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To all APU students,

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Division of Academic Affairs

Classes in the AY 2023 Spring Semester (Notice of Changes)

Based on changes in government policy towards novel coronavirus infection, classes at APU will change as follows from April.

(1) Class Format

① Classes will be held in the in-person format in principle (including office hours). However, as there may be some exceptional courses held in the online format, please check the timetable.

② Classrooms will be operated at 100% based on capacity. Measures to prevent infection such as temperature sensors at school entrances, provision of alcohol for hand sanitization, and classroom ventilation will continue for the time being.

③ Mask-wearing will be up to the discretion of each individual. Depending on the class, some professors concerned about illness may request for cooperation with optional mask-wearing, but mask-wearing will not be enforced.

(2) Responses to Novel Coronavirus Infection

① Only students approved for application by the end of February for consideration of underlying medical conditions will be permitted to take classes online for their registered courses (excluding in-person only courses). This policy will continue until the Spring Semester, and from the Fall Semester, no consideration for taking classes online will be provided.

② Students not permitted to take classes online under (1) and newly enrolled students in AY 2023 should take classes in person, with the exception of some courses set up online.

③ If you become infected with the novel coronavirus, class absences and support will be handled in the same way as seasonal influenza. Please follow the official procedure and apply for class absences at the Academic Office by the deadline. Furthermore, if you become infected during the final examination period, a supplementary exam will be provided (there will be no consideration provided if students are unable to take the supplementary exam). Furthermore, there will be no special consideration for close contacts.

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