

Access to RU

From
Kyoto Station
- 30 to 40 min. by taxi or bus

KYOTO Kinugasa Campus

Located in the northwest of Kyoto City and within walking distance of UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Golden Pavilion and Ryoanji Temple, Kinugasa Campus is the perfect example of Kyoto's harmonization between the traditional and the modern. It is RU's main campus and the university's center for liberal arts studies.

From
Tokyo to Kyoto Station
- 2 hrs. 20 min. by Shinkansen (bullet train)

TOKYO

From
Kyoto Station
- 40 min. to 1 hr. by taxi
- 45 min. by train & bus

SHIGA Biwako-Kusatsu Campus

The Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) combines the study of science, engineering, and technology with the study of the social science fields of economics. BKC is surrounded by the scenic environment of Shiga Prefecture, and is approximately 75 minutes away from Kinugasa Campus by campus shuttle bus or 90 minutes by public transportation.

From
Osaka Station
- 10 min. by train

OSAKA Osaka Ibaraki Campus

Opened in April 2015, the Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) is our newest campus. The College of Policy Science and the College of Business Administration have relocated to OIC.

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Study in Kyoto Program

2019-2020

Ritsumeikan University



“Why SKP?,,

The Study in Kyoto Program (SKP) offers you a great opportunity to study at Ritsumeikan University (RU), utilizing the extensive historical and cultural resources of the ancient city of Kyoto. The program is a non-degree study abroad program with a well-balanced curriculum of both academic and cultural course selections through three tracks of study. Enrollment in the program is flexible; you can apply to the track that best suits your needs.



Admission Requirements

3 Tracks on SKP

IJL (Intensive Japanese Language Track) offers well balanced language skill courses in listening, speaking, reading, and writing at a variety of levels from Introductory to Advanced. Students without any previous experience with the Japanese language can enroll.

OSE (Open Study in English Track) courses cover a wide range of subjects from select humanities faculties, providing a multi-disciplinary approach and bringing global perspective to humanity studies. This track is exclusively for exchange students from RU partner universities.

BT (Business Track) features a combination of courses offered by the College of Business Administration. BT offers you a unique opportunity to study business with an international and intercultural perspective alongside fellow students from around the world.

See the next page for details

SKP offers numerous courses in Japanese language and culture. The Program also offers courses in English on Japan and business-related subjects through three different tracks. You will be able to apply to the track that best suits your needs. Please check the admission requirements below for each of the tracks.



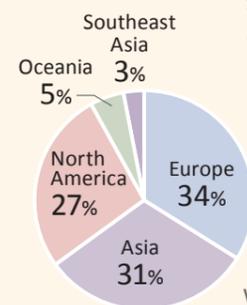
The courses at Ritsumeikan University are difficult, but rewarding

Laura WERNER
Germany

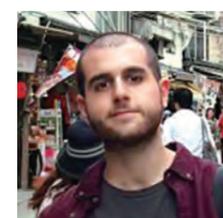
I chose the IJL Track at Ritsumeikan University, because more than anything else, I wanted to improve my Japanese language skills, and was told that the courses at Ritsumeikan University were difficult, but rewarding. After studying here for 2 semesters I can wholeheartedly agree. Even though the courses were stressful at times, I really enjoyed studying at Ritsumeikan University and I am confident in saying that my Japanese has improved considerably. Moreover, Kyoto is a great place to live when you are in the process of learning Japanese, or if you have an interest in Japan's history and culture. I spent a lot of time visiting shrines and temples and made exceptional memories I won't forget any time soon.

SKP Students

SKP receives many international students from all around the world and strives to promote internationalism in its education. In 2018, there were approximately 230 students from Europe, North and South America, Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania. Our students create a global atmosphere providing linguistic and cultural diversity.



Where SKP students come from (2018)



Feel at home and enjoy studying abroad in the best way possible

Davide MAGGIO
Italy

I remember deciding to come study at Ritsumeikan because its website clearly stated everything a foreign student needs to know when making such a life-changing decision. To me, that meant that from the very beginning everyone at Ritsumeikan University would try their best to make me feel at home and to let me enjoy my study abroad in the best way possible. The IJL Track is indeed an intensive Japanese language track, but that is for the best. After one year of being a SKP student, I can tell that my Japanese really has improved. The teachers are amazing and your study schedule is just busy enough for you to both improve your language skills and enjoy everyday habits and culture in the magnificent city that is Kyoto. I would also recommend living in one of the international houses, because you have a chance to live not only with Japanese students but also with students from every part of the world. Moreover, the staff is very kind and helps you take care of daily life problems you might have trouble solving by yourself.



The best opportunity to learn Japanese while accomplishing my academic goals

Yiran YANG
Canada

I chose to come to Ritsumeikan University because it offers excellent academic programs, and because Kyoto is one of the most culturally rich cities in Japan. Having no previous knowledge of Japanese language, SKP provided me with the best opportunity to learn Japanese while accomplishing my academic goals. I am enrolled in the Open Study in English Track, where your main courses are taught in English. I enjoy taking intercultural communication and psychology classes since I get chances to share and exchange intercultural experiences with people from different countries. You can also choose to attend elementary Japanese language classes, which I really enjoyed and strongly recommend. The classes helped enrich my stay in Japan. In addition, I am taking a culture class about Chado, and can learn about why it is such an important cultural practice for Japanese people. I am really glad I enrolled in SKP and enjoyed my time here very much.

Choose Your Track	IJL Intensive Japanese Language Track	OSE Open Study in English Track	BT Business Track	Optional Courses JTA Japanese Traditional Arts Courses
Choose Your Track				
Period of Study	1 Semester or 2 Semesters			1 Semester each
Language	Japanese	English	English	Japanese
Location	Kyoto Kinugasa Campus (KIC)	Kyoto Kinugasa Campus (KIC)	Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC)	Mainly held off campus
Admission Requirements	Meet Requirement a) or b) a) Currently enrolled in an institution of higher education for at least one year prior to the commencement of the program b) Have graduated from an institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree or equivalent			-Open to all SKP students regardless of track -Activity fees required (JPY 5,000-20,000)*
Other Requirements	-Basic communication ability in English is required for students with no previous experience with the Japanese language	-Apply under an Agreement for Student Exchange between RU and one of its partner institutions -Native speaker of English or possess a minimum TOEFL® score of iBT 68 / PBT 520 / IELTS 6.0 (or its equivalent)	-Native speaker of English or possess a minimum TOEFL® score of iBT 68 / PBT 520 / IELTS 6.0 (or its equivalent)	-You may register for as many of the Japanese Traditional Arts courses as you like, or none at all Should the number of students who pre-register for Japanese Traditional Arts courses exceed the maximum number of students allowed to enroll, the final class selection will be determined by lottery.
Optional Courses	-Courses offered through OSE, BT and JTA	-Courses offered through BT and JTA -OSE Japanese (introductory level ONLY)*	-Courses offered through OSE and JTA -BT Japanese*	*Japanese Traditional Arts Courses -Activity fees are subject to change.

*OSE, BT Japanese Courses

-While Japanese ability is not a requirement for participation in OSE or BT, students with limited background in the language are eligible for an optional Japanese course.

-Please be aware that OSE Japanese language courses are only available at the introductory level and that these courses may not meet the needs of all students. Moreover, students are only eligible for Japanese classes offered within their own track of enrollment.



Program Overview

SKP consists of three tracks, and optional Japanese Traditional Arts courses. If you would like to attend SKP, you will need to apply to either the IJL Track, OSE Track, or Business Track. Please check the admission requirements on the previous page .

Frequently Asked Questions

How many credits can we register?
A maximum of **20 credits**

How many credits per course?
The number of credits for each course varies

How many lessons for each course per semester?
15 lessons / semester

How long is each lesson?
90 minutes / lesson



and
Answers

Intensive Japanese Language Track



Created in 1988, the IJL Track has a long history of providing high-quality, intensive Japanese language instruction to international students. This track provides a variety of levels from Elementary to Upper Advanced (7 levels). Class sizes are kept small (between 10-15 students) and each level has a minimum of 8 lessons per week. Students enrolled in the IJL Track may also take courses offered in English through the Open Study in English Track and Business Track, depending on availability.

IJL Placement Test

Students are required to take a Placement Test prior to orientation to determine their Japanese language proficiency and class placement. Class placement is final and may not be changed. Students with high Japanese language proficiency (level VII or above) can take select regular courses from Ritsumeikan faculties in Japanese*.

*Please visit | <http://www.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/academics/>

Class Placement

Level I	Elementary
Level II	Upper Elementary
Level III	Lower Intermediate
Level IV	Intermediate
Level V	Upper Intermediate
Level VI	Advanced
Level VII	Upper Advanced

Open Study in English Track

Exchange Students ONLY

The OSE Track covers a wide range of subjects, from Asia-Pacific studies and economic development to contemporary Japanese culture, providing a multi-disciplinary approach and bringing global perspective to humanity studies. Instruction is held entirely in English, and enrollment is exclusive to exchange students from partner universities.

2019 Courses

Japanese Politics
Japanese Society
Japanese Culture
Japanese Economy
Introduction to Peace Studies
International Law
Peace and Conflict Studies
Gender Analysis of Security and Development
Race and Ethnicity in the Modern World
International Migration
North-South Relations
Social Development
Global Environmental Issues
Theories of International Politics
International Trade and Investment
The Present and Future Perspective of Japanese Pop Culture
International Environmental Issues
Applied Economics
Selected Problems in Humanities
-Japanese Culture and Human Development
-Introduction to Japanese Modern Literature and Culture I, II
-Contemporary Japanese Society and Its Language I, II
-Geography of Kyoto and Japan

Liberal Arts Courses International Liberal Arts Courses are designed for international and Japanese students to learn together through discussions and group projects about various topics. Most courses are taught in English, except for Japanese-English bilingual courses such as "Cross-cultural Encounters" and "Basic Communication Skills", which allow students to use both languages to maximize their communication for understanding diverse cultural perspectives. They are open to all SKP students.

2019 Courses Introductory Course to Climate Change and Global Warming / Understanding Visual Culture / Theme Study (Topics on Japanese Society and Happiness through Cinema and Literature)

Business Track

The Business Track features a combination of courses offered by the College of Business Administration at the Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC). It is designed for students with a background in business studies who have little or no previous experience with the Japanese language and wish to take courses taught in English. Instruction is held entirely in English, giving you a first-hand, insider's look at business in one of the world's largest economies. Participation is also open to Japanese students, providing an ideal environment where Japanese and SKP students can study side by side.

2019 Courses

Cross-Cultural Management Research
International Corporate Culture
Research Project GBL
Special Topics on Accounting and Finance β
Special Topics on International Business β
Special Topics on Organization and Management β
Special Topics on Strategy and Marketing β
International Accounting
International Industries
International Strategic Management
Strategic Marketing
International Human Resource Management
Sustainable Urban Policy
Regional Economy and Development
Business Economics

-There are partial course lists and are subject to change.
-These courses are for undergraduate students. Courses for graduate students are different.
-Some courses may only be offered in either the fall or spring semesters.

Japanese Traditional Arts

Japanese Traditional Arts courses are open to all SKP students and aim to increase understanding of Japanese traditional culture by providing opportunities for hands-on experience with various traditional arts, many with their historical origins in Kyoto. They are taught in Japanese and require additional activity fees (JPY 5,000-20,000)*.

*JTA courses are optional. * Activity fees and course contents are subject to change.

S Spring semester **F** Fall semester



S Ikebana: Flower Arrangement



S Wagashi: Japanese Confectionery



S F Hougaku: Shamisen and Song



F Tougei: Ceramics



F Shodo: Calligraphy



F Chado: Tea Ceremony



Student Life

Moving to a new country to commence your studies can be both an exciting and challenging experience. To assist you as much as possible with settling into your new life at RU, we provide you with a range of services and support available throughout your studies.

Housing

We manage three International House dormitories in Kyoto and one for BT students in Osaka*. They are equipped with everything a college student would need: fully furnished rooms, live-in Japanese managers and resident mentors, lounges, kitchens, and free internet access. All locations are within easy access of RU campuses by bicycle and public transportation.

*Please note that there are a limited number of rooms in each housing. Therefore, we are not always able to guarantee a place in our accommodations.



SKP Buddies

Settling into life in a new country and a new university can be tough, but SKP Buddies are here to ease the transition as you get used to your new home. During the hectic first few weeks, buddies will help with matters such as residency registration, opening bank accounts, and getting acquainted with Japan and RU. The buddies continue building friendships through Halloween parties, booths at the yearly student festival, and end-of-year parties.



Message from SKP Buddies

As Buddies, we are here to help and support you with anything while you are in Japan. We're excited to create new friendships and memories with you. See you at Ritsumeikan!

Living Expenses

Living expenses will vary depending on each student's individual lifestyle, but here is a list of estimated expenses. On-campus cafeterias provide a wide range of affordable meal options, and numerous grocery stores and markets in the local area make cooking for yourself easy. Other costs to consider are housing, health and liability insurance, local transportation, and leisure activities.

Estimated Living Expenses (JPY)		
	One Semester	Two Semesters
Housing	200,000	400,000
Food (absolute minimum)	180,000	360,000
Insurance*1	13,150	23,650
Health Insurance	9,000	18,000
Personal Liability Insurance	1,500	3,000
Academic Insurance	650	650
Fire Insurance	2,000	2,000
Local Transportation*2	35,000	70,000
Leisure Activities	100,000	200,000

*1 Students are required to join all above insurances. Insurance fees are subject to change.

*2 These are estimated costs for students who are commuting by public transportation.

Program Information

Program Fee & Scholarships



Tuition costs are currently 372,400 yen per semester. However, the tuition fee is waived for students participating under an Agreement for Student Exchange with RU. Students applying independently are notified of payment details and procedures upon acceptance.

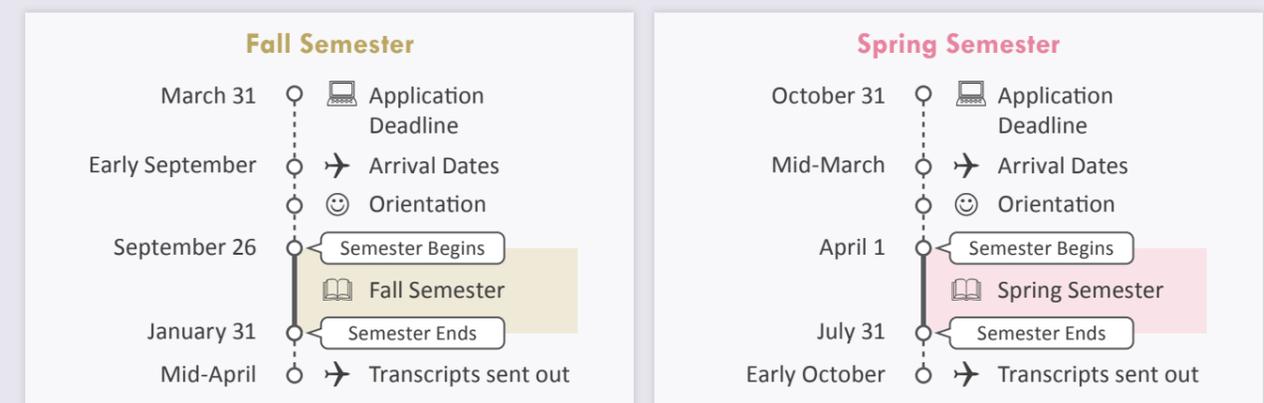
Students coming from a partner university under an Agreement for Student Exchange are eligible for the JASSO scholarship, and non-exchange students (self-sponsored applicants) are eligible for the RUSSES scholarship.

*1 If the final bank transfer cost is less than 10,000 yen, the difference will be refunded after arriving in Japan.

*2 Fees subject to change.

		Exchange Student	Non-exchange student
Application Procedures	Nomination	Must be nominated through the study abroad office at your institution	Nomination not required
	Application	Online Application	Online Application
Tuition		Waived	One Semester : JPY 372,400 Two Semesters: JPY 744,800
Document Handling Fee			JPY 10,000
Bank Transfer Fee *1			JPY 10,000
Scholarship *2		Eligible to apply JASSO: JPY 80,000/month	Eligible to apply RUSSES: JPY 40,000/month

Schedule



*NOTE: Subject to change. Please check our website for the latest information.

Application How to apply >> <http://en.ritsumeai.ac.jp/admissions/skp/apply>

A completed application form with supporting documents must arrive at the International Center at RU by the application deadline. Applications are accepted twice a year in both fall and spring. Students applying under an Agreement for Student Exchange with RU must first be nominated by their institution.