To Students

Ritsumeikan University

Academic Honesty and Integrity at Ritsumeikan University

We would like to express our support as you prepare for the final exams, reports, and essays which provide important opportunities to measure your academic achievements.

The Ritsumeikan Charter states that "Ritsumeikan, founded on the freedom of academic inquiry and research, will pave the way to the future. Upholding the principles of autonomy, democracy, fairness, transparency, and non-violence, we will boldly take on the challenge of intellectual creation that will bring about new values of harmonious coexistence to be shared far and wide....". These words are filled with the hope that, by engaging in studies independently, you will become aware of your role as a key member of society, with a keen interest and open mind regarding domestic and international affairs, and that you will value respect of others, and that you will lay the foundations for your career and your future.

The University does not tolerate academic misconduct, such as looking at another person's paper during a test or any other form of cheating. Academic misconduct is subject to disciplinary action based on the Ritsumeikan University Final Examination Regulations and the Ritsumeikan University Student Disciplinary Regulations and is dealt with strictly by each College. However, cases of misconduct in final exams are often reported and students continually face discipline. For example, if a fourth-year student approaching graduation is worried about whether he or she will graduate, and cheats on an exam, the student will end up postponing graduation and have to give up on the job offer.

Plagiarism on papers is also unacceptable. Plagiarism is unethical behavior that involves using someone else's literary work without acknowledging the source or stealing someone else's original ideas or words and presenting them as your own. This includes copying someone else's paper and copy-pasting articles from the internet without indicating the sources. Unfortunately, there are students at Ritsumeikan who resort to plagiarism for their papers, whether intended or not. Plagiarizing the works of others for papers is not only deceptive to faculty and other students, but is also an infringement on the rights of the original author. A student who plagiarizes with malicious intent will face disciplinary actions according to the Ritsumeikan University Student Disciplinary Regulations (acts against academic ethics).
Using the contents created by the generative AI (Artificial Intelligence) as they are to write reports and other assignments may lead to copyright infringement and other research ethics issues. When using the generative AI, please confirm the "Regarding the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)" (April 25, 2023, Division of Academic Affairs, Ritsumeikan University) and "Guidelines for Using Generative AI in Classwork and Learning Activities (For Students)" (March 19, 2026, Division of Academic Affairs, Ritsumeikan University) posted on the Ritsumeikan University Study Support Site.

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Acquiring credits at university is a comprehensive process based on in-class and daily out-of-class studies. Grading methods are defined for each course in light of the "student achievement objectives" stated in the

syllabus. The examinations and reports indicated in the grading methods measure the level of understanding of the course content (level of achievement in learning), and are one of the materials used to determine one's level of achievement. Working on exams and reports without attending classes does not lead to personal growth. Students are expected to attend classes, work on in-class studies, and then work on examinations and reports.

The Ritsumeikan Charter describes “We will carry on the spirit of “believe in the future and live for the future,” and, inscribing in our minds that our respective research and educational activities as both a research university and an inquiry-driven academy will shape the world of the future, we will devote ourselves to the creation of a sustainable society and the realization of world peace” We hope you will enjoy your student life with a sense of pride in your studies and a strong commitment to learning at the university.