

Graduate School of International Relations

For those who are considering taking the December entrance exam

Changes in Application Guidelines for April 2021 Enrollment (December Admissions)
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Graduate School of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University has decided to make some changes to the application guidelines for April 2021 Enrollment (December Admissions) from the perspective of preventing the spread of Coronavirus and in view of the social situation in response to the spread of the disease.

For those who are considering to take the entrance examinations of our Graduate School this September, please understand the above circumstances and confirm the following changes to the application guidelines before preparing your application.

1. Applicable Entrance Examination Methods

April 2021 Enrollment (December Admissions)

- Regular Admissions for Japanese-based Program (Document Only)
- Regular Admissions for English-based Program (Document Only)

2. Changes

Required Documents

In addition to the Certificate of language ability currently described in our Application Guidelines for April 2021 Enrollment, we accept the following certificates concerning language proficiency in English and Japanese as a substitute measurement for December Admissions.

(1) Certificate related to English ability

As the TOEIC® and TOEFL® tests have been cancelled due to the spread of Coronavirus disease, the operation is as follows:

- As stated in the guidelines, "Certificate of English language proficiency (TOEFL® Test or IELTS is preferable)" and "Scores of TOEFL® Test, IELTS and TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING TEST must be taken no more than 2 years before the starting date of the application period." However, we will accept the submission of a certificate that exceeds two years if you are unable to submit a certificate obtained within the past two years.

(2) Certificate of Japanese ability

As the JLPT (1st 2020 (July 5th)) has been canceled due to the spread of Coronavirus disease, the operation is as follows.

As stated in the guidelines, the submission of PROFICIENCY IN JAPANESE (Form GS2) and either “Score Report”, “Certificate of Result and Scores” or “Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency” which indicate the passing of N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test will be required. However, for applicants who cannot take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, we will accept the following documents when submitted as a substitute.

- Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JPT) score of 660 or more
- J-CAT (Japanese Computerized Adaptive Test) (Photocopies acceptable) score of 300 or more

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