

GSIR

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



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More than
30 yrs
history

Over
1,200 alumni

Alumni in over
50 countries
and regions

More than
50%
of students are
International Students

The only official member of
APSIA
[Association of Professional School of International Affairs]
in Japan

Two M.A.s in two years
DMDP

[Dual Master's Degree Program]

Why Ritsu

Master's Program

We offer a curriculum of international relations studies formed by a wide range of academic disciplines: politics, economics/development, culture, society, and media. In addition, we offer courses and provide thesis guidance covering North America, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Japan, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Europe.

Global International Relations Program (English-based Program)

Global Governance Cluster

- Theories of International Relations
- International Security
- Global Peace Studies

Sustainable Development Cluster

- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- International Economics
- Local and Regional Development

Culture, Society and Media Cluster

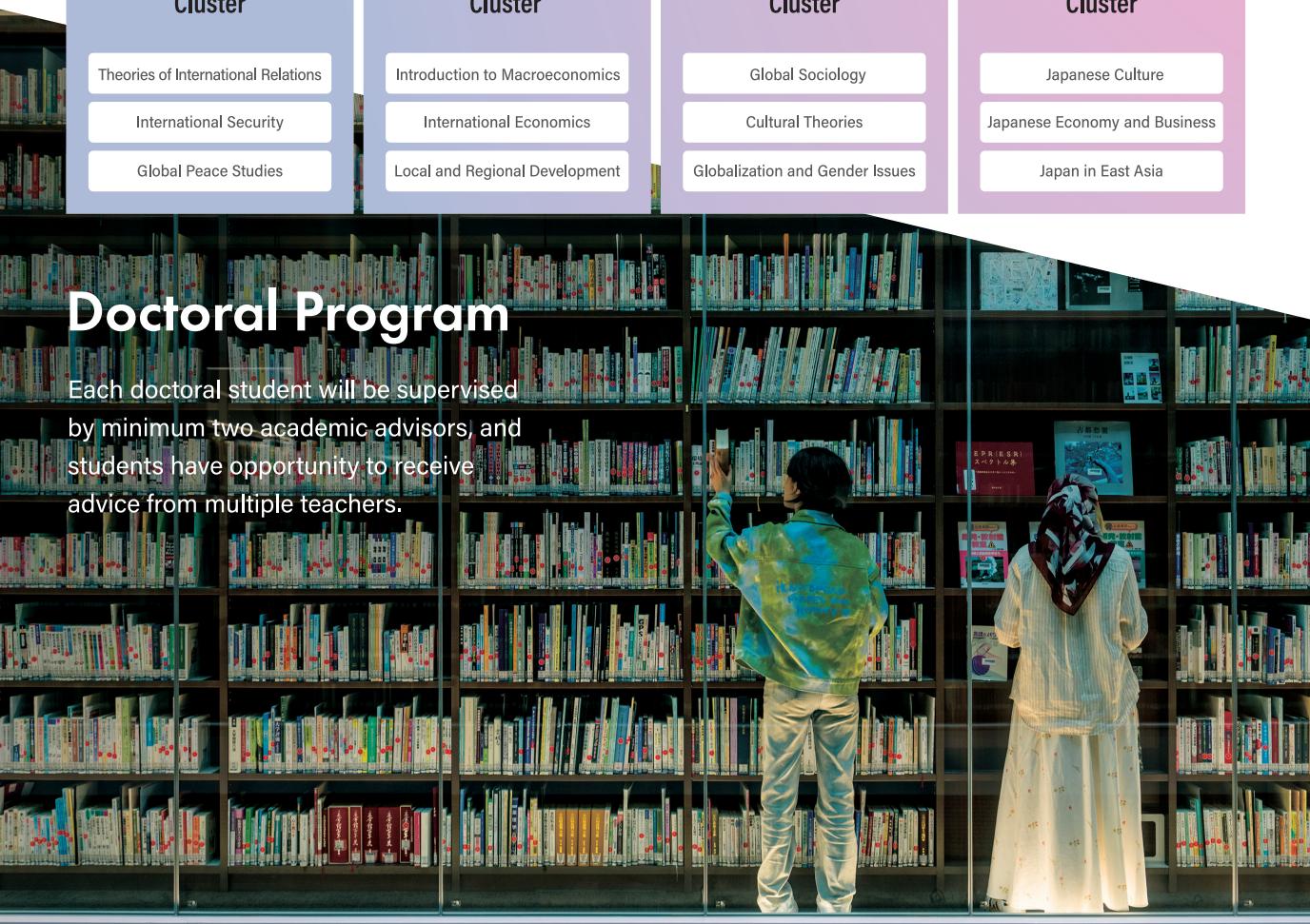
- Global Sociology
- Cultural Theories
- Globalization and Gender Issues

Global Japanese Studies Cluster

- Japanese Culture
- Japanese Economy and Business
- Japan in East Asia

Doctoral Program

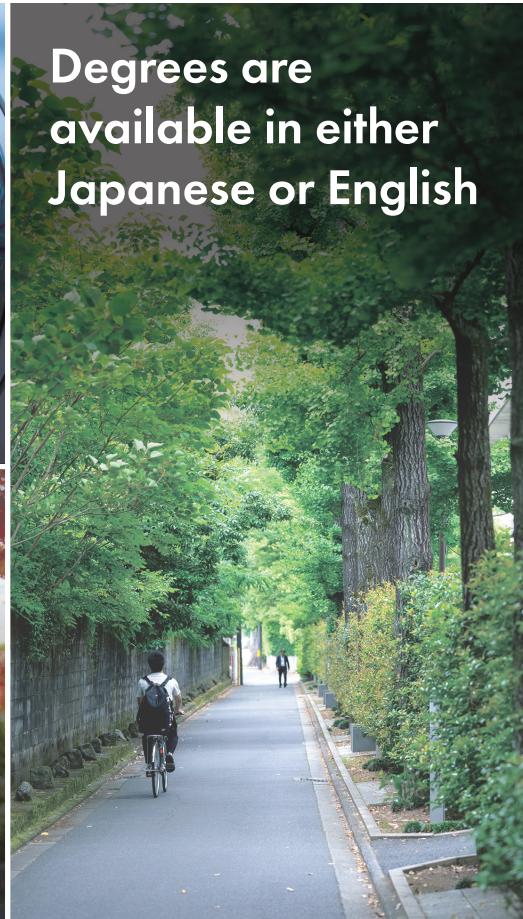
Each doctoral student will be supervised by minimum two academic advisors, and students have opportunity to receive advice from multiple teachers.



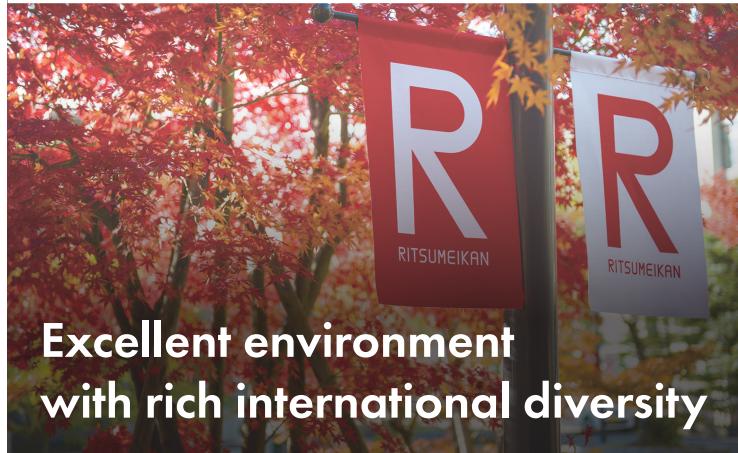
Ritsumeikan?



**Western Japan's First Graduate
School of International Relations**



**Degrees are
available in either
Japanese or English**

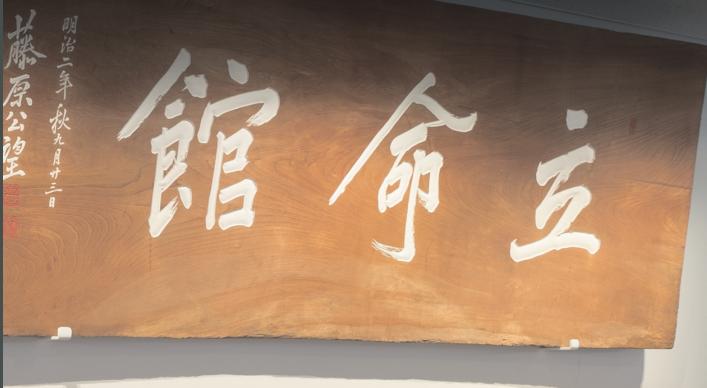


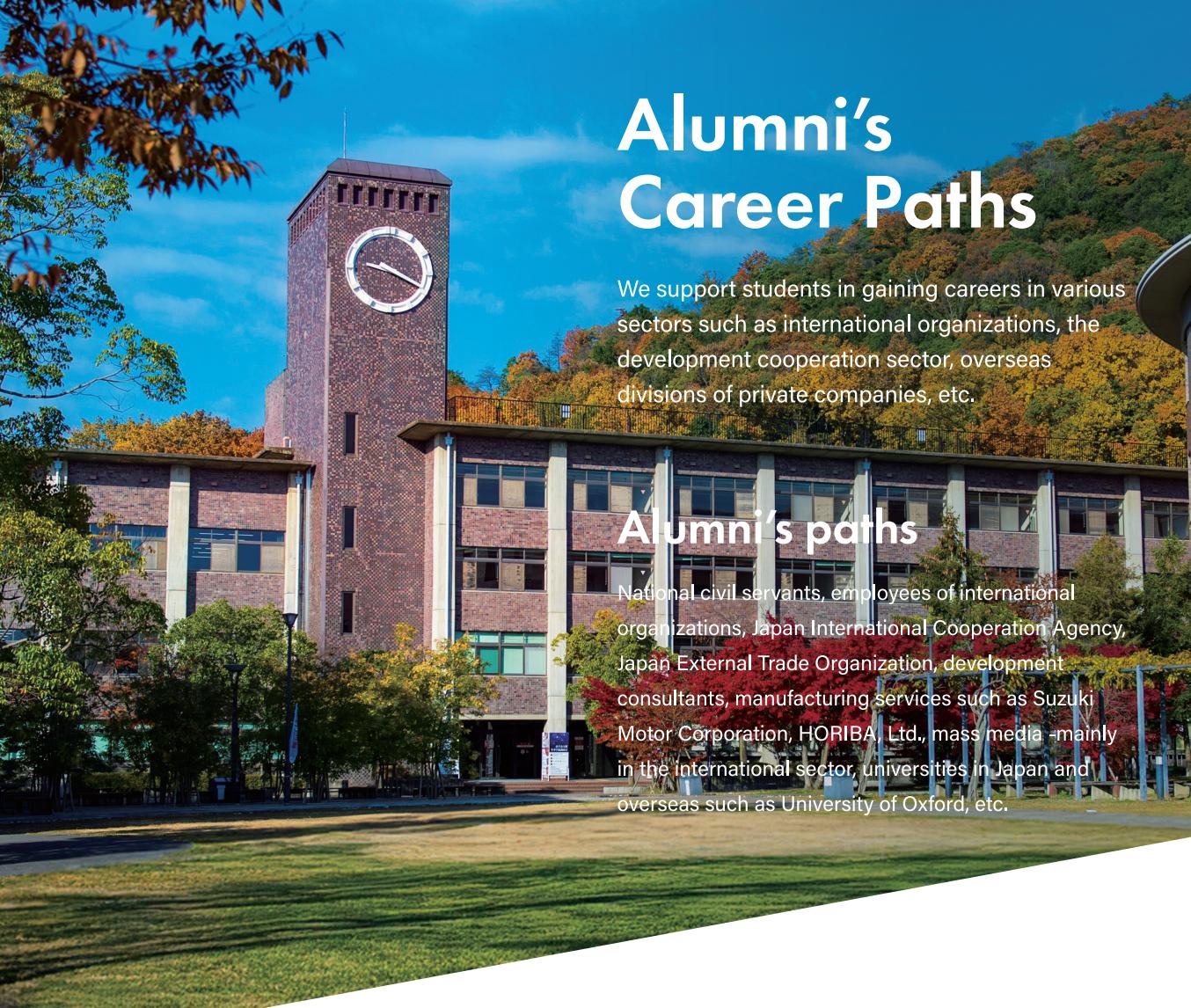
**Excellent environment
with rich international diversity**

**Dual Master's Degree
Program at Partner
Universities -DMDP-**



**Learning opportunity from
practitioner faculty members**





Alumni's Career Paths

We support students in gaining careers in various sectors such as international organizations, the development cooperation sector, overseas divisions of private companies, etc.

Alumni's paths

National civil servants, employees of international organizations, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Japan External Trade Organization, development consultants, manufacturing services such as Suzuki Motor Corporation, HORIBA, Ltd., mass media -mainly in the international sector, universities in Japan and overseas such as University of Oxford, etc.

Research Institutions at Ritsumeikan University

We aim to enhance graduate teaching and student research by organically and systematically integrating research periods within the university and graduate teaching, in which faculty members of the Graduate School of International Relations play a central role.

Institute of International Relations and Area Studies
<https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/iiras/>

Center for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies
<https://www.cmeis-ritsumei.net/>

Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies
<https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/ceapc/>

Kyoto Museum for World Peace
<https://rwp-museum.jp/>

Ritsumeikan Advanced Research Academy
<https://rara.ritsumei.ac.jp/>

We are located in Kyoto!

Kyoto, the capital of Japan from 794 to 1868, is well known throughout the world as a repository of Japanese art and cultural tradition.

Kyoto is home to some of Japan's most important UNESCO World Heritage Sites, some of which are located just a short distance from Ritsumeikan University.

Traditional Japanese festivals including the Gion Matsuri -one of Japan's largest and most famous- are held in Kyoto every year.



Master's Program

Language of instruction	English/Japanese
Degrees to be conferred	Master of Arts in International Relations
Program	Global International Relations Program/ International Relations Program
Enrollment semester	April/September
Standard term of study	Two years
Admission capacity	60

Doctoral Program

Language of instruction	English/Japanese
Degrees to be conferred	Doctor of Philosophy
Enrollment semester	April/September
Standard term of study	Three years
Admission capacity	10

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