

Applications for the Accelerated Graduation Program, AY 2024 Spring Semester

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1. What is the APU Accelerated Graduation Program?

APU offers an accelerated graduation program that enables students to graduate in a shorter period of time: three years or three years and one semester. This program is designed to encourage the academic efforts of ambitious students who wish to graduate early, while at the same time fulfilling their various coursework needs at APU.

Students who aim for early graduation must register for the Accelerated Graduation Program, proceed with taking extra classes, and fulfill specific requirements. Furthermore, each student must have a clear image in their minds of their future plans and be ready to make continuous efforts to achieve those goals.

Once you have been accepted for the Accelerated Graduation Program the maximum number of credits you can register each semester will increase. Even second-year students will be able to register for the subjects available from 5th semester or higher (with some exceptions). Students who wish to take subjects in their non-basis language must fulfill the designated language requirements for the curriculum.

●Registration

Transfer students from a non-4 year universities and 3rd year transfer students are not eligible to register for the Accelerated Graduation Program.

●International and Domestic Student Exchange Programs

Students who are thinking of applying for international (overseas partner universities) or domestic (Ritsumeikan University, AIU, etc.) Student Exchange Programs should consult with the APU Student Exchange Coordinator regarding whether or not they can do both before submitting an application for the Accelerated Graduation Program. * [You may not participate in a Student Exchange Program in your final semester.](#)

2. AY 2024 Spring Semester Application and Selection Procedures

Application by Curriculum

	1) Initial Application 2 nd semester Application Students under the AY 2023 curriculum	2) Supplementary Application 4 th semester Application Students under the AY 2017 curriculum
College of Asia Pacific Studies (APS) * 1	—	Available
College of International Management (APM)	Available	Available
College of Sustainability and Tourism (ST) * 2	Available	—

*1: The Accelerated Graduation System will not be available under the AY 2023 curriculum in APS

*2: Only Initial Application (2nd semester students) will be available in College of Sustainability and Tourism in AY 2024.

1) 2nd semester Application

Students in their 2nd semester are eligible to apply to join the Program from their 3rd semester. Screening will be conducted upon the completion of the student's 4th semester. Those students who do not meet the criteria below will be removed from the Accelerated Graduation Program.

[Eligibility Requirements]

* Completion of at least 32 credits by the end of the 2nd semester, and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20.

[Re-evaluation Criteria]

* Completion of at least 74 credits by the end of the 4th semester, and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20.

* Completion of all required language courses by the end of the 4th semester. Students must have

completed all the required language classes for eligibility.

2) 4th semester Application

Students may apply to the Accelerated Graduation Program during their 4th semester for entrance into the Program in their 5th semester. Applications will be accepted from new applicants and from applicants who were previously unsuccessful.

[Eligibility Requirements]

- * Completion of at least 64 credits by the end of their 4th semester, and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20.
- * Completion of all required language courses by the end of their 4th semester.

AY 2024 Spring Semester Application Period

• Where and When to Submit Applications:

- Application period: **Monday, January 8, 10:00 – Friday, January 12, 2023 by 14:00**
- Download an Application for the Accelerated Graduation Program form from the Academic Office website.
- Complete the survey and attach the form to it.
- Please name the file **your ID number (8 digits) Name (as shown on your student ID card).doc or docx**.
(ex: 12345678_aputaro.doc)

• Announcement of Results

Successful applicants will be notified on the same day as grades are released (**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**). ※ Applicants will be notified of results via an **Action Required** message on Campus Terminal.

3. Maximum Number of Credits

The maximum number of credits you can register will change if you are registered for the Accelerated Graduation Program, as shown below.

Maximum Number of Credits							
semester	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Credits	—	—	24	24	24	24	24

4. Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are comparatively higher for accelerated graduation program students. Please be sure to confirm your tuition fees for each year using the table below. To learn more about tuition fees, please refer to the following Student Office website.

Tuition Fees (Undergraduate): <https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/life/content9/>

[First year enrollee on the Accelerated Graduation Program] (Students enrolled since AY 2020)

Year	Tuition	1	2	3	4
Semester		1•2	3•4	5•6	7•8
Example A (half year)	Tuition A	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000
	Tuition B	¥270,000	¥555,000	¥555,000	
Total (half year)		¥650,000	¥935,000	¥935,000	¥380,000
Total (1 year)		¥1,300,000	¥1,870,000	¥1,870,000	¥760,000
Example B (half year)	Tuition A	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000
	Tuition B	¥270,000	¥555,000	¥277,500	¥277,500
Total (half year)		¥650,000	¥935,000	¥657,500	¥657,500
Total (1 year)		¥1,300,000	¥1,870,000	¥1,315,000	¥1,315,000
Example C (half year)	Tuition A	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000
	Tuition B	¥270,000	¥370,000	¥740,000	
Total (half year)		¥650,000	¥750,000	¥1,120,000	¥380,000
Total (1 year)		¥1,300,000	¥1,500,000	¥2,240,000	¥760,000

- Example A...A first year enrollee registers for the accelerated graduation program in their second year.
- Example B...A first year enrollee registers for the accelerated graduation program in their second year, but is removed from the program during a re-evaluation at the end of their fourth semester.
- Example C...A first year enrollee registers for the accelerated graduation program in their third year.

5. **【For APS students】 Registration of an Area of Study**

AY 2017 Curriculum APS students must have completed registration of an Area of Study to apply for this program. In the application form, “Application for APU Accelerated Graduation Program,” there is a column titled “Area of Study”. If you have already registered your area of study, please check the area you have registered. If you have not yet registered, please choose the area you wish to register. After you submit this application, your area of study will be registered automatically. You must register for an Area of Study in order to apply for this program.

Even if you register an Area of Study, it is still possible to change your Area of Study during specific registration periods. Please refer to the following website for more details.

Area of Study: https://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/aps/graduation_requirements/

6. **【For APM students】 Automatic Registration of Required Subjects**

Please note that “Global Management (Capstone)” will be automatically registered during your 6th semester regardless of your projected Graduation date. Other subjects will be automatically registered in the same semester as the students who are not in this program.

7. **【For ST students】 Designated Subjects “Major Seminar” and Final Results Subjects**

ST students are registered for “Major Seminar” in their 3rd year.

*Registered by the university based on a preliminary screening.

Students must earn credits for one of the Final Results Subjects (“Graduation Project” or “Capstone”).

Students can only register for “Graduation Project” if they have completed and earned credits for the prerequisite subject “Research Seminar”.

Please check the Graduation Requirements, ST Major Education Subjects and Seminar Subjects etc. on the Academic Office Website, and take the courses systematically.

Graduation Requirements: https://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/st/graduation_requirements/

8. **Graduation Selection Period Survey Application**

To ensure students graduate by their 6th or 7th semester, all students in the “Accelerated Graduation Program” must fill out a “Graduation Selection Period Application” every semester. It is necessary for all students registered to the “Accelerated Graduation Program” to select a Graduation Selection Period through this application. Surveys will be distributed through Action Required messages on the Campus Terminal at the following periods.

Spring Semester: Mid-July

Fall Semester: Mid-January

9. **Accelerated Graduation Assessment**

Students registered for the Accelerated Graduation Program, will be asked to complete a survey each semester to confirm their intended semester of graduation. Students are required to notify the University of the Semester they intend to graduate by filling out the survey. Students will be able to graduate early if they have fulfilled the following conditions and passed an interview.

Eligibility Requirements

- * Submission of the “Graduation Selection Period Application” during the semester prior to the semester they intend to graduate.
- * Completion of at least 124 credits in the requisite fields
- * Cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher
- * Completion of at least 20 credits of Lecture/Seminar subjects held in non-basis language (excluding J/E classes and language subjects)
- * Must have passing marks for the accelerated graduation assessment interview taken during their intended semester of graduation and be deemed suitable for accelerated graduation.

*Students will not be able to graduate in their 6th or 7th semester if they do not fulfill all of the above

requirements. If you do not fulfill the requirements, you will only be permitted to graduate after your 8th semester like other regular students.

***Announcement of Graduation Results**

Results will be announced on the same date that graduation announcements are made in the student's 6th or 7th semester.

10. Seminar Courses

Students registered for the Accelerated Graduation Program differ in how they approach their seminar courses (3rd & 4th year seminars) compared to regular students. Especially for students intending on graduating in their 6th semester, the year starting from their 5th semester must be spent writing and completing their undergraduate theses.

For those students who are intending on registering for a seminar courses, please refer to the Academic Office Website and check the Seminar Courses page for details. Also, make sure to work with an instructor in charge to get advice and help in organizing an appropriate study plan for yourself.

11. International Student Residency Status

Please note that Accelerated Graduation Program students can only extend their student visas until the end of their 6th or 7th semester.

※ If you have any questions regarding your residency status, please consult with the Student Office.

12. Withdrawal from the Accelerated Graduation Program

Once students are registered for the Accelerated Graduation Program, students are not allowed to withdraw from the program for any reason.

Registration will be revoked if a student does not meet the necessary conditions at the rescreening at the end of their 4th semester, or if they do not pass the Accelerated Graduation Assessment at the end of their 7th semester.