Applications for the Accelerated Graduation Program, AY 2019 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 course 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 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. Second-year students may register for 300 and 400 level subjects (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 Program. **<u>* You may not participate in a Student Exchange Program in your final semester.</u>**

2. AY 2019 Spring Semester Application and Selection Procedures

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 2019 Spring Semester Application period>

●Where and When to Submit Applications:
・Application period: **Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 – Friday, January 18, 16:30 2019**
・Download the "Applications for the Accelerated Graduate Program" form from the Academic Office website. Complete the survey and attach the form to it.
・Your file name should be **your " ID number(8 digits)_Name(your name as shown on your students ID card).doc or docx.** (e.g. 12345678_aputaro.doc)

●Announcement of Results
Successful applicants will be notified on the same day as the release of grade reports
(Wednesday March 13, 2019).
※Applicants will be notified of results by an **Action Required** message on the 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. Accordingly, be sure to confirm your tuition fees for each year using the table below. To learn more about tuition fees, please refer to the "Campus Life Rule Book" on the Student Office website.

Tuition fees for Accelerated Graduation students				
	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
Regular Student	1,328,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY
Accelerated Graduation A	1,328,000 JPY	1,748,000 JPY	1,748,000 JPY	—
Accelerated Graduation B	1,328,000 JPY	1,748,000 JPY	1,244,000 JPY	1,244,000 JPY
Accelerated Graduation C	1,328,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY	2,084,000 JPY	—

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

In order to apply for this program, AY 2017 Curriculum APS students must have completed registration of an Area of Study. In the application form, "Application for APU Accelerated Program from AY 2019 Spring Semester", there is a column named "About Area of Study". If you have already registered your area of study, please check the area you have registered. If you have not registered yet, please choose one of the area you wish to register. After you submitting this application, your area of study will be registered automatically. In short, You must complete your registration of an Area of Study in order to apply for this program.
  Even after your registration of Area of Study is completed, you can change your area of study during specific period. Please refer to the following websites for more details.

Regarding Area of Study: http://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0292.html/?c=17

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. 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

8. Eligibility to Graduate

Students registered for the Accelerated 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 Assessment Application at the beginning of 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)

*Must have passing marks for an interview taken during their intended semester of 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.

9. Research Projects and Courses

Students registered for the Accelerated Graduation Program differ in how they approach their research projects (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 research project, please refer to the 「Undergraduate Academic Handbook」, and check the Research Project 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

A students' registration will be revoked if they do 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.