


Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)

Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

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	Program Name
	Master's program in International Cooperation Policy (ICP) For Component 1-2 Public Financial Management Master's program in Asia Pacific Studies (APS) For Component 2-1 International Relations
	Degree
	Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy For Component 1-2 Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies For Component 2-1
	Credits and years required to graduate
	32 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Not Required
	Admission Quota
5 students per batch (3 slots for Component 1-2, 2 Slots for Component 2-1)	

Web Links

- University
<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>
- Graduate School
<https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate>
- Program:
ICP:
https://en.apu.ac.jp/gsa/gsa_education/#icp
APS:
https://en.apu.ac.jp/gsa/gsa_education/#aps_first
- List of Courses:
https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academic/gsa_master/model/
- Campus Facilities
<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/contents/campusmap.html/>

Features of the University

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) first opened its doors in 2000 thanks to a collaboration between the Ritsumeikan Trust, Oita Prefecture, and Beppu City. With an entirely new multicultural learning environment consisting of half international students and half Japanese/domestic students, APU's aim is to

provide an international education that leads to the development of global leaders working in a diverse range of fields and industries. In these past twenty years, this goal has been reached with results exceeding expectations! APU now has over 20,000 alumni from more than 150 countries and regions, and this alumni network of global individuals continues to grow every year.

The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies currently boasts more than 150 international students from 51 countries and regions and 98% of them are international students. It has been ranked 5th among private universities in the Times Higher Education Japan University Rankings since 2016.

Features of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies aims to cultivate individuals who will contribute to the sustainable development of and coexistence in the Asia Pacific region. These individuals will possess broad knowledge across many fields including administration, security, environment and development, economics, sociology, cultural and media studies, and tourism and have practical problem-solving skills required for the development of the Asia Pacific region. The courses taught under this program consist of four pillars: analytical foundation courses, core courses on the Asia Pacific region, division

specific courses and intensive research-oriented seminar courses.

Most courses are run on a quarterly basis, each lasting approximately two months. This program nurtures students' research skills, including the ability to formulate frameworks for analyses, collect and analyze data and test arguments and hypotheses.

Students are expected to conduct research under a specific theme in a systematic manner throughout their studies. At the end of the program, students must submit a thesis or

report on a theme of their choice, which they have developed under personal guidance from their supervisors in the seminar courses run throughout the duration of the program.

During this process, students are encouraged to conduct field research. In addition, APU organizes numerous seminars and field studies and invites prominent scholars and researchers to share on their fields of expertise. Students are encouraged to develop their research by taking advantage of these opportunities.

Faculty

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Faculty Name	Position	Division	Research Area
HASUDA Takashi	Associate Professor	SC	History of Pre-modern Southeast Asia
HEO Seunghoon Emilia	Associate Professor	IR	International Reconciliation, Conflict Resolution, Peace Studies (Education)
IGUCHI Yufu	Professor	SC	Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, Malaysian Studies
KASEDA Yoshinori	Professor	IR	Japanese Foreign Policy, International Politics with a regional focus on East Asia
KIM Chan Hoe	Professor	SC	Folklore Studies
KOJIMA Shinji	Associate Professor	SC	Inequality, Work and Employment, Globalization, Migration, Multiculturalism, Japanese Society
LE Hoang Anh Thu	Associate Professor	SC	Social and Cultural Anthropology, Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnamese Studies, ageing and life course, Buddhism and society, civil society, faith-based philanthropy, food system, foodbanks
MANTELLA Peter A.	Professor	IR, SC	Science and Technology Studies (STS), Artificial Intelligence (AI), AI and Security, Malicious Use of AI, Social Media, Surveillance Studies, Political Communication/Conflict Media, Film TV and Videogame Studies
ROTHMAN Steven B.	Associate Professor	IR	International Relations Theory, International Cooperation, Regime Theory, Soft Power, Pedagogy
SEIKE Kumi	Professor	SC	Sociology in general, Sociological theory, Anthropological theory, Philosophy: Kant, New realism
VYAS Utpal	Associate Professor	IR	International Relations, International political economy, Comparative politics, Area studies and Regionalism (Asia and Europe)
YOSHIDA Kaori	Professor	SC	Media studies, Cultural studies (gender, ethnicity, nation), Popular culture, Dark tourism, Memory studies, Identity politics and media
YOSHIMATSU Hidetaka	Professor	IR	International relations, International political economy, regionalism and regional politics in the Asia-Pacific, great power politics in the Indo-Pacific

Abbreviations:

IR: International Relations Division

SC: Society and Culture Division

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Faculty Name	Position	Division	Research Area
BUI Thanh Huong	Professor	IPA, SS, TH	Tourism, Sustainability, and Resilience, Resource Management, Environmental Economics
GHOTBI Nader	Professor	DE, SS	Health, AI, Ethics & Bioethics, Economics, Environment
GOMEZ, Oscar A.	Associate Professor	IPA	International cooperation, human security, global governance
HAN Ji	Professor	SS	Urban Ecology, Material metabolism, Low-carbon city/transport, livable city, circular economy, ecosystem services, GIS and remote sensing
JONES Thomas Edward	Professor	SS, TH	Human geography, conservation, protected area management
HASHIMOTO Shunsaku	Professor	TH	Qualitative Analysis, especially M-GTA
KIKKAWA Takuro	Professor	IPA	Comparative Politics (inc. political system, policy analysis, comparative foreign policies), IR, history, and Area Studies (the Middle East)
KIM Sangho	Professor	DE	International Trade, Economic Growth, Economic Development, Productivity Analysis
KIMURA Rikio	Professor	IPA	NGO, social enterprise, community development, adult learning, pedagogy, organizational development and leadership
KUBO Takayuki	Professor	SS, TH	Urban Development and Planning, Regional Development and Planning
LI Yan	Professor	IPA, SS	Environmental Impact Assessment/Environment Policy, City Planning/Architectural Planning, Traffic Engineering, Land Planning, Social System Engineering/Safety System
MAHICHI Faezeh	Associate Professor	SS	Inclusive Environmental Citizenship Education, Circular Bioeconomy, Ecosystem services, Sustainable Food Systems, Regenerative agriculture, Decrease of humanity's ecological footprint, Community-based environmental actions
MATSUO Yuji	Associate Professor	SS	Energy system modeling, energy policy analysis, renewable energies, nuclear power
MEIRMANOV Serik	Professor	IPA, TH	General Life Science, Social Psychology, Human Genetics, Human Pathology, Human Pathology, Public Hygiene Studies/ Health Science, International Education
NATSUDA Kaoru	Professor	DE	International development, International political economy, Policy studies
OTSUKA KOZO	Professor	DE	Productivity, innovations, economic growth
OHASHI Hiroaki	Associate Professor	SS, TH	Urban and regional planning, Spatial planning and policy, Urban (re)development and design, Sustainable and resilient development
SATO Yoichiro	Professor	IPA	Research Area: Foreign policy analysis, Security, International political economy, Fishery policy, Comparative politics
SHIMOMURA Ken-Ichi	Professor	DE	Economic Theory, Experimental Economics, Industrial Organization
SUZUKI Yasushi	Professor	IPA, DE	Institutional Economics, Political Economy, Theories of Rent-seeking, Corruption, Property Right, Public Finance, Financial Development, Comparative Financial Systems (Japan, US, China, Islamic Finance and Microcredit), Development Economics, Energy Security, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Economics (Social Justice), International Economic Law
SUN Yiyang	Associate Professor	TH	Hospitality, Tourism, Information and communications technology, mobile payment, and consumer behavior
TODOROKI Hiroshi	Professor	TH	Tourism Geography, Area Studies
VAFADARI M. Kazem	Professor	SS, TH	Tourism policy and planning Food tourism Agritourism Rural tourism and development Heritage tourism Ecotourism
YAMAGATA Tatsufumi	Professor	DE	Development Economics, Development Studies
YAMASHITA Hiromi	Professor	SS	Environmental sociology, environmental communication, risk study, public perceptions on nature restoration projects (green infrastructures, nature based solutions), coastal wetlands management and conservation (including tidal flats, mangroves, beaches), community participation in decision making, consensus building on infrastructure building in coastal communities
YAMAURA Koichi	Associate Professor	DE	Consumer preferences in food and environmental economics
YOTSUMOTO Yukio	Professor	TH	Community based tourism, sociology of tourism
YOUN Seung Ho	Associate Professor	TH	Tourist behavior, experience, hospitality management

Abbreviations:

- DE: Development Economics Division
- IPA: International Public Administration Division
- SS: Sustainability Science Division
- TH: Tourism and Hospitality Division