

March 12, 2021

To all new graduate school students enrolling in April 2021,

As indicated in the previous announcement (dated March 3, 2021), New Student Orientation will begin on Monday, March 29, 2021, marking the start of your student life at APU!

If you are a new student already residing in Japan, please begin your preparations to start your life in Oita and Beppu so that you will be able to come to campus from the first day of orientation. If you are moving into AP House, refer to the previous announcement for details and make sure you monitor and record your daily health while making preparations to move into our on-campus housing.

For new students residing outside Japan, unfortunately, you will not be able to enter Japan until April at the earliest as entry to Japan is still restricted under the Japanese government's current policy. For this reason, you will start your student life at APU online, which includes New Student Orientation. However, all of APU's faculty and staff will provide as much support as possible so that you can enjoy the richness of learning that is unique to APU even through an online environment. We will also continue our efforts to support your entry to Japan in April and May, so please take care of your health and make preparations for when you will be able to travel to Japan.

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I. New Student Orientation Schedule

- Refer to the following file for the New Student Orientation schedule (tentative).

>> [Spring 2021 New Student Orientation Schedule \(PDF\)](#)

Please be aware that the time and location of the sessions may change. This information will be updated on the New Student Orientation website (scheduled to be updated on March 22). Please check the latest information from the link below regularly.

Japanese: <https://www.apu.ac.jp/studentssupport/page/content0334.html/>

English: <https://en.apu.ac.jp/studentssupport/page/content0334.html/>

(The information from Fall 2020 New Student Orientation is currently posted here.)

II. Updates on the Spring 2021 Entrance Ceremony (April 1, 2021)

- The Spring 2021 Entrance Ceremony will be held simultaneously in person and on Zoom (online).
- A website specifically for the Spring 2021 Entrance Ceremony is scheduled to open on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Japanese: <https://www.apu.ac.jp/home/>

English: <https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Spring 2021 Entrance Ceremony

■ Date and times: Thursday, April 1, 2021

- Morning Program: 11:30 - 12:00 (Doors open at 10:00)
College of Asia Pacific Studies (APS) / Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (GSA)
- Afternoon Program: 15:00 - 15:30 (Doors open at 13:30)
College of International Management (APM) / Graduate School of Management (GSM)

■ Venue: B-Con Plaza (12-1 Yamanote-cho, Beppu, Oita)

Zoom (online)

■ About the ceremony:

- ◇ In order to avoid the spread of COVID-19, safety measures to avoid crowded conditions will be implemented throughout the venue.
- ◇ New students can choose to attend in person or on Zoom. However, depending on the situation of COVID-19, the ceremony may be held online only via livestream.
- ◇ If you feel ill or have symptoms, please refrain from attending in person.
- ◇ On the day of the event, buses will be available to take new students from AP House to B-Con Plaza. Details will be provided at another time.
- ◇ Family members, friends, and current students will not be allowed to attend the ceremony in person in order to prevent the three Cs (closed spaces, crowded places, close-contact settings). To celebrate with your family and friends, we will broadcast the ceremony live on Facebook and YouTube. Families and friends are encouraged to participate in the ceremony via these platforms.

III. Upcoming Schedule for New Information from APU

The upcoming schedule for sending information to new students planning to enroll in April 2021 is below. Please review this carefully.

Information Release Date (Tentative)	Content (Tentative)
March 22, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update available on the New Student Orientation website (J) https://www.apu.ac.jp/studentsupport/page/content0334.html/ (E) https://en.apu.ac.jp/studentsupport/page/content0334.html/ Spring 2021 Entrance Ceremony website available (J) https://www.apu.ac.jp/home/ (E) https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/
Late March	For international students living outside Japan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tentative schedule for entry to Japan/Immigration support package/Details for AP House move-in
March 27, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of student ID numbers and APU-Net user accounts (email account/password)
<u>From this date onward, we will only send emails to the APU accounts distributed to new students</u> <u>(*****@apu.ac.jp).</u>	
March 28, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activation of your APU Zoom account

Official Announcements from the University

Updates on university decisions related to COVID-19 are posted on the following website. Please check it regularly.

Japanese: <https://www.apu.ac.jp/home/notice/content3/>

English: <https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/notice/content3/>

For Further Information

Questions concerning enrollment for graduate school students

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