

3. Miscellaneous Membership Fees for the 2016 Academic Year (For Your Reference)

The university undertakes the collection of miscellaneous membership fees from its associated organizations, which students are required to pay together with tuition. The membership fees to be paid for 2016 academic year is shown below. For details concerning the associated organizations, refer to following pages.

【Master's Program】

(JPY)

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee	Academic Society Fee	Alumni Association Fee	Faculty Alumni Fee	Total
Law Economics Business Administration	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	7,000	—	—	11,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	7,000	30,000	—	41,000
Sociology Letters	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	6,000	—	—	10,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	6,000	30,000	—	40,000
International Relations Policy Science Image Arts Sport and Health Science	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	8,000	—	—	12,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	8,000	30,000	—	42,000
Science for Human Services Language Education and Information Science Science and Engineering Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences Technology Management	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	—	4,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	30,000	—	34,000
Public Policy	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	10,000	14,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	30,000	10,000	44,000

【Doctoral Program】

(JPY)

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee	Academic Society Fee	Alumni Association Fee	Faculty Alumni Fee	Total
Law Economics Business Administration	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	7,000	—	—	11,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	7,000	—	—	11,000
Sociology Letters	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	6,000	—	—	10,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	6,000	—	—	10,000
International Relations Policy Science Sport and Health Science	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	8,000	—	—	12,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	8,000	—	—	12,000
Science and Engineering Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences Technology Management	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	—	4,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	—	—	4,000

【Integrated Doctoral Program】

(JPY)

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee	Academic Society Fee	Alumni Association Fee	Faculty Alumni Fee	Total
Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	1st year	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	4,000
		Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	30,000	—	34,000
	3rd year	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	4,000
		Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	—	4,000

【Four-Year Doctoral Program】

(JPY)

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee	Academic Society Fee	Alumni Association Fee	Faculty Alumni Fee	Total
Pharmacy	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	—	4,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	30,000	—	34,000

【Professional Degree Program】

(JPY)

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee	Academic Society Fee	Alumni Association Fee	Faculty Alumni Fee	Total
School of Law	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	7,000	—	—	11,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	7,000	30,000	—	41,000
Management	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	7,000	—	10,000	21,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	7,000	30,000	10,000	51,000

Notes:

- 1) The Graduate Students Associations membership fee and the Alumni Association's membership fee should be paid in a lump sum. (Biannual payment is not allowed.) The academic societies' fee can be paid in two installments biannually.
- 2) The Alumni Association's membership fee (lifetime fee) should be paid in the year of admission only. Students from Ritsumeikan University are exempt from payment of the Alumni Association fee, which is supposed to have been paid when they were in their fourth year at the college of the university (sixth year for students from the college of Pharmaceutical Sciences). However, students who have been admitted to a graduate school under the grade-skipping system without paying the Alumni Association fee during their fourth (sixth year for students from the college of Pharmaceutical Sciences) year and students from the APU are required to pay the Alumni Association fee.

4. Details concerning the associated organizations, the university undertakes the collection of membership fees

(1) Federation of graduate students associations

Federation of Graduate Students Associations is an autonomous organization joined by all graduate students of Ritsumeikan University established to help graduate students explore their academic interests to a fuller extent and to facilitate further development of the university and its graduate schools. The federation is tasked with working with the university to improve educational and research environments at the graduate schools and enhancing amenities to make campus life more comfortable for graduate students. At Ritsumeikan University, the autonomous and independent activities of the federation are considered important in encouraging personal growth of graduate students and improving campus environments.

The annual membership fee is 4,000 JPY (for the 2016 academic year), which is used to cover the expenses of the activities of the federation and the Graduate Students Association of each graduate school (e.g. expenses to purchase office supplies and materials for common use).

Ritsumeikan University determines whether to collect membership fees on behalf of the federation after examining the budget and financial report submitted by the federation annually. Also, the actual arrangements to receive and spend membership fees are made through the university, not directly by the federation.

(2) Academic societies

Most of the colleges and graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University have their own academic societies.

Each of these academic societies aims to contribute to the development of research in each respective field and offer grants-in-aid to researchers. Specifically, these academic societies are involved in: (i) publishing “research journals” (bulletin of the academic society), (ii) organizing academic meetings, (iii) offering financial assistance for research activities, (iv) hosting academic lectures, (v) conducting surveys of various kinds and organizing inspection tours, and (vi) organizing seminar meetings. Members are sent periodical research journals (the bulletin of the academic society) containing research papers written by Ritsumeikan University’s faculties, selected graduation and master’s theses, book reviews, and up-to-date information on the academic society itself. Members are also given opportunities to participate in academic lectures featuring renowned lecturers and seminar meetings, which help to facilitate study and research at the respective colleges and graduate schools.

Each of the academic societies consists of the faculty, graduate students, and students of each respective college and graduate school. (Any individual who graduated from or completed the program of any of the relevant colleges or graduate schools can join its academic society by following the specified procedures.) The university recognizes the significance of these academic societies and deems students, by enrolling themselves in one of the colleges and graduate schools that have an academic society, automatically become members of the academic society in question. The academic society membership fee is added to tuition fees and is collected by the university on behalf of each academic society. If the tuition fees for the first academic year paid to the university falls short of the amount of the membership fee (full or half amount), the student is considered to have opted not to join the academic society. While students who are not members of the academic societies incur no disadvantage in their study and research at the university, they are not entitled to participate in events held by the academic societies or receive supports from them.

■ Overview of each academic societies

Academic society name	Main functions	Membership of the society	Head office
The Academic Society of law	(i) publishing “research journals” (bulletin of the academic society) (ii) organizing academic meetings (iii) offering financial assistance for research activities (iv) hosting academic lectures (v) conducting surveys of various kinds and organizing inspection tours (vi) organizing seminar meetings	Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Law, Graduate School of Law, or School of Law.	Administrative Office, College of Law
The Academic Society of Sociology		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Social Sciences, Graduate School of Sociology.	Administrative Office, College of Social Sciences
The Academic Society of International Relations		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of International Relations, Graduate School of International Relations.	Administrative Office, College of International Relations
The Academic Society of Letters		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Letters, Graduate School of Letters.	Administrative Office, College of Letters
The Academic Society of Image Arts		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Image Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Image Arts.	Administrative Office, College of Image Arts and Sciences
The Academic Society of Business Administration		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Business Administration, Graduate School of Business Administration, or Graduate School of Management.	Administrative Office, College of Business Administration
The Academic Society of Policy Science		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Policy Science, Graduate School of Policy Science.	Administrative Office, College of Policy Science
The Academic Society of Economics		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Economics, Graduate School of Economics.	Administrative Office, College of Economics
The Academic Society of Sport and Health Science		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Sport and Health Science, Graduate School of Sport and Health Science.	Administrative Office, College of Sport and Health Science

(3) Alumni association

Membership of the Alumni Association of Ritsumeikan University consists of all the individuals who graduate from and completed programs at the university’s colleges and graduate school, as well as the university’s faculty and administrative staff members. The association’s objectives are to maintain ties between alumni and their alma mater, and to contribute to the success of its members, to the advancement of Ritsumeikan University, and to wider society. To these ends it pursues a number of projects that foster interaction and goodwill and enrich each other. The association has about 340,000 members, 52 prefectural associations in Japan, and 24 overseas associations, as well as around 600 associations organized by colleges, departments, seminar classes, student groups, occupational categories, and regions. The major activities of the Alumni Association include: supporting Ritsumeikan University sporting teams, organizing events to welcome new members, planning cross-industrial exchange programs, holding the national Alumni Association assembly, organizing general meetings of prefectural alumni associations, publishing and disseminating the Alumni Association’s bulletin, the Ritsumei (four times annually), implementing relief efforts after the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster, managing an official website and Facebook page, and offering scholarships to current students. Members are also issued a membership card, which allows them to use libraries and other facilities within the university. The membership fee of 30,000 Japanese yen is a lifetime fee. On request and on behalf of the association, the university collects the fee together with tuition fee payments. (Graduates of Ritsumeikan University who paid the membership fee while enrolled in an undergraduate college are exempt from further payment.)