

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Degree Regulations

January 20, 2004

Regulation No. 579

Chapter 1: General Provisions

(Purpose)

Article 1

These Regulations stipulate matters concerning academic degrees and the conferment thereof, based on the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Regulations (hereinafter “University Regulations.”)

(Degree Types)

Article 2

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

(Names of Fields of Specialization)

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's Degrees

College	Department	Degree Title	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
College of Sustainability and Tourism	Department of Sustainability and Tourism	学士（サステイナビリティ観光学）	Bachelor of Sustainability and Tourism

(2) Master's Degrees

Graduate School	Major	Degree Title	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
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(3) *Doctoral Degrees*

Graduate School	Major	Degree Title	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

When a person who has been awarded a degree uses the title of the degree, the name of the University shall be appended thereto.

(Higher Degrees Committee)

Article 5

- 1 This university shall establish a Higher Degrees Committee to deliberate on the conferment of graduate degrees and matters related to those degrees (Master's and Doctoral degrees). The Committee shall be composed of the following members:
 - (1) President;
 - (2) Vice Presidents who are faculty members;
 - (3) Deans of the Graduate Schools;
 - (4) The Dean of Academic Affairs;
 - (5) Other persons appointed 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 faculty members other than those listed in Paragraph 1 above to attend meetings of the Committee where necessary.

Chapter 2: Bachelor's Degrees

(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's degrees shall be determined by the President following deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Diploma Format)

Article 8

The format of the Bachelor's diploma shall be as set forth in Attachment 1-1 or Attachment 1-2.

(Listing Areas of Study)

Article 8-2

- 1 The student's selected area of study will be listed on their diploma as stipulated in the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University College of Asia Pacific Studies College Regulations.
- 2 In the case that the student's selected minor or major is approved, as stipulated in the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University College of International Management College Regulations, that minor or major will be listed on their diploma.

Chapter 3: Master's Degrees

(Requirements for Conferment of Master's Degrees)

Article 9

Master's degrees shall be awarded to those who have completed a doctoral first-half program or a master's program at the Graduate School of this University, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

(Diploma Format)

Article 11

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

(Master's Thesis Committee)

Article 12

- 1 Each Graduate School shall establish a Master's Thesis Committee to review theses.
- 2 Each Graduate School shall separately prescribe detailed regulations concerning the composition of the Master's Thesis Committee and procedures for the examination of theses.

Chapter 4: Doctoral Degrees

(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 second-half program 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 passed the examination of a doctoral dissertation conducted by the Graduate School of this University and have been confirmed to possess academic ability equal to or greater than that of a person who has completed the doctoral second-half program specified in the preceding paragraph.

(Application for Conferral)

Article 14

An application for the conferral of a doctoral degree shall be submitted to the President in accordance with the procedures for the examination of doctoral dissertations prescribed by the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (GSAD).

(Degree Conferral)

Article 15

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

(Diploma Format)

Article 16

Doctoral diplomas 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 separately prescribe detailed regulations concerning the composition of the Doctoral Dissertation Committee and procedures for the examination of dissertations.

Chapter 5: Revocation of Degrees

(Revocation of Degree Conferral)

Article 18

If it is discovered that a person who has been awarded a degree obtained it through fraudulent means, or if the person has engaged in conduct that brings dishonor upon the person, the President may revoke the degree already conferred, following deliberation by the Faculty Council in the case of a Bachelor's degree, and by the Graduate School Faculty Council and the Higher Degrees Committee in the case of a Master's or Doctoral degree.

Chapter 6: Publication, Storage, and Reporting of Dissertations

(Publication of Doctoral Dissertation Abstracts, etc.)

Article 19

When a doctoral degree is conferred, the President shall publish, via the Internet, within three months of the date of conferral, an abstract of the content of the dissertation pertaining to the conferral of the doctoral degree and an abstract of the results of the dissertation examination.

(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 cases, the President shall make the full text of the dissertation available for viewing.
- 3 When publishing a dissertation pertaining to the conferral of a doctoral degree pursuant to the preceding

paragraph, it must be clearly stated that it is a doctoral dissertation examined by the University.

(Storage of Master's Theses and Doctoral Dissertations)

Article 21

Master's theses and doctoral dissertations shall be stored by the University in accordance with separate provisions.

(Reporting)

Article 22

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

Chapter 7: Regulations for Revisions and Repeals

(Revision and Repeal of Regulations)

Article 23

Revisions and repeals of these Regulations shall be made by the President upon deliberation by the University Senate.

Supplementary Provision

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

Supplementary Provision *(February 7, 2006: Partial revisions in line with the changes in office duties and applications for Doctoral degree conferral in the "AY 2005 Management/Operation Reform,")*

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

Supplementary Provision *(January 27, 2009: Partial revisions in line with the change of the degree name for the College of International Management and changes in distribution of office duties)*

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 were enrolled in the relevant college and department as of March 31, 2009, shall continue until

they are no longer registered in this college.

Supplementary Provision (September 8, 2009: Partial revisions in line with the addition of program name to degree for Master's in International Cooperation Policy Health Management Program)

These regulations shall take effect from September 8, 2009.

Supplementary Provision (September 11, 2012: Partial revisions in line with the addition of course name to degree)

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 on or before March 31, 2012, or those who enrolled or transferred into their third year on or before March 31, 2013.

Supplementary Provision (March 18, 2014: Partial revisions in line with the change in degree rules)

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 (March 18, 2014: Partial revisions in line with the change in diploma style)

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

Supplementary Provision (March 17, 2015: Partial revisions in line with the deletion of articles related to degree screening fees)

These Regulations shall take effect from April 1, 2015.

Supplementary Provision (February 4, 2020: Partial revisions in line with the University Regulations and the Academic Regulations)

These Regulations shall take effect from April 1, 2020.

Supplementary Provision (March 7, 2023: Partial revisions in line with the establishment of the College of Sustainability and Tourism and the addition of a new diploma format)

- 1 These Regulations shall take effect from April 1, 2023.
- 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the revised Article 8 shall remain subject to the prior provisions for those who are enrolled as of March 31, 2023.

Supplementary Provision (January 27, 2026: Partial revisions in accordance with the addition of listing areas of

study)

These Degree Regulations shall take effect on January 26, 2026

Attachment 1-1

別表1-1

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大学長 ○○○○○○	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 1-2

別表1-2

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 Business Administration with major in ○○○○○ and minor in ○○○○○ in recognition of the completion of requirements prescribed by the College of International Management. Day month, year		
卒業証書・学位記		
本学国際経営学部国際経営学科所定の課程を 修めたので卒業したことを認め学士(経営学)の学位 〔○○○○○ 専攻および○○○○○ 副専攻〕を授与する		
年 月 日		
国際経営学部長 ○○○○○○	印	Dean, ○○○ 英文サイン
立命館アジア太平洋大学長 ○○○○○○	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 - 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 〇〇〇〇〇 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 〇〇〇〇〇 印	President 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 〇〇〇〇〇 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 〇〇〇〇〇 印	President 英文サイン

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