

Ritsumeikan Summer & Winter

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JAPANESE PROGRAM

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Welcome to Ritsumeikan Summer and Winter Japanese Program

RSJP/RWJP

The Ritsumeikan Summer Japanese Program (RSJP) and Ritsumeikan Winter Japanese Program (RWJP) are designed for undergraduate or graduate students with minimal knowledge of the Japanese language, providing a comprehensive introduction to Japanese language and culture.

RSJP and RWJP are programs consisting of two major subjects. Participants are enrolled in an intensive Japanese language class which provides them with a thorough introduction to the language. Students also participate in Japan Studies classes to learn about Japanese culture and take part in fieldwork excursions.

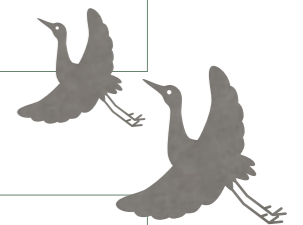


【 About Ritsumeikan 】

Ritsumeikan is an integrated academy with a rich culture of individuality and international awareness accommodating a total of 48,000 students. The current Ritsumeikan Academy has campuses in Hokkaido, Shiga, Kyoto, and Oita and encompasses two universities, four high schools, four junior high schools, and one primary school. Since Ritsumeikan's establishment, approximately 344,000 people have graduated from Ritsumeikan University, 10,000 from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). Ritsumeikan fosters learning and the development of individual talents in order to nurture just and ethical global citizens.

【 About Kyoto 】

Kyoto, the capital of Japan from 794 to 1868, is well known throughout the world as a repository of Japanese art and cultural tradition. Kyoto is home to some of Japan's most important UNESCO World Heritage Sites, some of which are located right at the doorstep of Ritsumeikan. Traditional Japanese festivals, including the Gion Matsuri, one of Japan's largest and most famous, are held in Kyoto every year. The city enjoys a harmonious blend of the ancient and the modern, allowing students the opportunity to experience all aspects of Japanese culture and society. In addition to being a base of traditional industry, higher education, and tourism, Kyoto is also home to number of cutting-edge high tech companies such as KYOCERA Corporation and Nintendo to name a few.





Japan Studies

Japan Studies classes are held two to three times a week. In addition to the lectures on Japanese culture held in the Japanese language classes, participants are given the opportunity to take part in various fieldwork excursions and receive special lectures on Japanese culture from masters who are well respected in their field in order to reinforce what they have learned.

- Visiting Maiko
- Playing traditional Japanese drum
- Visiting temples
- Lecture on Chado
- Cooking Japanese cuisine
- Zen meditation

... AND MORE!

Japanese Language Classes

Japanese language classes are conducted for three hours every weekday, maintaining an overall balance between conversation, reading, and writing, with the goal of improving overall communication skills. Lectures in class will focus on topics such as business, history, sociology, and traditional culture to gain an understanding of the finer aspects of Japanese culture. Program participants will create a strong foundation for their future studies of Japanese through these lessons. A placement test is conducted on the first day of class to determine the Japanese language proficiency and class placement of each student.



Campus Facilities

Participants are able to make use of the many facilities available at Kinugasa Campus.



Library

Over 2.3 million books in Japanese, Chinese, English, and other languages are housed in the Ritsumeikan libraries. Each participant will be given a library card and will be able to borrow books during the program period.

Medical Service Center

The Medical Service Center offers medical assistance to students with health concerns. Consultations are available in English during certain times of the day.

Cafeteria

A wide variety of food is available at the cafeteria at reasonable prices.

Internet Access

Participants will be given a login ID and password, giving them access to the internet. The university also provides a campus-wide wireless network.

International Center at Kinugasa Campus

The International Center handles all incoming and outgoing student exchanges at Ritsumeikan. We offer RSJP and RWJP participants assistance with all aspects of academic and student life, as well as providing comprehensive support on everything from initial application procedures to sending out the final transcript at the end of the program. We hope that studying abroad with the RSJP and RWJP will help you immerse yourself further in Japanese culture and strengthen your language skills while in Japan!



Co-op

The University Cooperative (Co-op) offers everything from food, books, PCs, Stationeries, and even a travel service.



Buddies



Ritsumeikan students play a great part in this program through their roles as volunteer buddies. Buddies will introduce participants to life on campus as well as provide assistance with daily life in Japan outside of class. They will also join participants on most fieldwork excursions for Japan Studies classes and also participate in the Japanese language classes as teaching assistants. By spending time with the buddies, participants can practice everyday conversation and at the same time make friends, both of which are highlights of the program.

Interviews



USA /Florida International University
Marcy Diaz

I was very nervous going into the class. I was not sure what to expect. But the teachers, all of the teachers were very patient and never took away from our individual learning, rather than looking at the class as a whole.



USA /City University of New York
Joseph Shortle

I liked that the program offers an opportunity to experience living in Japan. Having classed five days a week, providing a regular schedule, and holding classes on campus gave a feeling of consistency and helped to make me feel like I had a place in Japanese society.



Malaysia /University of Queensland
Tze Kiet Fong

We got chance to make some new Japanese friends and of course at the same time practice our Japanese language. Buddies are very kind and friendly. Interactive teaching and learning style makes Japanese language learning more effective.



Taiwan /National Taiwan University
Shih-Han Wang

I really enjoyed the Japanese classes. The teachers are really friendly and I really have learned new things and got a better understanding of the language. For example, I never realized that I can write a long composition and make a presentation in Japanese.



Singapore /University of Melbourne
Jia Ying Chiang

The buddy system was very good. As there were different buddies for each activities, we got to talk to new buddies, make more Japanese friends and at the same time, improve our Japanese. The buddies were really affable.



Australia /University of New South Wales
Elsa Cheung

Japanese class was great! Especially how the classes are all Japanese so it was a challenge to even listen to the teachers which forced us to use our listening skills and of course to respond in Japanese as well.

Accommodation

All students participating in Ritsumeikan Summer & Winter Japanese Program are able to apply for several different types of accommodation options through Ritsumeikan.

Furnished Apartment

- Seed in Kyoto Nijo
- Seed in Kyoto Horikawa



Seed in Kyoto Nijo and Seed in Kyoto Horikawa are furnished apartments located in the center of Kyoto City. They are conveniently located for sightseeing, easy to reach by public transportation, and in close proximity of several grocery stores and convenience stores.

Single ¥145,000 p.p.~ Twin ¥92,600 p.p.~

Furnished Apartment

- Ichijo Ivy



ICHIJYO IVY is a furnished apartment and at a very convenient location for both the city and our campus.

Single ¥91,800 p.p.~ Twin ¥N/A

Furnished Apartment

- Citadines Kyoto Karasuma-Gojo



Citadines Kyoto Karasuma-Gojo is a luxurious furnished apartment and is located only one subway station away from Kyoto station which is the transportation hub of Kyoto.

Single N/A Twin ¥97,650 p.p.~

Machiya (Traditional wooden house)

- Hanakiya Annex
- Tanakaya



Machiya is a very Japanese traditional type of accommodation. Hanakiya Annex is located close to Kiyomizu temple, which is designated a World Heritage Site. Tanakaya is located in Gion district, which is famous for Maiko.

Twin ¥62,000 p.p.~ Triple ¥57,000 p.p.~

All the details about each accommodation are available on our website ▼▼▼

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/html/admissions/program_jp/rsjp-rwjp/sum_03.html/

Room charges are subject to change on seasonality.

FAQ

If you have any questions regarding RSJP/RWJP, please refer to this FAQ or contact us by e-mail.



1 Am I able to apply for this program if I have never studied Japanese?

Yes. However, we recommend that all participants study at least Hiragana and Katakana before the classes start.

2 Am I able to apply individually?

Yes, many students apply for the program individually. You may have a program coordinator for RSJP/RWJP at your institute as well. In this case, please contact your coordinator for application procedures. If you are not sure, you can contact us directly as well.

3 I have a disease and have been taking medicines for it. Am I able to get the same medicines that were prescribed for me in my country if I go to Japan?

Pharmacies in Japan do not accept foreign issued prescriptions, and some types of medicines are prohibited. Please ask your Embassy or Consulate General before your departure regarding quantities and other regulations. Please note that most travel insurances will not cover any pre-existing medical conditions or chronic diseases.

4 If I buy a travel insurance policy before my departure, can I see a doctor free of charge in Japan?

No, you can't. This depends on your insurance plan. Usually you will be asked to pay in Japanese yen by cash on the spot. You can use the receipt to claim your money back when you return to your home country if your insurance covers the costs.

5 Is there Wi-Fi available on campus?

Yes, you can use our Wi-Fi network on our campus. You will receive a user name and a password at the orientation on the first day of the program.

6 I graduated from my university already, am I still able to join the program?

No, you're not. You MUST be enrolled at a College, University or Graduate School at the commencement of the program to apply. When you apply for our program, you will be asked to submit your home institute-issued official Certificate of Enrollment AND an official Academic Transcript. If you have already been accepted as a Graduate School student at any institution for your next semester, and are able to submit an official Certificate of Enrollment or a Notification of Acceptance, you can apply for our program.

7 Can I receive credits for completing the program?

No, we do not issue any credits. However, we issue a Certificate of Completion and a Transcript of Academic Record for completion of the program. Please contact your institution by yourself to confirm about their conditions before joining the program.

8 May I arrange my accommodations by myself?

Yes, you may. However, you need to inform us of the name, address and phone number of the place of accommodation, and the length of your stay.

9 How do you evaluate my grades for the Japanese classes?

Our teachers will evaluate you on the basis of quiz, exam, attendance, class performance and assignment scores. Each student will be required to attend more than 2/3 of the classes to receive the transcript.



Admission Requirements

To be eligible to enroll in RSJP or RWJP, applicants must meet **ALL** the following requirements:

1. Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at the commencement of the program.
2. Have the ability to communicate in English OR be able to communicate in basic Japanese.
3. Are encouraged to study hiragana and katakana before the commencement of the program.

Program Fee

Program fee and the items included are provided in this page. Participants are notified of payment details and procedures upon acceptance into the program.

5 Week Program Fee	200,000 JPY	*Subject to change	
Included		NOT Included	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Language Classes : 23 days, 3450 mins. Japan Studies : 11 days, 990 mins. Text book Bus pass Campus WiFi Library Card Liability Insurance Orientation Meeting Welcome Party Farewell Party Completion Certificate Transcript Itinerary booklet And memories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodation Fee Air Fare Meals Other incidentals 		

How to Apply

1. Download the Application Form from the RSJP/RWJP website.
http://www.ritsumeai.ac.jp/eng/html/admissions/program_jp/rsjp-rwjp/sum_06.html/
2. Fill out and send the application form to Ritsumeikan along with the following documents.
 1. Original certificate of enrollment from the institution you are presently attending
 2. Most recent original academic transcript from the institution you are presently attending
 3. Photocopy of the information pages of your passport indicating the passport number and period of validity.
 4. Two photographs (3cm X 4cm) with your name written on the back

NOTE: All applications must arrive at Ritsumeikan by the deadline.
3. Mail Applications To:

International Center at Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University
 56-1 Toji-in Kitamachi, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603-8346, JAPAN TEL:81-75-465-8230 FAX:81-75-465-8160

Assessment Criteria

Grading System

Grades for Japanese language classes are assessed according to a combination of class participation, quiz and final examination, assignments, and attendance. Japan Studies classes are assessed solely on attendance.

Standard Class Hours			
Program Duration	Japanese Language Class (JLC) (1 day x 1 class 50min. x 3)	Japan Studies (JS) (1 JS x 90min.)	Total Class Hours (JLC + JS)
5 weeks	3450 min.	990 min.	4440 min.

Curriculum Schedule

"Weekly Schedule Sample" (All schedules are subject to change.)

SCHEDULE	1st Period (9:10 – 10:00)	2nd Period (10:10 – 11:00)	3rd Period (11:10 – 12:00)	Lunch	Afternoon (13:00 – 16:00)
Monday	Japanese Language Class	Japanese Language Class	Japanese Language Class	Enjoy at Cafeteria	Japan Studies
Tuesday					FREE
Wednesday					Japan Studies
Thursday					FREE
Friday					Japan Studies

Credit Transfer

RSJP and RWJP is a non-degree program. Therefore, participants should consult with their home institutions about converting class hours conducted during the programs to credits in advance.

Program Transcript

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be issued a Certificate of Completion and Program Transcript listing hours of participation and grades for Japanese language classes and Japan Studies.

Visa Procedures

Participants are responsible for contacting the Japanese embassy or consulate in their home country directly to determine if they are required to apply for a visa in advance. If it is determined that you need to obtain a visa, please notify the International Center.

International Traveler Insurance

We strongly recommend that all participants enroll in international traveler insurance before their departure to Japan.

Transcript and Enrollment

You MUST currently be enrolled at either a College/University or Graduate School to join our program. When you apply for our program, you will be asked to submit your home institute-issued official Certificate of Enrollment AND an official Academic Transcript.

Extend your accommodation

If you wish to extend your stay at your accommodation, please let us know, as it depends on their availability and extra fees will apply.

Program Schedule

RSJP

Ritsumeikan Summer Japanese Program

2014 RSJP 1 (May 20-June 20)	
February 19th	Application Period Begins
March 19th	Application Deadline
April 11th	Program Fee Due
May 19th	Arrival Date
May 20th	Orientation
2014	Campus Tour
	First Day of Class
May 21st	Welcome Party
June 20th	Last Day of Class
	Closing Ceremony
	Farewell Party

Note: All dates are subject to change.

2014 RSJP 2 (July 8-August 8)		
April 7th	Application Period Begins	
May 7th	Application Deadline	
May 21st	Program Fee Due	
July 7th	Arrival Date	
2014	July 8th	Orientation
	Campus Tour	
July 9th	First Day of Class	
	Welcome Party	
August 8th	Last Day of Class	
	Closing Ceremony	
	Farewell Party	

Note: All dates are subject to change.



RWJP

Ritsumeikan Winter Japanese Program

2015 RWJP (January 13-February 13)		
2014	September 30th	Application Period Begins
	October 31st	Application Deadline
	November 19th	Program Fee Due
2015	January 12th	Arrival Date
	January 13th	Orientation
		Campus Tour
	January 14th	First Day of Class
		Welcome Party
February 13th	Last Day of Class	
	Closing Ceremony	
	Farewell Party	

Note: All dates are subject to change.

Customized Programs

The International Center offers not only standard programs but also customized programs to universities overseas who are looking to send groups of students to Japan.

Custom Programs are expressly tailored Japanese language programs that are coordinated by the staff of the International Center. A program coordinator will arrange a program starting anytime of the year according to the standard RSJP and RWJP programs.

step 1. _____ **step 2.** _____ **step 3.** _____

Contact the International Center at:
rsjprwjp@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

Consult the details with the coordinator

Officially start structuring the program!

For example,


Sample 03	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sample 02	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sample 01	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st week	Orientation Campus tour	Placement test Welcome Lunch Visit Kinkakuji Temple	Japanese class	Japanese class	Japanese class Zen meditation		
2nd week	Japanese class	Japanese class Meeting Maiko	Japanese class	Japanese class Playing drum	Japanese class		
3rd week	Japanese class	Japanese class	Final Examination	Japanese class Cooking Kyoto cuisine	Japanese class Completion ceremony Farewell Party		

It was our great pleasure that we had the privilege to arrange these Custom Programs in the 2013 season for the following Universities.

- University of Alberta "Understanding Japanese Game Culture"
- The Princeton University PIIRS Global Seminar "Vision and Insight in Classical Japan"
- University of Hawaii Kapiolani Community College Custom Program
- The University of Adelaide "The University of Adelaide Japanese In-country Summer School at Ritsumeikan University"

Customized Program Fees ■ 2 weeks: JPY 80,000 ■ 4 weeks: JPY160,000
 ■ 3 weeks: JPY120,000 ■ 5 weeks: JPY200,000 *Subject to change

Access to RU

 From
Kansai
International Airport

- Kansai International Airport to Kyoto
– 1 hr. 15 min.
by JR Limited Express “Haruka”

SHIGA
(Biwako-Kusatsu Campus)

 From
Narita International Airport

- Narita International Airport to Tokyo
– 55 min. by JR Narita Express
- Tokyo to Kyoto
– 2 hr. 20 min. by JR Shinkansen (Bullet Train)

 From
Haneda Airport
(Tokyo International Airport)

- Haneda Airport to Shinagawa
– 15 min. by Keikyu Line Airport Limited Express
- Shinagawa to Kyoto
– 2 hr. 10 min. by JR Shinkansen (Bullet Train)

OSAKA

TOKYO

KYOTO
(Kinugasa Campus)

 From
JR Kyoto Station

- Kyoto to Campus
– 25 min. by taxi
– 35 min. by bus



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For more information visit

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