

Graduate School of International Relations

For those who are considering taking the September entrance exam

**Changes in Application Guidelines for April 2021 Enrollment (September Admissions)**  
**Graduate School of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University**

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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 (September 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 (September Admissions)

- Regular Admissions (Document + Interview)
- Regular Admissions (DMDP Applicants to RU Partner Universities)
- International Student Admissions (Document + Interview)
- In-University Advancement Admissions (College of International Relations Students)
- In-University Advancement Admissions

2. Changes

① Screening Method

<Before change>

- Comprehensive evaluation of both document screening and interview.

<After change>

- Comprehensive evaluation of both document screening and interview. In case that it is difficult for an applicant to visit the school due to Coronavirus outbreak status, interviews using web-based technology will be conducted upon prior request by the applicant at the time of application.

\* Depending on Coronavirus outbreak status, there is also a possibility that all interviews will be conducted using web-based technology. In that case, we will inform you in due course by email after your application.

\*If you wish to have an interview using web-based technology, please contact us by email at the following [Contact Information] when you submit application documents.

\*If you wish to conduct the interview via web-based technology (Skype for Business), you must have a computer, microphone and speakers, a camera (the applicant's video feed must be transmitted live), and an internet connection at home or elsewhere to enable the video call.

\*There is no difference in evaluation when deciding on successful applicants between face-to-face interviews and web-based technology interviews.

\*Those who are considering taking the examination are kindly requested to understand the above circumstances before proceeding with application preparation.

## ② 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 September Admissions.

### (1) Certificate related to English ability

As the TOEIC(R) and TOEFL (R) 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 (R) Test or IELTS is preferable)" and "Scores of TOEFL (R) Test, IELTS and TOEIC (R) 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" 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.

- Score of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JPT) and J-CAT (Japanese Computerized Adaptive Test) (Photocopies acceptable)

• "Score Report" or "Certificate of Scores" for the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (Limited to the first session of the 2019 Examination and subsequent examinations) (Photocopies acceptable)

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