



RIKKYO UNIVERSITY

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Organization for Global Initiatives – Information Sheet



Founded in 1874



Ikebukuro Campus



Niiza Campus

General Information

Name of Institution	Rikkyo University (Private)
Foundation	1874 (Founded by the Missionary of American Episcopal Church)
President	Prof. NISHIHARA, Renta (西原 廉太) College of Arts
Vice President for International Advancement & Director, Organization for Global Initiatives	Prof. MATSUI, Hideyuki (松井 秀征) College of Law and Politics
Academic Network	Alliance of Asian Liberal Arts Universities (AALAU) Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC)
Location	Ikebukuro, Tokyo (Urban) one of the major hubs of transportation (trains, subways, buses, etc.) Niiza, Saitama (Suburban) suburb of Tokyo, 20 minutes from Ikebukuro by train

Student Numbers (as of October, 2023)

Undergraduate students	19,256 (international students: 639)
Graduate students	1,161 (international students: 303)
Total number of students	20,417 (international students: 942)
Top 5 countries & regions represented	1) China: 423 2) South Korea: 217 3) U.S.: 37 4) France: 24 5) Germany: 21



Staff numbers (as of May 1, 2022)




Teaching staff & researchers	2,648
Ratio of F to S	1:8
Full-time administrative staff	304







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Homepage (English)	http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/

Academic Information:

Undergraduate Colleges (11)	<p><i>(Ikebukuro Campus)</i></p> <p>College of Arts</p> <p>College of Intercultural Communication</p> <p>College of Economics</p> <p>College of Business</p> <p>College of Science</p> <p>College of Sociology</p> <p>College of Law and Politics</p> <p>** GLAP (Global Liberal Arts Program) -- entirely taught in English</p>	<p><i>(Niiza Campus)</i></p> <p>College of Community and Human Services</p> <p>College of Contemporary Psychology</p> <p>College of Tourism</p> <p>College of Sport and Wellness</p> 
Graduate Schools (15)	<p><i>(Ikebukuro Campus)</i></p> <p>Graduate School of Christian Studies</p> <p>Graduate School of Arts</p> <p>Graduate School of Intercultural Communication</p> <p>Graduate School of Economics</p> <p>Graduate School of Business</p> <p>Graduate School of Sciences</p> <p>Graduate School of Sociology</p> <p>Graduate School of Law and Politics</p> <p>Graduate School of Business Administration (Business Design)</p> <p>Graduate School of Social Design Studies</p> <p>Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence and Science</p>	<p><i>(Niiza Campus)</i></p> <p>Graduate School of Tourism</p> <p>Graduate School of Community and Human Services</p> <p>Graduate School of Contemporary Psychology</p> <p>Graduate School of Sport and Wellness</p> 
Restricted Faculties	<p><i>(Ikebukuro Campus)</i></p> <p>Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence and Science: Exchange students may not be enrolled.</p> <p>Graduate School of Business Administration (Business Design): Interested applicants must have at least two years of professional work experience.</p>	<p><i>(Niiza Campus)</i></p> <p>None</p> 


Volume at Library	Approx. 2 million
<p>Japanese Language Courses</p> 	<p>Based on the result of a placement exam, students are placed in the appropriate level ranging from J0 (beginner) to J8 (advanced). Students must be enrolled in the level in which they are placed based on the results of the Japanese language placement test given during the orientation.</p> <p>Support by Center for Japanese Language Education (CJLE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nine levels starting with J0 Level (no prior experience of Japanese) to J8 (highly advanced) Note: J6 level is required for registering regular Japanese courses - Placement test to be given to determine the level - Japanese Language Support Desk (assistance service) - Tuition and fee waived for exchange students
<p>Courses offered in English</p> 	<p>While <u>the primary language of instruction at Rikkyo University is Japanese</u>, exchange students may take classes in English. Please refer to the following link to the website for further detail. https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/academics/english.html#Undergraduate</p> <p>The degree programs entirely taught in English include Global Liberal Arts Program (undergraduate), Dual Language Pathway (College of Intercultural Communication, Undergraduate) and Master of International Business (MIB; Graduate School of Business).</p>
Class Timetable	<p><u>Each class lasts 100 minutes.</u></p> <p>1st period: 8:50 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2nd period: 10:45 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.</p> <p>3rd period: 1:25 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.</p> <p>4th period: 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>5th period: 5:10 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.</p> <p>6th period: 6:55 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.</p>    
Academic Calendar (2023/24)	<p>Suggested arrival time: (Spring) Late March ; (Fall) End of August (tentative)</p> <p>Orientation: (Spring) April 1 - April 9; (Fall) September 5 - 19 (tentative)</p> <p>*Usually the orientation for the spring semester starts from late March.</p> <p>Class Begin: (Spring) April 11; (Fall) September 20</p> <p>Class End: (Spring) July 19; (Fall) January 23</p> <p>Final Exam: (Spring) July 20-30; (Fall) January 24 - February 3</p>
Transcripts	<p>Transcripts are sent to home universities in the following manner:</p> <p>If students need to obtain transcript copies for themselves, they must request them in advance at the Academic Affairs Office before they depart from Japan.</p> <p><u>Please note that requests to expedite the issuance of transcripts will not be considered unless we have a specific agreement with our partner institutions.</u></p> <p>For exchange students who complete their studies in Fall semester (January): Transcripts are sent to home universities in <u>early April</u>.</p> <p>For exchange students who complete their studies in Spring semester (July): Transcripts are sent to home universities in <u>early September</u>.</p>

Application

Required level of Language Proficiency/Language Requirements	<p>In order to take regular academic courses offered in Japanese, it is recommended that the students pass <u>Lv6 or above</u> in the Japanese placement exam, which students need to take after their arrival at Rikkyo.</p> <p>If students wish to take part in the Japanese language courses of J1 level or higher, they are expected to have mastered <i>hiragana</i> and <i>katakana</i> prior to their arrival at Rikkyo.</p>	
Application procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students must submit the application to their home institution to participate in the exchange program. 2. Upon receiving the recommendation from the home university, the students can submit the application to Rikkyo University. 3. Rikkyo University reviews the applications and allocates the students to appropriate colleges, graduate schools or Center for Japanese Language Education. After the students' admission is confirmed, Certificate of Eligibility is issued and mailed to partner institution. 	
Required documents for application/Application Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exchange Student Application Form 2. Letter of Recommendation issued by a faculty member 3. Original Academic Transcript issued by home university 4. Certificate of Health completed by physician 5. Certificate of Finance, attached with original bank statement 6. Copy of valid passport 7. Two face photographs 8. Certificate of Japanese language proficiency (if applicable) 9. Certificate of English language proficiency (if applicable) 	
Application Deadline	<p>Fall 2024:</p> <p>March 15, 2024</p>	<p>Spring 2024:</p> <p>October 31, 2023</p>

Events and Activities for Exchange Students



Global Lounge 	<p>The International Office established the Global Lounge as a space to encourage interaction between regular Rikkyo students and international students.</p> <p>【Intercultural Events】 World Café, Country Festa, Christmas Party, Going to Sumo Tournament, Learning Noh and Kimono, Tea Ceremony, Study Tour to Tohoku, etc.</p>
Buddy Program	<p>It is based on mixed groups of Rikkyo students and Special International Students (exchange students). Through interaction and communication within the group this program ensures advice and support for the newly arrived exchange students and helps them to adjust easily to the life in Japan and Rikkyo University.</p>

Accommodation

<p>Rikkyo University International Dormitory (RUID), International Residence (RIR), Global House and Comfort Ikebukuro.</p>	<p>Rikkyo University currently operates <u>four international dormitories and one leased apartment.</u> Domestic students available to support exchange students at dormitories (Resident Supporter System).</p>
	<p>RUID Asakadai and RUID Shiki (Saitama), Rikkyo Global House in Shiki (Saitama), Rikkyo International Residence (RIR) in Shiinamachi (Tokyo), and Comfort Ikebukuro (Tokyo). <u>All the rooms are for single use</u> and they are conveniently located within an easy commuting distance.</p>
	<p>RUID ASAKADAI: https://sites.google.com/rikkyo.ac.jp/rikkyodorm/2023falldorm-info-english/ruid-asakadai</p>
	<p>RUID SHIKI: https://sites.google.com/rikkyo.ac.jp/rikkyodorm/2023falldorm-info-english/ruid-shiki</p> <p>RIR Shiinamachi: https://sites.google.com/rikkyo.ac.jp/rikkyodorm/2023falldorm-info-english/rir-shiinamachi</p> <p>Rikkyo Global House: https://sites.google.com/rikkyo.ac.jp/rikkyodorm/2023falldorm-info-english/rikkyo-global-house</p> <p>Comfort Ikebukuro: https://sites.google.com/rikkyo.ac.jp/rikkyodorm/2023falldorm-info-english/comfort-ikebukuro</p>



Visa *For more information regarding the new visa requirement, please refer to the link below:

http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/en/index.html

Student (<i>Ryugaku</i>) Visa	Incoming students receive a Certificate of Eligibility after their admittance to Rikkyo and must apply for a student visa at the nearby Japanese Embassy / Consulate. Those who have Japanese citizenship (including dual citizenship) do not need to apply for a student visa.
Resident Card	Newly arrived international students will be issued a “Resident Card” upon their arrival and must report their residential address in Japan to a nearby city/ward office.
Part-Time Job Permission	International Students may apply for part-time work permission (<i>Shikakugai Katsudo Kyoka</i> , 資格外活動許可) at the time of their arrival in Japan.

Medical insurance

National Health Insurance Plan (required)	Rikkyo University mandates all the Special International Students (including exchange students) to join the Japanese National Health Insurance regardless of the length of their stay at Rikkyo. The students need to complete the application for the insurance at a nearby city/ward office after their arrival in Japan. The National Plan covers approximately 70% of total medical costs incurred. Students need to pay the monthly premium (the amount of fees differs depending on each city/ward).
Rikkyo University Student Mutual-Aid Health Care Union (optional)	The Student Health Insurance Plan covers approximately 30% of total medical costs incurred if the monthly medical cost exceeds 2,500 yen. Combined with the National Plan, the Student Plan offers supplemental coverage in order to reduce the financial burden on students in case of illness or injury. <u>Please keep in mind that the Student Plan does not extend coverage to dental care.</u> While it is no longer mandated for all incoming exchange students, we strongly recommend students join the plan if they plan to study for two semesters or longer.

Estimated Budget/Expenses/Living Cost (one academic year, 11 months)

Tuition	Waived (Note: Students may have to bear tuition costs in the case that the home university sends more students than the agreed number of exchange slots to Rikkyo, depending on the exchange balance.)
Dorm fee	The dorm fee differs according to the dormitory. For more information please refer to the following website. https://sites.google.com/rikkyo.ac.jp/rikkyodorm/
Health Insurance	National Plan: 1,100 – 3,000 yen per month (depending on city/ward) Rikkyo Student Health Insurance (optional): 3,500 yen per year
Estimated living costs	Roughly 120,000 yen per month (1,320,000 yen for 11 months)

Top Global University Project and “Rikkyo Global 24” (2014~2023)

Rikkyo University was selected by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) for the "Top Global University Project (Global Traction Type)." The Project intends to enhance the international compatibility and competitiveness of higher education in Japan by supporting universities to execute decisive reforms and thorough internationalization. For further details on Rikkyo University's strategic plans for globalization, "Rikkyo Global 24," please refer to the link below: <http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/global24/>

The ACE Program (2021~)

Rikkyo University has signed a collaborative agreement with several of the Asia region's leading universities – specifically, the College of Liberal Studies, Seoul National University; Yuanpei College, Peking University; and the University Scholars Programme, National University of Singapore – to form a consortium for international educational collaboration, with the aim of working together to develop liberal arts education in the East Asia and ASEAN regions. This initiative has been newly selected as a project eligible for funding support under the Inter-University Exchange Project: Support for the formation of Collaborative Programs with Universities in Asia, organized by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in the 2021 academic year.

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-tenkairyoku/index.html>