

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Graduate School
Regulations

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Purport

Article 1

These Graduate School regulations stipulate matters pertaining to the curricula, subjects, and degree completion within the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, in accordance with Article 15-2, Item 4 of the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University University Regulations.

English Notation

Article 2

English notation for the graduate school, programs, and majors shall be as follows:

- 1) アジア太平洋研究科 Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies
- 2) 博士前期課程 Master's Program
- 3) 博士後期課程 Doctoral Program
- 4) アジア太平洋学専攻 Major in Asia Pacific Studies
- 5) 国際協力政策専攻 Major in International Cooperation Policy

Purposes of Education and Research

Article 3

The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies aims to cultivate human resources who will contribute to the sustainable development of and coexistence in the Asia Pacific Region. These individuals will possess specialized knowledge in administration, environment and development economics and have practical problem-solving skills required for the development of the Asia Pacific region.

- 2 The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Program in Asia Pacific Studies aims to cultivate human resources who will possess a keen interest in research pertaining to and specialized knowledge and skills necessary for development of the Asia Pacific region in such areas as international relations and social and cultural studies, will achieve practical resolutions

for issues in the region, and will contribute to sustainable development and coexistence in the region.

3 The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Program in International Cooperation Policy aims to cultivate human resources who will possess a keen interest in research pertaining to and specialized knowledge and skills necessary for development of the Asia Pacific region in such areas as public administration, environment, development, and tourism, will achieve practical resolutions for issues in the region, and will contribute to sustainable development and coexistence in the region.

4 The Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Doctoral Program in Asia Pacific Studies aims to foster the advanced capacity for pioneering a new academic discipline (area) necessary for development of the Asia Pacific region and cultivate advanced researchers and highly qualified professionals with doctorate degree who will contribute to sustainable development of and coexistence in the region.

Curriculum Policy

Article 4

Subjects in the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Program consist of Analytical Foundation Subjects, Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region, Seminars, Major Subjects, Core Related Subjects, and Optional Subjects offered over the course of two years.

2 Major Subjects are subdivided by Division into Major Subjects for International Relations, Major Subjects for Society and Culture, Major Subjects for International Public Administration, Major Subjects for Sustainability Science, Major Subjects for Tourism and Hospitality, and Major Subjects for Development Economics.

3 Subjects in the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Doctoral Program consist of Lecture Subjects, Seminar Subjects, Presentations and Research Papers, Tutorials, and Optional Subjects offered over the course of three years.

Subjects

Article 5

Subject Names, Number of Credits, Methods of Instruction, Subject Type (Required/Elective/Optional), and Semester Available From for the Graduate School of Asia

Pacific Studies Master's Programs are outlined in Table 1, and those for the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Doctoral Program are outlined in Table 2

Subjects That May Be Taken More Than Once

Article 5-2

Subjects that are identical to other subjects for which credits have already been earned may not be repeated.

2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, subjects listed in the Tables below may be taken more than once, even if they have the same subject name, provided that they have different themes.

Required Credits for Completion

Article 6

To complete the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Program in Asia Pacific Studies, students must complete at least 32 credits, including credits from subjects designated as "Required" under Subject type (Required/Elective/Optional) in Table 1, 4 credits of Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region, 4 credits of Seminars, and 10 credits of Major Subjects from their respective Division (i.e. International Relations Division or Society and Culture Division). Credits from Optional Subjects cannot be included in the credits required for completion.

2 To complete the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Program in International Cooperation Policy, students must complete at least 32 credits, including credits from subjects designated as "Required" under Subject type (Required/Elective/Optional) in Table 1, 4 credits of Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region, 4 credits of Seminars, and 10 credits of Major Subjects from their respective Division (i.e. International Public Administration Division, Sustainability Science Division, Tourism and Hospitality Division, or Development Economics Division). Credits from Optional Subjects cannot be included in the credits required for completion.

Methods for Taking Subjects

Article 6-2

For the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Program seminar subjects, the subjects

indicated in Table 3 must be taken. However, for those participating in the IMAT Program, this does not apply.

2 Subjects requiring the acquisition of credits from other subjects as a requirement for registration are listed in Table 4.

Article 7

To complete the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Doctoral Program, students must complete 30 credits including credits from subjects designated as “Required” under Subject type (Required/Elective/Optional) in Table 2. Credits from Optional Subjects cannot be included in the credits required for completion.

Regulations for Amendments and Deletions

Article 8

Amendments and deletions to these Regulations shall be made by the University Senate upon deliberation by the Graduate School Faculty Council

Supplementary Provisions

1 These Graduate School Regulations shall take effect on April 1, 2020.

2 Curriculum policy, subjects, and credits required for completion stipulated in Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University University Regulations enacted on April 26, 2019 will apply to students enrolled prior to AY 2020, regardless of those stipulated in Article 4 through Article 7 and the Tables below.

Supplementary Provision (November 24, 2020: Partial revisions in line with the dissolution of the Public Health Management Division)

1 These Graduate School Regulations shall take effect on April 1, 2021

2 Regardless of the preceding paragraph, the preceding provisions will still apply to students enrolled on March 31, 2021

Supplementary Provision (May 23 2023: Partial Revision in accordance with the addition of Core Related Courses)

These Graduate School Regulations will take effect from May 23, 2023; and shall apply

retroactively from April 1, 2023

Supplementary Provision (February 6, 2024: Partial Revision in accordance with specification of method for taking courses)

- 1 These graduate School Regulations will take effect from February 6, 2024; and shall apply retroactively from April 1, 2023.
- 2 Regardless of the preceding paragraph, the preceding provisions will still apply to students enrolled on March 31, 2023

Supplementary Provisions (April 8, 2025: Partial revisions in accordance with the changes to purposes of education and research, and the addition of provisions for subjects that may be taken more than once)

These Graduate School Regulations will take effect from April 8, 2025: and shall apply retroactively from April 1, 2025.

Table 1: Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Master's Programs

Field	Subject Name	Number of Credits	Methods of Instruction	Subject Type (Required/ Elective/Optional)	Semester Available From
Analytical Foundation Subjects	Research Method and Academic Writing	2	Lecture	Required	1
	Information Resources and Data Analysis	2	Lecture	Required	1
Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region	Social and Cultural Processes in the Asia Pacific	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Politics and Economics in the Asia Pacific	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Environment and Sustainable Development in the Asia Pacific	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Tourism in the Asia Pacific	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Public Health in the Asia Pacific	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Special Studies (Core Subjects on the Asia Pacific Region)*	2	Lecture	Elective	1
Seminars	Research Project I	2	Seminar	Elective	1
	Research Project II	2	Seminar	Elective	2

		Research Project III	2	Seminar	Elective	3
		Final Research Project	2	Seminar	Required	4
Major Subjects	International Relations	Regionalism and Globalization	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		International Law	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		International Political Economy	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Comparative Politics and Government	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Special Studies (International Relations) *	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Conflict Resolution	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		International Security	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Society and Culture	Changing Social Landscapes	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Media and Communication	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Migration and Trans-nationalism	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Social Organizations and Institutions	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Sociology of Everyday Life	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Special Studies (Society and Culture)*	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Cultural Change	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	International Public Administration	Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Special Studies (International Public Administration)*	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		International Public Administration	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		International Organizations	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Project Management	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Planning and Evaluation	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Community Development	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Sustainability Science	Environment and Natural Resources Conservation	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Advanced Environmental Geosciences	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Environmental Policy, Law and Administration	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Environmental Economics	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Urban Sustainability	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Industrial Ecology	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Special Studies (Sustainability Science)*	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Tourism and Hospitality	Tourism Economics	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Cultural and Heritage Tourism	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Environmental Tourism	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Community Based Tourism	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Health and Wellness Tourism	2	Lecture	Elective	1

		Special Studies (Tourism and Hospitality)*	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Tourism Policy and Planning	2	Lecture	Elective	1
	Development Economics	Development Economics	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Macroeconomics	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Development Finance	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Comparative Economic Development	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Microeconomics	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Community Development	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Special Studies (Development Economics)*	2	Lecture	Elective	1
Core Related Subjects		Decision Making Under Uncertainty	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Information Technology and Operations Management	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Product Development Strategy	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Marketing Strategy	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Marketing Research	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Hospitality Management	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Management Information Systems	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Database Management	2	Lecture	Elective	1
		Advanced Data Analysis and Statistics	2	Lecture	Elective	1
Optional Subjects		Survival Japanese I	2	Lecture	Optional	1
		Survival Japanese II	2	Lecture	Optional	1
		Japanese for Communication I	2	Lecture	Optional	1
		Japanese for Communication II	2	Lecture	Optional	1
		Japanese for Communication III	2	Lecture	Optional	1
		Japanese for Communication IV	2	Lecture	Optional	1
		Special Studies (Japanese)*	2	Lecture	Optional	1

* These subjects can be registered for more than once

Table 2: Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Doctoral Program

Field	Subject Name	Number of Credits	Methods of Instruction	Subject Type (Required/Elective/Optional)	Semester Available From
Lecture Subjects	Perspectives on Asia Pacific Studies	2	Lecture	Required	1
	Theories for Asia Pacific Studies	2	Lecture	Required	1
	Advanced Research on Asia	2	Seminar	Required	1

Seminar Subjects	Pacific Studies I				
	Advanced Research on Asia Pacific Studies II	2	Seminar	Required	2
	Advanced Research on Asia Pacific Studies III	2	Seminar	Required	3
	Advanced Research on Asia Pacific Studies IV	2	Seminar	Required	4
	Advanced Research on Asia Pacific Studies V	2	Seminar	Required	5
	Advanced Research on Asia Pacific Studies VI	2	Seminar	Required	6
Presentations and Research Papers	Research Presentation	2	Seminar	Required	3
	Research Paper I	4	Seminar	Required	2
	Research Paper II	4	Seminar	Required	4
Tutorials	Tutorial I	2	Seminar	Required	4
	Tutorial II	2	Seminar	Required	5
Optional Subjects	Survival Japanese I	2	Lecture	Optional	1
	Survival Japanese II	2	Lecture	Optional	1
	Japanese for Communication I	2	Lecture	Optional	1
	Japanese for Communication II	2	Lecture	Optional	1
	Japanese for Communication III	2	Lecture	Optional	1
	Japanese for Communication IV	2	Lecture	Optional	1

Table 3

Subject Name
Research Project I
Research Project II
Research Project III

Table 4

Subject Name	Subject for which credits must be earned
Survival Japanese II	Survival Japanese I
Japanese for Communication I	Survival Japanese II
Japanese for Communication II	Japanese for Communication I
Japanese for Communication III	Japanese for Communication II
Japanese for Communication IV	Japanese for Communication III