

# Access to RU

From  
Kyoto Station  
- 30 to 40 min. by taxi or bus

## KYOTO Kinugasa Campus

Located in the northwest of Kyoto City and within walking distance of UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Golden Pavilion and Ryoanji Temple, Kinugasa Campus is the perfect example of Kyoto's harmonization between the traditional and the modern. It is RU's main campus and the university's center for liberal arts studies.

From  
Tokyo to Kyoto Station  
- 2 hrs. 20 min. by Shinkansen (bullet train)

TOKYO

From  
Osaka Station  
- 10 min. by train

## OSAKA Osaka Ibaraki Campus

Opened in April 2015, the Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC) is our newest campus. The College of Policy Science and the College of Business Administration have relocated to OIC.

From  
Kyoto Station  
- 40 min. to 1 hr. by taxi  
- 45 min. by train & bus

## SHIGA Biwako-Kusatsu Campus

The Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) combines the study of science, engineering, and technology with the study of the social science fields of economics. BKC is surrounded by the scenic environment of Shiga Prefecture, and is approximately 75 minutes away from Kinugasa Campus by campus shuttle bus or 90 minutes by public transportation.

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# Study in Kyoto Program 2020-2021

Ritsumeikan University




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# “Why SKP?,,

The Study in Kyoto Program (SKP) offers you a great opportunity to study at Ritsumeikan University (RU), utilizing the extensive historical and cultural resources of the ancient city of Kyoto. The program is a non-degree study abroad program with a well balanced curriculum of both academic and cultural course selections through three tracks of study. Enrollment in the program is flexible; you can apply to the track that best suits your needs.



# Admission Requirements

SKP offers numerous courses in Japanese language and culture. The Program also offers courses in English on Japan and business-related subjects through three different tracks. You will be able to apply to the track that best suits your needs. Please check the admission requirements below for each of the tracks.

### 3 Tracks on SKP

- IJL** (Intensive Japanese Language Track) offers well balanced language skill courses in listening, speaking, reading, and writing at a variety of levels from Introductory to Advanced. Students without any previous experience with the Japanese language can enroll.

**OSE** (Open Study in English Track) courses cover a wide range of subjects from select humanities faculties, providing a multi-disciplinary approach and bringing global perspective to humanity studies. This track is exclusively for exchange students from RU partner universities.

**BT** (Business Track) features a combination of courses offered by the College of Business Administration. BT offers you a unique opportunity to study business with an international and intercultural perspective alongside fellow students from around the world.

See the next page for details

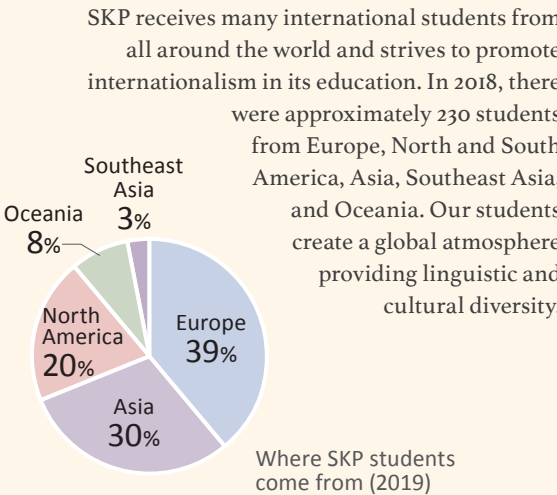


### A taste of Japan

**Giacomo Becchi** Italy

When I was finishing my bachelor’s degree, I decided to plan an international experience focused on improving my Japanese skills. I decided to opt for two main reasons: the first one was its Intensive Japanese Language track (IJL) and the second one was the possibility to join, along with the Japanese courses, a high number of international relations courses. Thanks to that, I had both the opportunity to strengthen my language skills through a complete and thorough Japanese program and to take part in interesting discussions and lectures on modern international relations issues. Furthermore, the campus allowed me to meet people from all over the world and to meet new friends. Living the “Campus Life” led me to join one of the university clubs, and it was such an amazing experience to understand the real life of a Japanese university student. Living in Kyoto for six months gave me a wide and true taste of Japan. Its lively city life offers everything a student could ask for.

# SKP Students



### Activities that sparked my interest

**Eliska Sikulova** Slovakia

An unforgettable part about my SKP experience must be the extracurricular activities. SKP offered a wide range of different activities that students could participate in. Whether it was related to music, drawing, manga, Chinese, sports or dance, everyone could find something that sparked their interest. I was not sure whether I would manage with my poor Japanese skills at first. However, it turned out that when it comes to things you enjoy doing you do not really need a language to communicate. We could not say much to one another, but we could definitely play some great music together. The sport brought us much closer with fewer words. As the time went on, I found myself being able to communicate with my Japanese circle friends much better. Another important aspect of my journey was a dormitory experience. I created deep bonds with the people there and keep on being close to them. I wish my semester in Japan was longer and that I could keep on enjoying the wonderful atmosphere, food and people that made my stay there unforgettable.



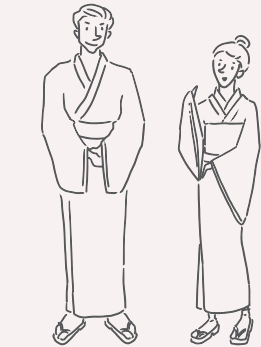
### Chances to interact with people

**Cheng Da Kok** Singapore

A plethora of academic courses taught in English for students to choose from, and thus I could easily find courses which I was interested in from the OSE track. Classes generally have both foreign and Japanese students attending so there are plenty of chances to interact with people from different backgrounds. There are many opportunities to discuss and work together on various projects. These experiences were one of the key takeaways of the program. While this required some of us to leave our comfort zones, it was an important step forward. The people you meet and work with might just become your lifelong friends. Apart from just academics, RU also allows students to have an opportunity to experience traditional Japanese culture such as *wagashi* making that enriches the overall university experience. Looking back, I enjoyed my time at RU and would encourage others to consider SKP.

Choose Your Track	IJL Intensive Japanese Language Track	OSE Open Study in English Track	BT Business Track	Optional Courses JTA Japanese Traditional Arts Courses
Choose Your Track				
Period of Study	1 Semester or 2 Semesters			1 Semester each
Language	Japanese	English	English	Japanese
Location	Kyoto Kinugasa Campus (KIC)	Kyoto Kinugasa Campus (KIC)	Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC)	Mainly held off campus
Admission Requirements	Meet Requirement a) or b) a) Currently enrolled in an institution of higher education for at least one year prior to the commencement of the program b) Have graduated from an institution of higher education with a bachelor’s degree or equivalent			-Open to all SKP students regardless of track -Activity fees required (JPY 5,000-20,000)*
Other Requirements	-Basic communication ability in English is required for students with no previous experience with the Japanese language	-Apply under an Agreement for Student Exchange between RU and one of its partner institutions -Native speaker of English, or possess a minimum TOEFL® score of iBT 68 / PBT 520 / IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent)	-Native speaker of English, or possess a minimum TOEFL® score of iBT 68 / PBT 520 / IELTS 6.0 / CEFR B2 (or equivalent)	-You may register for as many of the Japanese Traditional Arts courses as you like, or none at all Should the number of students who pre-register for Japanese Traditional Arts courses exceed the maximum number of students allowed to enroll, the final class selection will be determined by lottery.
Optional Courses	-JTA -OSE -BT	-OSE Japanese* (introductory level ONLY) -JTA -BT	-BT Japanese* -JTA -OSE	

\*While Japanese ability is not a requirement for participation in OSE or BT, students with limited background in the language are eligible for an optional Japanese course.  
Please be aware that OSE Japanese language courses are only available at the introductory level and that these courses may not meet the needs of all students. Moreover, students are only eligible for Japanese classes offered within their own track of enrollment.





# Program Overview

SKP consists of three tracks, and optional Japanese Traditional Arts courses. If you would like to attend SKP, you will need to apply to either the IJL Track, OSE Track, or Business Track. Please check the admission requirements on the previous page .

## Frequently Asked Questions

How many credits can we register?  
A maximum of **20 credits**

How many credits per course?  
The number of credits for each course varies

How many lessons for each course per semester?  
**15 lessons / semester**

How long is each lesson?  
**90 minutes / lesson**



and  
Answers

## Intensive Japanese Language Track



Created in 1988, the IJL Track has a long history of providing high-quality, intensive Japanese language instruction to international students. This track provides a variety of levels from Elementary to Upper Advanced (7 levels). Class sizes are kept small (between 10-15 students) and each level has a minimum of 8 lessons per week. Students enrolled in the IJL Track may also take courses offered in English through the Open Study in English Track and Business Track, depending on availability.

### IJL Placement Test

Students are required to take a Placement Test prior to orientation to determine their Japanese language proficiency and class placement. Class placement is final and may not be changed. Students with high Japanese language proficiency (level VII or above) can take select regular courses from Ritsumeikan faculties in Japanese\*.

\*Please visit | <http://www.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/academics/>

### Class Placement

Level I	Elementary
Level II	Upper Elementary
Level III	Lower Intermediate
Level IV	Intermediate
Level V	Upper Intermediate
Level VI	Advanced
Level VII	Upper Advanced

## Open Study in English Track

Exchange  
Students  
ONLY

The OSE Track covers a wide range of subjects, from Asia-Pacific studies and economic development to contemporary Japanese culture, providing a multi-disciplinary approach and bringing global perspective to humanity studies. Instruction is held entirely in English, and enrollment is exclusive to exchange students from partner universities.

### 2020 Courses

Japanese Politics  
Japanese Society  
Japanese Culture  
Japanese Economy  
Introduction to Peace Studies  
Peace and Conflict Studies  
Historical Sociology of Globalization  
International Organizations  
Race and Ethnicity in the Modern World  
International Migration  
North-South Relations  
Security Studies  
Global Environmental Issues  
Global Civil Society and Development  
International Trade and Investment  
Media and Society  
Introductory Course to Climate Change and Global Warming  
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a Nutshell  
Lecture for Humanities  
-The Studies of Japanese Modern Literature and Culture and Media I  
-Japanese Sociolinguistics I  
-Kimonos' Globalization and Investigating Samurai I  
-Kyoto and Japan: Physical and Human Geographies

**Liberal Arts Courses** International Liberal Arts Courses are designed for international and Japanese students to learn together through discussions and group projects about various topics. Most courses are taught in English, except for Japanese-English bilingual courses such as "Cross-cultural Encounters" and "Basic Communication Skills", which allow students to use both languages to maximize their communication for understanding diverse cultural perspectives. They are open to all SKP students.

### 2020 Courses

Introductory Course to Climate Change and Global Warming / Understanding Visual Culture / Liberal Arts Seminar (Japanese Pop Culture Studies, Looking Within: Western Perspectives and Impressions of Japan)

## Business Track

The Business Track features a combination of courses offered by the College of Business Administration at the Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC). It is designed for students with a background in business studies who have little or no previous experience with the Japanese language and wish to take courses taught in English. Instruction is held entirely in English, giving you a first-hand, insider's look at business in one of the world's largest economies. Participation is also open to Japanese students, providing an ideal environment where Japanese and SKP students can study side by side.

### 2020 Courses

Cross-Cultural Management Research  
International Corporate Culture  
Research Project GBL  
Special Topics on Accounting and Finance β  
Special Topics on International Business β  
Special Topics on Organization and Management β  
Special Topics on Strategy and Marketing β  
International Accounting  
International Industries  
International Strategic Management  
Strategic Marketing  
International Human Resource Management  
Sustainable Urban Policy  
Regional Economy and Development  
Business Economics

-These are partial course lists and are subject to change.  
-These courses are for undergraduate students. Courses for graduate students are different.  
-Some courses may only be offered in either the fall or spring semesters.

## Japanese Traditional Arts

Japanese Traditional Arts courses are open to all SKP students and aim to increase understanding of Japanese traditional culture by providing opportunities for hands-on experience with various traditional arts, many with their historical origins in Kyoto. They are taught in Japanese and require additional activity fees (JPY 5,000-20,000)\* .

\*JTA courses are optional. \* Activity fees and course contents are subject to change.

**S** Spring semester **F** Fall semester



**S** Wagashi: Japanese Confectionery



**S F** Ikebana: Flower Arrangement



**S F** Hougaku: Shamisen and Song



**S F** Shodo: Calligraphy



**F** Tougei: Ceramics



**F** Chado: Tea Ceremony





# Student Life

Moving to a new country to commence your studies can be both an exciting and challenging experience. To assist you as much as possible with settling into your new life at RU, we provide you with a range of services and support available throughout your studies.

## Housing

We manage three International House dormitories in Kyoto and one for BT students in Osaka\*. They are equipped with everything a college student would need: fully furnished rooms, live-in Japanese managers and resident mentors, lounges, kitchens, and free internet access. All locations are within easy access of RU campuses by bicycle and public transportation.

\*Please that there are a limited number of rooms in each housing. Therefore, we are not always able to guarantee a place in our accommodations.



Message from SKP Buddies

As Buddies, we are here to help and support you with anything while you are in Japan. We're excited to create new friendships and memories with you. See you at Ritsumeikan!

## SKP Buddies

Settling into life in a new country and a new university can be tough, but SKP Buddies are here to ease the transition as you get used to your new home. During the hectic first few weeks, buddies will help with matters such as residency registration, opening bank accounts, and getting acquainted with Japan and RU. The buddies continue building friendships through Halloween parties, booths at the yearly student festival, and end-of-year parties.

## Living Expenses

Living expenses will vary depending on each student's individual lifestyle, but here is a list of estimated expenses. On-campus cafeterias provide a wide range of affordable meal options, and numerous grocery stores and markets in the local area make cooking for yourself easy. Other costs to consider are housing, health and liability insurance, local transportation, and leisure activities.

Estimated Living Expenses (JPY)		
	One Semester	Two Semesters
Housing 🏠	200,000	400,000
Food (absolute minimum) 🍴	180,000	360,000
Insurance*1 📄	23,150	32,150
Personal Liability Insurance & Special Clause for Persons Living Alone	13,500/year*2	13,500/year*2
Health Insurance	9,000	18,000
Academic Insurance	650	650
Local Transportation*2 🚗	35,000	70,000
Leisure Activities 🎵	100,000	200,000

\*1 Students are required to join all above insurances. Insurance fees are subject to change.  
\*2 These are estimated costs for students who are commuting by public transportation.

# Program Information

## Program Fee & Scholarships

Tuition costs are currently 372,400 yen per semester. However, the tuition fee is waived for students participating under an Agreement for Student Exchange with RU. Students applying independently are notified of payment details and procedures upon acceptance.

Students coming from a partner university under an Agreement for Student Exchange are eligible for the JASSO scholarship or RUSSES scholarship, and non-exchange students (self-sponsored applicants) are eligible for the RUSSES scholarship.

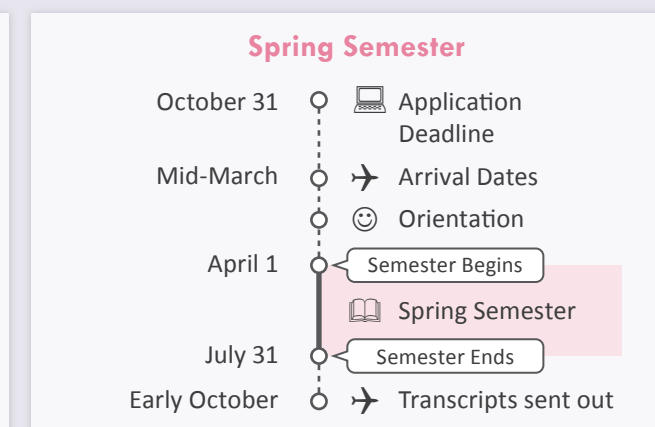
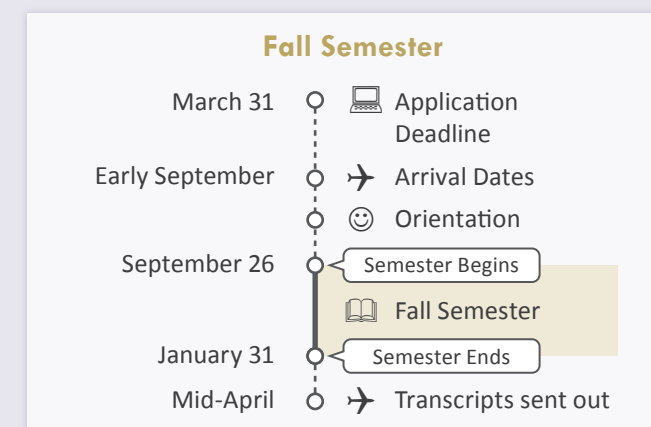
\*1 If the final bank transfer cost is less than 10,000 yen, the difference will be refunded after arriving in Japan.

\*2 Fees subject to change.

		Exchange Student	Non-exchange student
Application Procedures	Nomination	Must be nominated through the study abroad office at your institution	Nomination not required
	Application	Online Application	
Tuition		Waived	One Semester : JPY 372,400 Two Semesters: JPY 744,800
Document Handling Fee			JPY 10,000
Bank Transfer Fee *1			JPY 10,000
Scholarship *2		Eligible to apply JASSO: JPY 80,000/month RUSSES: JPY 40,000/month	Eligible to apply RUSSES: JPY 40,000/month



## Schedule



\*Subject to change. Please check our website for the latest information.

## Application

A completed application form with supporting documents must be submitted online by the application deadline. Applications are accepted twice a year in both fall and spring. Students applying under an Agreement for Student Exchange with RU must first be nominated by their institution.



**How to apply >> <http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/skp/apply>**