

Study Abroad Guide

2025/2026

The International Center of Ritsumeikan University offers various study abroad programs. Students who do not speak Japanese can apply for programs listed in this guide.

- International Center's website <https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/studyabroad/eng/>

Students who speak Japanese may find more programs on the International Center's website and Study Abroad Guide (Japanese version).

Please refer to the URLs below for details:

- International Center's website <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/studyabroad/>
- Study Abroad Guide <https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/file.jsp?id=571063>

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Application Guidelines will be available on the International Center's website and at the International Center of each campus before the application period. Please refer to them for details, including credits.

1. International PBL Program in ASEAN Countries

2 countries / 1-semester / fall departure/ English

Program Outline:

This is an education program focusing on “Project/Problem-Based Learning (PBL)” to develop flexible thinking to set tasks and solutions. By accepting students from a variety of countries and regions, a diverse range of students are able to work collectively to solve the numerous policy and social issues facing ASEAN countries and Japan.

This program looks to not only offer opportunities to study abroad for a semester at partner institutions in Thailand or Indonesia, but also provide an integrated program that includes pre-departure preparations and post-completion studies, and it features cooperative learning with Thai and Indonesian students at Ritsumeikan and the host universities. We hope participants will be able to acquire global perspectives and an innovative mind, which are assets in modern society, through this program.

Program Fee: Students must continue to pay the tuition fee to RU while abroad; however, tuition payments to the host institution are not required. Students are responsible for their airfare, accommodations, tuition fees for special courses or supplementary intensive language courses, and other necessary expenses.

Scholarship: All outgoing PBL students nominated by Ritsumeikan University are eligible for a scholarship from Ritsumeikan. The maximum amount is 250,000 JPY per semester.

*The amount and the method of awarding the scholarship for the 2025 programs will be announced once confirmed.

*This scholarship is for programs that take place overseas. If the program (travelling overseas) is cancelled or switched to online deliveries, scholarships may not be awarded, and the amount is subject to change. Students will be notified of such changes to the policy.

*Please refer to the Application Guidelines for details and important notes on the scholarship.

Credits: Students can apply for a transfer of the credits earned at their host institution after returning to Japan. The college office will assess and approve credits if the course is recognized as roughly equivalent to a Ritsumeikan course.

Schedule: 1 semester from August/September 2026 to December 2026/January 2027

Number of Students Being Recruited: 32

Application Requirements:

-College of Policy Science: All-year students

-College of International Relations: Students who will be in their 2nd year or higher at the time of the program (except those graduating in the semester of participation) are eligible to apply.

IELTS 5.0 or TOEFL iBT® test score of 53 or higher is required. A TOEFL ITP® test score of 475 or TOEIC® L&R test score of 500 or higher is also acceptable. *English proficiency requirements vary depending on the partner university. Please be aware that TOEFL ITP® or TOEIC® test scores may not be acceptable for some universities/programs.

Information Distribution Period: Beginning of October 2025

Application Period: Mid / End of October 2025

Housing: Student dormitory or off-campus accommodations

List of Partner Institutions for PBL Program

●As for the institutions to which you can apply, the number of available places, the qualifications for application, etc., listed here are **as of 2024** and are subject to change. When applying, please be sure to check the latest application requirements distributed at the time of recruitment.

*For TOEFL iBT®, only scores from a single test date are accepted (Test Date scores). MyBest™ score is NOT accepted.

*Some universities accept TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition and IELTS® Indicator. Please check "Note" for each institution.

*For TOEFL ITP® test, the digital version is accepted.

Country	Institution Name	Campus Location	Faculty	Major/Program	TOEFL		IELTS	TOEIC
					iBT	ITP		
Thailand	Thammasat University	Tha Prachan Campus, Bangkok	Faculty of Liberal Arts	Southeast Asian Studies	53	-	5.0	600
			Business School	BBA	80	-	6.0 (5.5 each)	-
			Pridi Banomyong International College	Thai Studies	61	-	6.0	-
			Faculty of Economics	Economics	80	-	6.5	-
			Faculty of Political Science	Politics and International Relations	61	-	6.0	-
			Faculty of Social Administration	Social Policy and Development	61	-	6.0	-
			Faculty of Law	Business Law	61	-	6.0	-
		College of Innovation	Service Innovation	50	-	5.0	-	
		Rangsit Campus, Bangkok metropolitan region	Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communications	Mass Media Studies	61	-	6.0	-
			School of Global Studies	Global Studies and Social Entrepreneurship	61	500	6.0	-
	Design School		Urban Design and Development	61	-	6.0	-	
	Chulalongkorn University	Bangkok	Faculty of Arts	Language and Culture	-	-	7.0	-
			Faculty of Communication Arts	Communication Management	79	-	6.5 (6.0 each)	-
			Faculty of Psychology	Psychological Science				
			Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy	Business Administration				
Faculty of Economics			Economics					
Faculty of Political Science			Politics and Global Studies					
Faculty of Architecture			Communication Design					
Mahidol University	Salaya campus, Bangkok metropolitan region	International College	Communication Design , Media Communication	69 (Writing 22)				
			Business Economics					
			International Relations and Global Affairs					
			Travel and Service Business Entrepreneurship					
			Intercultural Studies and Languages					
Indonesia	Universitas Indonesia	Depok Campus, Jakarta Metropolitan Region	Faculty of Economics and Business	80	-	6.5	-	
			Faculty of Humanities					
	Universitas Gadjah Mada	Yogyakarta	Faculty of Social and Political Sciences	70	-	5.5	600	
			Faculty of Economics and Business					
	Institut Teknologi Bandung	Ganesha campus, Bandung	School of Architecture, Planning and Policy Development	Regional and City Planning	56	475	5.0	500
			School of Business and Management	Management	61	-	5.5	-
Entrepreneurship								

2. Exchange Program

1-academic year or 1-semester program/ spring or fall departure/ English and other languages

Program Outline:

This program provides students with an opportunity to study abroad at one of RU's student exchange partner institutions for 1 academic year or 1 semester. The exchange program requires students to have fundamental academic knowledge in their specialized field and advanced foreign language skills that allow them to follow regular undergraduate/graduate academic courses along with local students. Students are expected to be flexible enough to adapt to foreign cultures as well as be independent and self-motivated.

Program Fee: Students must continue to pay the tuition fee to RU while abroad; however, tuition payments to the host institution are not required. Students are responsible for their airfare, accommodations, tuition fees for special courses or supplementary intensive language courses, and other necessary expenses.

Scholarship: Challenge Scholarship aims to encourage students to participate in and complete the program by covering part of the participation fee. Generally, it is granted to all participants of the program (repayment is not required).

1) Challenge Scholarship for the Programs on this Guideline

The amount and the method of awarding the scholarship for the 2025 programs will be announced once confirmed.

When	Once it is confirmed that all students have arrived in their host country/region
How	Paid by bank transfer (Tentative)

2) Maximum Award Amount

The amount awarded for this scholarship varies depending on the period of the program as well as in which country and city students will be studying during the program. Please refer to “the Ritsumeikan University Study Abroad Challenge Scholarship-Area Classification List”, which is available on the following website.

【Study Abroad Program, Scholarship】

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/studyabroad/planning/scholarship/>

【Area Classification for Study Abroad Programs】

Program	Period	Area Classification	Maximum Amount
Student Exchange*	1 Semester	A, B, and C	250,000 JPY
		D	150,000 JPY
	1 Academic Year	A, B, and C	300,000 JPY
		D	200,000 JPY

*The amount awarded for the scholarship varies depending on the period and the country/region where the student studies.

3) Important Notes

- ① Please make sure to read the “Program Edition” as well and understand the scholarship.
- ② Students who will be granted the “JASSO Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Study Abroad Exchange Programs)” are not eligible to receive a Challenge Scholarship.
- ③ When any of the following items apply to the recipient, the International Dean may cancel the provision determination in whole or in part. In such a case, Dean shall request the return of the scholarship already provided in whole or in part.
 - When participation in a study abroad is canceled or its period is changed.
 - When a fraudulent fact is discovered, such as a false indication on application documents.
 - When the requirements for the provision of this scholarship are no longer fulfilled.
- ④ If the total amount of study abroad scholarships or financial aid from outside organizations exceeds the total amount of the Challenge Scholarship, it is not possible to receive both. As for other scholarships that are not concerned with studying abroad, it is possible to receive both with the Challenge Scholarship.

*Please check with the provider of the scholarships/financial aid for details, if you are receiving or expecting to receive scholarships or financial aid from outside organizations.

Credits: Students can apply for a transfer of the credits earned at their host institution after returning to Japan. The college office will assess and approve credits if the course is recognized as roughly equivalent to a Ritsumeikan course.

Schedule:

<Spring>

1 academic year: February - December 2026

1 semester: February - August 2026

<Fall>

1 academic year: August - October 2026 to April - August 2027

1 semester: August - October to December 2026

Number of Students Being Recruited & Application Requirements:

The number of places, qualifications, and language requirements may change from year to year. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for the latest information before applying.

All applicants must submit a copy of a valid English Test Score (TOEFL iBT® test /IELTS) at the time of application when applying for institutions in English-speaking countries or English tracks.

Application Period: **<Spring>** 1st round: mid / late May 2025, 2nd round: mid / late September 2025
<Fall> 1st round: mid / late October 2025, 2nd round: early January 2025

Housing: Student dormitory, homestay, apartment, etc. (Students need to arrange independently.)

List of Partner Institutions for Exchange Program

- As for the institutions for which you can apply, the number of available places, the qualifications for application, etc., listed here are as of 2024 and are subject to change. When applying, please be sure to check the latest application requirements distributed at the time of recruitment.
- The language requirements for eligibility are the minimum language requirements required to participate in the exchange program and may differ from the language requirements required to take regular courses at the host institutions. You can participate in the exchange program if you meet the language requirements of the application qualifications. However, you must meet the conditions presented by the host institutions, such as participation in intensive language courses before the start of the program or restrictions on regular courses. For details, please check the latest application requirements (including the remarks column) distributed at the time of recruitment.
- If the institution has both English and its local language for the language of study, you will need to choose one language depending on which language you want to study in at the institution. At the time of application, it is necessary to submit a language proficiency test score, etc. only for the selected language (language of study) certifying that the requirements are met. If you want to take courses in a language other than the one selected as the language of study at the time of application, you may need to submit a separate language proficiency certificate.
- If the language of study is "English," either TOEFL iBT® or IELTS Academic score that meets the language requirements of the desired institution must be submitted at the time of application. The TOEFL iBT® MyBest™ score will not be accepted. Duolingo English Test may be accepted in certain cases. For details, please see the Application Criteria (Program Edition).
- As a general rule, student exchange program is for one academic year. As an exception, some institutions may have an option to study for one semester. The situation changes every year, so please be sure to check the latest application requirements distributed at the time of recruitment for the institutions for which the one-semester option is available.
- Those who have nationality of the destination country (including dual citizenship), those whose first language and selected language of study are the same, graduate students, and first-year students who apply for Fall-departure exchange must consult with the International Center before the application period starts.
- If the semester in which you finish studying abroad overlaps with the semester in which you graduate, please be sure to consult with your college office about participating in study abroad.
- CEFR is the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages," not the name of a language exam. Please check the level of the language test and score of the language of study according to the CEFR standard, and prepare the appropriate certificate.

*R: Reading, L: Listening, W: Writing, S: Speaking

Country/ Region	Spring/Fall departure	Institution Name (Location)	The number to be accepted (Academic Year 2024)	Language of study	Application requirements for the screening at Ritsumeikan (Reference : Academic Year 2024)						
					Study year at the time of application	Graduate student	Minimum GPA	English		Local Language	
								TOEFL iBT®	IELTS		
USA	Fall	Appalachian State University (Boone, North Carolina)	2	English	1≤	/	3.0	78 (16 each)	6.0	-	
		American University (Washington, DC)	2		Apr. Enrollment: 1≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2≤	○		85 (20 each)	6.5 (6.0 each)	-	
		The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, Alabama)	2		1≤	/		79	6.0	-	
		Illinois College (Jacksonville, Illinois)	5		○	68		-			
		Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, New York)	2		2≤	/		100	7.0	-	
		The University of Oklahoma (Norman, Oklahoma)	2		1≤	○		2.8	61	6.0	-
		Ohio Northern University (Ada, Ohio)	2		Apr. Enrollment: 1≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2≤	/		3.0	65	6.0	-
		California State University, Monterey Bay (Monterey Bay, California)	3		○	3.0		61	6.0	-	
		California State University, Long Beach (Long Beach, California)	10		○	2.8		6.0	-		
		San Diego State University (San Diego, California)	1		1≤	○		3.2	80	6.5	-
		James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Virginia)	1		/	3.0		6.0	-		
		Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville, Georgia)	1		/	2.8		69	6.0	-	
		Tennessee Tech University (Cookeville, Tennessee)	1		Apr. Enrollment: 1≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2≤	/		3.0	61	5.5	-
		DePaul University (Chicago, Illinois)	1		1≤	○		80 (17 each)	6.5	-	
		The University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	1		2≤	○		68	6.0	-	
		The State University of New York at Plattsburgh (Plattsburgh, New York)	3		1≤	○		68	6.0	-	
		The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Greensboro, North Carolina)	1		Apr. Enrollment: 1≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2≤	○		3.0	68	5.5	-
		University of North Texas (Denton, Texas)	2		1≤	○		79	6.0	-	
		Butler University (Indianapolis, Indiana)	3		○	-					
		University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh)	1		Apr. Enrollment: 1≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2≤	/		3.75	80	6.5	-
Florida International University (Miami, Florida)	3	1≤	○	3.0	69	5.5	-				
The University of Mississippi (Oxford, Mississippi)	1	○	-								

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								TOEFL iBT®	IELTS			
USA	Fall	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Minneapolis, Minnesota)	3	English	1≦	○	3.0	68	6.0	-		
		Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (New Brunswick, New Jersey)	2					85	6.5	-		
Canada	Fall	Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, British Columbia)	3					○	3.0	88 (20 each)	6.5 (6.0 each)	-
		The University of British Columbia (Vancouver, British Columbia)	3					○		90 (R22,L22, W21,S21)		-
Mexico	Fall	El Colegio De Mexico (Mexico City)	2	Spanish	○		-	DELE C1				
		Technologico de Monterrey (Guadalajara)	3	Spanish English	○		61	5.5	CEFR B1			
Argentina	Spring	Universidad Nacional de La Plata (La Plata)	3	Spanish	○		-	DELE B2				
Korea	Spring	Ajou University (Suwon)	5	Korean English	1≦	○	3.0	71	6.0	TOPIK level 3		
		The Catholic University of Korea (Bucheon)	2					61	5.5	TOPIK level 3		
		Kyung Hee University (Seoul)	2	82				6.5				
		Korea University (Seoul)	1	3.23				61	5.5			
		Sookmyung Women's University (Seoul)	2	3.0				71				
		Sungkyunkwan University (Seoul)	2	3.3				61	5.5			
		Chung-Ang University (Seoul)	2	3.0				61	5.5			
		Pusan National University (Busan)	4									
		Yonsei University (Seoul)	0.5	3.13				79	6.5		TOPIK level 4	
		Ewha Womans University (Seoul)	1					61	5.5		TOPIK level 3	
		University of Seoul (Seoul)	2								-	
		Sogang University (Seoul)	2	3.0				79	6.5	TOPIK level 4		
China	China	Guangxi Normal University (Guilin)	Spring: 1 Fall: 3	Chinese	1≦	○	3.0	-				
	Fall	Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai)	2	Chinese English				90	6.0	HSK 3-4		
		Jilin University (Changchun)	2					61	5.5			
	Spring Fall	Shenzhen University (Shenzhen)	Spring: 3 Fall: 6	Chinese				85	6.0			
		Southwest University (Chongqing)	Spring: 2 Fall: 10					-	-	HSK 4		
		Southwest University of Political Science and Law (Chongqing)	Spring: 2 Fall: 5	Chinese English				61	5.5	HSK 3-4		
		University of International Business and Economics (Beijing)	Spring: 2 Fall: 5	English				80	6.0	-		
Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (Dalian)		Spring: 5 Fall: 2	Chinese English	79	HSK 3-4							

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					Study year at the time of application	Graduate student	Minimum GPA	English		Local Language	
								TOEFL iBT®	IELTS		
China	Fall	Nankai University (Tianjin)	3	Chinese	1 ≤	○	3.0	-	-	HSK 4	
		Nanjing University (Nanjing)	2	Chinese English		○	2.8	78	6.0	HSK 3-4	
		Wuhan University (Wuhan)	2	English		○		61	5.5	-	
		Peking University (Beijing)	2	Chinese English	1 · 2	○	3.5			HSK 3-4	
Hong Kong	Fall	The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	2	English	/	○	3.0	93	6.5	-	
		The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	4			○		80	6.0	-	
Taiwan	Fall	National Chengchi University (Taipei)	2	Chinese English	1 ≤	○	3.0	80	5.5	HSK 3-4	
		National Taiwan University (Taipei)	1			○		71		CEFR B1	
		National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei)	3			○		80		6.5	HSK 3-4
		National Sun Yat-sen University (Kaohsiung)	4			○	2.8	69	5.5	HSK TOP 3 level	
		Tamkang University (New Taipei)	4			○	61	HSK 3-4			
		Tunghai University (Taichung)	4			○	69	HSK 5/TOCFL 3			
		Feng Chia University (Taichung)	4			○					
The Philippines	Fall	University of the Philippines, Diliman (Quezon)	1		Apr. Enrollment: 1 ≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2 ≤	○	3.0	61	5.5	-	
Malaysia	Fall	Universiti Sains Malaysia (Penang)	1	1 ≤	○	79		-			
Singapore	Fall	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	2	Apr. Enrollment: 1 ≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2 ≤	○	61		5.5		-	
India	Fall	O.P. Jindal Global University	2		○	68		-			
Indonesia	Fall	Universitas Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta)	2	1 ≤	○	70	-				
Australia	Spring	The Australian National University (Canberra, Australian Capital Territory)	3	English	1 ≤	○	3.0	-	6.5 (6.0 each)	-	
		The University of Queensland (Brisbane, Queensland)	1			○		-		-	
		Queensland University of Technology (Brisbane, Queensland)	3			○		-		5.5 (R5.5,W5.5)	-
		University of the Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs, Queensland)	2			/	-	6.0 (5.5 each)	-		
		The University of Sydney (Sydney, New South Wales)	3			2 ≤	○	-	6.5 (6.0 each)	-	
		The University of Western Australia (Perth, Western Australia)	2				○	2.8	-	6.0 (5.5 each)	-
		The University of New South Wales (Sydney, New South Wales)	1				○	3.0	-	6.5	-
		Macquarie University (Sydney, New South Wales)	5			1 ≤	○		-	6.5 (6.0 each)	-
		The University of Melbourne (Melbourne, Victoria)	3				○		-	-	
		La Trobe University (Melbourne, Victoria)	3				○		-	6.0 (6.0 each)	-

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					Study year at the time of application	Graduate student	Minimum GPA	English		Local Language	
								TOEFL iBT®	IELTS		
New Zealand	Spring	Otago Polytechnic (Dunedin)	1	English	1≤	○	3.0	80	6.5	-	
		Victoria University of Wellington (Wellington)	2					80	6.0 (5.5 each)	-	
Iceland	Fall	The University of Iceland (Reykjavík)	2	English	1≤	○	3.0	70	6.0	-	
Ireland	Fall	Dublin City University (Dublin)	2					92	6.5	-	
UK	Fall	University of East Anglia (Norwich, England)	4					79(R18, L17, S20, W17)	6.0 (S,W6.0) (R,L5.5)	-	
		The University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, Scotland)	4					Apr. Enrollment: 1≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2≤	92 (20 each)	6.5 (5.5 each)	-
		Cardiff University (Cardiff, Wales)	4					○	-	6.0 (5.5 each)	-
		King's College London (London, England)	2					○	100 (W25, RLS23)	7.0 (6.5 each)	-
		The University of Sheffield (Sheffield, England)	1					○	80 (R18, L17, S20, W17)	6.0 (5.5 each)	-
		The University of Manchester (Manchester, England)	3					○	-	6.5 (5.5 each)	-
		University of York (York, England)	2					○	-	6.0 (5.5 each)	-
		University of Leeds (Leeds, England)	4					○	80 (R18, L17, S20, W19)	6.0 (5.5 each)	-
		(SOAS), University of London (London, England)	2	○	95 (W23, RLS20)	6.5 (6.0 each)	-				
Royal Holloway, University of London (Egham, England)	1	○	-	6.5 (5.5 each)	-						
Italy	Fall	Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale" (Napoli)	3	Italian English	1≤	○	2.8	61	6.0	CEFR A2	
		Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Venezia)	2					72	5.5	CEFR B2	
		Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna (Bologna)	1					69	6.0	CEFR A2	
		Sapienza Università di Roma (Roma)	2					61	5.5	CEFR B1	
		Università di Torino (Torino)	1					61	5.5	CEFR B1	
Netherlands	Fall	Leiden University (Leiden)	5	English	2≤	○	3.0	90	6.5	-	
		Radboud University (Nijmegen)	1					80	6.0	-	
Switzerland	Fall	Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Lucerne)	1	English German	○	○	3.0	79 (W24)	6.5 (W6.5)	CEFR C1	
Sweden	Fall	Södertörn University (Stockholm)	2	English	1≤	○	2.8	76	6.0	-	
		Malmö University (Malmö)	2					○	-		
		Jönköping University (Jönköping)	3					○	-		
		Linnaeus University (Växjö)	2					○	90 (W20)	6.5(5.5 each)	-
		Lund University (Lund)	2					○	3.0	-	

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								TOEFL iBT®	IELTS		
Spain	Fall	Universidad de Alicante (Alicante)	2	Spanish English	1≤	<input type="radio"/>	2.8	72	5.5	CEFR B1	
		Universidad de Granada (Granada)	2	Spanish		<input type="radio"/>	-				
		Universidad de Jaén (Jaén)	5	Spanish English		<input type="radio"/>	69	5.5			
		Universidad del País Vasco (País Vasco)	2		Apr. Enrollment: 1≤ Sep. Enrollment: 2≤	<input type="radio"/>	72	5.5	CEFR B2		
		Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Barcelona)	3	Spanish (Catalan)	1≤	<input type="checkbox"/>	-		CEFR B1		
Czech Republic	Fall	Charles University (Prague)	1	English	1≤	<input type="radio"/>	3.0	72	5.5	-	
	Fall	Masaryk University (Brno)	2			<input type="radio"/>		70		-	
Denmark	Fall	Copenhagen Business School (Frederiksberg)	2			<input type="radio"/>		3.0	94	7.0	-
		The University of Copenhagen (Copenhagen)	4	<input type="radio"/>	61	5.5	-				
		University of Southern Denmark (Odense)	2	<input type="radio"/>	88	6.5	-				
Germany	Fall	Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (Würzburg)	3	German English	2≤	<input type="radio"/>	2.8	69	5.5	CEFR B1	
		Universität zu Köln (Köln)	2			<input type="radio"/>		80	6.5	CEFR B2	
		Universität des Saarlandes (Saarbrücken)	2	German		<input type="radio"/>		-		CEFR A2	
		Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Tübingen)	2	German English		<input type="radio"/>		72	5.5	CEFR B2	
		Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Freiburg)	2			<input type="radio"/>		3.0	69	5.5	CEFR A1
		Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Berlin)	2			<input type="radio"/>		2.8	80	6.0	CEFR B2
Norway	Fall	University of Inland Norway (Lillehammer and other cities)	5		English	1≤	<input type="radio"/>	3.0	61	5.5	-
		University of Bergen (Bergen)	4	<input type="radio"/>			2.8	69	-		
Hungary	Fall	Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)	2	English	3.0	<input type="radio"/>	3.0	72	5.5 (5.5 each)	-	
		Budapest Business School (Budapest)	3			<input type="radio"/>		61		-	
Finland	Fall	University of Turku (Turku)	3	English	2≤	<input type="radio"/>	3.0	72	6.0	-	
		The University of Helsinki (Helsinki)	2		1≤	<input type="radio"/>		79		-	

Country/ Region	Spring/Fall departure	Institution Name (Location)	The number to be accepted (Academic Year 2024)	Language of study	Application requirements for the screening at Ritsumeikan (Reference : Academic Year 2024)					
					Study year at the time of application	Graduate student	Minimum GPA	English		Local Language
								TOEFL iBT®	IELTS	
France	Fall	ICN Business School (Nancy/Paris)	5	French English	1≤	○	3.0	75	6.0	CEFR B2
		Aix-Marseille Université (Aix-en-Provence)	2					100	6.5	TCF/DELF/DALF B1
		Excellia (La Rochelle)	1					79	6.0	DELF B2
		Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès (Toulouse)	2					72	5.5	CEFR A1
		Université de Paris (Paris)	2					90	5.5	DELF B2 or DALF C1
		Ecole Normale Supérieure-PSL (Paris)	1					69	5.5	CEFR B2
		Université Bordeaux Montaigne (Bordeaux)	3	French	○	-	CEFR A1			
France	Fall	Sciences Po Bordeaux (Bordeaux)	2	French English	1≤	○	3.0	72	6.0	CEFR B1
		Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (Lyon)	3					80 (20 each)	6.5 (6.0 each)	DELF B2 or DALF C1
Poland	Fall	Jagiellonian University (Kraków)	2	English	1≤	○	3.0	65	5.5 (5.5 each)	-
Romania	Fall	Romanian-American University (Bucharest)	1						5.5	-
Egypt	Fall	Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (New Borg Al-Arab)	1					○	2.8	72

3. Ritsumeikan University–American University Dual Undergraduate Degree Program (AU–DUDP)

USA / 2-academic year program / summer departure / English

Program Outline: Students take courses for a minimum of two years each at RU in Japan and AU in Washington, D.C., and receive bachelor's degrees from both universities. Students will be able to enroll in one of the five colleges/schools at AU: College of Arts and Sciences, Kogod School of Business, School of Communication, School of Public Affairs, or School of International Service, regardless of their college at RU. Students need to work very hard in order to obtain two degrees in a short period of time; however, they will be able to build a foundation to be active globally in the future.

Program Fee: Please take a look at the URL below about tuition, housing, and fees at AU.

<https://www.american.edu/finance/studentaccounts/tuition-and-fees-information.cfm>

Students pay tuition to AU while studying at AU and to RU while studying at RU. Room and board, travel expenses, insurance, living expenses, and other expenses will be necessary. Students pay 10,000 JPY per year to RU as annual special tuition while studying at AU.

Scholarship:

- Equal to 30% of the AU semester/session tuition will be awarded from AU each semester/session based on the results of AY2024. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in order to receive this scholarship. (Only for the first two semesters, students will receive this scholarship automatically.)
- A maximum of 2,400,000 JPY will be granted to all DUDP participants (A maximum of 800,000 JPY per academic year x 3 yearly payments). Every year, RU will review students' academic results at AU in order to award this scholarship.
 - *The amount and the method of awarding the scholarship for the 2026 programs will be announced once confirmed.
 - *Please refer to the Application Guidelines for details and important notes of the scholarship.

Approval of Transfer Credits: Students earn approximately 90 credits at RU and at least 80 credits at AU. Students meet the graduation requirements by transferring up to 40 equivalent academic credits from each university. *The number of approved credits at RU may vary depending on the individual curriculum and situation.

Schedule: Two years from the middle of August 2026 (Your study abroad period may exceed two years depending on your choice of school/college and academic results at AU.)

Application Requirements:

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements*¹:

1. 1st year students in the College of Law, Social Science, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, Business Administration, Economics.
2. TOEFL iBT® 85 or higher (subscores for each section should be 20 or higher) or IELTS 6.5 or higher (subscores for each section should be 6.0 or higher)
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above*²

*1 After being selected by RU, candidates need to submit application documents at the end of April 2026 to be admitted by AU.

*2 If selected candidates are not able to keep a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher until the 2026 Spring semester, they might lose their qualification as a candidate.

Information Distribution Period: Beginning of October 2025

Application Period: Mid / End of October 2025

Housing: Student dormitory, apartment, etc. (DUDP students must live in a dormitory for the 1st year at AU)

Study Abroad Road Map

STEP 1

Design Your University Life

How will you spend your university life?
On your list of priorities, where do you place study abroad among your major studies, extracurricular activities, job-hunting, etc.?
Why do you want to study overseas while you are already studying abroad in Japan?



STEP 2

Gather Information

Good resources will lead you to a successful study abroad.
You can find program reports from previous participants on the International Center's website.
You may also contact past participants who can support students who are interested in study abroad and learn useful tips through student association.

STEP 4

Prepare for Application

Good academic standing (GPA) and valid language proficiency test scores are required to join a study abroad program.
Apart from doing well in your regular classes, taking classes taught in your study language are also recommended.

STEP 3

Selecting a Program

A variety of programs are available; you should carefully consider the options and choose the one that best suits your goals and motivation.

〈Things to Consider〉

- What is your goal? Why do you want to study abroad?
What do you want to learn?
- Which country/area/university do you want to go to?
- When and for how long do you want to study abroad?

〈IMPORTANT!〉

- Consult with your family
- Plan your study abroad budget
- Check your enrollment plan



STEP 5

Apply for the Program

Carefully read the application guidelines and prepare the necessary documents. Submit your application to the International Center during the designated application period.
After passing 1st screening (review of application documents), you may need to attend an individual interview as the 2nd screening.

STEP 6

Prior to Departure

After being selected as a study abroad candidate, you will need to start preparing for your departure. Please attend the study abroad orientations and prepare your student visa application, flight reservations and other necessary procedures.



STEP 7

Study Abroad

Stay healthy and safe while studying in your new overseas environment. Keep in regular contact with the International Center and your college's administrative office just in case any problems arise. ✨

STEP 8

Evaluation

Summarize your experience in your final study abroad report and submit it to the International Center. Apply what you learned to your future career and studies. ✨

Study Abroad Information and Consultations

1. FAQ website, Inquiry Form

<https://global.support.ritsumei.ac.jp/hc/en-us>

You may find answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Study Abroad on this website. If you still have questions after checking it, you can contact us from the “Form for Inquiry/Submit (Students Only)” button.

2. Intercultural Advising Desk

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/bbp/reservation/advising/>

The Intercultural Advisor will help you with questions and concerns related to study abroad, intercultural exchange opportunities and understanding, and adjusting to campus life.

3. International Center

The International Center is open to anyone. If you are interested, feel free to come and visit us!

- International Center at Kinugasa Campus (Meigakukan Hall 1st floor)
- International Center at Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (Central Arc 2nd floor)
- International Center at Osaka Ibaraki Campus (Building A, AS Office, 1st floor)

[Office Hours]

Weekdays 10:00–17:00

(closed 11:30–12:30 for lunch, and on Thursdays 10:00–12:30)

During long vacations: Weekdays 13:00–17:00