

## ***Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Private) Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies***

### ◆ Program name

International Cooperation Policy  
-Tourism and Hospitality

### ◆ Degrees:

Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy

### ◆ Credit and years needed for graduation:

32 credits, 2 years

### ◆ Address:

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## ***Features of University*** <http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>

### **History**

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) is an international higher education institution 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 and humanity, as well as the enhancement of international mutual understanding in the Asia Pacific region. Although APU was established less than 20 years ago, it has already gained recognition as the most international university in Japan with a strong international orientation in its aims and educational programs, along with its teaching faculty, administrative staff, and enrolled students who come from all over the world.

### **Location**

APU is located on the outskirts of Beppu City (population of approximately 120,000) in Oita 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 spring water, and approximately 1.2 million tourists that visit Beppu every year. The large international student 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 approximately **5,500** students, of which about **2,500** are international students from **94** different countries, thus creating a truly multi-cultural environment on its campus. Among these students, presently **112** are enrolled in the Master's Course and 27 in the Doctoral Course of our Graduate School. All APU undergraduate programs are taught on a bilingual English-Japanese basis, while graduate programs are conducted entirely in English.

### **APU students by country:**

<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/content250/>

### **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 many corporate executives of leading multinational companies to speak and interact with students on campus.

### **List of past visitors:**

<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/content47/>

Our graduate schools have gained acclaim by being selected for prestigious scholarship programs offered by the Asian Development Bank, the Japanese Government and foreign governments. We are also welcoming students

from the ABE Initiative master's degree and internship program, and from a number of other JICA New International Student Programs.. APU's innovative approach to education has also repeatedly been recognized under the Japanese Government's "Top Global University Project," and it was placed 5th among private universities and among the Top 25 universities for the 2021 Japan University Ranking by the Times Higher Education.

As our profile grows both in Japan and around 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 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.

Over 300 JDS Fellows 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. APU takes pride in sending out graduates that can contribute to the development of their countries after studying here.

**Video clips about APU can be found on our YouTube page and at the following link:**

<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/experience/>

### ***Features of Graduate School***

<http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/>

<http://www.apu.ac.jp/gradinfo/>

The APU graduate school focuses on fostering global leaders with a broad perspective based on the extensive knowledge and skills needed to face the challenges of our world's rapidly changing society. It aims to educate and equip students to contribute to the sustainable and harmonious development of the Asia Pacific region by acquiring the necessary advanced expertise on administration, the environment and development economics, as well as learning to solve issues practically. Students will thus actively contribute to sustainable development and cooperation in the Asia Pacific region and the world.

All programs in the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (GSA) are taught entirely in English, and the rich curriculum allows students to tailor their own study program based on their interests and requirements with their supervisors' consultation. Approximately 50% of our faculty members come from outside Japan and a significant number of our Japanese faculty hold postgraduate degrees from world-renowned universities. Introductory and beginner Japanese language classes, together with an academic writing course, are available to interested graduate students.

Most subjects are run on a two-month quarter basis, with two quarters per semester. Some courses are offered on an intensive basis during the vacation periods between semesters. In addition to regular coursework subjects, all students must complete seminar subjects and submit an extended piece of writing which presents the finding and conclusions of their individual research in the format of a Research Report or a Master's thesis.

At APU's Graduate School, students can expect to develop practical policy-making skills through discussions with students dispatched from government agencies in developing countries, students from Japan, and other donor countries. By approaching issues from various perspectives, students will acquire a greater ability to solve problems effectively.

Besides regular classes, APU holds an average of 20 seminars on campus each year by invited speakers that include distinguished researchers, ambassadors, foreign diplomats, and officials from international organizations, NGOs, and corporations. Known on campus as RCAPS Seminars and Social Outreach Seminars, these offer students an opportunity to network with and gain the latest insight from leaders in various fields.

### ***Features of the Programs***

[http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/course\\_graduate/gsa\\_master/m\\_icp/](http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/course_graduate/gsa_master/m_icp/)

#### **International Cooperation Policy (ICP) – Tourism and Hospitality**

Students from Timor-Leste will be accepted into the Tourism and Hospitality Division in the International

Cooperation Policy (ICP) Major.

The Tourism and Hospitality Division aims to cultivate advanced expertise in tourism administration and tourism development necessary for the growth of the Asia Pacific region, deliver practical solutions to national and regional development challenges, and contribute to sustainable growth and coexistence in the Asia Pacific. Contributing to the cultivation of human resources to overcome development problems in Timor-Leste is consistent with the human resource development objectives of APU. In lectures, seminars, and individual guidance under internationally experienced faculty members from four different countries, JDS students study topics including tourism policy, tourism development, tourism promotion, community-based tourism, pro-poor tourism, and rural tourism, as well as engage in discussions and interact with other graduate students from more than 50 different countries, and thereby advance their insights with an understanding of the diversity of perspectives on current conditions and approaches to problem-solving. Upon completion of this Master's Course, students will have the knowledge and skills needed to immediately contribute to the development of Timor-Leste. They will be the next generation of leaders that can propose and evaluate policies and work for solutions. Students will also study important areas such as the kind of policies and structures in place at aid institutions including the World Bank, ADB, JICA, and other NGOs.

Being able to negotiate well with donor countries and related institutions in one's own country, as well as create development policies, are highly sought after skills. Regardless of the ministry or agency they belong to, human resources with these skills are critical for their country's development.

While students learn subjects such as "International Public Administration", "Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation", "Healthcare Economics" and "Development Economics", they also take part in seminar subjects and fieldwork to further enhance their education and develop themselves into highly-specialized experts in their fields. There is great diversity among students of this program, with many administrative officials studying here on scholarships from JDS, ADB, the World Bank, and JICA. Through this program, JDS Fellows can build a global network and gain vital cross-cultural communication skills

This program aims to educate and equip highly-skilled experts that are strong in both theory and practice. By connecting theory with practice, APU develops students into practical leaders that will be able to contribute to Timor-Leste's development in many areas.

<Outline of the special program>

- (i) Visits to local tourism departments and Japan Tourism Agency to learn about approaches for tourism development and tourism policy adopted in Japan.
- (ii) Visits to JICA offices to learn about tourism development projects conducted by Japan.
- (iii) Seminars by invited experts on tourism policy and tourism development to provide JDS students with opportunities to understand current trends.
- (iv) Seminars by invited alumni working in the tourism field.
- (v) English writing support to JDS fellows throughout their studies at APU to help them develop and complete their master's research and final research output (master's thesis or research report).
- (vi) Special orientations for JDS students to provide them an opportunity to meet and network their seniors.

### ***Necessary Curriculum to Obtain the Degrees***

[http://www.apu.ac.jp/gradinfo/gradinfo/content43/2018/AY2019\\_GraduateHandbook\\_Section3.pdf](http://www.apu.ac.jp/gradinfo/gradinfo/content43/2018/AY2019_GraduateHandbook_Section3.pdf)

A minimum of 32 credits is required for completion. As shown in the following table of credit requirements, JDS Fellows must take and pass a designated minimum number of credits from each Subject Category. Credits for a subject are obtained by earning a passing grade for that subject. All students must complete an extended piece of writing that presents the findings and conclusions of their individual research. Students may choose between a Master's Thesis or a Research Report.

#### **<Credit Requirements for Completion>**

Subject Category	Minimum Required Credits	Subject Type	Credit Rules
Analytical Foundation Subjects	4	Lecture	--

Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific region		4	Lecture	Any credits earned from Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region exceeding the minimum required credits of 4 will count towards the credits required for program completion
Major Subjects	Major Subjects 1	10	Lecture	Students must complete at least 10 credits from Major Subjects from their affiliated Division
	Major Subjects 2	-	Lecture	Any credits earned from APS/ICP Major Subjects outside the student's affiliated Division; these credits will count towards the credits required for program completion
Seminars		4	Seminar	The minimum required 4 credits include 2 credits from Final Research Project. Any credits earned from Seminars exceeding the minimum requirement of 4 credits will count towards the credits required for program completion
Core Related Subjects		-	Lecture	Credits earned from Core Related Subjects will count towards the credits required for program completion
		TOTAL		
		32		

<Subjects Offered in the International Cooperation Policy Major>

<b>Analytical Foundation Courses</b>	
Research Methods and Academic Writing	Information Resources and Data Analysis
<b>Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific region</b>	
Social and Cultural Processes in the Asia Pacific	Tourism in the Asia Pacific
Politics and Economics in the Asia Pacific	Public Health in the Asia Pacific
Environment and Sustainable Development in the Asia Pacific	
<b>Seminars</b>	
Research Project I	Research Project II
Research Project III	Final Research Project
<b>ICP Major Subjects</b>	
<b>International Public Administration</b>	
Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation	Project Management
Special Studies (International Public Administration)	Planning and Evaluation
International Public Administration	Community Development
International Organizations	
<b>Sustainability Science</b>	
Environment and Natural Resources Conservation	Urban Sustainability
Advanced Environmental Geosciences	Industrial Ecology
Environmental Policy, Law and Administration	Special Studies (Sustainability Science)
Environmental Economics	
<b>Tourism and Hospitality</b>	
Tourism Economics	Health and Wellness Tourism
Cultural and Heritage Tourism	Special Studies (Tourism and Hospitality)
Environmental Tourism	Tourism Policy and Planning
Community Based Tourism	
<b>Development Economics</b>	
Development Economics	Microeconomics
Macroeconomics	Community Development
Development Finance	Special Studies (Development Economics)
Comparative Economic Development	

APS Major Subjects	
<b>International Relations</b>	
Regionalism and Globalization	Special Studies(International Relations)
International Law	Conflict Resolution
International Political Economy	International Security
Comparative Politics and Government	
<b>Society and Culture</b>	
Changing Social Landscapes	Sociology of Everyday Life
Media and Communication	Special Studies(Society and Culture)
Migration and Trans-nationalism	Cultural Change
Social Organizations and Institutions	
Core Related Subjects	
Decision Making Under Uncertainty	Hospitality Management
Information Technology and Operations Management	Management Information Systems
Product Development Strategy	Database Management
Marketing Strategy	Advanced Data Analysis and Statistics
Marketing Research	

### ***List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS Fellows***

[http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/course\\_graduate/gsa\\_master/faculty/](http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/course_graduate/gsa_master/faculty/)

Below is a list of APU Faculty members who are qualified to supervise JDS Fellows. Fellows will be matched with faculty members in their division. Their supervisor will be confirmed within one month after classes begin.

Faculty Name	Position	Division	Research Area
BUI Thanh Huong	Professor	TH	Human Geography, Commerce, Social Psychology
KUBO Takayuki	Professor	TH	Urban and Regional Economics, Urban and Regional Policies, Urban and Regional Planning
TODOROKI Hiroshi	Professor	TH	Geography, Area Studies, Human Geography
VAFADARI M. Kazem	Professor	TH	Tourism, Hospitality Marketing, Human Geography, Cultural & Environmental Anthropology/Folklore Studies, Agricultural Heritage Tourism
YOTSUMOTO Yukio	Professor	TH	Poverty and Tourism, Community Development
KIKKAWA Takuro	Professor	IPA	Comparative Politics, International Politics, Politics in the Middle East, Social Movements in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
KIMURA Rikio	Professor	IPA	Social Welfare Studies (Community Development, NGO, Social Enterprise), Area Studies (Cambodia), Pedagogy (Adult Education)

SUDO Tomonori	Professor	IPA	Environmental and Climate Policy; Resource, Environment and Climate Economics; Development Economics and Finance, Development Policy
SUZUKI Yasushi	Professor	IPA	Theories of Banking, Public Finance, Islamic Finance, Political Economy of Institutions, Philosophy of Economics
JONES Thomas Edward	Associate Professor	SS	Environmental Policy, Nature-based Tourism, Place Branding, Regional Revitalization
LI Yan	Professor	SS	Environmental Policy, City Planning, Regional Planning, Traffic Engineering, Social System Engineering
PISHVA Davar	Professor	SS	Educational Technology, Applied Physical Properties/Crystal Engineering, System Engineering, Energy Studies
YAMASHITA Hiromi	Professor	SS	Citizen participation, Environmental Risk Communication, Coastal Wetland Restoration and Decision Making, Education for Sustainable Development
KIM Sangho	Professor	DE	Theoretical Economics, Econometrics, Applied Economics, Economic Policy, Economic Statistics
NATSUDA Kaoru	Professor	DE	International Development Studies, International Political Economy, Economic Policy, Industrial Development, Rural and Community Development, Automotive Industry, Apparel Industry
OTSUKA KOZO	Professor	DE	Applied Economics
YAMAGATA Tatsufumi	Professor	DE	Development Economics, Textile Industry, Bangladeshi Economy, Health and Development, Disability and Development
YAMAURA Koichi	Associate Professor	DE	Environmental Influence Valuation/Environment Policy, Applied Economics, Agronomy (Key Word : Socio-economic analysis, consumer behavior, food system, competition)

Abbreviations:

DE: Development Economics Division

IPA: International Public Administration Division

SS: Sustainability Science Division

TH: Tourism and Hospitality Division

## **Academic Schedule** <http://www.apu.ac.jp/gradinfo/modules/gradinfo/content9/>

Reference: **2021-2022 Academic Calendar (Tentative)**

Date	Targeted students	Event & things to-do
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
<u>Mid-Late September</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Students	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 Holiday
<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 Holiday
<u>Mid-September</u>	Final Semester Students	Graduation Ceremony

## **Facilities** <http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/contents/campusmap.html/>

### **Accommodation**

The residence designated for graduate students is AP House 4 which is located off-campus in downtown Beppu. It takes about 30 minutes to get to campus by bus.

Besides AP House 4, a wide range of private apartments are also available within a short bus ride from the campus, with affordable rent compared to other Japanese cities. Creotech, a university-affiliated company, provides assistance to students in locating and renting accommodation.

### **Campus Facilities**

APU provides certain facilities exclusively for graduate students, including a spacious common room, a separate computer lab, and study spaces for both Master's and PhD students. There are approximately 2,000 high-speed internet connected computers available for student-use on campus, and students can also use their own laptops to

access the APU network via plug-in ports at several convenient locations or through wireless LAN.

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 20:00 (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, a weight training room, tennis and basketball courts, a soccer field, track, and other facilities.

### **Support Services**

At APU, students have access to a full range of support services on campus. These include a Health Clinic and counseling service for all students and staff without any charge, a Student Office that facilitates extra-curricular activities and offers advice on lifestyle issues such as accommodation, a Research Office that provides support for research activities and an Academic Office which supports students in terms of their curriculum, course registration, Master's thesis submission process, etc.

### **Language Environment**

Since APU is a bilingual campus, all administrative offices such as the Academic Office and Student Office operate in both English and Japanese.

## ***Message for Applicants***

We hope that students in the International Cooperation Policy (ICP) Major will acquire the knowledge needed for developing a long-term perspective on development issues, as well as the capacity to address real-life issues by connecting theory to practice. In particular, ICP aims to produce individuals capable of engaging the actual practice of formulating and implementing development and aid initiatives. Within each specialization, we aim to integrate seminar-based research supervision on specific topics with coursework that imparts important knowledge and theoretical perspectives into a curriculum that is highly effective in equipping students with the skills they will need in their future careers.

Taught in English by faculty members who have ample experience guiding JDS Fellows, each class makes the most of APU's cultural diversity. In-class discussions are enriched by the variety of experiences our students have already gained in workplaces in their home countries. This is the ideal forum in which to prepare you for a career in international development on the world stage, and particularly here in the Asia Pacific region.

APU is proud that over 300 JDS Fellows, **including 2 Timor-Leste students**, have studied here until now and went on to be active at various government agencies or to teach at university. Our faculty members look forward to supporting the next group of students that enroll here, who will become future integral policymakers who will contribute greatly to the nation's advancement and to the rural and industrial development of the country.

We look forward to welcoming you as a member of our diverse and exciting campus.

