

Applications for the Accelerated Graduation Program, AY 2025 Spring Semester

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1. What is the APU Accelerated Graduation Program?

APU's Accelerated Graduation Program was set up for students aiming to graduate in three or three and a half years. The program is designed to encourage the academic efforts of ambitious students who wish to graduate early, while at the same time fulfilling their various coursework needs at APU.

Students who want to graduate early must register for the Accelerated Graduation Program, take extra classes, and fulfill specific requirements. Each student must have a clear image in their minds of their future plans and be ready to make continuous efforts to achieve those goals.

Once you have been accepted to the Accelerated Graduation Program, the maximum number of credits you can register each semester will increase. Also, second-year students will be able to register for courses available from the 5th semester or higher (with some exceptions). However, students who wish to take courses in their non-basis language must first fulfill the designated language requirements for their curriculum.

● Those NOT eligible to apply for this program:

- Students who transferred to APU from a non-4-year university
- 3rd year Transfer Students
- Students cannot transfer colleges and apply for this program in the same semester

● Notes and Warnings for Study Abroad

Students planning to study abroad under an exchange program or individual arrangements, or those planning to study at Ritsumeikan University or Akita International University should consult with the study abroad team before applying for the Accelerated Graduation Program. * [You cannot study abroad in your final semester.](#)

2. Application Procedures

1) Application Eligibility for students from each college

	1) Initial Application (2 nd semester Application) 2017 / 2023 Curriculum	2) Supplementary Application (4 th semester Application) 2017 / 2023 Curriculum
College of Asia Pacific Studies (APS) *1	(Only 2017 curriculum students)	(Only 2017 curriculum students)
College of International Management (APM)	Eligible	Eligible
College of Sustainability and Tourism (ST)	Eligible	Eligible

*1: APS 2023 curriculum students are not eligible to apply for the Accelerated Graduation Program.

2) Recruitment Category

① Initial Application (2nd semester Application)

Students in their 2nd semester can apply to join the Program from their 3rd semester. Screening will be conducted upon the completion of the student's 4th semester. At that time, students who do not meet the criteria below will be removed from the Accelerated Graduation Program.

[Eligibility Requirements]

* Completion of at least 32 credits by the end of the 2nd semester, and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20.

[Re-evaluation Criteria]

* Completion of at least 74 credits by the end of the 4th semester, and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20.

* Completion of all required language courses by the end of the 4th semester. Students must have completed all the required language classes for eligibility.

② Supplementary Application (4th semester Application)

Students may apply to the Accelerated Graduation Program during their 4th semester for entrance into the Program in their 5th semester. Applications will be accepted from new applicants and from applicants who were previously unsuccessful.

[Eligibility Requirements]

- * Completion of at least 64 credits by the end of their 4th semester, and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20.
- * Completion of all required language courses by the end of their 4th semester.

3) Schedule

- Application period: Monday, January 13, 10:00 – Friday, January 17, 2025 by 14:00
- Results announced: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (Date grades are announced)
- * Applicants will be notified of their results via an **Action Required** message on Campus Terminal.

4) How to Apply

- Download the “Accelerated Graduation Program Application/Essay Form” from the Academic Office website.
- Fill out the survey and attach the form to it.
- File name: **Student ID number (8 digits)_Name(as shown on your student ID card).doc or docx.**
(ex: 12345678_aputaro.doc)

3. Post-Registration Procedures and Important Notes

1) Estimated Graduation Timing Request Form

To ensure students graduate by their 6th or 7th semester, all students in the “Accelerated Graduation Program” must fill out a “Graduation Selection Period Application” every semester. ALL students must submit this EVERY semester, even if the intended semester of graduation has not changed. The university will carry out course registration and make graduation assessments based on the graduation semester indicated in this survey, so be sure to submit the survey by the deadline each semester. The survey will be sent to students via an Action Required message on Campus Terminal at the times shown below.

*Please note, you cannot choose an earlier date of graduation in the middle of the program.

Spring Semester: Mid-July / Fall Semester: Mid-January

2) Accelerated Graduation Assessment

Accelerated Graduation Program students who meet the following requirements at the end of their intended semester of graduation (6th or 7th semester), and who pass the interview to check their suitability for graduation will be approved for early graduation. The graduation results will be announced at the same time as those of non-program students.

If a student does not meet all of the requirements below by their 7th semester, they will graduate in their 8th semester or later. In such cases, Accelerated Graduation Program requirements below will not apply.

In either case, all students are still required to complete the graduation requirements for their curriculum.

<Eligibility Requirements for Accelerated Graduation>

- * Submission of the “Graduation Selection Period Application” during the semester prior to the semester they intend to graduate.
- * Completion of at least 124 credits in the requisite fields
- * Cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher
- * Completion of at least 20 credits of Lecture/Seminar subjects held in non-basis language (excluding J/E classes and language subjects)
- * Must have passing marks for the Accelerated Graduation assessment interview taken during their intended semester of graduation, and be deemed suitable for early graduation.

3) Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are comparatively higher for accelerated graduation program students. Please be sure to check your tuition fees for each year using the table below. See the Student Office website below for more information about tuition.

Tuition Fees (Undergraduate): <https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/life/content9/>

[First year enrollee in the Accelerated Graduation Program] (Students enrolled since AY 2020)

Year	Tuition	1	2	3	4
Semester		1+2	3+4	5+6	7+8
Example A (half year)	Tuition A	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000
	Tuition B	¥270,000	¥555,000	¥555,000	
Total (half year)		¥650,000	¥935,000	¥935,000	¥380,000
Total (1 year)		¥1,300,000	¥1,870,000	¥1,870,000	¥760,000
Example B (half year)	Tuition A	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000
	Tuition B	¥270,000	¥555,000	¥277,500	¥277,500
Total (half year)		¥650,000	¥935,000	¥657,500	¥657,500
Total (1 year)		¥1,300,000	¥1,870,000	¥1,315,000	¥1,315,000
Example C (half year)	Tuition A	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000	¥380,000
	Tuition B	¥270,000	¥370,000	¥740,000	
Total (half year)		¥650,000	¥750,000	¥1,120,000	¥380,000
Total (1 year)		¥1,300,000	¥1,500,000	¥2,240,000	¥760,000

- Example A... A first year enrollee registers for the accelerated graduation program in their second year.
- Example B... A first year enrollee registers for the accelerated graduation program in their second year, but is removed from the program during a re-evaluation at the end of their fourth semester.
- Example C... A first year enrollee registers for the accelerated graduation program in their third year.

4) Withdrawal from the Accelerated Graduation Program

Once students register for the Accelerated Graduation Program, they cannot withdraw from the program for any reason. However, students will be removed from the program if they do not meet the necessary conditions at the rescreening at the end of their 4th semester, or if they do not pass the Accelerated Graduation Assessment at the end of their 7th semester.

4. Important Notes on Course Registration

1) Maximum Number of Credits

The maximum number of credits you can register will change if you are registered for the Accelerated Graduation Program, as shown below.

Maximum Number of Credits							
semester	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Credits	—	—	24	24	24	24	24

2) Undergraduate Seminar Courses

Students registered for the Accelerated Graduation Program are subject to take undergraduate seminar courses at different timing and under different rules compared to regular students. Please check the "Seminar Subjects" page of each college on the Academic Office website carefully before applying.

3) Registering for Session Courses

Accelerated Graduation Program students cannot register for session courses in their 6th semester or beyond.

4) [APS students] Registration of an Area of Study

AY 2017 Curriculum APS students must have a registered Area of Study to apply for this program. In the "Application for

APU Accelerated Graduation Program” form, under the item “Area of Study,” check the box to indicate which Area you have registered. If you have not yet registered an Area, please choose the area you wish to register. After you submit this application, your area of study will be registered automatically. You must register for an Area of Study in order to apply for this program. Even if you register an Area of Study, you can still change your Area of Study during the designated course registration periods. Please see the website below for details.

Area of Study: https://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/aps/graduation_requirements/

5) [APM students] Automatic Registration of Required Subjects

“Global Management (Capstone)” will be automatically registered during your 6th semester regardless of your expected graduation semester. Other subjects will be automatically registered in the same semester as non-program students.

6) [ST students] “Major Seminar” and Final Deliverable Courses

① Registration required course: "Major Seminar"

ST students are required to take "Major Seminar" in their 3rd year, but Accelerated Graduation Program students are exempt from this requirement.

② Elective required courses: “Capstone” and “Graduation Project”

To fulfill graduation requirements, students must earn credits for either "Graduation Project" or "Capstone." Please note, "Capstone" is scheduled to be newly offered after AY 2026, and "Graduation Project" requires students to earn credits for the prerequisite "Graduation Research." See below for details.

Graduation requirements: https://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/st/graduation_requirements/

5. Other Important Notes

1) International Student Residency Status

Please note that Accelerated Graduation Program students can only extend their student visas until the end of their 6th or 7th semester.

※ If you have any questions regarding your residency status, please consult with the Student Office.