companies, organizations, and government agencies. We also invite senior executives from global companies and other top leaders to give lectures on campus. Every year, we implement over 100 events in cooperation with partner companies, alumni, current students, faculty, and staff.

- ◆ Career workshops, seminars and orientation
- ◆ Providing employment information on the APU Portal site
- ◆ Providing internship information



- ◆ On campus Recruitment Seminars  
There are approximately 300 companies coming to APU every year to hold the recruitment seminars.
- ◆ Individual Consultation  
Career consultation / counseling, Proof-read resumes/ entry sheets, Mock interviews  
(both in Japanese and English)
- ◆ Usage of reference room and materials  
Please refer the [website](#) for details.

## 15. Message for JISR Applicants

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 21 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.

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

APU provides education to 5,700 students, of which about 2,800 are foreign students from 91 different countries and regions, thus creating a truly multi-cultural environment on its campus. Among these students, 120 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.

### **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/content47/>

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 selected as one of Japan's Top 30



“Global Hub Universities” by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology in September 2014.

Please refer to:

<http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/news/article/?storyid=2577>

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 welcome all those who have a desire to play an active role in fostering international cooperation and sustainable development.

A total of 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. One graduate has already become the minister of a government agency in their country. 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/experience/>

### **Message from the Dean of Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies**

Like you, we at APU’s Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies want to shape a better world. Through our interdisciplinary programs, offered entirely in English, we will further challenge your critical thinking, creativity, and passion for change and action. Our faculty, coming from over 20 countries, trained in distinguished universities in Japan and overseas, and with outstanding track records in their careers, will engage you in cutting-edge research and interactive graduate classes. Our learning community—vibrant, stimulating, diverse and multicultural—will strengthen your values of pursuing excellence, mutual respect, understanding and cooperation. Our alumni, now spread across the globe and well-positioned in their respective communities of practice, will help broaden your support network as you pursue your goals.

“Ritsumeikan” means the “place to establish your destiny”. The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies at APU may very well be where you start this journey.

Yan Li, Ph.D.

Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies