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To Students,

Ritsumeikan University

### Changes in Class Hours from AY2025

Ritsumeikan University has decided on changes to the class hours for undergraduate and graduate schools (excluding some graduate schools) from AY2025.

We have decided to change the class hours to maintain the same number of class hours as before, while developing a more relaxed academic calendar. Our goal is to provide a variety of learning and growth opportunities and to allow students to choose courses that will enhance their learning satisfaction and sense of growth.

With the introduction of the new class hours, we will continue to work as a university to create a more fulfilling learning environment and student life.

#### 1. Purpose of Changes

- Eliminate Saturday classes for undergraduate courses
- Eliminate mismatches between students' desired courses and available courses
- Create opportunities for students to enhance their learning satisfaction and sense of growth through course selection
- Develop a variety of learning opportunities, programs, etc., that utilize the summer session period

#### 2. Summary of Changes

- Each session will be extended by 5 minutes to 95 minutes.
- The number of session weeks per semester will be reduced by 1 week to 14 weeks.
- A 20-minute video-on-demand class (depending on the course) will be added.
- In principle, undergraduate courses will be offered only up to the 6th period.

#### 3. Start Date

The changes will begin in the spring semester of AY2025 and will apply to all campuses and all current students. However, some graduate schools may have their own class hours and number of sessions.

#### 4. Class Hours/ Number of Weeks (Sessions) from AY2025

- Class Hours

Period	New Class Hours	Current Class Hours
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	9:00 a.m.~10:35 a.m.	9:00 a.m.~10:30 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	10:45 a.m.~12:20 a.m.	10:40 a.m.~12:10 a.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	1:10 p.m.~2:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.~2:30 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:55 p.m.~4:30 p.m.	2:40 p.m.~4:10 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	4:40 p.m.~6:15 p.m.	4:20 p.m.~5:50 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	6:25 p.m.~8:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.~7:30 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	8:10 p.m.~9:45 p.m.	7:40 p.m.~9:10 p.m.

\*The starting time of the first period, the 10-minute break between classes, and the 50-minute lunch break will not change.

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- Number of Weeks (Sessions)

Term	Number of weeks (sessions) from AY2025	Current number of weeks (sessions)
Full-year	28 weeks	30 weeks
Spring semester	14 weeks	15 weeks
Fall semester		
Summer intensive		
Winter intensive		
Quarter	7 weeks	8 weeks