

Online AP Language Immersion Program Application Information for AY 2022 Summer

Application Period	Program Name
Wednesday, April 13 th — Wednesday, April 27 th	Chinese

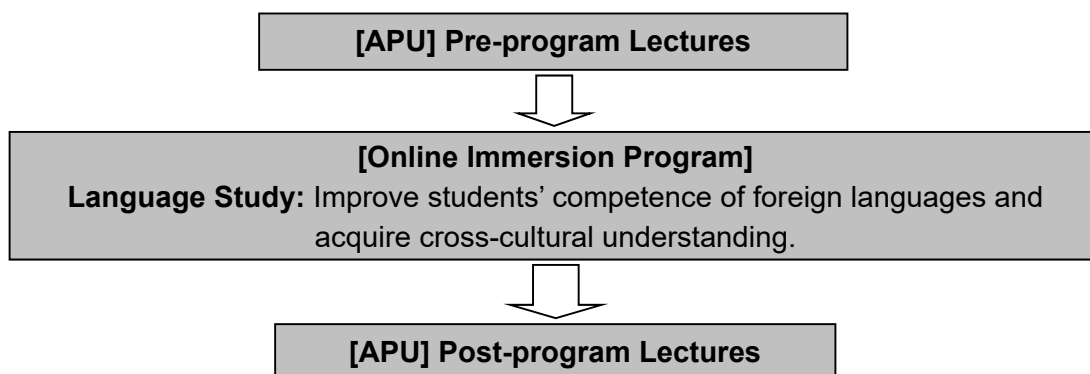


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1. What is AP Language Immersion Program?

1.1 Subject Overview and Characteristics of the Program

The AP Language Immersion Program is a curricular of "Intensive Language Learning Overseas (Language Education Subject)" and students will strengthen their proficiency in the target language through the course. Additionally, students will aim to deepen their cross-cultural understanding by communicating with the Host University's faculties and students.



1.2 Objectives

- (1) Supplement the language education courses offered at APU (AP language subjects) and strengthen students' language skills by providing language training with native faculty and students.
- (2) Participation in this program stimulates curiosity in the language, culture, and society of the country/region where the language is used. Also, it motivates the students to continue studying that language after completing the program. This also serves as an opportunity for the participant to think deeply about the connection between language learning and their area of specialization in terms of study/research.
- (3) Try to respect other cultures and establish mutual understanding through cultural exchange with faculties and students of the program country/region.

1.3 Subject Name and Grading

Subject name: "Intensive Language Learning Overseas" (Language Education Subject)

Credits: 2 credits

(Please refer to the "6. AY2022 Summer Language Immersion Program List")

Grade evaluation: A+, A, B, C / F

1.4 Subject Registration and Awarding of Credits

University will conduct the registration after applicants are accepted to the program. Credits awarded for this program will not be included in the credit registration limit for that semester. Subjects will be graded as AY 2022 Spring Semester courses.

2. Application Information

2.1 Program Name and Schedule

The following program will be offered in the AY 2022 Spring Semester. Please refer to the “6. AY2022 Summer Language Immersion Program List” for more details.

Program Name	Chinese
Pre-Program Period	8/18、8/19
Program Period	2022/8/22 ~ 9/9
Post-Program Period	9/12
Host University	Dongbei University of Finance and Economics
Program Fee	Approx. 50,000JPY

Date	Contents
Wednesday, April 13 ~ Wednesday, April 27, 23:59	Application period
Wednesday, April 20 (5 th period)	Guidance session *Please check Campus Terminal for more detail.
Wednesday, May 4 ~ Friday, May 6 (2 nd ~5 th period)	Interviews
Monday, May 9 (tentative)	Announcement of the screening results
Tuesday, May 31	Deadline for payment of program fee
End of August – Early September	Online Immersion Program / Exemption exam (optional)
Mid-October	The University will register the subject and award the credit

*There might be additional guidance sessions in addition to the ones listed above. Accepted participants will be informed of the guidance session schedule after the first guidance session.

* When you can't attend the Pre or Post program classes, please make sure to notify the faculty of your program in advance.

2.2 Application Period

Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 9:00AM — Wednesday, April 27th, 2022, 23:59

2.3 Eligibility and Application Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements as well as those listed in the “6. AY2022 Summer Language Immersion Program List” of this Application Information document.

- Applicants must be between their 1st and 7th semesters at the time of application.
- Students in the accelerated graduation program cannot apply for this program in their last semester.
- Applicants must study hard in the program with understanding the purpose and aim of the program.

2.4 How to Apply

Access the application survey at the following URL or use the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Mr56bv3PNp>

*The application survey will be available during the application period.



2.5 Application Deadline

Wednesday, April 27th, 2022, 23:59

2.6 Screening

Applicants will be screened based on their submitted essays from the online application as well as the results of their interview.

*Depending on the number of applicants, the selection process may be divided into the first screening based on essays and the second screening based on interviews.

2.7 Screening Period

- Screening interviews will be held during the periods below. Detailed information will be sent to students via an “Action Required” message on the Campus Terminal after the end of the application period. Please make your schedule open during those interview periods.
- Applicants who do not show up to the interview without prior notice will be considered to have withdrawn from the program.

2.8 Interviews

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 ~ Friday, May 6, 2022 (2nd~5th period)

2.9 Announcement of Results

The University will notify all applicants of their acceptance/non-acceptance via an “Action Required” message on the Campus Terminal.

Monday, May 9, 2022 (tentative)

2.10 Payment of Program Fee

- Participants must pay a stated program fee. Please refer to the information on “6. AY2022 Summer Language Immersion Program List”
- The deadline for payment of each program fee is **Tuesday, May 31st, 2022.**

3. Disclaimers / Precautions for participating in programs

3.1 Program Cancellation/Change of Program Contents, Cancellation of Participation

- (1) In the event any of the following apply, a participant's participation in a program may be cancelled even after the announcement of acceptance.
- A) In the event a participant's course participation is judged inappropriate, taking into consideration the participant's behavior and attendance
 - B) In the event the participant becomes subject to disciplinary action after the announcement of screening results
 - C) In the event that university instructions concerning the submission of documents, attendance at required guidance sessions, etc. are not followed
 - D) In the event of misconduct
 - E) In the event of other violations of the participant's duty as a student
- (2) The student will be required to pay for costs already incurred at the point in time when their program participation is canceled.

3.2 Withdrawal After the Announcement of Screening Results

The university undertakes screening on the assumption that, at the time of application, everyone who applies to a program wishes to participate. Therefore, as a general rule, withdrawal after the announcement of screening results is not permitted.

When applying, students should carefully review the program contents in advance and make their preparations assuming they will not withdraw. Furthermore, if a student fails to pay the cost set by the university by the deadline, this will be treated as a withdrawal. Please see Item "3.3 Cancellation Fees" below regarding cancellation fees. And as a general rule, students who withdraw will be assigned a grade of "F".

3.3 Cancellation Fees

In cases where a participant is forced to withdraw after announcement of the screening results, the withdrawing student must pay costs incurred up until that point in time. The cancellation fee also includes bank fees (overseas wire fees, etc.).

In the case that the costs required by the program have already been remitted to the university, the cancellation fees will be deducted and the difference will be refunded. The refund procedures require a certain amount of time.

3.4 Registration Plan

Students should thoroughly review their registration plan and number of credits to be earned through the program and confirm that this plan will not cause any problems with their registration plan for graduation. No special consideration will be given in the event that problems are identified after the screening results have been announced and also that an item listed in "3.1 Program Cancellation/Change of Program Contents, Cancellation of Participation" has arisen. Students should

assume personal responsibility when applying to any program.

Note: It is not possible to participate multiple times in a program having the same lecture content. If it is not clear whether or not the program you wish to apply for has the same content as a program you have already completed, please inquire with the Academic Office before applying.

3.5 On Participating in a Program

Whether or not a program experience is rewarding depends greatly on the attitude and effort of the participants themselves. Participants need to have the flexibility to accept the different cultures found abroad and a positive attitude towards learning.

Each participant should firmly set goals for participating in the program. Further, attendance at the guidance session and the pre-/post-classes held before and after dispatch is mandatory. Absences without notice are not permitted. Also, students should be sure to submit all documents and assignments by their deadlines.

4. Requirements for Program Participation

4.1 Required Attitude

All participants in Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Off-campus Programs (hereinafter referred as to Program) must abide by the following conditions.

- (1) Participants must understand the aim and the purpose of their chosen program, and should actively participate in the program and take their studies seriously.
- (2) Participants must conduct themselves in a dignified and honorable manner while maintaining the good name of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Hereinafter referred to as "APU") and the host institution (Hereinafter referred to as "Host Institution").
- (3) Participants must not protest in the case that he or she was commanded to cancel his or her participation in a program due to breach of 'Requirements for Program Participation'.

4.2 Costs and Compensation

- (1) Necessary costs related to the program must be paid before the deadline.
- (2) Should a participant withdraw from the program, or become unable to join or continue with the program owing to injury, disciplinary action, or any other reason, the participant alone will be responsible for all costs incurred, including any costs that APU is required to pay to the host institution.
- (3) In the event that the program is cancelled or changed as a result of natural disasters, accidents, strikes, infectious disease, political unrest, terrorism or other unforeseen circumstances, the participant will not seek compensation from either APU or the Host Institution. In this situation, as in term 4.2. (2), the participant will be responsible for all costs incurred.

5. Other Information

5.1 Handling of Personal Information

The application documents and any other documents containing personal information (name, gender, date of birth, other information provided to the university in relation to the program) will be handled within the university for administrative purposes and participation procedures, and to have it shared with third parties (host university/institution).

5.2 Exemption Exam (Not mandatory)

- Participants who wish to take the exemption exam may take the exam during the program. Participants who pass the exam may be exempted from AP language subjects of the language program in which they are participating.
- Japanese-basis students must complete or be exempted from “Elementary English A and B” in order to register AP Language Courses. English-basis students must complete or be exempted from “Japanese Foundation I, II and III” in order to register AP Language Courses.

6. AY2022 Summer Language Immersion Program and Schedule

Chinese - Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (China, Dalian)

Program Overview:

This course is an intensive Chinese learning course for beginners who have acquired Chinese I or II level. While studying everyday life phrases that can be actually used and grammar, students will practice Chinese pronunciation using scientific training methods to give online learning the effect of studying abroad. In addition to several Chinese cultural experience classes, leveraging the advantages of modern IT technology, there will be online exchange classes with local Chinese university students to learn living Chinese, aiming to actually be able to have conversation in Chinese.

Application Requirements:

Students must fulfill (1) and (2):

- (1) Students who are interested in Chinese and its culture, and who are taking or have taken Chinese I or Chinese II in/before 2022 Spring Semester, or those who acquire equivalent level of HSK 2.
- (2) Students whose native language is not Chinese.

Program Period:

- Pre-Program Period: **1st- Thursday, August 18, 2022 (5th~6th period)**
2nd- Friday, August 19, 2022 (5th period)
- Program Period: **Monday, August 22 – Friday, September 9, 2022**
- Post-Program Period: **Monday, September 12, 2022 (5th~6th period)**

* When you can't attend the Pre or Post program classes, please make sure to notify the faculty of your program in advance.

Costs:

Program fee	Supervisor	Recruitment Quota	Number of credits
Approx. 50,000JPY	張 文青 (ZHANG Wenqing)	Minimum of 8	2 credits

7. Inquiries Regarding Language Immersion Programs

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