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Curriculum, Learning Environments

Program Structures and Courses

You can take courses from other programs

Languages

English

Japanese/English

Japanese

Unlike other International Relations M.A. programs, you can choose to focus on culture and society in addition to economics and politics.

You can also choose to focus on specific regions, such as South East Asia, the Middle East, or Africa.

Politics

Economics

Culture

Society

Area Studies

North America

Latin America

Africa

Europe

South East Asia

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Visiting Professors

We offer classes from specially invited and visiting professors who are playing active roles in the international community.

YABUNAKA Mitoji

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Academic Advisors and Their Areas of Expertise

Faculty

Environment/Sustainable Society/International Cooperation/Development

- AMEKAWA Yutcho: Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Social development, sociology of agriculture/environmental sociology, Area studies (Southeast Asia, especially Thailand)
- HAYASHI, Daijuke: Public Policy, Environmental Policy, Technological Change
- HOSHIYNO, Kaoru: International Economy, European Economy and Monetary Integration
- ITAI, Masahiko: International Economy, International Surplus Capital
- KIDYAMA, Masahisa: International Development and Cooperation, Development Studies of Melkon Basin Countries
- MATSUDA, Masahiko: Agriculture and Rural Development, Area Studies (Southeast Asia, Myanmar)
- NAKAGAWA, Ryoji: Development Economy, Chinese Economy
- NAKATO, Sachio: International Political Economy, US-Japan Economic Conflict
- SHIMADA, Haruyuki: International Development and Cooperation, Development Economics, International Relations, Area Study (South and South East Asia)
- TAKUMARU, Hiroshi: Monetary Economics, International Finance

Peace/Foreign Diplomacy/Peace Studies

- ADACHI, Kenji: International Politics, Disarmament and Arms Control, Global Governance, Civil Society
- ATAKA, Hiroaki: Critical International Relations Theory, International political Economy
- OYAMA, Shinji: Cultural Studies, Media studies, Creative/Cultural Industries Studies: Critical Brand Studies

Degree Conferment

- Ceremonies to be conferred: Master of Arts in International Relations

Support for Individual Research (Master’s thesis)

Students receive comments and feedback from professors at the regular presentations prior to their submission of their Master’s thesis. The questionnaire to the students shows a high degree of satisfaction with our guidance.

Schedule for Two-Year Master’s Program in International Relations

- Students starting in April
  - Early May: Continent, Advanced Seminar and Course Registration
  - Early June: Research Advising Plan
  - Early July: Oral Presentation of Thesis Proposal (Drafts and Discussion)
  - Early Aug.: Research Advising Plan
  - Final Oral Presentation (Drafts and Discussion)
  - Early Sept.: Research Advising Plan
  - End of September: Graduation in November

- Students starting in September
  - Early Sept.: Continent, Advanced Seminar and Course Registration
  - Early Oct.: Research Advising Plan
  - Final Oral Presentation (Drafts and Discussion)
  - End of October: Graduation in December

Recommended Activities/Program

- Spring/Summer Semester: Advanced Seminar
- Fall/Winter Semester: Professional Training/Research Training
- Summer/Fall Break: Internship (Overseas/Domestic) (Applicants participate in the internship program for 1-6 months between the first year summer break and second year summer break)

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As a government-sponsored international student, I studied an issue that is a sensitive problem in my home country. I want to become a researcher who looks at the world between both the Japanese and South East Asian perspectives.

In high school, I attended a school in Osaka on a short-term exchange student program and was interested in Japan and wanted to come back again. I wanted to learn more about Japan. I retrieved that I was a government-sponsored international student through the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. I chose the Graduate School of International Relations at Ritsumeikan University because it is located in my beloved Kansai and has a high quality level in its teachers.

Regarding the research environment, I was supposed to find research offices with private desks available. Being able to study as much as you wish in the office is an amazing boon in my opinion. There were international students from many different countries in the department, and through them I was able to learn about a variety of different cultures. Being able to develop a dedication to tolerance in accepting differences in cultures and customs is another one of the merits of studying at the Graduate School of International Relations.

In a seminar given by Professor Hiroshi, I met an expert in South East Asia research, who conducted research on the economic activity of people of Chinese descent in Indonesia, particularly on corporate networks. The research environment in Indonesia for this theme is unsatisfactory. The reason for that is the issue of Chinese descendants in Indonesia has become a sensitive problem, particularly recently. But in Japan, it is possible to access various resources on Indonesia, and I was able to look at my home country objectively. It was a very good place for research.

In social sciences research, there is the difficulty of your research target phenomenon changing over time. Amidst change after change, such as doubts about whether my chosen theme was acceptable or if I should change my area of focus, and with the devoted support I received from my teacher, I dove into profound thought regarding my master’s thesis, made frequent corrections, and was able to sufficient depth. The thesis difficulty is what made me all the more satisfied with its content. And the thesis allowed me the opportunity to receive a scholarship for a university in Australia. At University, I wanted to research about the relationships between Indonesia and Japan and Indonesia and China. There are still very many examples of research from the South-East Asian side concerning the relationship between Southeast Asia and Japan. And this is why I want to pursue that theme, and why I believe it has meaning.

For my future, I would like to continue researching as a staff member at a university in Australia or Japan.
DMDP Partner Universities

The DMDP (Dual Master Degree Program) allows you to study overseas at a graduate school for one year while retaining your student status at Ritsumeikan University and simultaneously obtaining a Master’s degrees from each university in as little as two years.

Significant Reduction in Tuition Costs

Compared to studying abroad as a non-DMDP student, total tuition costs will be reduced significantly. Ritsumeikan University’s Scholarship for DMDP students is a big advantage as well.

DMDP Partner Universities

The Kyoto-Ryugaku Scholarship

The KYOTO-RYUGAKU Scholarship is scholarship program for graduate students who study abroad on student exchange programs provided by Ritsumeikan University grants KYOTO-RYUGAKU Scholarship equivalent to the half amount of Ryukyuan tuition.

Career Opportunities

The Mainichi Newspapers Co., Ltd.

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Therefore, you can enjoy your studies abroad while maintaining the status of a graduate student, which is not the case for non-DMDP students.

For more information on DMDP, check out the website www.ritsumei.ac.jp/en/education/dmdp/
**Degrees**
- Master of Arts in International Relations
- Doctor of Philosophy

**Enrollment semesters**
- April or September

**Admission**
For more information on admissions, please check the following link. You are welcome to visit the Administrative Office of Faculty of International Relations to consult with the staff about admissions.
www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/admission/

### Master's Program (Academic Year 2018 Entry)

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**Tuition Reduction Scheme**

- **SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship for 1st Year**
  - I: 200,000 JPY
  - II: 100,000 JPY

- **Tuition Reduction Scheme - 100% tuition waiver**
  - Self-financed students with outstanding results in the admissions screenings
  - 100% tuition waiver (duration of standard program completion period)

**Enrollment Scholarship**

- **SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship for 2nd Year**
  - 3rd semester self-financed students who achieve excellence in their grades during 1st year
  - I: 200,000 JPY
  - II: 100,000 JPY

**JASSO Scholarship**
- Self-financed international students living outside Japan at the time of application until the time of admission
- 48,000 yen per month, 12 months for spring enrollment students; 6 months for fall enrollment students

**GAKKAI Grant**
- Students who attend or present at academic conferences
  - 'scholarship conditions differ depending on the applicant's school year
- Students who attend academic conferences in Japan: Up to 10,000 JPY
- Students who present at academic conferences in Japan: Up to 30,000 JPY
- Students who present at overseas academic conferences: Up to 100,000 JPY

**KENKYUKAI-KATSUDO Grant**
- Students who participate in domestic/overseas educational program (1st or 2nd year)
- Depending on the field research length and the travel region (once time throughout enrollment)

### Doctoral Program (Academic Year 2018 Entry)

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**KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship**
- Self-financed students who achieve excellence in their field of research
- SHOREI S, A, B (check the GSIR website for more details.)

**KOKUSAITEKI Research Fund**
- Check the Graduate Student Career Path Support Center website for more details.
- Research grant is determined based on the scheduled length of overseas stay and travel region. (Up to 300,000 JPY)

**GAKKAI - HAPPYO Grant**
- Check the Graduate Student Career Path Support Center website for more details.
- Students who present at academic conferences in Japan: Up to 30,000 JPY
- Students who present at overseas academic conferences: Up to 100,000 JPY

**KENKYUKAI-KATSUDO Grant**
- Check the Graduate Student Career Path Support Center website for more details.

**Access to RU**
Kansai International Airport in Osaka
- 1hr. 15min. by JR Limited Express “Haruka”
Kyoto Station
- 30min.
- by taxi / 45min. by bus
Tokyo Station
- 2hr. 10min.
- by JR Shinkansen (bullet train)

**Scholarship / Grants (Academic Year 2018 Entry)**

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