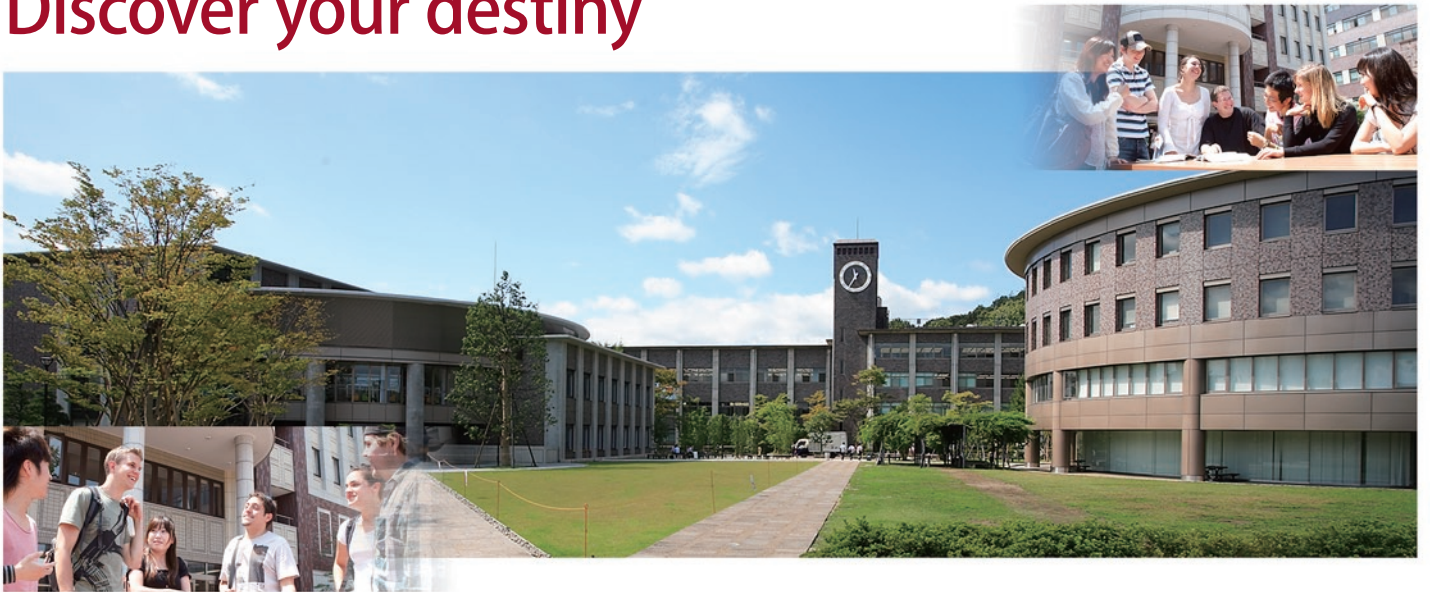


RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY

— A founding spirit of freedom and innovation —

RITSUMEIKAN

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History

In 1869, Ritsumeikan was founded by an eminent statesman, Prince Saionji Kinmochi, as a private academy on the grounds of the Imperial Palace in Kyoto. Ritsumeikan's founding spirit, *Freedom and Innovation*, originated from Saionji, who played a leadership role in the freedom and popular rights movement of late-19th century Japan and advocated the ideals of liberalism and internationalism throughout his life. Prince Saionji served twice as the Prime Minister of Japan. The Ritsumeikan Academy founded by Saionji has now become an integrated academy with a rich culture of individuality and international awareness accommodating a total of 49,000 students.

Ritsumeikan University

Located in the historic city of Kyoto, Japan, Ritsumeikan University offers a wide range of international programs to its more than 36,000 students. Kinugasa Campus provides interdisciplinary education in the humanities, while Biwako-Kusatsu Campus combines the study of science, engineering and technology with the study of business and economics. Suzaku Campus, conveniently located in central Kyoto, hosts the graduate schools of law, management and public policy as well as the Ritsumeikan Academy headquarters.

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)

The Ritsumeikan Trust established APU, the first full-fledged international university in Japan, in the year 2000. At APU half of the faculty and students hail from overseas. As of May 1st, 2008, APU had the largest number of international students of any university in Japan with a total of 2,644 students coming from 81 different countries & regions (Ritsumeikan University is ranked No. 12 with 1,119 students).

1. Ritsumeikan University - Center for Internationalization Plan Targets

Goals	2008	2020
Number of incoming international students	1,119*	4,005
Percentage of international students	3.1%	11.3%
Percentage of foreign faculty members	9.9%	15.0%
Number of outgoing Japanese students	1,517	2,400

*The number of students with "college student" visas



2. Educational Courses for Incoming International Students

- **English-taught Degree Courses** (5 new degree courses to be established by 2012)
- **New Courses:** College of International Relations (Bachelors), College of Policy Science (Bachelors), Graduate School of Technology Management (Master's and PhD), Graduate School of Policy Science (PhD)
- **Existing English-taught Courses:** Graduate School of Economics (Master's), Graduate School of International Relations (Master's), Graduate School of Policy Science (Master's), Graduate School of Science & Engineering (2 Master's programs/1 Doctoral)
- **In total, 11 degree courses will be offered in English** (2 courses in 2 undergraduate colleges and 9 courses in 5 graduate schools)

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