

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)

Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

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	Programme Name
	International Cooperation Policy Asia Pacific Studies
	Degree
	Master of Arts in International Public Policy Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies
	Credits and years required to graduate
	32 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Not Required
	Admission Quota
	2 students per batch

Web Links

- University
<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>
- Graduate School
<https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate>
- Program:
https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academic/gsa_master/
- List of Courses:
https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/academic/gsa_master/model/
- Campus Facilities
<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/about/content252/>

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 was to provide an international education that lead 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 10,000 alumni from more

than one hundred thirty countries and regions, and this alumni network of global individuals continues to grow every year.

APU currently boasts more than 1,025 international students from 71 countries and regions and 99% of them are international students. It has been ranked 5th among private universities in the Times Higher Education 2021 Japan University Rankings.

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 surveys in the Asia Pacific region. In addition, APU organizes numerous seminars and conferences 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

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
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	Applied econometrics, Economic development, International trade, 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
MEIRMANOV Serik	Professor	IPA, TH	General Life Science, Social Psychology, Human Genetics, 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, Real estate 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