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2021 GRADUATE PROSPECTUS

APU GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACTS AND FIGURES

Placed in the
TOP 30 UNIVERSITIES

for the 2019 Japan
University Ranking
by the Times Higher Education

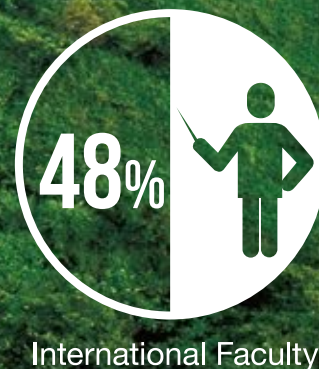
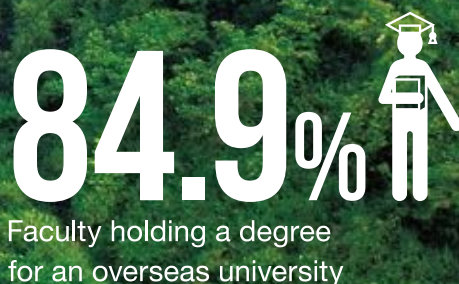
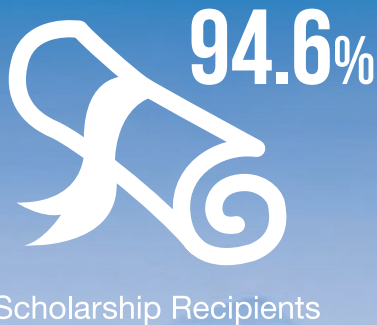
Third Japanese
university to become



Selected by the
Government of Japan in 2014
as one of the country's
**“TOP GLOBAL
UNIVERSITIES”**

Graduate School of Management
ranked as one of the
**TOP 25 MBA
PROGRAMS IN ASIA**
by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) in 2019





All data and figures are current as of the 2019 academic year.

SHAPE YOUR WORLD

With over 100 years of tradition and history, the Ritsumeikan Academy opened Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in 2000 as Japan's first genuinely international university. APU's graduate schools, fully accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), welcome students into an entirely English-based curriculum within a unique multicultural environment. Since the opening of our graduate schools in 2003, efforts have been made to further education and research initiatives as well as expand our contributions to the Asia Pacific region. The graduate schools at APU focus on Asia Pacific studies, with study options geared towards tackling the complex issues facing the societies and environments of the Asia Pacific region, as well as management, with a focus on the Japanese business style and the dynamic world of international business.

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APPLY ONLINE

<https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/graduate/>

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Toshitsugu Otake, Ph.D. (Japan)
Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Management

Degree:

Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering (Iowa State University, USA)

M.Sc. in Statistics (Iowa State University, USA)

M.Sc. in Mathematics (University of Central Missouri, USA)

M.A. in Economics (University of Central Missouri, USA)

Research Fields:

Financial Risk Management, Statistical Modeling, Logistics Engineering, FinTech

MBA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The MBA program at APU is conducted entirely in English in a culturally diverse learning environment. It offers a strong foundation in established international and Japanese management techniques, interactive classes with faculty, and students from around the world, as well as opportunities for independent research and internships in the university's extensive Japanese business network. Students benefit from an AACSB-accredited, international standard business management curriculum grounded in a Japanese focus on business sustainability, management quality control, and customer service excellence.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

The GSM curriculum consists of four components: required subjects (analytical foundations, core business fundamentals, and capstone courses); elective subjects (specialization courses); core-related subjects (courses related to the core business fundamentals and Japanese language courses); and management seminars.

In addition to fulfilling the credit requirements, students conduct a research project and complete an extended piece of writing in the form of a master's thesis, independent final report, or internship-based case study. Students will also have the option to take basic Japanese language courses, credits from which will count towards program completion requirements. Japanese language knowledge has aided many of our GSM graduates in seeking employment at Japanese companies.

The mission of APU's Graduate School of Management (GSM) is to cultivate creative, well-rounded professionals and leaders who will play a central role in resolving management issues at globalizing enterprises and other organizations by imparting advanced management skills, innovation, a good understanding of business ethics, and a deep insight into globalization.

The Graduate School of Management has enjoyed an excellent reputation since it was established in 2003. It was given a 3 Palmes of Excellence rating (Excellent Business Schools with reinforcing international influence) in 2009 and was recognized as one of the top 20 business schools in the field of international management in East Asia in 2012-2013 by Eduniversal. APU has also served as a council member representing Japan in the Association of Asia Pacific Business Schools since 2012. As of January 2019, APU Vice President Kenji Yokoyama is serving as President of this association. In addition, APU is continuously recognized in Japan by the Nikkei Shimbun as one of the top three educational institutions for employability of graduates.

The Graduate School of Management prepares you for managerial positions with advanced knowledge in international business and understanding of Japanese management practices. It is the only institution in the world where you can do so in an all-English curriculum within a culturally diverse learning environment.

Let GSM be your first step toward a successful global business career.

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MASTER'S PROGRAM OVERVIEW

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Degree:	Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Specializations:	Accounting and Finance (AF) Marketing and Management (MM) Innovation and Operations Management (IOM) Japanese Management (JM)
Enrollment Semesters:	April, September
Program Duration:	2 years*
Yearly Intake:	40 students
Total Tuition:	3,800,000 JPY (Subject to change)

*Accelerated completion in 1.5 years may be possible upon further examination after enrollment. The total tuition for the programs will not change even if you complete your degree before the standard period of completion.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



58 Students



439 Alumni



20 Countries and
Regions Represented
by GSM Students

28

Average Age

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Associate to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB - www.aacsb.edu) is an internationally recognized accreditation organization of business schools. Only the world's leading business schools can receive accreditation, with approximately 840 schools having obtained accreditation so far. Both APU's undergraduate and graduate business schools received this prestigious accreditation in 2016.



JAPANESE MANAGEMENT (JM)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Geunhee Lee, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Management (Korea)

Research Fields: Consumer Behavior, Tourism Marketing, Viral Marketing, Co-Creation

“The MBA program at APU prepares you to engage with Japanese corporations around the world. It opens the door to a managerial career in Japanese companies as well as companies that seek to enter or expand in the Japanese market. APU stands for the global integration of Japan, and it is the place you must be to explore your potential and establish your legacy in the international business world.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

Supported by its world-class corporations, Japan is the first Asian country to have successfully industrialized. The Japanese Management (JM) specialization focuses on the philosophy and practices that are key to such enterprises. With their emphases on quality, innovation, and customer service and with their unique style of human resource management and stakeholder model of governance, companies in Japan provide an alternative to that of the shareholder model practiced mostly in English-speaking countries—including the USA. This specialization focuses on the successes and failures of Japanese corporations and provides a model of corporate management in the Asia Pacific Region.



In December 2019, four APU MBA students participated in an international business case competition at McGill University in Quebec, Canada. These competitions afford students the chance to gain real-world business analytical skills, showcase their own ideas, and network with other universities and industry-leading brands around the world.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Management in Asia and Japan
- Japanese Corporations and Asia Pacific
- Management of Japanese Family Business
- Quality and Operations Management
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Hospitality Management

“Despite coming from a mechanical engineering background, I was provided with a pool of opportunities at APU—from exposure to diverse cultures and learning from faculty with world-class expertise to gaining an entrepreneurial mindset. Thanks to APU’s unique programs, such as short internships at family-run businesses and meeting with exchange students like those from Norway who shared their knowledge of fast-paced technological growth in Scandinavia, my time at APU also enabled me to expand my network within Japan and worldwide. Thanks to these experiences and the inspiring professors that supported me, I gained the practical knowledge needed to help me follow my passions and dreams.”

Anty Kannampilly Joseph (India, Graduated 2019)
Co-founder of JIITAK, Japan



ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (AF)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Phillip Dean Pardo, MBA, Professor (Canada)

Research Fields: Business Analytics, Hospitality Management Accounting, Sentiment Mining, CRM, Valuation, Taxation, Auditing, Virtuous Management, Natural Capital Accounting

“With ninety-eight percent of students originating from outside Japan, our AACSB-accredited MBA program is truly international, with a diverse mixture of languages, cultures, and perspectives. Our business school meets the highest international standards, and our students, faculty, and alumni are all actively engaged and contribute to the global community.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

The Accounting and Finance (AF) specialization discusses theories and concepts of corporate finance, financial engineering, financial institutions, financial accounting, and managerial accounting, providing students with the skills to understand and interpret financial and accounting information. The aim of the specialization is to provide students with tools in the areas of accounting and finance to formulate strategies, design control systems, and evaluate the impact of corporate strategies on various stakeholders.



GSM professors and APU students attending a Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony. Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB worldwide.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Corporate Finance
- Financial Engineering and Risk Management
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Managerial Accounting
- Financial Accounting

“I traveled halfway across the world to study at APU, and it turned out to be an amazing journey. While studying for my MBA, I learned about organizational structures, business strategies, ethics, innovation, and operations management, but at the same time I learned how to interact with people from other cultures. At APU, I had the liberty to focus on subjects I am interested in, such as how companies stay innovative and motivate employees to create through goal setting. The knowledge and experience I gained helped prepare me to take on leadership positions in global, innovative companies.”

Marita Myren (Norway, Graduated in 2019)
Operations Officer, Danske Bank, Norway



MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT (MM)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Lailani Alcantara, Ph.D., Professor (The Philippines)

Research Fields: International Management and Organizational Behavior

“At APU, we bring the world to our classroom. Our MBA students and faculty come from different parts of the world with diverse professional backgrounds. Being part of our program means that you are not just achieving your potential—you are building a network of professionals who will make a difference in the world.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

The Management and Marketing (MM) specialization focuses on understanding and managing the human dimensions of organizations. For business organizations, some of the most important stakeholders are managers, employees, and customers. Their decisions and actions are guided by a whole range of factors, from very objective aspects to subjective perceptions, emotions, and moral values. Thus, market conditions are in a constant flux which necessitates adaptation as well as provides opportunities for creating new market and social values. Consequently, this specialization emphasizes the need of organizations to develop multi-dimensional and differentiated strategies, as well as sustainable competences and capabilities, not only to cope with the changing business environment but also to lead innovatively and responsibly.



Professor Alcantara giving feedback during her Capstone course, where students develop and propose solutions to problems affecting regional industries after consulting with local business leaders.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Human Resource Management
- Management of Japanese Family Business
- Management in Asia and Japan
- Marketing Strategy
- Marketing Research
- Product Development Strategy
- Hospitality Management

“The exceptional academic resources and conducive learning environment at APU helped me to strike a balance between theoretical study and practical application in real-life situations. The managerial prowess, analytical thinking, and research skills I developed fully prepared me for a Doctoral Program in Economics, which I now currently pursue at another outstanding university in Japan.”

Joseph Junior Aduba (Nigeria, Graduated in 2017)

JSPS Fellow and Ph.D. Student, Ritsumeikan University, Japan

African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) Scholarship Recipient



INNOVATION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (IOM)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Rian Beise-Zee, Dr., Professor and Dean of International Cooperation and Research (Germany)

Research Fields: New Product and Service Management and Marketing

“Today’s industries and industry leaders are always in need of innovative ideas, products, and business models. Equally important are a sustainable means of facilitating the implementation and organization of these elements through an equally innovative operations strategy. The courses in our Innovations and Operations Management specialization provide students with the intellectual and practical tools to master both of these and to link them to their own future business goals.”

SPECIALIZATION OVERVIEW

The Innovation and Operations Management (IOM) specialization focuses on production planning, flexibility in production management, inventory management, quality management, management of supply chain, and the impact of information technology on the whole process of production. Another focus of this specialization is on the management of product development and the role of entrepreneurship from a technology-based perspective. This specialization also addresses the question as to why some countries are more innovative than others.



Every semester APU holds a welcome party for new graduate students. With the opportunity to meet their professors and other students in a casual setting, they can start building networks at APU right away.

SPECIALIZATION SUBJECTS

- Quality and Operations Management
- Information Technology Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Entrepreneurship and New Business
- Project Management
- National Innovation Systems

“APU’s multicultural environment provides the perfect opportunity to learn about the business standards of other countries, as well as multiple opportunities for collaboration and discussion with classmates through small class sizes. This has given me new insights and knowledge from different cultural perspectives while also allowing me to share my own point of view. At APU, I was constantly being challenged to be a better version of myself all while preparing to become a leader with global values.”

Kezia Stephanie Natania (Indonesia, Graduated in 2018)
Management Consultant, Skylight Consulting Inc., Japan



CURRICULUM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (GSM)

A minimum of **forty-four credits** is required for program completion. All subjects in the chart below are awarded two credits upon successful completion.

COURSE NAMES AND SEMESTER DISTRIBUTION

		LECTURE SUBJECTS			
		Required Subjects (22 credits)	Elective Subjects (8 credits or more)	Core Related Subjects	Seminars (6 credits)
First Year	1st Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative Analysis and Statistics Managerial Economics International Management Leadership and Organization Behavior Technology Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Corporations and Asia Pacific Management of Japanese Family Business Quality and Operations Management Corporate Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Research Methods Japanese for Communication I* Management Information Systems Japanese for Communication II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection of seminar advisor
	2nd Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing Business Ethics Finance Accounting Theories of Institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Engineering and Risk Management Financial Institutions and Markets Managerial Accounting Financial Accounting Human Resource Management Management in Asia and Japan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database Management Japanese for Communication III Decision Making Under Uncertainty Japanese for Communication IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Seminar I
Second Year	3rd Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing Strategy Marketing Research Product Development Strategy Hospitality Management Information Technology Management Supply Chain Management 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Seminar II Research progress presentation
	4th Semester		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrepreneurship and New Business Project Management National Innovation Systems 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Seminar III Submission and examination of the final research project

* Students must complete or test out of Survival Japanese (1 and 2) in order to enroll in this course.



The following list is composed of companies and organizations where MBA students have interned*, in some cases for the fulfillment of their graduate thesis requirement (per the **internship-based case study** option).

INTERNSHIPS

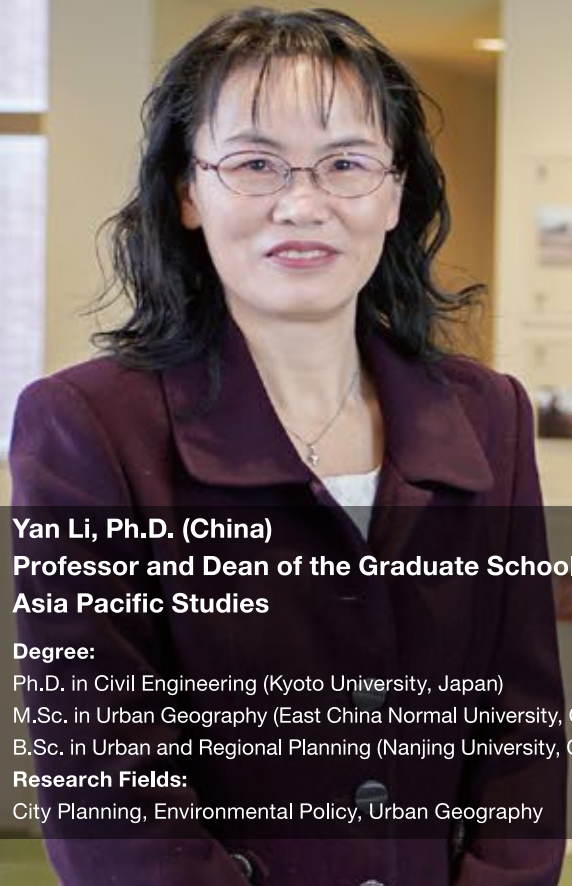
- Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.
- Arcterus Co., Ltd.
- Asian Development Bank, The Philippines
- British American Tobacco Japan, Ltd.
- Catalyst K.K.
- Convention Linkage, Inc.
- Fisco Japan Co., Ltd.
- Japan Tourism Marketing Co.
- Kyosan Electric
- Lenovo, China
- Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corp.
- Oita Transportation Co., Ltd.
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers Co., Ltd.
- 7-Eleven Malaysia
- Sugahara Kisen Inc.
- Tech Health Solutions LLC
- 3Any Inc.
- United Nations ESCAP, Thailand
- United Nations University
- VINAFCO (Vietnam)
- Voith Fuji Hydro K.K.

* Please note that APU does not guarantee internships to students. Students must seek them independently.

“My top three reasons for choosing APU’s MBA program were the active learning curriculum, the multicultural environment, and the ability to learn foundation Japanese at the same time. With enough determination to make the most of the two-year program, you can graduate from APU with a very strong profile: a global-minded MBA holder who can speak multiple languages.”

Avila Carlo Irawan (Indonesia, Graduated in 2017)
Senior Consultant, Deloitte Consulting, Indonesia





Yan Li, Ph.D. (China)
Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

Degree:

Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (Kyoto University, Japan)
M.Sc. in Urban Geography (East China Normal University, China)
B.Sc. in Urban and Regional Planning (Nanjing University, China)

Research Fields:

City Planning, Environmental Policy, Urban Geography



Steven B. Rothman, Ph.D. (USA)
Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

Degree:

Ph.D. in Politics (University of Oregon, USA)
M.Sc. in Politics (University of Oregon, USA)

Research Fields:

International Relations Theory, International Policy Making, International Environmental Policy, Pedagogy

MASTER'S PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

MASTER'S PROGRAM IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

The Master's Program in Asia Pacific Studies aims to educate and transform students into competent leaders ready to handle challenges facing the Asia Pacific region. Individuals embarking on this program should possess a high-level interest in research pertaining to one of two specializations: International Relations or Society and Culture. The broad range of issues addressed in these specializations are supported by four pillars: analytical foundation courses, core courses on the Asia Pacific region, division-specific courses, and research-oriented intensive seminar courses. Under the supervision of their chosen faculty advisors, students will formulate and conduct research that systematically reflects knowledge gained through coursework as well as ideally through fieldwork in the Asia Pacific region.

MASTER'S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY

The Master's Program in International Cooperation Policy aims to cultivate human resources who will contribute to a peaceful and mutually beneficial coexistence in the Asia Pacific region. Individuals entering this program should possess the ability to incorporate diverse perspectives in their research and will frame their studies around one of five specializations: International Public Administration, Public Health Management, Sustainability Science, Tourism and Hospitality, and Development Economics. Students can further build upon their current knowledge and cultivate their research skills through a variety of workshops and seminars offered throughout the year where they can exchange ideas with influencers within their respective fields. In the end they will develop the practical problem-solving skills and creativity required for sustainable development within the Asia Pacific region.



Like you, we at APU's Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies want to shape a better world. Through our interdisciplinary programs, offered entirely in English, we will challenge your critical thinking, creativity, and passion for change and action. Our faculty, coming from over 20 countries, trained in distinguished universities in Japan and overseas, and with outstanding track records in their careers, will engage you in cutting-edge research and interactive graduate classes. Our learning community—vibrant, stimulating, diverse, and multicultural—will strengthen your values in the pursuit of excellence, mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation in the globalizing world. Our alumni, now spread across the globe and well-positioned in their respective communities of practice, will help broaden your support network as you pursue your goals.

"Ritsumeikan" means the "place to establish your destiny." The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies at APU may very well be where you start this journey.

MASTER'S PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES (APS)

Degree:	Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies
Divisions:	International Relations (IR) Society and Culture (SC)
Enrollment Semesters:	April, September
Program Duration:	2 years*
Yearly Intake:	15 students
Total Tuition:	2,800,000 JPY (Subject to change)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY (ICP)

Degree:	Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
Divisions:	International Public Administration (IPA) Development Economics (DE) Sustainability Science (SS) (including IMAT) Tourism and Hospitality (TH)
Enrollment Semesters:	April, September
Program Duration:	2 years*
Yearly Intake:	45 students
Total Tuition:	2,800,000 JPY (Subject to change)

*Accelerated completion in 1 or 1.5 years may be possible upon further examination after enrollment. The total tuition for the programs will not change even if you complete your degree before the standard period of completion.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



124 Students



858 Alumni



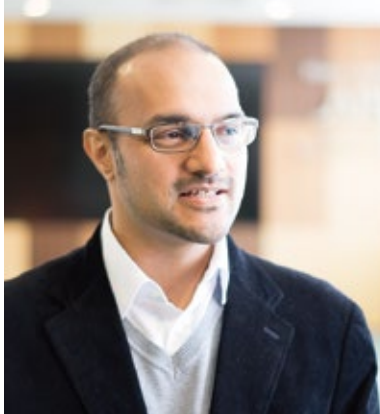
42 Countries and
Regions Represented
by GSA Students

28

Average Age

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IR)

M. SC. ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES



Utpal Vyas, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Division Head (United Kingdom)

Degree: Ph.D. in International Relations (University of Sheffield, UK), M.Sc. in Political Economy (University of Sheffield, UK), LL.B. in Law (University of Birmingham, UK)

Research Fields: Political Economy and International Relations of Japan and China, East Asian Regional Politics, European Politics

“The International Relations division at APU provides a range of opportunities for students to deepen their knowledge of current international issues and develop the research skills necessary to have a strong impact on the global stage. Students who take advantage of the opportunities available here will find that careers in international organizations, academia, diplomacy, corporate leadership, government services, media, and many other fields will become open to them.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The International Relations (IR) division is aimed at expanding students’ empirical knowledge base and sharpening their analytical and theoretical thinking skills regarding social, political, economic, and security phenomena in the globalizing world. The courses in this division provide a useful knowledge base for both academic-bound students and practitioner-bound students with intended careers in security, diplomacy, and media. While taking subjects such as international security, international law, and conflict resolution, students will also focus on writing a thesis or research report.

DIVISION SUBJECTS

- Regionalism and Globalization
- International Law
- International Political Economy
- Comparative Politics and Government
- Conflict Resolution
- International Security
- Special Studies (International Relations)

FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH FIELDS

Yoshinori Kaseda, Ph.D., Professor

International Politics, International Security, Asia and North Korea Relations

Yoichiro Sato, Ph.D., Professor

International Relations and Foreign Policy (Asia-Pacific), Comparative Politics (Southeast Asia), Maritime Security

Hidetaka Yoshimatsu, Ph.D., Professor

International Relations, International Political Economy, Regional Studies (East Asia)

Seunghoon Emilia Heo, Ph.D., Associate Professor

International Relations and Global Studies, Peace and Reconciliation, Diplomatic History, International Organization, Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue

Steven B. Rothman, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

International Relations Theory, International Policy Making, International Environmental Policy, Pedagogy

“Joining the International Relations division in the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies does not only provide me with an environment of academic excellence and intellectually stimulating research, but also the opportunity to work with supportive faculty, be part of a thriving graduate student community, and access an engaging alumni network. My experiences at APU so far have allowed me to thrive in my research activities and obtain critical analytical techniques to focus on the issues of vital importance to the Asia Pacific region.”

Sirojiddinov Shokhruxh (Uzbekistan)
International Relations Division Student



SOCIETY AND CULTURE (SC)

M. SC. ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES



Shinji Kojima, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Division Head (Japan)

Degree: Ph.D. in Sociology (University of Hawaii at Manoa), MA in Sociology (University of Hawaii at Manoa), BA in Policy Studies (Chuo University)

Research Fields: Social Stratification and Inequality, Sociology of Work, Social Movements, Globalization, Multiculturalism, East Asian Societies

"In the Society and Culture division, students deepen their knowledge of the rapid transformations taking place in the age of globalization through the lens of media, society, and culture. Students also gain practical knowledge through courses on theory and research methodologies in the social sciences. Placed in the unique multicultural environment at APU, the SC Division trains our graduate students to become specialists on the sociopolitical issues that characterize our time, while acquiring the cosmopolitan dispositions required to excel on the global stage."

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The Asia Pacific is one of the most rapidly developing regions in recent decades. To capture the patterns of social and cultural changes occurring, the Society and Culture (SC) division is devoted to promoting comparative academic research on the region. Students can acquire practical skills in formulating and conducting research using theories and methods developed in sociology, cultural anthropology, media, and communication studies. With knowledge concerning the social and cultural backgrounds of the countries and regions, students will have greater employment opportunities in government, industry, commerce, and academia.

DIVISION SUBJECTS

- Changing Social Landscapes
- Media and Communication
- Migration and Trans-Nationalism
- Social Organizations and Institutions
- Sociology and Everyday Life
- Cultural Change
- Special Studies (Society and Culture)

FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH FIELDS

Peter Mantello, Professor

Emotional Artificial Intelligence, Surveillance, Predictive Policing, Videogame Theory, Conflict and Media, Politics and the Cyber Realm

Yufu Iguchi, Ph.D., Professor

Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, Southeast Asian Studies (Malaysian Studies), Intellectual History

Chan Hoe Kim, Ph.D., Professor

Folklore Studies and Japanese Literature

Joseph Progler, Ph.D., Professor

Cinema (Science Fiction, Docudrama, Literary Adaptation), Education (Multiculturalism, Curriculum Studies, Pedagogy), Music (Ethnomusicology, Jazz Studies, Performance Practice), Religion (Local-global Dynamics, Environmental Ethics, Pilgrimage)

Hideo Sasagawa, Ph.D., Professor

Area Studies in Southeast Asia

Kumi Seike, Professor

Sociological Theory, Sociology (Theory of Modern Society and Symbiosis, NPO and Region Creation), Theory of Anthropology and Methodologies, Philosophy

Shunichi Takekawa, Ph.D., Professor

Politics and the Media

Kaori Yoshida, Ph.D., Professor

Media Studies (Representation Politics: Gender, Ethnicity, Nation), Cultural Studies, Popular Culture, Comparative Culture Studies

Takashi Hasuda, Ph.D., Associate Professor

History (Early Modern Vietnam)

"Due to my desire to pursue a career in academic work related to the field of Japanese popular culture, I was motivated to join the Society and Culture division. The professors in this division specialize in a broad range of topics and encourage their students to analyze their lectures critically. By interacting and discussing directly with these professors and my classmates, I have broadened my perspectives both academically and professionally as a global-minded citizen."

Alisha Rabuepin (Thailand, Graduated in 2018)

Sales Support Representative, Farm Frites International B.V., Thailand



INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (IPA)

M. SC. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



Tomonori Sudo, Ph.D., Professor and Division Head (Japan)

Degree: Ph.D. in International Studies (Waseda University, Japan)

Work Experience: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (Japan), African Development Bank (Tunisia), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) (Japan), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) (Japan), Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) (Japan)

Research Fields: Environmental and Climate Policy, Resource/Environment/Climate Economics, Development Economics and Finance, Development Policy

“Our global society is changing rapidly and drastically. While conflict and friction are bound to occur, we are living in a mutually-dependent society where people, goods, money, and information move freely beyond borders. We must tackle global issues to achieve sustainable development. Under such circumstances, domestic public policy may affect and/or be affected by the public policies of other countries. In this sense, collaborative action among the various societies is a key to solving issues. The International Public Administration Division addresses these topics and explores various solutions and measures to improve our society and future.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The International Public Administration (IPA) division is aimed at providing knowledge and skills to those who are interested in pursuing an advanced career in national and international governmental organizations. This division enables students to improve professional and practical skills to manage and evaluate administrative operations and policies in national, regional, and global settings. The subjects in this division relate to international organizations, international cooperation policy, and public administration, and form the foundation on which each student can further build a more focused study depending on their intended policy field.

DIVISION SUBJECTS

- Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation
- International Public Administration
- International Organizations
- Project Management
- Planning and Evaluation
- Community Development
- Special Studies (International Public Administration)

FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH FIELDS

Takuro Kikkawa, Ph.D., Professor

Comparative Politics, Area Studies

Rikio Kimura, Ed.D., Professor

Social Welfare Studies (Community Development, NGO, Social Enterprise), Area Studies (Cambodia), Pedagogy (Adult Education)

Serik Meirmanov, Ph.D., Professor

General Life Science, Social Psychology, Human Genetics, Human Pathology, Public Hygiene Studies/Health Science

Yasushi Suzuki, Ph.D., Professor

Theories of Banking, Islamic Finance, Public Finance, Institutional Political Economy

“Becoming a graduate student at APU has been one of my best life decisions so far. Supportive faculty and in-depth academics provide me with knowledge and skills necessary for my future career in international public administration. With students from all over the world, the lectures and discussions involve interesting, real-world applications of theoretical knowledge. In addition to studying, APU’s international cultural events, field trips, and social events bring me a sense of community and understanding that makes me more confident to pursue my dreams.”

Nguyen Quynh Hoa (Viet Nam)

International Public Administration Division Student

Japanese Grant Aid for Human Development Scholarship (JDS) Recipient



DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS (DE)

M. SC. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



Sangho Kim, Ph.D., Professor and Division Head (South Korea)

Degree: Ph.D. in Economics (Michigan State University, USA), M.A. in Economics (Sogang University, South Korea)

Research Fields: International Economics, Applied Econometrics, Economic Development, Productivity Analysis

“Our faculty members have experience working with various international organizations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and Asian Productivity Organization. Many of our students represent various developing regions and are working on different issues of development economics in their own countries. As a DE student, you will interact with other students who have a range of job experiences in their home countries alongside whom you can prepare yourself for a career in international development on the world stage.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The Development Economics (DE) division is aimed at those who are interested in the socio-economic issues of the developing world. Study in this division enables students to improve their critical and analytical skills in many areas of development economics, including industrial development, social development, political development, rural development, and poverty alleviation. Students are also able to enhance their professional and practical skills related to international development. This division also aims to enhance the development of research skills in this field for those wishing to pursue further study. The knowledge and skills obtained will provide a wide variety of employment opportunities in international organizations, national and local governments, international development agencies, NGOs, and development consultancy firms.

DIVISION SUBJECTS

- Development Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Development Finance
- Comparative Economic Development
- Microeconomics
- Community Development
- Special Studies (Development Economics)

FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH FIELDS

Nader Ghotbi, M.D. and Ph.D., Professor

Bioethics, Environmental Economics, Health Economics, Modern Economics

Kaoru Natsuda, Ph.D., Professor

International Development Studies, International Political Economy, Economic Policy, Industrial Development, Rural and Community Development, Automotive Industry, Apparel Industry

Kozo Otsuka, Ph.D., Professor

Applied Economics, Innovation and Productivity

Tatsufumi Yamagata, Ph.D., Professor

Development Economics, Textile Industry, Bangladeshi Economy, Health and Development, Disability and Development

Koichi Yamaura, Ph.D., Professor

Food and Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics, Consumer Economics, International Trade

“At APU I was given the opportunity to experience the intricacies of enriching cultures with unique people from all parts of the world. The knowledge and skills I gained from interacting with many different people allowed me to expand my own range of thought. As a result, I was able to work more effectively as I organized and implemented social programs, workshops, and awareness campaigns through my local government after graduating.”

Mirna G. De La Portilla F. (Mexico, Graduated in 2013)
Consultant at Servicios, Productos Industriales y Construcción, Mexico



SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE (SS)

M. SC. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



Thomas Edward Jones, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Division Head (U.K.)

Degree: Ph.D. in Agriculture, (University of Tokyo, Japan)

Research Fields: Environmental Policy, Nature-Based Tourism, Protected Areas, Regional Development

“Due to climate change and other threats to the planetary boundaries, we must accelerate the transitions to sustainable development, which will bring both challenges and chances to all our environmental, social, and economic systems. Our experienced faculty members in the Sustainability Science division are fully committed to helping students develop outstanding research and problem-solving skills that will contribute to their future careers involving transitions towards sustainability.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

The Sustainability Science (SS) division focuses on the application of science for achieving the goals of sustainable development. This division analyzes the planning and implementation of policies and actions that deal with the relationship between society and nature with the ultimate goal of creating a sustainable future for all. Study involves the scientific understanding of society-nature interactions; linking research with policy and actions; generating new knowledge, tools and techniques; and enhancing scientific and institutional capability for promoting sustainability and resilience. Students are expected to gain a holistic perspective, integrative skills, and interdisciplinary knowledge as they engage in analyzing and managing particular problems and issues of population-resource-technology-institution interactions.

DIVISION SUBJECTS

- Environment and Natural Resources Conservation
- Advanced Environmental Geosciences
- Environmental Policy, Law and Administration
- Environmental Economics
- Urban Sustainability
- Industrial Ecology
- Special Studies (Sustainability Science)

FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH FIELDS

Yan Li, Ph.D., Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies
City Planning, Environmental Policy, Urban Geography

Giguruwa Nishantha, Ph.D., Professor
Software, Educational Technology, Media Information/Data Base, Computer System Networks, Crowdsourcing Applications

Davar Pishva, Ph.D., Professor
Environmentally Sound Technologies (ESTs), Simulation and Modeling (SaM), Decision Science (DS)

Xuepeng Qian, Ph.D., Associate Professor and IMAT Program Coordinator
Environmental Policy and Management, Regional Development, Sustainable Systems Engineering, Behavioral Science

Hiromi Yamashita, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Environmental Risk Communication, Coastal Wetland Restoration and Decision Making, Education for Sustainable Development

“During the master’s program at APU, I met students from dozens of different countries with different religions, cultures, and perspectives. We all dreamed of fulfilling our personal goals and making a difference in our home countries. My professors helped me to comprehensively understand Japan’s urban management policies, and as a result I am optimistic and firmly believe that I can make a great contribution to the improvement of Shanghai’s environment.”

Limin Qiu (China, Graduated in 2014)
Principal Staff Member, Shanghai Environmental Protection Bureau, China
Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Recipient



INTERNATIONAL MATERIAL FLOW MANAGEMENT (IMAT)

DUAL DEGREE WITH TRIER UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, GERMANY



Xuepeng Qian, Ph.D., Associate Professor and IMAT Program Coordinator (China)

Degree: Ph.D. and Master in Urban and Regional Planning (Ritsumeikan University, Japan), Bachelor in Civil Engineering and International Economics (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)

Research Fields: Environmental Policy and Management, Regional Development, Sustainable Systems Engineering, Behavioral Science



Peter Heck, Dr., Professor and IMAT Program Director (Germany)

Degree: Ph.D. in Geography (Saarland University, Germany)

Research Fields: Regional Material Flow Management, Zero Emission and Circular Economy, Green Technology, Green Finance and Regional Added Value, Bio-Economy, Green Growth, Climate Protection and Biodiversity



DIVISION OVERVIEW

IMAT is a dual-degree program managed jointly by APU and the Institute of Applied Material Flow Management (IfaS), an innovative research institute of the Trier University of Applied Sciences (Germany). Students will spend their first year studying at APU and the second year at the Zero-Emission Campus Birkenfeld in Germany.

The program offers integrated knowledge in engineering, economics, and law, as well as in the natural and social sciences. In addition to the learning goals of the Sustainability Science division, IMAT offers multidisciplinary courses to prepare students to become young professionals in zero emission systems design with profound knowledge in renewable energy, integrated water resource management and other sustainable community development areas. Students will also have the opportunity to conduct field work in Japan and participate in an internship in Germany. IMAT students will submit a master's thesis to IfaS in Germany. A concise summary of this thesis is to be submitted to APU in the form of a research report. Upon completion of the program, students receive two master's degrees, a Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy (from APU) and a Master of Engineering in International Material Flow Management (from Trier University of Applied Sciences).

DIVISION SUBJECTS

- Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategies and Carbon Trading
- Zero Emission, Circular Economy and Regional Material Flow Management
- Principles of Industrial Material Flow Management
- Regional Material Flow Management

“Studying in IMAT has allowed me to discover, develop, and enhance my own potential. Due to the variety of lecturers from academic, governmental, and business backgrounds as well as the cross-cultural experiences that APU in Japan and IfaS in Germany offer, I have gained confidence in international cooperation, broadened my horizons, and nurtured my passion in this innovative and emerging field of study.”

Ulrike Kirschnick (Germany, Graduated in 2018)
Project Manager, IfaS (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany



TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY (TH)

M. SC. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY



M. Kazem Vafadari, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Division Head (Iran)

Degree: Post-Doctoral, Environmental Economics (Kanazawa University), Ph.D. in Asia Pacific Studies (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan), M.A in Theoretical Economics (ISU, Iran)

Research Fields: Cultural Heritage Management, Ecotourism, Agriculture Heritage Tourism, Community Based Tourism and Rural Tourism

“Tourism destinations vary greatly from urban to rural settings and from artificial structures to remote locations in nature. This diversity results in demand for knowledge in various subfields of tourism and related skills. Such subfields include natural environment studies, human resource management, economics, and socio-cultural issues, knowledge of which assists our graduates in contributing to sustainable tourist destinations based on available resources. Today, tourism and hospitality are among the top grossing global industries, and attract individuals from both academia and the business world in order to manage the tourism industry and its socio-cultural, economic, and environmental impacts.”

DIVISION OVERVIEW

Tourism is a fast growing economic sector that transforms societies and communities in the Asia Pacific region. The Tourism and Hospitality (TH) division looks at various aspects of mass and alternative tourism and the economic, social, cultural, and environmental impacts on societies and communities. The division also studies the theory and practice of hospitality management as it relates to the tourism, service, health, and welfare industries. The knowledge and academic/professional skills obtained from our division will be useful for a wide variety of employment opportunities in government service, international organizations, and private corporations, as well as for further study.

DIVISION SUBJECTS

- Tourism Economics
- Cultural and Heritage Tourism
- Environmental Tourism
- Community Based Tourism
- Health and Wellness Tourism
- Tourism Policy and Planning
- Special Studies (Tourism and Hospitality)

FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH FIELDS

Hiroshi Todoroki, Ph.D., Professor
Geography, Area Studies, Human Geography

Yukio Yotsumoto, Ph.D., Professor
Sociology, Tourism

Thanh Huong Bui, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Human Geography, Tourism Psychology,
Tourism Development and Cultural Heritage
Conservation, Tourism Management

“Joining the Tourism and Hospitality division at APU was a significant milestone in my career which created immense opportunities to learn and interact with different cultures and environments, while developing social interaction and international communication skills. The courses, field studies, and internships the program provided enhanced my knowledge and skills in developing policy, and helped me gain the abilities that I know I'll need to contribute to developing sustainable tourism in my country.”

Ella Lynthia Simata (Solomon Islands, Graduated 2019)
Deputy Provincial Secretary (Isabel Province), Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening, Solomon Islands Government, Solomon Islands
Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS) Scholarship Recipient



CURRICULUM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES (GSA)

A minimum of **thirty-two credits** is required for program completion. All subjects in the chart below are awarded two credits upon successful completion. Basic Japanese language subjects are available for those who are interested in studying Japanese but do not fulfill any credit requirements.

COURSE NAMES AND SEMESTER DISTRIBUTION

		First Year		Second Year		
		1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester	
LECTURE SUBJECTS	Analytical Foundation Subjects (4 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methods and Academic Writing Information Resources and Data Analysis 				
	Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region (4 credits or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health in the Asia Pacific Tourism in the Asia Pacific Politics and Economics in the Asia Pacific Social and Cultural Processes in the Asia Pacific Environment and Sustainable Development in the Asia Pacific 				
	Major Subjects (10 credits or more)	IR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regionalism and Globalization International Law International Political Economy Conflict Resolution 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative Politics and Government International Security Special Studies (International Relations) 	
		SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing Social Landscapes Media and Communication Migration and Trans-nationalism Cultural Change 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Organizations and Institutions Sociology of Everyday Life Special Studies (Society and Culture) 	
		DE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Economics Macroeconomics Development Finance Comparative Economic Development 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microeconomics Community Development Special Studies (Development Economics) 	
		IPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Project Management International Organizations Planning and Evaluation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Public Administration Community Development Special Studies (International Public Administration) 	
		SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment and Natural Resources Conservation Urban Sustainability Industrial Ecology 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Economics Advanced Environmental Geosciences Environmental Policy, Law and Administration Special Studies (Sustainability Science) 	
		TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism Economics Cultural and Heritage Tourism Environmental Tourism Community Based Tourism 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellness Tourism Tourism Policy and Planning Special Studies (Tourism and Hospitality) 	
		Core Related Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision Making Under Uncertainty Hospitality Management Information Technology and Operations Management Product Development Strategy 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing Strategy Marketing Research Management Information Systems Database Management Advanced Data Analysis and Statistics 	
	Seminars (4 credits or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project II <i>Research proposal submission</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project III <i>Research progress presentation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Research Project <i>Submission and examination of the final research project</i> 	

PH.D. ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

DOCTORAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The developing world is in great need of internationally-minded individuals possessing specialized knowledge and skills. Therefore, it is becoming increasingly common for international aid organizations to enlist the professional guidance of doctoral graduates. The doctoral program aims to produce independent individuals capable of conducting high-level research. This involves gaining expertise in theoretical and empirical approaches for investigation, acquiring in-depth knowledge of the Asia Pacific region, collecting and analyzing data, and drawing practical solutions for complicated issues in a comprehensive and integrative manner. Alumni of this program become distinguished leaders and take on prominent roles in advanced institutions for research and higher education around the world.

ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Asia Pacific Studies

Enrollment Semesters: April, September

Program Duration: 3 years*

Yearly Intake: 10 students

Total Tuition: 4,300,000 JPY (Subject to change)

*Accelerated completion in 2 years may be possible upon further examination after enrollment. The total tuition for the program will not change even if you complete your degree before the standard period of completion.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



23 Students



103 Alumni



15 Countries and Regions Represented by Ph.D. Students

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Average Age

FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH FIELDS

Nader Ghotbi, Ph.D., Professor

Bioethics, Environmental Economics, Health Economics, Modern Economics

Yan Li, Ph.D., Professor

City Planning, Environmental Policy, Urban Geography

Peter Mantello, Ph.D., Professor

Emotional Artificial Intelligence, Surveillance, Predictive Policing, Videogame Theory, Conflict and Media, Politics and the Cyber Realm

Serik Meirmanov, Ph.D., Professor

General Life Science, Social Psychology, Human Genetics, Human Pathology, Public Hygiene Studies/Health Science

Kaoru Natsuda, Ph.D., Professor

International Development Studies, International Political Economy, Economic Policy, Industrial Development, Rural and Community Development, Automotive Industry, Apparel Industry

Davar Pishva, Ph.D., Professor

Environmentally Sound Technologies (ESTs), Simulation and Modeling (SaM), Decision Science (DS)

Yoichiro Sato, Ph.D., Professor

International Relations and Foreign Policy (Asia-Pacific), Comparative Politics (Southeast Asia), Maritime Security

Yasushi Suzuki, Ph.D., Professor

Theories of Banking, Islamic Finance, Public Finance, Institutional Political Economy

Hiroshi Todoroki, Ph.D., Professor

Geography, Area Studies, Human Geography

Tatsufumi Yamagata, Ph.D., Professor

Development Economics, Textile Industry, Bangladeshi Economy, Health and Development, Disability and Development

Kaori Yoshida, Ph.D., Professor

Media Studies (Representation Politics: Gender, Ethnicity, Nation), Cultural Studies, Popular Culture, Comparative Culture Studies

Hidetaka Yoshimatsu, Ph.D., Professor

International Relations, International Political Economy, Regional Studies (East Asia)

Yukio Yotsumoto, Ph.D., Professor

Sociology, Tourism

Thanh Huong Bui, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Human Geography, Tourism Psychology, Tourism Development and Cultural Heritage Conservation, Tourism Management

Thomas Edward Jones, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Environmental Policy, Nature-Based Tourism, Protected Areas, Regional Development

Xuepeng Qian, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Environmental Policy and Management, Regional Development, Sustainable Systems Engineering, Behavioral Science

Steven B. Rothman, Ph.D., Associate Professor

International Relations Theory, International Policy Making, International Environmental Policy, Pedagogy

M. Kazem Vafadari, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Tourism, Hospitality Marketing, Human Geography, Cultural and Environmental Studies, Folklore Studies, Agricultural Heritage Tourism



COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Completion of the doctoral program requires fulfillment of doctoral coursework in addition to submission and approval of a final dissertation. The dissertation should integrate the results of in-depth investigation into Asia Pacific issues and incorporate individual findings that outline strategic, policy-oriented, and practical solutions to issues arising from current developments in the region. APU provides support for doctoral students conducting field research for their dissertations. Research supervision can be provided in areas such as diversity and integration, environment and development, international political economy, and tourism development.

PH.D. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

	Lecture Subjects
1st Year	Seminars, Research Paper (arranged by supervisor)
2nd Year	Seminars, Presentations, Tutorials, Research Paper (arranged by supervisor)
3rd Year	Seminars, Tutorials (arranged by supervisor)

“Getting my doctorate at APU allowed me to conduct field work both within Japan and throughout Southeast Asia. This research that culminated in my dissertation also led to additional peer-reviewed publications and my own book. I was fortunate to also work with my supervisor on JICA international development projects, which gave me practical skills in training, evaluation, and program design needed for my career. This experience helped me learn about emergent leadership and gain the global perspective necessary to start my own evaluation and organization development consultancy and contribute to the global community as the representative to the UN for the International Association for Community Development.”

Dr. Cindy Lyn Banyai (USA, Graduated in 2010)
 US Congressional Candidate, Founder and Principal of Banyai Evaluation & Consulting, LLC, and
 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Florida Gulf Coast University, USA



RESEARCH



APU is involved in a range of research projects in accordance with the needs of international society and the Japanese national research policy.

RITSUMEIKAN CENTER FOR ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES (RCAPS)

RCAPS was established in 1996 with a mission to promote and foster research into the multi-faceted developments and challenges that face the Asia Pacific region in the 21st century. It provides valuable opportunities for research activities by sponsoring annual conferences and coordinating seminars throughout the year.

ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE (AP CONFERENCE)

The AP Conference is an international academic conference held once a year at APU. Researchers and students from around the world participate to present their research and academic perspectives. In 2019, approximately 200 presenters and 350 participants from 20 countries gathered on APU's campus for the conference.

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- The RCAPS Journal is a non-refereed academic journal. The editorial board conducts screening of all submissions. It is open to graduate school students.
- RCAPS Working Paper Series/DOJO is an online series in which students/young researchers can publish their papers with comments by senior researchers for free.

SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

RCAPS provides financial subsidies for graduate school students to support them in their research endeavors.

Master's Field Research Support Subsidy

Master's students may receive up to 75,000 JPY once in either their second or third semester for travel expenses (transportation and accommodation fees) incurred while undertaking field research or presenting a paper at academic conferences.

Ph.D. Research Support Subsidy

Ph.D. students may receive this subsidy for various research activities such as participating in conference presentations, field research, academic programs or publishing papers in an academic journal. They may receive up to 100,000 JPY a year.

SEMINARS

There are many seminars to support students and researchers at APU.

- RCAPS Onigiri Seminars invite speakers from outside APU to enhance network building and information sharing in Asia Pacific Studies.
- Current Research Seminars enable APU faculty members to present their latest research.

For more information, please refer to the website below:

<http://www.apu.ac.jp/rcaps>

Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies



CAREER PATHWAYS

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students have access to and support from a worldwide network which consists of international heads of state, ambassadors, and industry leaders (APU Advisory Committee), distinguished researchers from around the world (Academic Advisors), and institutions associated with APU's faculty members. This network also includes APU alumni who are spread across the world working in an array of fields and industries. Utilizing this network is indispensable for our students' careers.

Numerous seminars, workshops, and presentations by professionals working in the field today give students a clear picture of the kind of career options available to them, the current skills being sought for by employers, and the type of work that suits them best. Both our faculty and our students also provide various consultation services to local industries and have the opportunity to interact with executives at the front lines of change in their respective industries.

Proficiency in Japanese language is often a prerequisite for those seeking employment in Japan.

SAMPLE CAREERS OF APU GRADUATES

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Companies

- BANDAI NAMCO Games Inc., Japan
- Bloomberg, Japan
- Creed Group, Indonesia
- ESD Technology Co., Ltd., Thailand
- Ecopetrol S. A., Colombia
- ExxonMobil Corporation, Thailand
- GUCCI Group, Japan
- Hikari Kikai Seisakusho Co., Ltd., Japan
- KPMG, Japan
- Kyosan Electric Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Japan
- LEOC Co. Ltd., Japan
- La Casa Del Jade, Guatemala
- Lenovo Group, Ltd., China
- Marsh Japan, Inc., Japan

- Michael Page, Japan
- NCH Corporation, USA
- NTT Docomo, Inc., Japan
- National Bank of Ethiopia
- Nippon Steel and Sumikin Bussan India Pvt. Ltd., India
- Nissan Motor Co. Ltd., Japan
- Oita Bank, Japan
- POSCO-America, Mexico
- Procter and Gamble Co., Poland
- Siam Cement Group, Thailand
- Skylight Consulting, Inc., Japan
- Tata Consultancy Services Japan
- Unilever, Indonesia
- Voyagin, Japan

Government Offices

- Andhra Pradesh State Department, India
- Consulate General of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Fukuoka, Japan
- Ministry of Finance, Indonesia
- Ministry of Industry and Trade, Viet Nam
- Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, Afghanistan
- Ministry of Transport, Kenya
- State Customs Service, Kyrgyz Republic

Organizations

- Fobang Foundation, Cameroon
- World Wide Fund for Nature, Zimbabwe

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

Companies

- Bosch Corporation, Japan
- Cotopaxi Energy Limited, India
- Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting LLC, Japan
- EATALY Asia Pacific, Japan
- Fraunhofer IGB, Germany
- Fujitsu Marketing Ltd., Japan
- General Motors Powertrain, Uzbekistan
- H.I.S. Co., Ltd., Japan
- Hays Specialist Recruitment Japan K.K., Japan
- Industrial Decisions Inc., Japan
- JTB Pte Ltd., Singapore, Japan
- KT Accounting Co., Ltd., Viet Nam
- KTC Holdings, Japan
- NEC Corporation, Japan
- National Park Resorts of Japan, KYUKAMURA, Japan
- TSUBASA Corporation, Japan

Government Offices

- Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Department of Foreign Affairs, The Philippines
- Korea Development Institute, Korea
- Ministry of Economic Development, Tajikistan
- Ministry of Education, Myanmar
- Ministry of Energy and Water, Afghanistan
- Ministry of Finance and Planning, Sri Lanka
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China
- Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Laos
- National Tourism Administration, China
- The Embassy of Angola, Japan
- The Embassy of Israel, Japan
- The Embassy of Mexico, Japan

Organizations

- Asian Development Bank, The Philippines
- Medecins Sans Frontieres, Hong Kong
- NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), Japan
- National Medical Research Institute, Mongolia
- The Sino-Japan Friendship Center for Environmental Protection, China
- UNICEF Cambodia Office
- Uganda Network of AIDS Service Organizations

Academic Careers

- Health Sciences University of Mongolia
- Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh
- Kabul Medical University, Afghanistan
- National College of Tourism, Tanzania
- National Taiwan University
- University of Queensland, Australia

STUDENT LIFE AND FACILITIES



FACILITIES

APU's classrooms are equipped with the latest audiovisual and computer technology, enabling our students to take part in conferences and seminars occurring in other parts of the world in real time. The library, part of the Ritsumeikan Network, allows students to utilize over 2.3 million books and publications. Within the Faculty Office Building, graduate students have their own lounge, lockers, and computer rooms. Furthermore, with access to the Faculty Office Building, students can easily consult with their supervisors during office hours.

STUDENT LIFE

Student life at APU is an international experience like no other. The multicultural diversity of the campus provides a unique environment for students to improve their communication skills and expand their networks. The Student Office at APU provides a range of services for students in terms of club activities, local exchange, homestay programs, accommodations, and visa renewal. A health clinic and counseling rooms are also available should students encounter any problems or need advice. APU caters to the needs of students from all over the world by providing areas such as "The Quiet Space," a room on campus for meditation, contemplation, introspection, prayer, and other forms of calm, quiet reflection, as well as by offering a wide variety of food in the cafeteria.

LIVING COSTS

The average monthly living expenses for students at APU vary depending on lifestyle, but usually range from 70,000 to 100,000 JPY including accommodation. Students can purchase reasonably priced meals at our cafeteria, which offers an array of Japanese and international cuisine.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

The campus becomes very lively during events such as Multicultural Weeks and the annual cultural festival called Tenkusai. These events are organized to showcase the multitude of languages, cultures, and talents of our student body through food, dance, film, music, and various types of performances.

ACCOMMODATION

All graduate students are entitled to a room in one of APU's student housing facilities, AP House 4, which will help them adapt to their new life in Japan and to concentrate on their studies. At 49,000 JPY per month, all rooms are equipped with basic facilities, including internet access. AP House 4 is located off campus in downtown Beppu, from which it takes about thirty minutes to reach campus by bus. If students wish to live in different off-campus housing or if they are coming with their family, they can find other affordable options, as Beppu is considerably less expensive than other Japanese cities for private apartments and shared student housing. Students can also get assistance in locating and renting accommodations from Creotech, a university-affiliated company.



BEPPU CITY

APU is located in Beppu, a small city of 120,000 inhabitants located on the coast of Kyushu, the southernmost major island in the Japanese archipelago. The city is famous for its abundance of onsen (hot spring baths), and 140,000 tons of water gush daily from over 2,000 sources, second only to Yellowstone National Park in the United States. Enclosed by beautiful mountains and the sparkling Beppu Bay, the city's historic backstreets and billowing steam clouds give it a peaceful old-town charm, and it remains a popular tourist destination for Japanese and international tourists alike. Beppu is also a mere ten minute train ride from Oita City, a vibrant city of 480,000, which hosted for four matches of the 2002 FIFA® World Cup Korea/Japan™ and was the venue for the Rugby World Cup Japan 2019™.

PLACES OF INTEREST



● JR Beppu Station



● Beppu Hot Spring Steam Observation Deck



● Beppu Beach Sand Bath



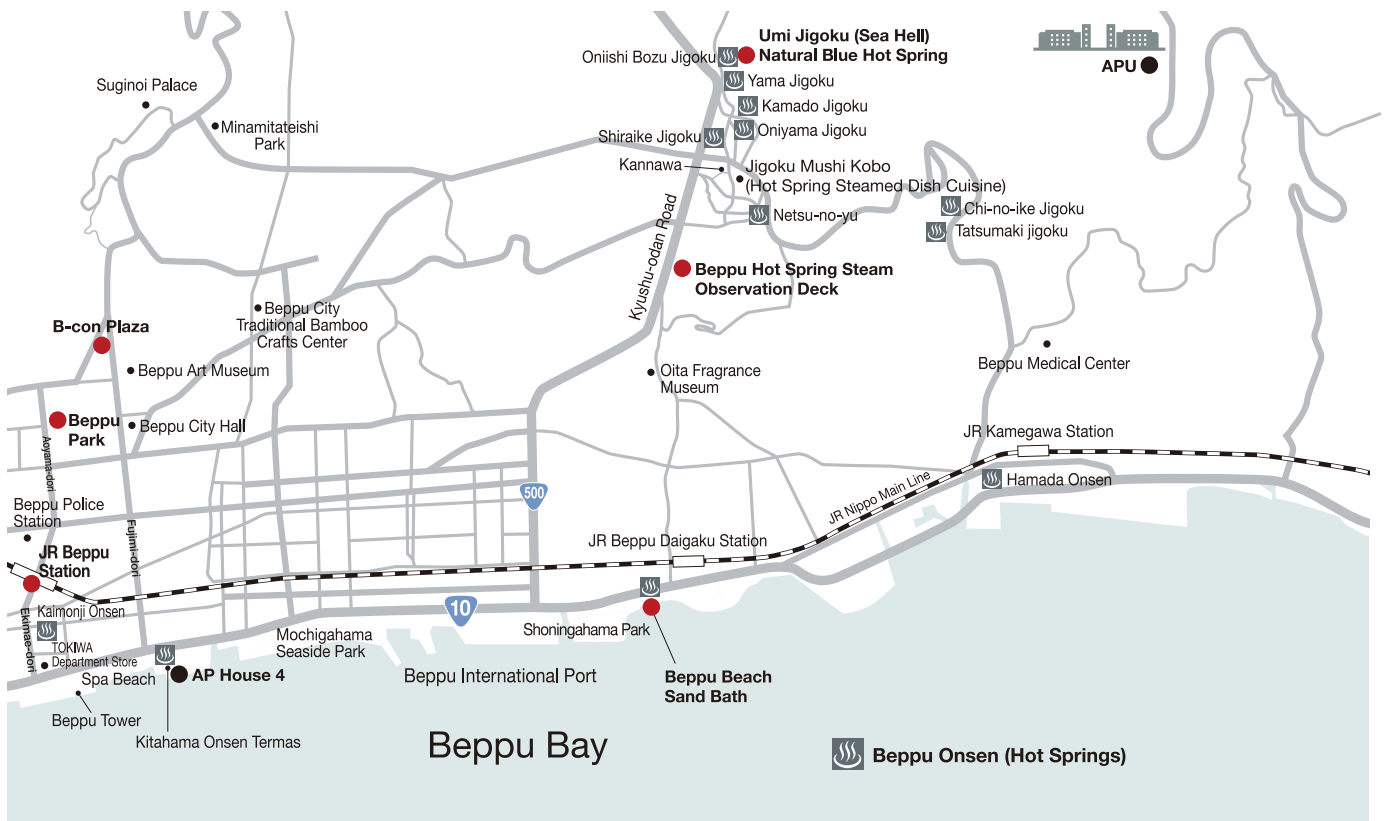
● B-con Plaza



● Beppu Park



● Umi Jigoku (Sea Hell) Natural Blue Hot Spring



APPLY TO APU

Students may enroll at APU in either April or September. Multiple application periods are available for enrollment each semester depending on the program you are applying to, scholarship opportunities, and where you live at the time of application. Not all programs begin from each semester, so please be sure to confirm the enrollment periods before applying. Applications can be done by uploading the required documents and filling out the necessary information within APU's online application, submitting the application, paying the application fee, and completing an online assessment. Please refer to our website for more details: <http://r.apu.jp/applygrad>

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. A bachelor's degree or equivalent
2. An English proficiency test score for non-native English speakers
3. (MBA applicants only) At least three years of full-time work experience

Minimum English Proficiency Requirement

IELTS	TOEFL iBT® Test*	TOEIC® L&R Test*	Cambridge English Language Assessment	PTE Academic
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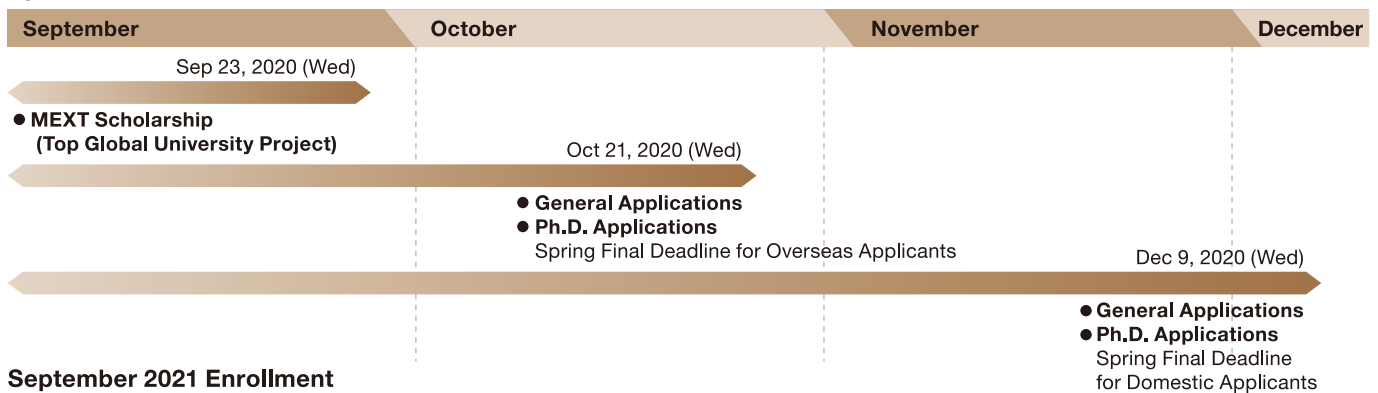
DOCTORAL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Applicants for the doctoral program must receive a signed "Supervisor Confirmation Letter" from their prospective APU faculty advisor before submitting their application. Please visit our website to confirm the procedures for applying to the doctoral program: <https://r.apu.jp/grad>

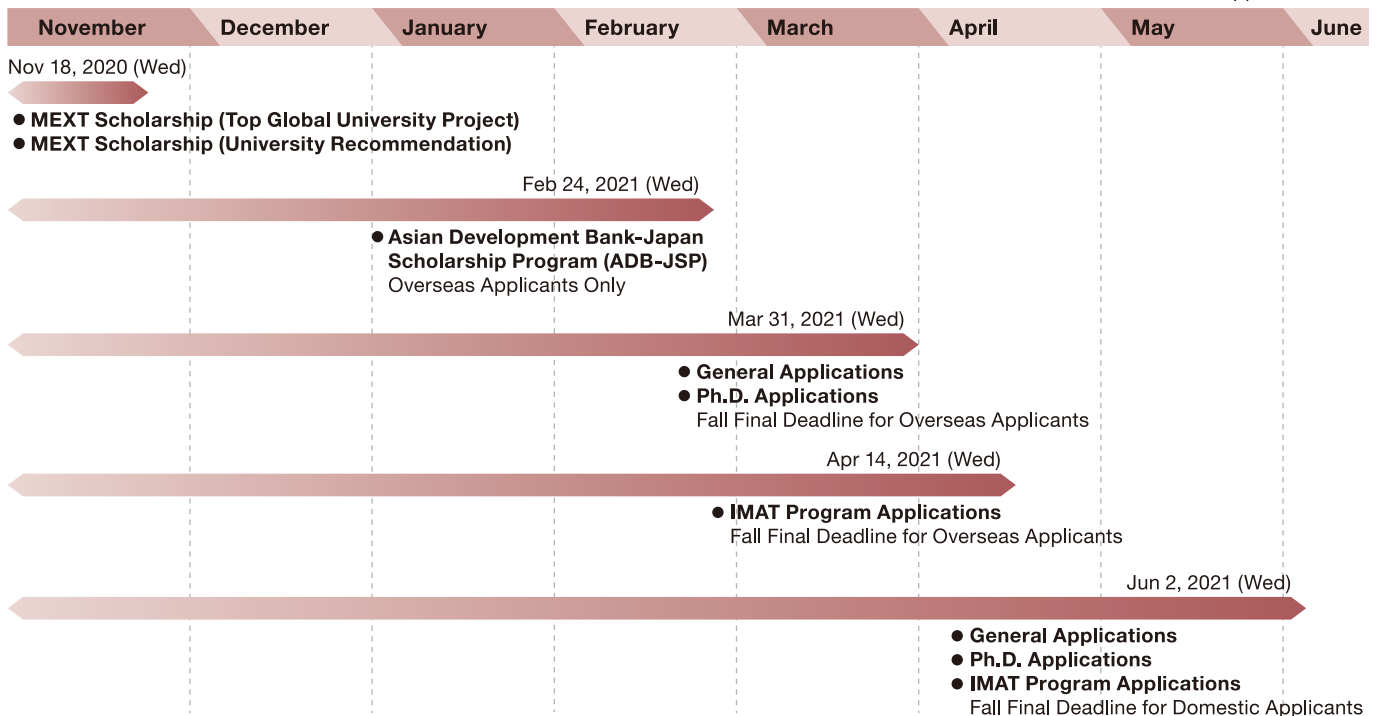
APPLICATION DEADLINES

All application periods open from **September 1, 2020 (Tue)**.

April 2021 Enrollment



September 2021 Enrollment



COST & SCHOLARSHIPS

COST

Total tuition

GSA (2 years)	2,800,000 JPY (25,455 USD*)
GSM (2 years)	3,800,000 JPY (34,545 USD*)
Ph.D. (3 years)	4,300,000 JPY (39,091 USD*)

One-time fees for enrollment

• Admission fee

200,000 JPY (1,818 USD*)

• Comprehensive Renters' Insurance

Master's Programs	8,980 JPY	(82 USD*)
Doctoral Program	13,010 JPY	(118 USD*)

• AP House Entrance Fee

April	229,000 JPY	(2,082 USD*)
September	204,500 JPY	(1,859 USD*)

Living costs and other fees

Approx. 1,000,000 JPY (9,100 USD*) per year
This includes 49,000 JPY per month for housing, additional fees, and a typical amount spent on living costs such as food, books, transportation, etc.

*US dollar amounts are for your reference only and are based on the exchange rate of \$1=110 Japanese yen. All fees must be paid in Japanese yen and are subject to change. See our website for a detailed breakdown of fees.

SCHOLARSHIPS

APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship

The APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship covers 30%, 50%, 65%, 80%, or 100% of your tuition until graduation. It is available to both Japanese nationals and international students. For more information about the Tuition Reduction Scholarship, please visit the following website: <http://r.apu.jp/gradtr>

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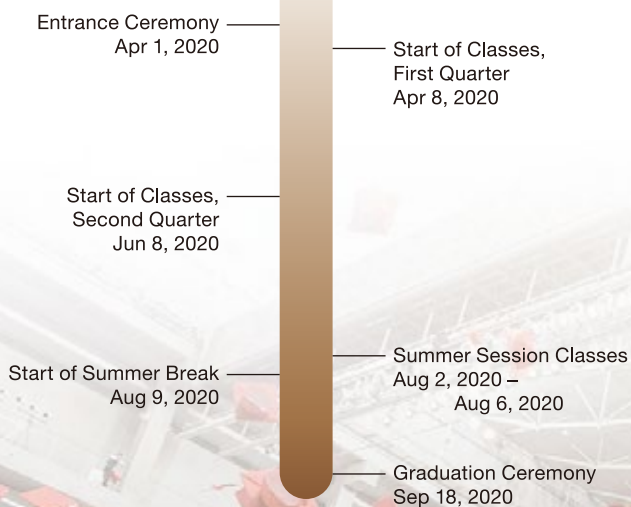
The following scholarships are available for 2021 enrollment applicants:

- MEXT Scholarship (Top Global University Project)
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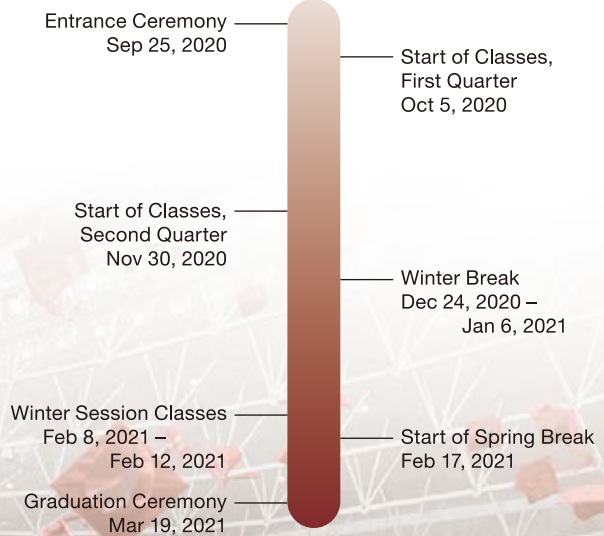
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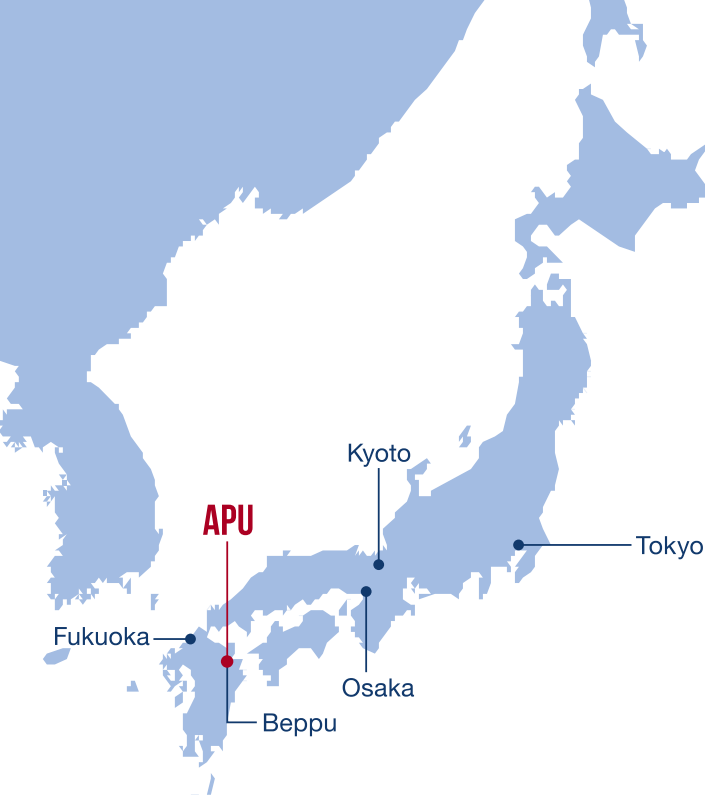
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