Tuition and Fees

Please note that the university fee is composed of the “Admission fee” and “Tuition”.
The “Miscellaneous Membership Fees” are collected along with the “Tuition”.
*The Graduate Degree Programs offered in Japanese are not included in the following information.

(1) Admission Fee (Academic Year 2027Entry)

(JPY)

Category	Type of fee	Fee
Admission Transfer Admission	Admission Fee	200,000

Notes:
1) The students from Ritsumeikan Academy are not required to pay the admission fee. Ritsumeikan Academy refers to Ritsumeikan University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). Exemption from payment of the admission fee are shown below.
   (i) Students to be admitted to a graduate school of Ritsumeikan University upon graduation from or completion of a graduate program of either Ritsumeikan University or APU.
   (ii) Students, who are enrolled in undergraduate school of either Ritsumeikan University or APU and meet the specified conditions, to be admitted to a graduate school of Ritsumeikan University by using the system such as academic acceleration etc.
   (iii) Students to be admitted to a graduate school of Ritsumeikan University, who have been enrolled in a doctoral program (including an integrated doctoral program or 4 Year doctoral program) of either Ritsumeikan University or APU for the standard period of study and satisfied the requirements set by the graduate school regulations for acquiring a doctoral degree, but who have left the university without receiving a Ph.D.
2) Payment of the admission fee is required in the year of enrollment only.

(2)Tuition for Graduate Schools（Academic Year 2027 Entry）

Notes:
Spring semester：from April 1 to September 25　Fall semester：from September 26 to March 31
＊Tuition may be revised when social factors, such as rapid inflation, have a significant impact on the University.

1) Master’s Program

(JPY)

Graduate School			1st Year		2nd Year	
			Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Policy Science		Tuition	449,400	449,400	449,400	449,400
		Annual Sum	898,800		898,800	
Economics (MPED) International Relations (GIRP)		Tuition	535,200	535,200	535,200	535,200
		Annual Sum	1,070,400		1,070,400	
Science and Engineering (except for Mathematics Course)		Tuition	675,900	675,900	675,900	675,900
		Annual Sum	1,351,800		1,351,800	
	Mathematics Course	Tuition	634,100	634,100	634,100	634,100
		Annual Sum	1,268,200		1,268,200	
Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences		Tuition	668,800	668,800	668,800	668,800
		Annual Sum	1,337,600		1,337,600	

Notes:
– Third and fourth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a master’s program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.

2) Doctoral Program

(JPY)

Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
All Graduate Schools	Tuition	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
	Annual Sum	500,000		500,000		500,000	

Notes:
- Fourth to sixth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a doctoral program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.
- The tuition for those who persons enrolled for longer than the standard term for course completion and who have fulfilled all the relevant graduate school’s requirements for completion, except those relating to the doctoral dissertation, shall be 100,000 JPY per semester.

(3) Miscellaneous Membership Fees (Academic Year2026 Entry) ※AY2027 dues will be posted as soon as they are finalized.

Miscellaneous membership fees collected in the year of enrollment are as follows. The university undertakes the collection of miscellaneous membership fees from its associated organizations, which students are required to pay together with tuition. For details concerning the associated organizations, refer to the following pages.

1) Master's Program

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee (annual fee)	Academic Society Fee (annual fee)	Alumni Association Fee (lifetime fee)	Faculty Alumni Fee (lifetime fee)
Economics	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	5,000	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	5,000	30,000	—
International Relations	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	4,000	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	4,000	30,000	—
Policy Science	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	8,000	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	8,000	30,000	—
Science and Engineering Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	30,000	—

(JPY)

2) Doctoral Program

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee (annual fee)	Academic Society Fee (annual fee)	Alumni Association Fee (lifetime fee)	Faculty Alumni Fee (lifetime fee)
Economics	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	5,000	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	5,000	—	—
International Relations	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	4,000	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	4,000	—	—
Policy Science	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	8,000	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	8,000	—	—
Science and Engineering Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences Technology Management	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	—
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	—	—

(JPY)

Notes:

1) The Graduate Students Association Fee and the Alumni Association Fee should be paid in a lump sum. (Biannual payment is not allowed.) The Academic Society Fee is collected per semester, however, annual fee is collected, if you choose to pay Tuition for 2 semesters together at once.
2) The Alumni Association Fee (lifetime fee) should be paid in the year of enrollment only. Students from Ritsumeikan University are exempt from payment of the Alumni Association Fee, which is supposed to have been paid when they were in their fourth year at the college of the university (sixth year for students from the department of Pharmacy, college of Pharmaceutical Sciences). However, students who have been admitted to a graduate school under the grade-skipping system without paying the Alumni Association Fee during their fourth (sixth year for students from the department of Pharmacy, college of Pharmaceutical Sciences) year and students from the APU are required to pay the Alumni Association Fee.

(4) Details concerning the associated organizations, the university undertakes the collection of membership fees

1) Federation of graduate students associations

Federation of Graduate Students Associations is an autonomous organization joined by all graduate students of Ritsumeikan University established to help graduate students explore their academic interests to a fuller extent and to facilitate further development of the university and its graduate schools. The federation is tasked with working with the university to improve educational and research environments at the graduate schools and enhancing amenities to make campus life more comfortable for graduate students. At Ritsumeikan University, the autonomous and independent activities of the federation are considered important in encouraging personal growth of graduate students and improving campus environments.

The membership fee, which is used to cover the expenses of the activities of the federation and the Graduate Students Association of each graduate school (e.g. expenses to purchase office supplies and materials for common use).

Ritsumeikan University determines whether to collect membership fees on behalf of the federation after examining the budget and financial report submitted by the federation annually. Also, the actual arrangements to receive and spend membership fees are made through the university, not directly by the federation.

2) Academic societies

Most of the colleges and graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University have their own academic societies.

Each of the academic societies consists of the faculty, graduate students, and students of each respective college and graduate school. (Any individual who graduated from or completed the program of any of the relevant colleges or graduate schools can join its academic society by following the specified procedures.) Members are given opportunities that help to facilitate study and research at the respective colleges and graduate schools.

The university recognizes the significance of these academic societies and deems students, by enrolling themselves in one of the colleges and graduate schools that have an academic society, automatically become members of the academic society in question. The academic society membership fee is added to tuition and is collected by the university on behalf of each academic society.

If the tuition for the first academic year paid to the university falls short of the amount of the membership fee (full or half amount), the student is considered to have opted not to join the academic society. While students who are not members of the academic societies incur no disadvantage in their study and research at the university, they are not entitled to participate in events held by the academic societies or receive supports from them.

■Overview of each academic societies

Academic society name	Main functions	Membership of the society	Head office
International Studies Association	(i) publishing "research journals (bulletin of the academic society) (ii) organizing academic meetings (iii) offering financial assistance for research activities (iv) hosting academic lectures (v) conducting surveys of various kindsand organizing inspection tours (vi) organizing seminar meetings	Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of International Relations, Graduate School of International Relations.	Administrative Office, College of International Relations
The Policy Science Association		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Policy Science, Graduate School of Policy Science.	Administrative Office, College of Policy Science
The AcademicSociety of Economics		Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Economics, Graduate School of Economics.	Administrative Office, College of Economics

3) Alumni Association

Membership of the Alumni Association of Ritsumeikan University consists of all the individuals who graduate from and completed programs at the university's colleges and graduate school, as well as the university's faculty and administrative staff members. The association's objectives are to maintain ties between alumni and their alma mater, and to contribute to the success of its members, to the advancement of Ritsumeikan University, and to wider society. To these ends it pursues a number of projects that foster interaction and goodwill and enrich each other. The association has about 400,000 members, 52 prefectural associations in Japan, and 34 overseas associations, as well as around 600 associations organized by colleges, departments, seminar classes, student groups, occupational categories, and regions.

The major activities of the Alumni Association include: holding All-Ritsumeikan Alumni Convention, organizing general meetings of prefectural alumni associations, organizing events to welcome new members, planning cross-industrial exchange programs, offering scholarships to current students, publishing and disseminating the Alumni Association's bulletin, the Ritsumei (three times annually), managing an official website and SNS, and supporting Ritsumeikan University sporting teams. Members are also issued a membership card, which allows them to use libraries and other facilities within the university. The membership fee of 30,000 Japanese yen is a lifetime fee. On request and on behalf of the association, the university collects the fee together with tuition payments. (Graduates of Ritsumeikan University who paid the membership fee while enrolled in an undergraduate college are exempt from further payment.)