

2017 Summer APU Gateway Program

*Experience a cross-cultural world
in JAPAN*

- ✓ Eight-Week Summer Program
- ✓ Intensive Japanese Language Course
- ✓ Variety of Cultural Activities
- ✓ Interaction with APU Buddies and Local Communities



立命館アジア太平洋大学

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

*Study on a truly multicultural campus at
Japan's leading international university
where the student body represents 90
countries and regions.*



日本語・文化

Japanese Language & Culture

Practice Japanese in a real-life setting!



別府市

City of Beppu

*Experience the more traditional
side of Japan!*

Shape your world

APU

Ritsumeikan
Asia Pacific University



2017 Summer APU Gateway Program

1. Course Content

Japanese Language and Culture Course

The most effective way to learn a language is by studying it in the country where it is spoken!

At APU, your Japanese will improve as you practice firsthand what you are learning in the classroom in your real everyday life by interacting with other APU students and locals. The Japanese language course is very intensive (twelve 95-minute classes per week), but our experienced instructors will help you to understand the materials quickly and take you to the next level.

Level	For Whom?
Beginner	For students who are studying Japanese for the first time.
Foundation	For students who have completed approximately 150 hours of study and are proficient in reading and writing Hiragana, Katakana, and approximately 150 Kanji characters.
Intermediate	For students who have completed approximately 300 hours of study and can read and write approximately 300 Kanji characters.

Japanese classes also aim for students to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture. To this end, a variety of cultural activities are offered. Past activities have included:

- Tea ceremony
- Calligraphy
- Elementary school visit
- Overnight trip to Nagasaki
- Weekend home (farm) stay



Interested in an Optional Academic Course at APU?

You may take one academic course from the College of Asia Pacific Studies (APS) or the College of International Management (APM) for an additional fee. Official transcripts are issued for the academic course you take as well as for your Japanese courses.

Accommodations and Transportation

Students are guaranteed a room in off-campus university-arranged housing. The nearest bus stop is a 10-minute walk away and it takes 10 minutes to APU by bus. Transportation cost for the program period will be approximately JPY 28,000 if students use a discount ticket called "The Triple" available at the campus shop.



2. 2017 Program Schedule

Arrival / Accommodation check-in	May 30, May 31
Orientation	June 1
Last day of class Completion ceremony	July 28
Accommodation check-out	July 29, July 30

3. Program Fees and Cancellation Policy

Program Fees

Screening Fee	JPY	11,750
Registration Fee	JPY	32,500
Program Fee	JPY	360,000
Housing Fee	JPY	81,000
Bank Transfer Fee	JPY	1,750
Total	JPY	487,000

*Meals, airfare, local transportation and medical insurance are not included in the program fee.

**You may take one academic course from the College of Asia Pacific Studies or the College of International Management for an additional fee of JPY90,000.

Cancellation Policy:

In the event of student cancellation/withdrawal, the following cancellation policy will apply:

- Screening Fees (required for all applicants): Non-refundable
- Registration Fees: Non-refundable
- Program Fees (tuition and activity fee) and Housing Fees will be refunded if a student withdraws by April 30 Japan time (if the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or national holiday, APU must be informed of the withdrawal by the working day immediately prior to the deadline).
- Bank transfer fees will be deducted from the refunds. Refunds will be returned to the student by APU in a timely manner.



Student Voices

- ✓ Beautiful location & views, clean countryside air, internationally friendly atmosphere, friendly and helpful people, extensive support systems for study abroad students (academic office, health center, buddies, touring).
- ✓ Coming to APU was the best decision of my life.
- ✓ While the program is very intensive, the things I have experienced here and the memories I have made will last a lifetime.

4. Application

Applicants need to have a strong interest in Japanese language and culture and must meet at least one of the following two requirements;

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a Japanese or foreign university, or equivalent institution of higher education, for the duration of this program, or have graduated from a university or equivalent institution of higher education.
2. Applicants must have received an acceptance letter to a Japanese or foreign two-year junior college or four year university following graduation from a high school or equivalent institution of secondary education or completion of 12 years of school education overseas.

English requirement for non-native speakers:

TOEFL ITP®TEST	TOEFL iBT®TEST	TOEIC®L&R TEST*	IELTS
500 or above	61 or above	700 or above	5.5 or above

*L&R means LISTENING AND READING

TOEIC® and TOEFL® are registered trademarks of Education Testing Service (ETS).

How to Apply

Please visit our website: <http://www.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0170.html>

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 (JST)

Visas

Students from the U.S. and other countries which have visa exemption arrangements with Japan may not be required to obtain a visa, but should confirm actual requirements with the nearest embassy or consulate of Japan in their home country. Students from countries which do not have visa exemption arrangements should contact the nearest embassy or consulate of Japan in your home country to determine visa requirements.

Students who intend to stay in Japan after completing the program should contact the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate of Japan.

Insurance

Medical insurance should be purchased in the student's home country prior to departure.

5. Contact Information

Academic Office

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Address: 1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu, Oita, 874-8577 JAPAN

Tel: +81-977-78-1101 / Fax: +81-977-78-1102

E-mail: summer@apu.ac.jp

Website: <http://www.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0170.html>

Find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/apu.shorttermprograms>

Other programs offered at APU:

Semester/Year Study Abroad E-mail: inbound@apu.ac.jp

2nd/3rd Year Transfer E-mail: welcome@apu.ac.jp

