

2025

New Student Orientation Student Life Guidance

Office of Student Affairs, Ritsumeikan University



Welcome to Ritsumeikan University



Your four years at university are a precious time when you will meet many new friends and mentors, grow as a person, and form relationships. Please take on various challenges, engage in independent learning, and experience your own growth.



University students, as members of civil society, are also expected to uphold the rules and norms of the university and the wider community and to contribute to the creation of a better society.



This is also a period of preparation for independent living in the real world. As a university student, the basic rule is to make choices and judgments by yourself and take responsibility for them.

To ensure a secure, safe, and fulfilling student life, this guidance session will provide you with the minimum level of knowledge you need and show you how to find information and get help when you need it.

Today's objectives



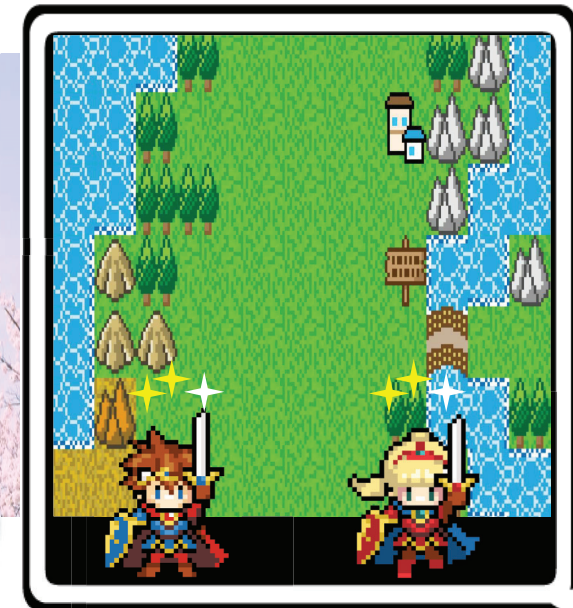
For a fulfilling student life...
Learn about the various activity opportunities and services at the university



For a safe and comfortable student life...
Know and understand the tools for avoiding problems



For the success of your student life...
Learn about being able to consult with a specialist on campus

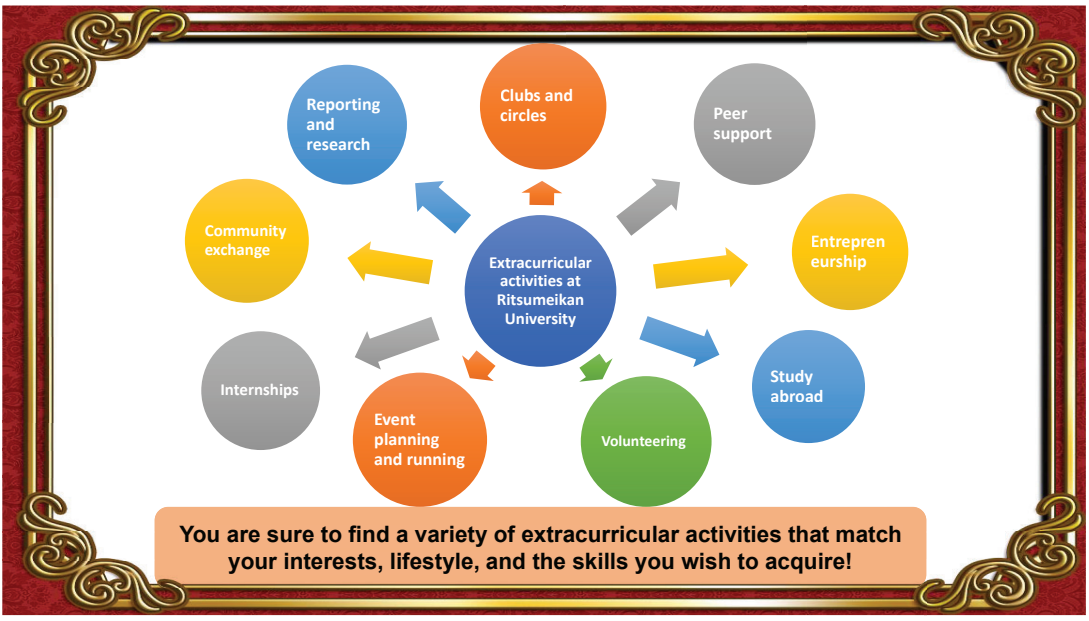




Message from veteran heroes

Video · Message

Lead a fulfilling life in your own unique way through not only regular classes, but also extracurricular activities.



Special experiences just for Ritsumeikan students!

Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan & 125th Anniversary Project

Opportunities to participate, learn and grow for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

Ritsumeikan sponsors the Playground of Life: Jellyfish Pavilion, one of the signature pavilions at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan.

Participation in the Expo = Opportunity to learn and grow

Ritsumeikan University launched the Expo Student Committee "Ookini," a student group that aims to promote awareness of social issues and has an exhibit during the Expo period.



For more information about "Ookini" and its activities, please check the Instagram account and announcements on manaba+R!



Ritsumeikan University will implement a 125th Anniversary Project

Renovation of the Kyoto Museum for World Peace



BKC 30th anniversary



Establishment of ESEC as a research center to help maintain and expand the humanosphere in space



New development of the OIC



Opening of ROOT in Grand Green Osaka



April 2026 Plan to establish a College of Arts and Design (Establishment and planning stage)



Participate in the Expo and various on- and off-campus anniversary project activities to learn and grow.

Special experiences just for Ritsumeikan students! Top level sports, culture, and arts activities

Main athletic club activities

Women's Track and Field Team
All-Nippon Ekiden Women's (Morinomiya) Road Race

Victory!

All-Nippon Ekiden Women's (Mount Fuji) Road Race

Victory!

American Football Club (Panthers)

Koshien Bowl (college football national championship game)

Victory!

Main arts and culture club activities in 2024

Symphonic and Marching Band

72nd All Japan Band Competition

Victory!

Baton Twirling Club

52nd National Baton Twirling Championship

Victory!

Shogi Club

55th National Intercollegiate Shogi Championship

Victory!

Get information about athletic clubs on the Ritsumeikan Sports app



Google Play App Store

★ReLIVE Home game event



ReLIVE HOCKEY HOME GAME



Baton Twirling Club solo performance



Symphonic and Marching Band regular concert



Share an emotional moment with enthusiastic cheers!

Campus Life Annual Calendar On & Off-Campus Experiences for Ritsumeikan Students

Attention!
Events marked with a ★ are lively festivals held on each campus with a variety of booths and shops! Regardless of which campus you are part of, many new students and current students participate!

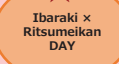
RU offers a wide range of enriching activities throughout the year. We encourage all new students to join in and enjoy these opportunities to gain diverse experiences, discover your potential, and grow, making the most of your university life!

Spring

Fall

Events

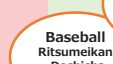
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Ritsumeikan 125th Anniversary Project

Join Us in Creating a Special Year for Ritsumeikan's 125th Anniversary!

Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan (Apr. 13 - Oct. 13)



For information on clubs, circles, social activities, volunteer work, entrepreneurship, and more, please visit the following page:
(In Japanese only)



Information for extra-curricular activities



SPORTS & CULTURE website



Web page and booklet for peer support groups



Circle Collection booklet by Student Union



Web page for the study abroad programs



Web page for startup programs



Feel free to visit the websites anytime!

Scholarship programs at Ritsumeikan University

Ritsumeikan University uses two pillars of scholarship and subsidy programs to support the student life and growth of students at Ritsumeikan.

Financial aid scholarships

Growth support scholarships

Program supporting the spirit of taking on a challenge!

Example: Challenge Scholarship (Individual support), Alumni Association Future Human Resources Development Scholarships (Group support)

*Amount: Up to 300,000 yen for individuals and 500,000 yen for groups

*Information session and application reception: April to May

Inquiries: Office of Student Affairs on each Campus

For details, check the RU Growth Support Scholarship site!



Application guidelines



Past recipient groups

Tips on how to lead a fulfilling student life

Understand diversity and inclusion!

Use the university's useful tools!

Warrior Ritsu Lv 1 Novice Hero

HP 25/25
SP 15/15

Windset
 Map
 Special Tools

Warrior Ritsu

HP: Health Point.
SP: Skill Point.

Below is windset, map and item box.

Use the university's useful facilities and services!

Diversity and Inclusion

Aiming to be a university where you can learn with peace of mind

Chancellor's statement

- Respect for diversity of others.
- All members can feel pride and joy in Ritsumeikan.

Basic Vision and Basic Policy on the Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion

- Dignity and diversity of each individual.
- To create a school that is inclusive towards its diverse members and where they can help and support each other.

As a university, Ritsumeikan has established these two policies:

- Basic Approach to Sexual Diversity
- Guidelines on Support for Students regarding Sexual Diversity at Ritsumeikan University

Diversity & Inclusion website
<https://www.ritsumeikan-trust.jp/diversity/>



Please value the concept of diversity and inclusion so you can all enjoy a comfortable student life in your own unique way.

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★立命館いばらきフューチャーズ・グラウンドホール
最大収容数のコンクリート1000名収容の本格的な大規模ホール



Microsoft Base Ritsumeikan



分科記念館
本学海外の文化に交わる国際交流施設



TRY FIELD

Ready to try something NEW?

Make it even more FUN and CHALLENGING!

At Ritsumeikan, you can begin tackling challenges from your first year.

So, where will you begin?
Uncover your **unique pieces of student life!**



Social Co-creation

A new puzzle piece to discover at Ritsumeikan!
There are unique opportunities waiting for you at Ritsumeikan! As a student, now is the perfect time to take on new challenges. Connect with peers, companies, and society beyond your campus to expand your skills and possibilities—and make an impact. This is “social co-creation.” It may sound formal, but it’s all about innovation and real-world experiences! No matter your college or year level, you can start anytime.

Connect with diverse players across ages and disciplines to take on challenges like these!

- Connect with companies on campus
- Participate in company projects
- Meet peers from other colleges and campuses
- Develop strengths that you can showcase in your job search

How can I get started with Social Co-creation?

Sign up to become a SEEDS Member!

Register as a SEEDS Member to connect with your peers and start a project!

Join projects with companies on campus



Harness your strengths to lead student-driven workshops



Hone your digital skills and business sense!

A wide range of Microsoft Base seminars are also available online



Develop your creative skills!

Use Adobe apps to communicate with the world
Ritsumeikan is the only university in Japan named an Adobe Creative Campus!



Last year, 100 students applied in just one month!
Scan here for details on registering as a SEEDS Member >>>

Special tools

Inter-Campus Transportation

Ritsumeikan operates a shuttle bus service connecting the three Campuses to support student activities.

The shuttle bus also stops at JR and private railway stations on weekdays after 6:00 p.m.

*Please check the website for more details.



Tickets are only 150 yen



CAMPUS DIARY



It also has the university schedule (class dates, etc.), timetable, campus map, study tools, and more!

Don't forget these useful tools!

Warrior Ritsu Lv 1 Novice Hero

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Heart	Map	Special Tools
Mindset	Map	Special Tools

Warrior Ritsu



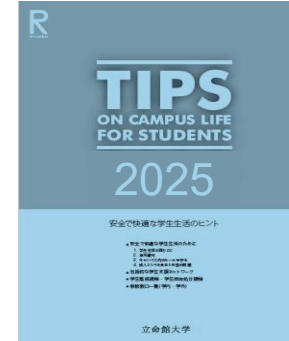
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Pages to aid your studies and useful information for campus life

Course Study Planning Sheet
 Left: A table for planning courses with columns for semester, course name, and status. Right: A screenshot of the 'Study Support Site' with navigation icons and QR codes.

Special Tools



安全で快適な学生生活のために

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TIPS ON CAMPUS LIFE FOR STUDENTS 2025



Check these when you are having difficulties or do not know what to do in campus life.

The interface shows a character named 'Warrior Ritsu Lv 1 Novice Hero'. The HP bar is at 25/25 and the SP bar is at 15/15. Below the character are icons for 'Mindset', 'Map', and 'Special Tools'. A text box at the bottom explains: 'Warrior Ritsu. HP: Health Point. SP: Skill Point. Below is mindset, map and item box.'

How to earn HP (Health Points): Food and physical exercise

100-yen Breakfast

- Weekdays during the course period 8:00 - 9:00



Rice + 2 side dishes + Miso Soup
 * 55 yen extra for each additional side dish

Only **100 yen!**

BKC Lunch Street

Check the application for the latest schedule and location.



Food Trucks

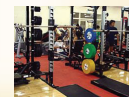
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Bento Box Stands

Time: 11:30 - 13:30

Training Room

- Many exercise machines you are free to use
- Available for individual use (after attending a training seminar and receiving a gym card)



BKC Sports and Health Commons

- New sports facility for improving your health
- Has programs and events you can easily join
- Assists with recruitment of research subjects



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Kinugasa Lunch Street

Check the application for the latest schedule and location.



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OIC Lunch Street

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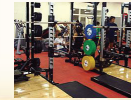


Food Trucks
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Bento Box Stands
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How to earn HP (Health Points): Regular medical examinations

The purpose of regular medical examinations:

To maintain and promote health through early detection and treatment of physical abnormalities.

The number of young people who are diagnosed with diseases called lifestyle diseases has been on the rise in recent years.

Lifestyle diseases can be prevented or treated by detecting them early in regular medical examinations and improving lifestyle habits. **Every year, serious illnesses such as pulmonary tuberculosis are detected, and there are cases where early intervention has helped people regain their health.**

You may need a Certificate of Health to receive a scholarship, take an employment examination, or join extracurricular activities, and you sometimes cannot receive one if you have not had regular medical examinations.

Be sure to undergo regular medical examinations so you can enjoy a healthy student life. You can find information on manaba+R.



Protect your own health by yourself. Be sure to get a medical examination to learn about your health condition!

If you get injured...

- All regular students must enroll in Gakkensai after admission.

Gakkensai is the Japanese abbreviation of the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research. The university handles enrollment procedures, so students do not need to do anything on their own.

- Types of Insurance Payouts

Types of activities/accidents	Examples	Number of days receiving treatment
a. During regular curricular activities/university events	During lectures, experiments, practical training courses, and/or research activities under the supervision of an instructor	1 or more days
b. During extracurricular (club) activities	During cultural or athletic activities under the supervision of a student group approved by the school	14 or more days
c. While on the premises of a school facility	During periods when the insured is in school facilities owned, used, or managed by the school for educational purposes	4 or more days

Please refer to the following page for information on how to file an insurance claim.



Injuries caused by accidents on the way to school are not covered. Therefore, if you plan to commute by bicycle, **you must purchase bicycle insurance on your own!**