


# Ritsumeikan University

## Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR)

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	Programme Name
	Global International Relations Program
	Degree
	Master of Arts in International Relations
	Credits and years you need to graduate
	30 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Not required
	Number of Acceptance
	2 students per batch

### Web Links

- University  
<http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/>
- Graduate School  
<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/>
- Courses/Programme  
<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/education/first/curriculum.html/>
- Curriculum  
<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/education/first/course.html/>
- Faculty Members  
<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/faculty/>
- Student Support System  
[http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru\\_gr/g-career/eng/language/writing.html/](http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/eng/language/writing.html/)

### Features of the University

Ritsumeikan University seeks to promote both rigorous scholarship and individual insights while nurturing just and ethical global citizens. Based upon the university's founding ideals of Freedom and Innovation and its core educational philosophy of Peace and Democracy, this educational mission furthers our core commitment to, in the words of the great Ritsumeikan postwar chancellor Hiroshi Suekawa, encouraging students to "believe in the future, live for the future."

Faculty and staff within the various offices and departments of Ritsumeikan University work closely together to support the individualized learning and development of its many students

from a diverse array of backgrounds, empowering those students who are the agents in the process of "Creating a Future Beyond Borders."

### Features of the Graduate School

Our MA program seeks to foster professionals with advanced analytic ability, who are capable of pursuing agendas such as building order and peace in the international community, promoting sustainable development, and solving the problems of multicultural societies. We aim to foster such ability by equipping students with interdisciplinary and multifaceted perspectives based on specialized knowledge of international relations and skills in inter-cultural communications. The Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR), as an institution for interdisciplinary studies of international relations, seeks to develop researchers who can explore various political, economic, and cultural issues in a globalizing world and foster professionals with practical ability and advanced knowledge of international relations.

### Features of the Programme

GSIR offers the Global International Relations Program (English-Based Program) which consists of 4 clusters. Admitted students are affiliated only with their program and not with any particular cluster and may take courses from any cluster.

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.

### Student Support System

At the International Center, students can receive assistance with accommodation, health, and day to day life. When new international students arrive at Ritsumeikan University, the International Center organizes thorough orientations to start off the semester which include sessions outlining the procedures for resident registration, enrollment in health insurance, and opening bank accounts. The Graduate Students Career Path Support Center offers an English Academic Writing Support Program for students pursuing graduate-level degrees at Ritsumeikan University to assist and instruct in the area of academic writing. Academic writing requires several skills, and it is very important to have familiarity with styles and the rules to follow. This program consists of a 3-step course and one tutorial.

They are designed to help students acquire the various writing styles and rules step-by-step leading to the completion of a thesis

### Curriculum

**List of Courses:**

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/education/first/course.html/>