



Ritsumeikan University

College of Global Liberal Arts

FALL 2026

Aug 29 – Sep 25, 2026 • OIC Campus • New Student Intake

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ORIENTATION

Fall 2026

New Student Orientation Guide

A friendly guide to help you get started — key sessions, important dates, and a few things to prepare before classes begin.

KEY

MANDATORY

Required for all students

OPTIONAL

Recommended, not required

ACTION REQUIRED

Steps you need to complete



OIC Campus Floor Guide — need help finding rooms such as AC338 and AS358?

<https://en.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/file.jsp?id=246778&f=.pdf>



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SECTION 01

Quick Schedule Overview

Here's a quick look at the current orientation schedule. Pages 3–6 give more detail.

Date	Time	Session	Required?	Format
Aug 29 (Sat)	10:00–11:45	First-Year Transition Webinar	OPTIONAL	Zoom
Sep 11 (Fri)	10:30–12:00	Orientation for New OIC G-House Residents	MANDATORY for new G-House students	In person · Noh Theater, OIC Global House 1F
Sep 11 (Fri)	12:00–13:00	G-House Evacuation Drill	MANDATORY for new G-House students	In person · OIC Global House
Sep 14 (Mon)	13:00–16:45	Welcome Day (4 mandatory sessions)	MANDATORY	In person · AC338
Sep 15 (Tue)	10:00–11:00	Info Session: Overseas Fieldwork Program	OPTIONAL	Zoom
Sep 15 (Tue)	16:00	RAINBOW ID & Password Distribution	MANDATORY	Online
Sep 16 (Wed)	10:00–12:00	Orientation for New International Students	MANDATORY*	In person / Zoom
Sep 16 (Wed)	13:30–14:30	Academic Advising Office Hours	OPTIONAL	In person · AC338
Sep 16 (Wed)	15:00–16:00	Student ID Distribution	MANDATORY	In person · AC338
Sep 18 (Fri)	13:30–15:00	GLA Student Council	OPTIONAL	In person · AS358
Sep 22–23	11:00–11:00	Fall 2026 Course Registration	MANDATORY	Online · GLARS
Sep 24 (Thu)	9:30–12:00	Student Life Guidance & Stress Management Workshop	MANDATORY	In person · AC338
Sep 25 (Fri)	—	Matriculation Ceremony	MANDATORY	In person

SECTION 02

Welcome Day — Mandatory Sessions

MANDATORY

September 14 (Mon) · AC338 · Please attend all sessions below.

13:00–13:10

Dean's Greetings

A short welcome message to help you kick off your GLA journey.

In person · AC338

13:10–14:40

GLA Curriculum Overview / Academic Integrity

You'll get a clear picture of how the curriculum works and what good academic practice looks like at GLA.

In person · AC338

14:40–15:00

Understanding and Addressing Harassment in University Life

This session explains where to get help and how to support a safe, respectful campus environment.

In person · AC338

15:15–16:45

4-Year Study Overview / Academic Advising & Course Registration

You'll learn how to plan your first semester and feel ready for course registration.

In person · AC338

SECTION 03

To-Do Checklist

ACTION REQUIRED

A simple checklist to help you stay on track before classes begin.

1

Get your RAINBOW ID and password

Access Ritsu-Mate and make sure you can log in.

From Sep 15, 16:00 onward

2

Complete multi-factor authentication

This needs to be done before course registration opens.

Before Sep 22

3

Prepare for Welcome Day

Save the schedule, check the room, and arrive on time for the mandatory sessions.

Sep 14

4

Bring a photo ID

You'll need it when you pick up your student ID card.

Sep 16, 15:00–16:00

5

Register for your Fall 2026 courses

Complete registration in GLARS during the fixed registration window.

Sep 22, 11:00 – Sep 23, 11:00

AT-A-GLANCE TIMELINE

1

Sep 14

Welcome Day (mandatory)

2

Sep 15

RAINBOW ID ready by 16:00

3

Sep 16

Student ID pickup + intl. student orientation

4

Sep 22–23

Course registration in GLARS

5

Sep 24

Student Life Guidance & Stress Management

6

Sep 25

Matriculation Ceremony



Tip: Take screenshots of key dates and save them in your phone calendar.

SECTION 04

Other Mandatory Items

These are the remaining required items to complete after Welcome Day.

Sep 15 16:00	RAINBOW ID & Password Distribution Online via Ritsu-Mate	Check Ritsu-Mate, get your login details, and make sure you can sign in.
Sep 16 10:00–12:00	Orientation for New International Students In person / Zoom – for new international students	Important guidance on residence status, scholarships, tuition reduction, and student support. Details will be announced later.
Sep 16 15:00–16:00	Student ID Distribution In person • AC338	Pick up your student ID card and bring a photo ID with you.
Sep 22 11:00	Fall 2026 Registration Opens Online • GLARS	Register for your Fall 2026 classes during the official registration period.
Sep 23 11:00	Fall 2026 Registration Closes Online • GLARS	Make sure your registration is complete before the deadline.
Sep 24 9:30–12:00	Student Life Guidance & Stress Management Workshop In person • AC338	Helpful advice for settling into university life and managing stress in your first semester.
Sep 25 –	Matriculation Ceremony Details will be announced separately	Please attend the official matriculation ceremony. Further details will be announced separately.

SECTION 05 • APPENDIX

Optional Sessions & Practical Information

These sessions are optional, but they can make your first weeks much smoother and more fun.

OPTIONAL SESSIONS

Aug 29 (Sat) • 10:00–11:45 • Zoom

First-Year Transition Webinar

A chance to hear what studying at GLA is like and learn from current students.

Sep 15 (Tue) • 10:00–11:00 • Zoom

Info Session: Overseas Fieldwork Program

An introduction to the overseas fieldwork program planned for February–March 2027.

Sep 16 (Wed) • 13:30–14:30 • AC338

Academic Advising Office Hours

Drop by if you would like one-on-one advice about your first-semester plan.

Sep 18 (Fri) • 13:30–15:00 • AS358

GLA Student Council

A student-led social event where you can meet other GLA students.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

First-Year Transition Webinar

Info Session: Overseas Fieldwork Program

Zoom URL will be provided in early September. It will be sent to students' email addresses provided on the University Application

Good to Know

Most mandatory sessions are clustered early in the orientation period, so it helps to plan ahead.

Course registration is only open for a fixed two-day window: Sep 22–23.

GLA Contact glapost@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

