



## Ritsumeikan Uji Junior and Senior High School

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**History** – Ritsumeikan Academy was founded in 1869. The Ritsumeikan Trust established Ritsumeikan Uji High School in 1995, adding a junior high school in 2003. In 2009, Ritsumeikan Uji Junior and Senior High School became an International Baccalaureate World School.

**Accreditation** – Ritsumeikan Uji Junior and Senior High School is a private college-preparatory school with both day and boarding students. Enrollment in the high school is 1,278 as of March 2023. Ritsumeikan Uji Junior and Senior High School is accredited by the Kyoto Prefectural Board of Education in compliance with the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology. The school is authorized as an IB World School to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and is an SAT and PSAT testing center.

**Academic Calendar** – High school covers three years. The school year begins in April and graduation is in March. Proof of Graduation is available in March. There are 38 school weeks divided into three trimesters. Students are in class between 30-35 periods a week, and each period is 50 minutes.

**Course Options** – High school students choose among three courses: the IB Course, the IM Course, and the IG Course. Each course will be discussed in more detail in the sections that follow.

**The IB Course** - The IB Course at Ritsumeikan Uji is selective and is the most academically rigorous course offered. The program celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018.

# IB

The course spans the three high school years and consists of classes taught entirely in English by native English-speaking teachers. In the second and third years, students follow the curricular requirements of the IBDP. The first year is a preparatory period focused on the skills necessary for success in the IBDP, as well as fulfilling Japanese high school diploma requirements.

**IB Results** – Predicted IB results are available in October of students' senior year, IBDP exams are taken in November, and official results are released and available the following January. Virtually all students are full diploma candidates.

**GPA Calculation** – High school grades are calculated out of 100 percent. GPA is scored on a five-point unweighted scale, with five being the highest, given the conversions listed to the right. IB students are first assessed on the IB seven-point scale, and marks are then converted to the five-point scale.

<b>IB</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Rits</b>	1	2	3	4		5	
<b>%</b>	<40	40~49	50~69	70~79		≥80	

**IB Students** – Ritsumeikan Uji's IB cohort sizes vary, averaging 25 students per cohort over the last five years, with a student to teacher ratio of approximately 3.4 to 1.

The vast majority of students have Japanese ethnicity, while remaining students come from a range of countries including: Australia, Canada, China, Indonesia, Nepal, South Korea, Thailand, United States of America, and Vietnam.

IB students are highly active with CAS and pursue a vibrant set of extracurriculars.

IB Course students also earn a Japanese high school graduation certificate, making this a dual degree program.

### IB Subjects

**Group 1: A Languages**

English Lang. and Lit.  
Japanese Literature

**Group 2: B Languages**

English B  
Japanese B

**Group 3: Humanities**

Business Management  
Economics  
Global Politics

**Group 4: Sciences**

Biology  
Chemistry  
Environ. Systems and Soc.  
Physics

**Group 5: Mathematics**

Analyses & Approaches  
App. & Interpretations

**Group 6: Arts**

Visual Arts

### Diploma Results (Last 5 Cohorts)

99%

took the full diploma

94%

passed the DP

35.1

average score

56%

scored 35 or higher

26%

scored 40 or higher

# IM

**The IM Course** – The IM course is focused on English immersion for students wishing to learn English to an academic level. All students spend one academic year studying abroad in an English-speaking country. While abroad, each student stays with a homestay family and attends classes with local high school students. Upon returning to Japan, students in the IM program take a majority of their content courses, including math, science, and history in English. Being accustomed to studying in English, IM students are well prepared to study at overseas institutions of higher education. Students must earn 91 credits to graduate.

**GLS Projects** – In the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, all students collaborate in groups to make a social contribution by identifying a problem, planning a solution, and then taking an action to implement their plan. Projects can take a local or international focus and have produced a variety of themes. Examples of projects include selling coffee from Laos at local coffee shops for charity, and conducting a crowdfunding campaign to promote animal adoptions in Japan.

**Language Proficiency** – Students in the IM course generally reach a high level of fluency and proficiency in English. Higher students in the program that look to study in overseas universities generally score over 80 on the TOEFL iBT.

# IG

**The IG Course** – The IG (Integrated Global) course is the school’s largest course with an average of roughly 250 students per grade. It features classes which mainly follow the standard Japanese Ministry of Education curriculum, but unlike many Japanese high schools, all students have English classes taught by native speakers and in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, more elective classes. Some of the students choose more humanities classes which puts them in our global career stream, and others choose higher level STEM courses, as they pursue university faculty in math and science courses. Very few students from this course attend overseas universities, but our highest level English speakers do consider schools with English as the academic language, either for four years or as study abroad options.

## Selected IB and IM Course University Matriculations



Aichi Medical University  
Duke University | Kunshan  
International Christian University  
Keio University  
Nagoya University

Osaka University  
Ritsumeikan University  
Sophia University  
Tohoku University  
Waseda University

Amherst College  
Brown University  
California Institute of Technology  
Dartmouth College  
Duke University  
Franklin Olin School of Engineering  
McGill University

Reed College  
Tufts University  
University of British Columbia  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Oregon  
University of Toronto



Australian National University  
National University of Singapore  
Nanyang Technological University  
Queensland University of Technology

University of Melbourne  
University of Queensland  
University of Sydney  
University of Western Australia

Aalto University  
IE University  
Imperial College London  
King’s College London  
Leiden University  
Les Roches Swiss Hotel Management School  
New York University | Abu Dhabi

Royal Veterinary College, Univ. of London  
University College London  
University of the Arts London  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Sheffield

