

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Degree Regulations

January 1, 2004

Regulation No. 579

Chapter 1: General Provisions

(Purpose)

Article 1

These regulations stipulate matters concerning academic degrees and the conferment thereof, other than those stipulated in the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University University Regulations (hereinafter “University Regulations.”)

(Degree Types)

Article 2

This University shall award Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral degrees.

(Titles of Departments)

Article 3

The degree titles in Japanese and English to be appended to Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral degrees in each undergraduate department and graduate school major are set forth below.

(1) Bachelor Degrees

College	Department	Degree	Degree Title in English
College of Asia Pacific Studies	Department of Asia Pacific Studies	学士（アジア太平洋学）	Bachelor of Social Science
College of International Management	Department of International Management	学士（経営学）	Bachelor of Business Administration

(2) Master Degrees

Graduate School	Major	Degree	Degree Title in English
Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies	Major of Asia Pacific Studies	修士（アジア太平洋学）	Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies
	Major of International Cooperation Policy	修士（国際協力政策）	Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
Graduate School of Management	Major of Management	修士（経営管理）	Master of Business Administration

(3) Doctoral Degrees

Graduate School	Major	Degree	Degree Title in English
Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies	Major of Asia Pacific Studies	博士（アジア太平洋学）	Doctor of Philosophy in Asia Pacific Studies

(Degree Titles)

Article 4

Those who have been awarded degrees, when using the title of their degree in publications, should include the full degree title, including the name of the University.

(Graduation Assessment Committee)

Article 5

- 1 This university shall establish a Higher Degrees Committee to discuss awarding graduate degrees and matters related to those degrees (Master's and Doctoral). The Committee shall include the members listed in the following items:
 - (1) President;
 - (2) Vice Presidents who are Faculty Members;
 - (3) Deans of the Graduate Schools;
 - (4) Deans of Academic Affairs;
 - (5) Other persons recognized as necessary by the President.
- 2 The President shall convene and chair meetings of the Higher Degrees Committee. If the President is unable to carry out these duties they shall be carried out by the Vice President in charge of Academic Affairs.
- 3 At least more than half of the Committee members must be present for the meeting to be held.
- 4 The Committee may require those other than those listed in Paragraph 1 above to attend meetings of the Committee where necessary.

Chapter 2: Bachelor's

(Requirements for Conferment of Bachelor's Degrees)

Article 6

Bachelor's degrees shall be awarded to those who have fulfilled the requirements to graduate from an undergraduate college of this University, as laid out in Article 30 of the University Regulations.

(Degree Conferral)

Article 7

Conferment of Bachelor degrees shall be determined by the President following deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Degree Format)

Article 8

Bachelor's Degrees shall be formatted as shown in Attachment 1.

Chapter 3: Master's

(Requirements for Conferment of Master's Degrees)

Article 9

Master's degrees shall be awarded to those who have fulfilled the requirements to complete a Master's course at a graduate school of this University, as laid out in Article 31 of the University Regulations.

(Degree Conferral)

Article 10

Conferment of Master's degrees shall be determined by the President following deliberation by the Graduate School Faculty Council and Higher Degrees Committee.

(Degree Format)

Article 11

1 Master's Degrees shall be formatted as shown in Attachment 2.

(Master's Thesis Committee)

Article 12

1 Each graduate school shall form a Thesis Committee to review dissertations.

2 Each graduate school shall establish detailed guidelines regarding the format of the Master's degree thesis and procedures for review of the theses.

Chapter 4: Doctoral

(Requirements for Conferment of Doctoral Degrees)

Article 13

1 Doctoral degrees shall be awarded to those who have fulfilled the requirements to complete a Doctoral course at a graduate school of this University, as laid out in Article 31-2 of the University Regulations.

2 In addition to the preceding paragraph, the doctoral degree shall be conferred on those who have demonstrated outstanding academic scholarship, equal to or greater than students who have completed the aforementioned doctoral program, and successfully passed a thesis examination performed by an APU graduate school.

(Application for Conferral)

Article 14

1 Application for Doctoral degree conferral shall be submitted via the doctoral dissertation submission procedure set by the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (GSAD) before final submission to the President.

(Degree Conferral)

Article 15

Conferment of Doctoral degree shall be determined by the President following deliberation from the Graduate School Faculty Council and Higher Degrees Committee.

(Degree Format)

Article 16

Doctoral Degrees shall be formatted as shown in Attachment 4.

(Doctoral Dissertation Committee)

Article 17

- 1 The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies shall establish a Doctoral Dissertation Committee to review dissertations.
- 2 The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies shall establish detailed guidelines regarding the format of the doctoral dissertation and procedures for review of the dissertation.

Chapter 5: Revocation of Degrees

(Cancellation of Degree Conferral)

Article 18

A degree already conferred may be revoked if the recipient thereof is found to have obtained it by improper means, or has engaged in conduct harmful to the degree's reputation, following deliberation by the Faculty Council in the case of Bachelor degrees, and by the Graduate School Faculty Council and the Higher Degrees Committee in the case of Master and Doctor degrees.

Chapter 6: Publication, Storage, and Reporting of Dissertations

(Publication of Doctoral Dissertation Abstracts)

Article 19

When a doctoral degree is conferred, the President will publish online an abstract of the dissertation content and the record of doctoral dissertation screening within 3 months of the conferral date.

(Publication of Doctoral Dissertations)

Article 20

- 1 Those who have been awarded doctoral degrees must publish the full text of their dissertation via the University's repository within one year of the conferral of their degree. However this requirement does not apply if the text was already published before conferral of the doctoral degree.
- 2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if unavoidable circumstances prevent the publication of the full text of the doctoral dissertation, the President can approve that it be replaced with a summary of the dissertation content. In such a case, the President must be provided with a copy of the full text of the dissertation for examination.
- 3 When publishing a doctoral dissertation pursuant to provisions of the preceding paragraph, it must clearly be stated that the dissertation is a doctoral dissertation from this University.

(Storage of Master's Theses and Doctoral Dissertations)

Article 21

Master's theses and Doctoral dissertations shall be stored by the university, unless otherwise specified.

(Reporting)

Article 22

When the President confers a doctoral degree, they shall submit the prescribed degree conferral report to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology from within three months of the date of conferral.

Chapter 7: Regulations for Amendments and Deletions

(Revision and Deletion of Regulations)

Article 23

Amendments and deletions of these Regulations shall be made by the President upon deliberation by the University Senate Meeting.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall take effect from January 20, 2004; however, it shall also apply to Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 graduates.

Supplementary provision (amendment due to partial revisions affecting changes in office duties and applications for Doctoral degree conferral in the "AY 2005 Management/Operation Reform," February 7, 2006)

These regulations shall take effect on February 7, 2006, and apply from April 1, 2005.

Supplementary provision (amendment due to partial revisions in the change of the degree name for the College of International Management and changes in distribution of office duties, January 27, 2009)

These regulations shall take effect from April 1, 2009.

(Transitional measures for degrees in the Department of Asia Pacific Management, College of Asia Pacific Management) For Bachelor's degrees (College of Asia Pacific Management), notwithstanding the modified provisions of Article 3-1, students who enrolled in the college as of March 31, 2009 shall continue until they no longer are registered in this college.

Supplementary provision (amendment due to partial revisions caused by addition of program name to degree for Master's in International Cooperation Policy Health Management Program, September 8, 2009)

These regulations shall take effect from September 8, 2009.

Supplementary provision (amendment due to addition of course name to degree, September 11, 2012)

These regulations shall take effect from September 21, 2012. However, the previous regulations will apply to those who enrolled prior to March 31, 2011, those who enrolled or transferred into their second year after March 31, 2012, or those who enrolled or transferred into their third year after March 31, 2013.

Supplementary provision (amendment due to partial change in degree rules, March 18, 2014)

These regulations shall take effect from March 18, 2014. However, the revised Articles 19 and 20 will only apply to those who are awarded their Doctoral degree after April 1, 2013.

Supplementary provision (amendment due to change in diploma style, March 18, 2014)

These regulations shall take effect from April 1, 2014; however, the previous regulations shall still apply to those who enrolled before March 31, 2014.

Supplementary provision (amendment due to deletion of articles related to degree screening fees, March 17, 2015)

These Regulations shall take effect from April 1, 2015.

Supplementary provision (amendment of the University Regulations and the Academic Regulations, February 4, 2020)

These Regulations shall take effect from April 1, 2020.

Attachment 1

別表1

学位記番号
APU Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
学生氏名英語表記 学生氏名日本語表記
is hereby granted the degree of Bachelor of ○○○○○ [○○○○○ Program] having fulfilled the conditions prescribed by the College of ○○○○○ Day month, year
卒業証書・学位記
本学○○○学部○○○学科所定の課程を 修めたので卒業したことを認め学士(○○○学)の学位 [○○○○○ コース]を授与する
年 月 日
○○○学部長 ○○○○○○ 印
Dean, ○○○ 英文サイン
立命館アジア太平洋学部長 ○○○○○○ 印
President 英文サイン

ただし、[]内は所定の条件を満たした場合にのみ記載される。

Attachment 2

別表 2

学位記番号

APU
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

学生氏名英語表記

is hereby granted the degree of
Master of ○○○

as a result of the acquisition of the prescribed credits
and the successful completion of the requirements
for the major in ○○○ by the
Graduate School of ○○○
at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Day month, year

学位記

立命館アジア太平洋大学大学院○○○研究科○○○専攻の博士前期課程
(または修士課程)において所定の単位を修得しかつ所定の審査に
合格したので修士(○○○学)の学位を授与する

年 月 日

○○○研究科長 Dean, Graduate School of ○○○
○○○○○ 印 英文サイン

立命館アジア太平洋大学長 President
○○○○○ 印 英文サイン

Attachment 3- 1 Deleted

Attachment 4-1 (Relating to Article 13 Paragraph 1)

別表 4-1 (第 13 条第 1 項による学位記)

学位記番号

APU
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

学生氏名英語表記

is hereby granted the degree of
Doctor of Philosophy in Asia Pacific Studies
as a result of the acquisition of the prescribed credits,
the submission of a dissertation
and the successful completion of the requirements for
the major in Asia Pacific Studies by the
Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies
at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Day month, year

学位記

立命館アジア太平洋大学大学院アジア太平洋研究科アジア太平洋学専攻の
博士後期課程において所定の単位を修得しかつ学位論文を提出して所定の審査
に合格したので博士(アジア太平洋学)の学位を授与する
年 月 日

アジア太平洋研究科長 Dean, Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies
○○○○○ 印 英文サイン

立命館アジア太平洋大学長 President
○○○○○ 印 英文サイン

Attachment 4-2 (Relating to Article 13 Paragraph 2)

別表 4-2 (第 13 条第 2 項による学位記)

学位記番号	APU Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	
	学生氏名英語表記	
	is hereby granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Asia Pacific Studies as a result of the submission of a dissertation and the successful completion of examinations by the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Day month, year	
	学位記 立命館アジア太平洋大学大学院アジア太平洋研究科に学位論文を提出し 所定の審査に合格したので博士(アジア太平洋学)の学位を授与する 年 月 日	
アジア太平洋研究科長 ○○○○○ 印	Dean, Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies 英文サイン	
立命館アジア太平洋大学長 ○○○○○ 印	President 英文サイン	

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