

Master's Program, Graduate School of International Relations

For those who are considering taking the February entrance exam

Changes in Application Guidelines for April 2021 Enrollment (February 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 (February 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 in February 2021, 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 (February Admissions)

- Regular Admissions (Document + Interview)
- Regular Admissions (DMDP Applicants to RU Partner Universities)
- International Student Admissions (Document + Interview)
- In-University Advancement Admissions
- APU Special Admissions

2. Changes

① Screening Method (Excluding APU Special Admissions)

<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 individuals without Japanese nationality who, at the time of application, have a valid Japanese Residence Card on March 1 (Monday), 2021 onward, to come to campus due to travel restrictions, etc., interviews using web-based technology (ZOOM, etc.) will be conducted.

* Depending on Coronavirus disease 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 (ZOOM, etc.), 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 February 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 1st JLPT in 2020 (on 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" will be required. However, for applicants who will take the 2nd JLPT in 2020 (on December 6th), the certificate can be replaced with a photocopy of the website where you can check the obtained points,

as you will not be able to obtain the Score Report by the entrance examination date in February 2021.

However, those who pass and enroll are required to submit a formal certificate issued by the JLPT (“Score Report” or “Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency”) by the time of admission.

*Please note that if the result of the 2nd JLPT in 2020 (on December 6th) failed after the application, the application will be cancelled.

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