Japan: Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
BEPPU, JAPAN: Discover Japan and the Asia Pacific while improving your Japanese language skills! Founded in 2000 in Beppu, Japan, APU’s primary mission is to foster international understanding by bringing together future leaders from countries and regions throughout the world. Rated as one of Japan’s most innovative universities, APU offers a truly multicultural experience with a student body drawing from over 80 countries. APU offers students numerous campus activities to engage students in Japanese culture while meeting students from around the world. Beppu is one of Japan’s most popular tourist destinations and one of the world’s treasures due to the many onsen (hot springs) throughout the city. The city’s bayside location, its spectacular scenery, hot springs, and its old-style Japanese architecture attract over 11 million visitors each year.

Students will primarily take courses in Asian Studies focused on international relations, marketing, management, business, international sociology and regional studies. All foundation courses are offered in English. Additionally, students are encouraged to take Japanese language which are available to students at all levels. Students can choose from courses available through the College of Asia Pacific Studies or the College of Asia Pacific Management.

Summer Program Details
Japanese Pop Culture Program Fee

Application Information
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WHEN CAN I GO?
Summer 2018: June - August
Fall 2018: September - February
Academic Year 2018-19: September - late July
Winter 2019: April - July

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Off-campus housing (student residence hall), single rooms with private or shared washrooms.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
Students must be degree seeking and have completed at least one semester at GVSU. In addition, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required.

Padnos International Center www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad
HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

Application Deadlines
Winter 2019: Sept. 10, 2018
Summer 2018: Jan. 15, 2018
Fall 2018: Feb. 1, 2018
Academic Year 2018-19: Feb. 1, 2018

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University offers courses in many subjects including: business, East Asian studies, English, hospitality, and Japanese language and culture. Students can take courses from the College of Asia Pacific Studies or the College of Asia Pacific Management.
Students participating in a partnership program will either register for courses that have been pre-approved or will go through a Course Approval Process.
Course List (page 8)

Course List (Curriculum Overview)

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Total Projected Cost: $14,796, - $17,796 (per semester).

FINANCIAL AID
Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended. To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

Financial Aid

GRANTS
STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT: The average study abroad semester grant award is $500 per semester. Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline, have a 2.5 GPA and a FAFSA on file, may be eligible for a study abroad grant ranging from $500-$1,750/semester. Due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive a grant.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT: The Padnos International Center will be providing (2) $1,000 Partnership Grants for students spending a semester or year at this partner. If more than two students apply for APU, decisions on awards will be made based on the strength of a student’s study abroad application and financial need. Students may be eligible for more than $1,000, but two applicants will receive a minimum of $1,000 in grant support. Decisions on awards will be made following the application deadline.
Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for information on other grants and scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?
Padnos International Center
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616-331-3898
studyabroad@gvsu.edu
Monday - Friday: 8am - 4pm

Hours extended on Wednesday until 7pm during Fall and Winter Semesters
APU website: www.apu.ac.jp.
Summer program information is available on the APU website.