

**Outline of AY2014 Graduate Schools Curriculum Reforms
and Interim Measures for Curriculum Students**

APU will implement reforms to the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Programs (GSAM) and the Graduate School of Management (GSM) in AY2014.

These reforms will apply to all new enrollees who enter APU from April 2014. As a rule, all current enrollees will continue to study under the same curriculum that they have been studying under since enrollment. However, with these reforms, there will be some new subjects added and some old subjects deleted, and some of these changes will affect current students.

In this document, the curriculum that applies to students who enroll in or after April 2014 will be referred to as the “**AY2014 curriculum**”, while the curriculum that applies to students who have enrolled through AY2013 will be called the “**current curriculum**”.

1. Outline of Curriculum Reforms (To apply only to AY2014 curriculum students)

1-1 Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies

As Table 1 shows, there will be two majors in GSA: Asia Pacific Studies (APS) and International Cooperation Policy (ICP). APS will have two Divisions, while ICP will have five Divisions and one Program.

Table 1: Organization of GSA Divisions in Line with the Curriculum Reforms

Current Curriculum		AY2014 Curriculum	
Major	Division	Major	Division
Asia Pacific Studies (APS)	—	Asia Pacific Studies (APS)	International Relations (IR)
	<i>Contemporary Japan Studies Program (JP)</i>		Society and Culture (SC)
International Cooperation Policy (ICP)	International Public Administration (IPA)	International Cooperation Policy (ICP)	International Public Administration (IPA)
	<i>Public Health Management Program (PHM)</i>		Public Health Management (PHM)
	Environmental Policy and Administration (EPA)		Sustainability Science (SS)
	<i>International Material Flow Management Program (IMAT)</i>		<i>International Material Flow Management Program (IMAT)</i>
	Tourism Policy and Administration (TPA)		Tourism and Hospitality (TH)
Development Economics (DE)	Development Economics (DE)		

1-2 Graduate School of Management

As Table 2 shows, we will keep the single major in Management as is and establish the following four Specializations.

Table 2: Organization of GSM Specializations in Line with the Curriculum Reforms

Current Curriculum		AY2014 Curriculum
Specialization		Specialization
—		Japanese Management (JM)
Finance	➔	Accounting and Finance (AF)
International Business and Marketing (IBM)		Marketing and Management (MM)
Innovation and Technology Management (ITM)		Innovation and Operations Management (IOM)
Comparative Institution Design for Transition Economy and Business Management (CID)		—

2. Completion Requirements (To apply only to AY2014 curriculum students)

2-1 GSAM Completion Requirements

Both APS and ICP shall employ the same completion requirements.

- (1) A student must be enrolled in GSAM for at least 2 years*
- (2) A student must complete the designated number of credits required for completion in Table 3
- (3) A student must submit a final paper (i.e., a Master's Thesis or Research Report) and pass a screening

* In some cases, students with outstanding academic performance may be able to complete the program in 1 or 1.5 years provided they meet certain conditions.

Table 3: GSA Credits Required for Completion

Subject Field	Number of Credits Required for Completion
Analytical Foundation Subjects	4
Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region	4
Seminars	4
Major Subjects	10
Recommended Elective Subjects	10
	Total: 32

2-2 GSM Completion Requirements

The completion requirements for GSM are as follows:

- (1) A student must be enrolled in GSM for at least 2 years*

- (2) A student must complete the designated number of credits required for completion in Table 4
- (3) A student must submit a final paper (i.e., a Master's Thesis, Independent Final Report or Case Study) and pass a screening

* In some cases, students with outstanding academic performance may be able to complete the program in 1.5 years provided they meet certain conditions.

Table 4: GSM Credits Required for Completion

Subject Field	Number of Credits Required for Completion
Required Subjects	22
Elective Subjects	8
Seminars	6
General Elective Subjects	8
	Total: 44

3. Academic Systems (To apply only to AY2014 curriculum students)

3-1 Credit Registration Limits

To ensure the effectiveness of the credit system, credit registration limits for each semester will be 22 credits in both GSAM and GSM.

3-2 Reexamining the Accelerated Completion Program

We will establish standards for Accelerated Completion and conduct screenings based thereon. Students will be screened at the time of application and the every time they advance to the next semester. Students will only be permitted to apply for Accelerated Completion at the beginning of their semester of admission.

4. Seminars (To apply only to AY2014 curriculum students)

4-1 Seminar Subjects and Enrollment Methods

As shown in Table 5, GSAM students will take seminars in every semester.

As shown in Table 6, GSM students on the standard enrollment period (2 years) will start taking seminars in their 2nd semester. Students on the Accelerated Completion Program (1.5 years) will commence seminars in their 1st semester.

All seminars in both GSAM and GSM will be worth two credits each.

Table 5: Seminar Enrollment in GSAM

	1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.
Standard enrollment period (2 years)	RP I	RP II	RP III	Final RP
Accelerated Completion (1.5 years)	RP I	RP II	Final RP	
Accelerated Completion (1 year)	RP I	Final RP		

RP: Research Project

Table 6: Seminar Enrollment in GSM

	1st sem.	2nd sem.	3rd sem.	4th sem.
Standard enrollment period (2 years)		MS I	MS II	MS III
Accelerated Completion (1.5 years)	MS I	MS II	MS III	

MS: Management Seminar

4-2 Revisions to the Research Supervision and Screening Frameworks in GSAM

To enhance the content of research, we will increase opportunities for objective assessment. More specifically, joint research presentations will be held regularly for each Division, and Master's Theses and Research Reports will be screened by two faculty members.

4-3 Revisions to the Research Supervision and Screening Frameworks in GSM

In addition to the Master's Thesis and Independent Final Report, students will be permitted to submit a Case Study as their final paper. A Case Study must be written about the issues encountered during an internship in line with the student's research field, and it shall provide proposal for how those issues could be solved.

To enhance the content of research, we will increase opportunities for objective assessment, and Master's Theses, Independent Final Reports and Case Studies will be screened by two faculty members.

5. Language Subjects (To apply only to AY2014 curriculum students)

5-1 Changes to the Handling of Language Subjects

As Table 7 shows, new names will be given to the Japanese language subjects and grading methods will differ for each subject. In GSM, students will be able to count "*Japanese for Communication*" I - IV toward their completion requirements as General Elective Subjects. "*Survival Japanese*" I and II will be treated as Optional Subjects and will not count toward the completion requirements. For GSAM, as with the current curriculum, all Japanese language subjects will be treated as Optional Subjects and will not count toward the completion requirements.

Students will need to take a placement tests before they can take any Japanese language subjects.

Table 7: Japanese Subject Comparison Chart

Subject Name (English)	Subject Name (Japanese)	GSA/GSM Grade Evaluation	Counted toward the Credits Required for Completion	
			GSAM	GSM
Survival Japanese I	サバイバル日本語 I	P/F	×	×
Survival Japanese II	サバイバル日本語 II		×	×
Japanese for Communication I	日本語コミュニケーション I	Letter Grade	×	○
Japanese for Communication II	日本語コミュニケーション II		×	○
Japanese for Communication III	日本語コミュニケーション III		×	○
Japanese for Communication IV	日本語コミュニケーション IV		×	○

×: Not counted towards the credits required for completion (Optional Subject)

○: Counted towards the credits required for completion (General Elective Subject)

6. Interim Measures for Current Students (To apply to current curriculum students)

Students will study under the same curriculum from the time they enroll until they graduate. This is necessary to maintain a systematic course of study. Therefore, curriculum reforms shall only apply to those students who enroll in or after AY2014. However, there are some measures that we feel all students should be able to take advantage of as well as other measures that we have no option but to put into effect. The interim measures are designed to deal with these effects. Interim measures will gradually take place over a number of years.

6-1 Credits Required for Completion

The number of credits required for completion and the subject categories will remain as is. If this were to be changed, it would have a profound effect on the course of study; therefore, we shall continue to use the current system.

6-2 Academic Systems

The credit registration limits for each semester, grading and GPA calculation methods shall remain as is. **In GSM, however, we will change the current comparative evaluation used for lecture subjects to an absolute evaluation starting in AY2014.** This means all students will be evaluated based on their level of actual achievement.

Table 8: Grading Methods, AY2014

Evaluation	Grade (%)	Pass/Fail
A+	90% or higher	Pass
A	80~89%	
B	70~79%	
C	60~69%	
F	59% or lower	Fail
T	Transfer	—

6-3 Subject Offerings

Students who have enrolled up to and including AY2013 will take subjects and receive credit for them under the current curriculum subject names. For some subjects, current students will take the same classes as students studying under the AY2014 curriculum but should be aware that subject names and the categories under which subjects are tallied may be different between the two curricula.

6-4 Discontinued Subjects

Subjects that will be discontinued will be done so gradually to ensure that students can continue their studies. **Please note that the underlined subjects in the attached Subject List are those that are scheduled for discontinuation from AY2015 onwards.** Details will be announced in stages on

the graduate school homepages starting in late March 2014.

6-5 Revisions to the Research Supervision and Screening Frameworks

To increase opportunities for objective assessment in GSAM, we will start holding regular joint research presentations for each Division in AY2014. Current curriculum students may also participate in these joint research presentations.

Starting in the 2015 Fall semester, the final paper screening process for all students, including GSAM and GSM students on the current curriculum, will switch to the AY2014 curriculum screening process. In line with this, all final papers will be screened by two faculty members as per Table 9. The date of submission for final papers is expected to change, so students who are scheduled to graduate in or after 2015 Fall will need to pay close attention to this.

Details on the AY2014 curriculum screening process will be announced in or after April 2014.

Table 9: Final Paper Screening Framework per Curriculum per Semester

	2014SP	2014FA	2015SP	2015FA
GSAM Current Curriculum	Thesis: 3 examiners Report: 1 examiner	Thesis: 3 examiners Report: 1 examiner	Thesis: 3 examiners Report: 1 examiner	Thesis: 2 examiners Report: 2 examiners
GSAM AY2014 Curriculum	—	Thesis: 2 examiners Report: 2 examiners	Thesis: 2 examiners Report: 2 examiners	Thesis: 2 examiners Report: 2 examiners
GSM Current Curriculum	Thesis: 1 examiner Report: 1 examiner	Thesis: 1 examiner Report: 1 examiner	Thesis: 1 examiner Report: 1 examiner	Thesis: 2 examiners Report: 2 examiners
GSM AY2014 Curriculum	—	—	Thesis: 2 examiners Report: 2 examiners Case: 2 examiners	Thesis: 2 examiners Report: 2 examiners Case: 2 examiners

*The AY2014 curriculum screening framework shall apply to students on the Accelerated Completion Program under the AY2014 curriculum

*The gray shaded cells refer to the screening framework for the AY2014 curriculum.

6-7 Measures concerning Japanese Language Subjects

As Table 10 shows, the “*Special Studies (Japanese)*” subjects offered under the current curriculum will be offered jointly with the AY2014 curriculum Japanese language subjects. This means subject content may be revised. Be sure to check the syllabus for details.

While AY2014 curriculum students who want to take Japanese language subjects will need to sit placement tests, **this is not required for students on the current curriculum.** Students should check the syllabus and register for the appropriate level as they do with the current subjects.

All Japanese language subjects that current curriculum students take will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Completed subjects will be treated as Optional Subjects and will not count toward the completion requirements for GSM students.

Table 10: Comparison Chart for Japanese Language Subjects

Subject		Number of Credits	Counted toward the credits required for completion			
AY2014 Curriculum	Current Curriculum		AY2014 Curriculum		Current Curriculum	
			GSAM	GSM	GSAM	GSM
Survival Japanese I	Special Studies (Japanese) A	2	×	×	×	×
Survival Japanese II	Special Studies (Japanese) B	2	×	×	×	×
Japanese for Communication I	Special Studies (Japanese) C	2	×	○	×	×
Japanese for Communication II	Special Studies (Japanese) D	2	×	○	×	×
Japanese for Communication III	Special Studies (Japanese) E	2	×	○	×	×
Japanese for Communication IV	Special Studies (Japanese) F	2	×	○	×	×

6-8 Reinstated and Readmitted Students

In general, students will study under the same curriculum from enrollment to completion. However, in some instances, **the curriculum may change for students reinstated after a leave of absence or for students readmitted after withdrawal.** If the curriculum changes, then all requirements, including the credit requirements for completion, will be based on the new curriculum. (Details: p. 9~)

Given the added burden, the following will not apply to students who enrolled in or before AY2013 even if they are subject to curriculum change due to reinstatement or readmission.

- (1) Change in GSM credit registration limits
- (2) Accelerated Completion Program application timing and screening details

AY2014 Curriculum Reforms
 Changes in Curriculum for Reinstated and Readmitted Students
 (Current Curriculum → AY2014 Curriculum)

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In general, students will study under the same curriculum from enrollment to completion. However, in some instances, the curriculum may change for students reinstated after a leave of absence or for students readmitted after withdrawal. If the curriculum changes, then almost all requirements, including the credit requirements for completion, will be based on the AY2014 curriculum.

If you are considering a leave of absence, please consult with the Academic Office in advance.

Table 1: Post-Reinstatement/Readmission Curriculum Confirmation Table

		Academic Year/ Semester of Student's Return					
		2014		2015		2016	
		Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Semester of Enrollment at the Time of Return	1st Semester						
	2nd Semester						
	3rd Semester			2014 Curriculum			
	4th Semester						
	5th Semester						
	6th Semester	Current Curriculum					
	7th Semester						
	8th Semester						

How to Read This Table

If you are reinstated or readmitted in 2014 Fall as a 3rd-semester student	Remain on current curriculum (No change)
If you are reinstated or readmitted in 2015 Spring as a 3rd-semester student	Switch to AY2014 Curriculum

Please refer to "Outline of AY2014 Graduate Schools Curriculum Reforms and Interim Measures for Curriculum Students" (pp.1 - 8) for details on the curriculum reforms.

1. Changes in Credits Required for Completion and Subject Substitutions

If you are switched to the AY2014 curriculum due to reinstatement or readmission, you will be

subject to the AY2014 curriculum completion requirements as outlined below.

The subjects you have completed on the current curriculum will be substituted with AY2014 curriculum subjects based on the attached subject name conversion chart. This means the names of AY2014 curriculum subjects will be used. Your grades earned under the current curriculum will remained unchanged, but the names of your instructors will not be listed on the Student Grade Report.

Changes to GSAM Credits Required for Completion

Current Curriculum

APS

Subject Field	Minimum Required Credits
GSA Common Subjects	10
APS Major Subjects	10
Seminar Subjects	14
Free Electives	2
Total	36

ICP

Subject Field	Minimum Required Credits
GSA Common Subjects	10
ICP Common Subjects	4
ICP Major Subjects	8
Seminar Subjects	12
Free Electives	2
Total	36



AY2014 Curriculum (APS and ICP)

Subject Field	Minimum Required Credits
Analytical Foundation Subjects	4
Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region	4
Seminars	4
Major Subjects	10
Recommended Elective Subjects	10
Total	32

Changes to GSM Credits Required for Completion

Current Curriculum

Subject Field	Minimum Required Credits
Required Subjects	18
Elective Subjects	16
Seminar Subjects	8
Free Electives	6
Total	48



AY2014 Curriculum

Subject Field	Minimum Required Credits
Required Subjects	22
Elective Subjects	8
Seminars	6
General Elective Subjects	8
Total	44

2. Changes to Divisions / Specializations

The Divisions and Specializations will change in the AY2014 curriculum, so if your curriculum changes, your Division or Specialization will also change. Please refer to "Outline of AY2014 Graduate Schools Curriculum Reforms and Interim Measures for Curriculum Students" for information on the Divisions and Specializations in the AY2014 curriculum (pp.1-2).

In particular, the Public Health Management Program in the current GSAM curriculum will be converted to a Division in the AY2014 curriculum. Therefore, the program will not be included on your diploma, but a Division Completion Certificate will be issued as is the practice with the other Divisions.

Concurrent with GSM curriculum reforms, the Elective Subjects required for obtaining Specializations will change. For this reason, students who switch to the AY2014 curriculum should confirm their credit completion status under the AY2014 curriculum and make sure they are satisfying the requirements for their Specialization.

3. Seminars

3-1 Seminars

Under the current GSAM curriculum "*Research Project*" I and II are each worth 4 credits, but these will be worth 2 credits each in the AY2014 curriculum. Therefore, credits for current curriculum students reinstated or readmitted into the new curriculum will be reallocated as follows: *Research Project I* (2 credits) + *Special Studies (***)* (2 credits). The field in parentheses () will correspond to the student's Division and the credits will be allocated to Major Subjects.

3-2 Screening Framework and Research Supervision

Please refer to Table 9 in "Outline of AY2014 Graduate Schools Curriculum Reforms and Interim Measures for Curriculum Students" (p. 7) for information on the screening process in the AY2014 curriculum. Additionally, the AY2014 curriculum research supervision framework, which includes work-progress seminars and the submission of research proposals, will apply to reinstated and readmitted students depending on their semester of reinstatement or readmission. If you are planning to apply for reinstatement after a leave of absence or readmission after a withdrawal, please consult with the Academic Office in advance.

4. Academic Systems

Given the added burden, the following changes will not apply to students who enrolled in or before AY2013 even if they are subject to curriculum change due to reinstatement or readmission.

- (1) Change in GSM credit registration limits
- (2) Accelerated Completion Program application timing and screening details

(1) Credit Registration Limits

GSM student admitted in or before AY2013 will continue using the 30-credit credit registration limit.

* The limit under the AY2014 curriculum is set at 22.

(2) Accelerated Completion Program Application Timing and Screening Details

Under the AY2014 curriculum, students who wish to apply for accelerated completion must do so at the time of enrollment and pass a screening. However, current curriculum application deadlines and screening conditions will apply to students who are reinstated or re-admitted under the AY2014 curriculum.

More specifically, current curriculum students who wish to complete their studies in one year should apply by the end of their 1st semester, while those who want to finish in 1.5 years should apply by the end of their 2nd semester. Furthermore, students must fulfill all completion requirements by the end of their final semester as is the case with the current curriculum screening requirements.