


Ritsumeikan University

Graduate School of International Relations

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	Programme Name
	Global International Relations Program (English-Based Program)
	Degree
	Master of Arts in International Relations
	Credits and years required to graduate
	30 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Not Required
	Admission Quota
2 students per batch	

Web Links

- University
<http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/>
- Graduate School
<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/>
- Program:
<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/education/first/curriculum.html/>
- Syllabus
<https://ct.ritsumei.ac.jp/syllabussearch/?lang=en>
- List of Courses:
<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/education/first/course.html/>
- Campus Facilities
<http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/lifecareer/facilities/>

Features of the University

The year 2023 marks the 123th anniversary of the opening of Ritsumeikan University. It was rated the maximum five stars in five of the eight assessment categories and an overall four stars in an independent rating by one of the world's leading educational assessment bodies, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). This award marks the first ever QS Stars assessment of a university in Japan. With a five-star rating in the categories of 'Innovation', 'Teaching', 'Internationalization', 'Facilities' and 'Employability', the result provides concrete evidence of the success of long-term strategies employed by the University to rise to the

challenge of the rapidly changing global society. Ritsumeikan currently boasts more than 2,800 international students from 72 countries and regions, placing us third in Japan for international student intake in 2022.

Features of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR) is committed to excellence in graduate training. The GSIR's general mission is to produce scholars of international relations who can contribute to the better understanding of political, economic, and socio-cultural aspects of globalizing societies with interdisciplinary social-scientific approaches, and professionals in various fields who possess the knowledge and skills rooted in the academic background of international relations to solve problems in the international community.

Features of the Programme

Global International Relations Program (English-Based Program) consists of four clusters: Global Governance Cluster; Sustainable Development Cluster; Culture, Society and Media Cluster; Global Japanese Studies Cluster. Each clusters also consist of basic subjects regarding international relations (Core Courses), and the subjects designed to foster a deep and specialized understanding of each subject from various disciplines (Advanced Courses) as well as the subjects of Area studies and Academic Writing.

1. Global Governance Cluster

Designed to give students the opportunity to learn a variety of theoretical and practical approaches to understanding international politics, comparative politics, international laws, and peace and security studies. Students will learn about international policymaking and will be expected to develop their own policy visions aimed at promoting global peace and prosperity.

2. Sustainable Development Cluster

Designed to assist students in gaining a well-rounded academic knowledge which draws from disciplines such as international cooperation, economic theories, and economics. Students also develop practical skills in policy development and evaluation, which will assist them in contributing to sustainable development and prosperity in the developed and developing parts of the world.

3. Culture, Society and Media Cluster

Designed to provide students with a theoretical understanding of cultural and social studies and key concepts in media and cultural studies. Students gain a well-balanced and systematic knowledge of a wide range of global cultural and social issues concerning ethnicity, race, migration, as well as popular culture and media and cultural industries, and public diplomacy.

4. Global Japanese Studies Cluster

Designed to allow students with a particular interest in Japan to take courses which will not only strengthen their knowledge of Japan and its international relations but also expand their horizons by offering a variety of perspectives including Global Governance, Economics and Sustainable Development, and Culture, Society and Media. This cluster will both provide foundational and advanced knowledge of Japan's international outlook, and how the rest of the world has viewed Japan.

Faculty

Faculty members who can supervise JDS fellow are listed below:

No.	Name	Fields of Specialization
1	Adachi, kenki	International Politics, Disarmament and Arms Control, Global Governance, Civil Society
2	Amekawa, yuichiro	Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Social development, Sociology of agriculture / environmental sociology, Area studies (Southeast Asia, especially Thailand)
3	Ataka, hiroaki	Critical International Relations Theory, International political Economy
4	Cheung, yukman	Cultural-Historical Sociology, Nationalism, Urban Sociology, Japanese Studies, Japanese subcultures (anime), Hong Kong Studies
5	Danisman, Idris	Religion and International Relations, Islamic Thought, Turkish Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Multiculturalism
6	French, thomas william	Japanese History, Japanese Politics, History of US-Japan Relations, History of UK-Japan Relations
7	Fukumi, sayaka	International Relations, Non-traditional Security Threats
8	Hayashi, daisuke	Political economy, Environmental policy, Climate change policy, Energy policy
9	Hirono, miwa	China's International Relations, Security Studies
10	Honna, jun	Politics and International Relations in Southeast Asia, Indo-Pacific Strategic Affairs, Non-Traditional Security, Democratization, Civil-Military Relations/Security Sector Reform
11	Ishikawa, sachiko	International development cooperation theory, Conflict and peace studies, Regional studies (Southeast Asia, ASEAN)
12	Itaki, masahiko	International Economy, International Surplus Capital
13	Iwata, takuo	Comparative Politics, African Studies
14	Kawamura, satoko	International Relations (Governance of Advanced Technology, International Thought), International Administration, The Law of International Relations
15	Kimijima, akihiko	Constitutional Law, Peace Studies
16	Koga browes, Scott philammon	Media Studies, Visual Semiotic Analysis of TV News
17	Masuda, minoru	International History, History of British Politics and Diplomacy
18	Matsuda, masahiko	Agriculture and Rural Development, Area Studies (Southeast Asia, Myanmar)
19	Matsusaka, Hiroaki	Global and Transnational History, Intellectual and Cultural History, North American and East Asian Studies, Transpacific Studies, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
20	Nakato, sachio	IR (International Relations)/IPE (International Political Economy)
21	Nakatsuji, keiji	International History, International Relations in Asia-Pacific
22	Ochi, megumi	International law, international criminal justice
23	Ohta, hideaki	International Finance, International Economics, International Development Finance, Development Macroeconomics, Regional/Global Economies
24	Oyama, shinji	Cultural Studies, Media studies, Creative/Cultural Industries Studies: Critical Brand Studies
25	Rajkai, zsombor tibor	Social and Cultural Studies, Modernization of Non-Western Societies, Family Studies
26	Shimada, haruyuki	International Development and Cooperation, Development Economics, International Relations, Area Study (South and South East Asia)
27	Shirato, keiichi	Journalism Studies (Japan, African Countries), African Area Studies, Japan-Africa Relations
28	Smith, nathaniel m.	Cultural Anthropology: Far Right Political Activism, Urban Studies, Japan Studies
29	Sonoda, setsuko	History, Area Studies, Overseas Chinese Studies, Modern Chinese History
30	Suechika, kota	Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, International Relations, Comparative Politics

31	Tokumaru, hiroshi	Monetary Economics, International Finance
32	Toriyama, junko	Gender Studies, Gender Studies on the Middle East, Cultural Anthropology
33	Tsujiimoto, toshiko	Transnational Sociology, Studies on International Migration and Gender, Philippine Studies
34	Uematsu, Hiroki	Development Economics, Poverty and Inequality, Sustainable Development, International Cooperation
35	Watanabe, hiroaki richard	International Relations, Comparative Political Economy (East Asia/Asia-Pacific, Europe, USA)
36	Watanabe, matsuo	Economic Development, African Economies, West Balkan Study (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
37	Yane, haruka	International Economics, International Trade and Labor, Economic Policies