



**Application for Part-Time Students
(Undergraduate subjects)
AY 2017 Fall Semester**

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

The Part-Time Study Program

To open the university to students of all backgrounds and promote lifetime learning, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University has established a part-time study system to allow registered individuals to enroll in and receive credit for a certain number of lecture subjects in the colleges. Individuals who wish to enroll in subjects should complete the required forms after reading the explanation provided below.

In addition to this program, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University also has an auditor program that allows individuals to audit classes without having to fulfill any particular qualifications. If you would like to take subjects without obtaining credit, please refer to the “Application for Auditors”.

I. Overview of the Program

Part-time students who are qualified for admission to a College may receive credit for registered subjects if they pass the relevant exams.

Part-Time Student Types

Type of Student	For Credit	Language / Seminar Subject Enrollment	Examination	Description
Part-time Student A	YES	YES	YES	Part-time students enrolled in at least 10 credits worth of subjects per semester
Part-time Student B	YES	NO	YES	Part-time students enrolled in less than 10 credits

Note: Language / seminar subject enrollment: Denotes whether or not students may enroll in language or seminar subjects.

(1) Part-time students may only enroll in one class of the same subject, even if multiple classes are available.

(2) Part-time students cannot enroll in multiple subjects held during the same period on the same day.

(3) Lecture Subjects

*Lecture Subjects are worth 2 credits. There will be 2 classes held each week and the subject will be completed in 2 months. A total of 14 classes will be held over 8 weeks with examinations set for the final week.

*Semester dates are summarized below. These dates may vary slightly from year to year.

Spring Semester 1st Quarter:	April, May
Spring Semester 2nd Quarter:	June, July
Summer Session	August
Fall Semester 1st Quarter:	October, November
Fall Semester 2nd Quarter:	December, January
Winter Session	February

(4) Seminar Subjects

*Seminar Subjects are offered on a semester basis.

*Seminar Subjects are worth 2 credits. They are held once per week and will be completed in 4 months. A total of 14 classes will be held with examinations set for the final week.

(5) Language Education Subjects

* Language education subjects are offered on a semester basis.

* Some Language Subjects are worth 2 credits. They are held twice per week and will be completed in 4 months. A total of 28 classes will be held with examinations set for the final week.

* Some Language Subjects are worth 4 credits. They are held 4 times per week and will be completed in 4 months. A total of 56 classes will be held with examinations set for the final week.

II. Application Procedures

(1) Applicant Qualifications

The qualifications for part-time students to enroll are the same as those for regular university enrollment.

Any of the following are acceptable:

① Individuals that have graduated from high school or that have completed 12 years of education in a regular program

② Individuals whose academic ability has been judged by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology to be the same as that of a high school graduate

Note: Applicants currently enrolled in another junior college, university, or graduate school (including distance education) should obtain permission from the school to which they are currently affiliated before they apply to APU.

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Regulations Article 12

(1) Graduation from high school or other institution of secondary education.

(2) Completion of twelve years of education via the regular curriculum, or equivalent education by means of a curriculum other than the regular curriculum.

(3) Completion in a foreign country of a twelve-year school education curriculum or a substitute curriculum, and recognition by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

(4) Completion of a curriculum offered by a foreign educational facility in Japan which the Minister of Education Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has recognized to offer a curriculum equivalent to a high school curriculum.

(5) Recognition by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

(6) Successful Completion of the University Admission Qualification Test conducted by the Minister of Education Culture, Sports, Science and Technology pursuant to the Rules Regarding Testing to Qualify for University Entrance Examination (1951 Ministry of Education ordinance No. 13)

(7) Based on an individual admissions screening, the candidate shall have the recognition by the President that he or she possesses academic qualifications equivalent to a high school graduate's and has reached the age of 18

(2) Colleges that Accept Part-Time Students

The following Colleges and Departments accept part-time students.

College	Department
College of Asia Pacific Studies	Department of Asia Pacific Studies
College of International Management	Department of International Management

III. Application Period and Methods

(1) Application Period

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – Wednesday, September 13, 2017 (application must arrive at APU by this deadline)

(2) Application Documents and Application Fee

(1) Application Form	1 copy	Please use the provided application form.
(2) Statement of Intent	1 copy	Approximately 250 – 300 words. Please use the designated form.
(3) Graduation / Completion Certificate from most recent educational institution	1 copy	Certification of classes completed. Must adhere to Section II “Application Procedures,” subsection (1) Applicant Qualifications
(4) Photograph	1 sheet	3cm x 2.5cm color photo taken within the last 3 months. Please write your name on the back of the photo and attach it to the Part-Time Student Application.
(5) Application Fee	10,000 yen (APU certificate stamp)	Please purchase a certificate stamp worth ¥10,000 at the certificate stamp vending machine on campus, and submit along with the application. The fee is the same even if the subjects you wish to take are offered by different schools. *Please note that the application fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

*The Certificate Stamp Vending Machine is located outside of the Student Office (Administration Building 1F).

(3) Submit Applications to:

Academic Office: Building B, 1F

*Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday – Friday, 10:00-16:30, Tuesday: 11:30-16:30

(4) Number of Subjects and Credits for which Students may register

There is no upper limit for the number of credits for which students may register

(5) Notes on Permission to Enroll

If the number of regular degree students that register for these subjects exceeds student capacity limits, non-degree students will not be permitted to enroll.

(6) Important Application Information

Once permission for registration has been confirmed, it is not possible to make any changes, deletions or additions to your class selection. Be sure to carefully check the subjects you have selected for registration when submitting the Application Form.

IV. Procedure for Permission and Registration

Documents will be processed and applicants will be notified of the screening results. Applicants who receive a Notification of Acceptance should complete the registration fee and part-time student fees payment procedures together with the submission of documents as outlined below by the deadline. If you miss the deadline, your acceptance will be revoked.

(1) Date of Decision

Date of Decision: September 26 (Tue)

*Notifications of Acceptance / Non-Acceptance will be sent after decisions have been made.

(2) Payment of Registration Fees and Part-time Student Fees

Please pay the full amount due for registration fees and part-time student fees by the deadline. (Partial payments cannot be accepted. Please pay the amount in full.) When making your payment, please use the bank transfer instructions included with your Notification of Acceptance. Please note that the registration fee and part-time student fees are non-refundable.

	Part-time Student A	Part-time Student B
Registration Fee	32,500 yen	32,500 yen
Part-time Student Fees (Fixed)	370,000 yen	—
Part-time Student Fees (per credit)	21,000 yen	45,000 yen

*1) The Registration Fee must be paid each semester.

*2) Registration fee and part-time student fees may change when tuition fees are adjusted.

(3) Submission of documents

A Student Information Card will be enclosed with your Notification of Acceptance. Please fill out the card, attach the photo of yourself, and submit it to APU's Academic Office by the deadline.

Please read the Written Pledge/Consent Form printed on the reverse side of Student Information Card thoroughly, and write the date and sign your name.

(4) Schedule

(1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter and Summer Session Subjects)

Syllabus and Class Schedule available on-line	Monday, September 4, 2017 (Expected)
Application Period	September 5 (Tue) – September 13 (Wed) Forms must arrive at the office by Wed. Sep. 13
Notification of Screening Results and Payment Statement Issued	Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Deadline for the submission of Registration Documents	Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Start of Classes, Distribution of Student IDs for Part-time Students	From Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Payment Deadline	Tuesday, October 10, 2017

V. Student Status for Part-Time Students

- (6) Individuals who successfully pass the screening process and receive permission to study at APU, and who complete the procedures within the allocated time period (including payment of the registration fee and part-time student fees) will be issued a Part-Time Student ID Card.
- (7) If the student passes the final examinations in subjects for which he/she is registered, credits gained in the subject can be recognized. The Part-time Student's recognized credits can be transferred if the student chooses to later enter a regular program (Please note that there is a limit to the number of credits that can be transferred).
- (8) Part-time Students can be issued a certificate of part-time study and transcripts if needed. Please note that part-time students cannot be issued a "Proof of Travel to School" or a "Certificate for Student Discount" to purchase a student bus pass.
- (9) Part-time students can use the APU Library.
- (10) Delivery of APU-Net User Account Information: Part-time students will be sent a user account and password so that they can use the computer classrooms and multimedia rooms. No application is required to receive an APU-Net user account.
- (11) Please use the Campus Terminal to check for information on cancelled classes and make-up classes. To access the Campus Terminal, part-time students should go to the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University website and click on the "Current Students, Faculty & Staff" tab, then log in using their username and password.
- (12) Part-time student status is only valid for one semester. Part-time students must reapply to take subjects the following semester.

VI. Other

(1) Class Times

Quarter Subjects

1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	4th Period	5th Period	6th Period
8:45~10:20	10:35~12:10	12:25~14:00	14:15~15:50	16:05~17:40	17:55~19:30

Session Subjects

1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	4th Period	5th Period
9:00~10:35	10:50~12:25	13:15~14:50	15:05~16:40	16:55~18:30

(2) Syllabus

The syllabus for the AY 2017 Fall Semester will be available online from Monday, September 4, 2017.

<https://portal2.apu.ac.jp/campus/slsskgr.do>

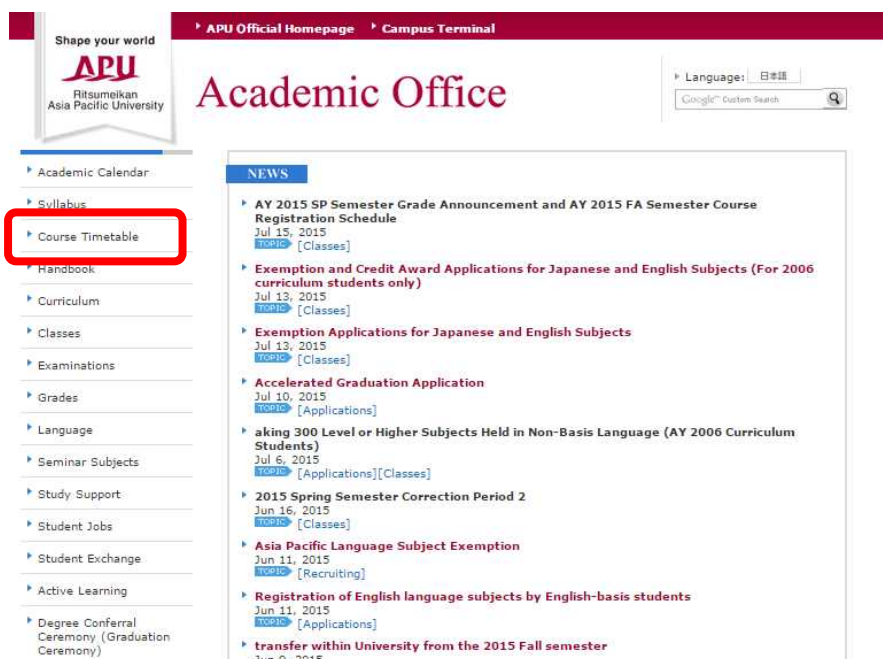
(3) Timetable

The timetable for the AY 2017 Fall Semester will be available online from Monday, September 4, 2017.

* The Syllabus and class timetable may not be available for viewing on the scheduled date. Thank you for understanding.

* Lecture subject names suffixed with a J are held in Japanese, and those suffixed with an E are held in English.

APU's Academic Office Web Site : <http://www.apu.ac.jp/academic/>



(4) If seeking a degree approved by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE)

Individuals who have graduated from a junior college or technical school, or who have completed at least 62 credits in at least 2 years of enrollment at a university may apply to NIAD-UE with the credit they've received as a part-time student to receive a bachelor's degree.

Since the subject areas required by NIAD-UE differ depending on the type of degree, the applicant must request the guidelines entitled "A New Path to a Bachelor's Degree" from NIAD-UE, and complete steps ①~③ before submitting his/her application.

- ① confirm the basic requirements for applying for a degree
- ② identify subjects in the areas that he/she has not completed
- ③ verify if there are APU subjects that meet these requirements

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