

About APU

APU opened in April 2000 through the collaboration of three parties from the public and private sectors: Oita Prefecture, Beppu City and the Ritsumeikan Trust. APU is an international university unlike any other. As of May 2017, the student body was comprised of approximately 2,947 international students hailing from 86 countries and regions in the world combined with 2,940 Japanese students. The students of APU study, learn, and participate in a variety of activities together in a modern, multicultural campus.

During your job hunting, you will be introducing APU to recruiters and company representatives. Here are some facts to keep in mind when you talk about the unique nature of APU.

The Principles of APU

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University was founded with the global society of the 21st century and the growing prominence of the Asia Pacific region in mind.

APU follows the founding spirit of the Ritsumeikan Trust: “Freedom and Innovation.” The educational ideals of “Peace and Democracy” are promoted through the three principles of APU: “Freedom, peace, and humanity”, “International mutual understanding”, and “Creating the future of the Asia Pacific”.

Features of APU's Education System

- Twice yearly enrollments and graduations (April & September)
- Japanese/English dual language education system (can take the same lecture in either Japanese or English)
- Cooperative learning system (Peer System: international and domestic students teach and learn from each other)
- Domestic and overseas fieldwork, including Active Learning, FIRST, Field Study, overseas language programs, and exchange programs.

Top Global University

APU was selected as one of the “Top 30 Global Universities” by Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology in 2014, our fifteenth year of establishment. While we further enhance on skill development to train global talent, this also draws attention from corporations that headhunt for versatile talent with international exposure.

AACSB International

In August 2016, APM and GSM were accredited by AACSB International, a global organization for the evaluation/accreditation of management education programs. This accreditation, which is awarded to the top 5% of business units globally, recognizes the provision of highest world standard of management education, and is sure to activate further collaborative opportunities for APU across the world.

The appeal of APU lies not just in the above principles and educational features. Please also see the APU website and 10th Anniversary Sites listed below.

APU Website <http://www.apu.ac.jp/>

[APU10th anniversary website] <http://www.apu.ac.jp/apu10th/>