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FAQ

We make a visit to high schools in Sub-Saharan Africa to provide information on bachelor courses offered in English by Japanese universities. Let us answer to 5 frequently asked questions from students and career counselors.

Q1. Do I need to submit an English proficiency test score for application?

A1. It depends on each university, which sets its own application requirements. If the university that you are applying to requires you to do so, you will need to submit the score. In some cases, however, submitting a proof that you studied in English for past years can substitute the certificate. But this needs to be confirmed by the university you are applying to beforehand. In addition, some universities prioritize the applicants who submit an English proficiency test score in the selection of university-funded scholarship.

Q2. Can I apply while I am in the Year 12 (Cambridge International AS level)?

A2. In order to be eligible to enter an undergraduate degree course in Japan, you have to satisfy one of the following:

- Individuals who completed 12 years of formal school education
- Individuals who have completed high school education of less than 12 years AND completed a preparatory course at designated universities or institutes
- Individuals who have a foreign university admission certification, such as the International Baccalaureate, Abitur, Baccalaureate, or GCE A-Level (specified by each country)

Therefore, it is possible to apply if you will complete Year 12 before the enrollment period of an undergraduate course where you are thinking to apply. Be aware, however, that some universities prefer applicants to complete the Year 13 (Cambridge International A level) before entering their courses.

Q3. What is the minimum grade required for application?

A3. Universities in Japan usually do NOT set the minimum grade requirement.

Q4. Do Japanese universities check only academic transcripts?

A4. Universities in Japan usually ask you to submit a personal essay in addition to academic transcripts. In the personal essay, you can show your interests in Japan and the university you are applying for and what you have achieved so far such as school club and community activities. We can say that Japanese universities assess your academic transcripts but also evaluate your character during the document screening.

Q5. I want to study medicine in Japan.

A5. To be honest, if you think about getting a license for medical doctor, Japan is not a suitable place for you, because you will be taught in Japanese to become a medical doctor in Japan. If you think about graduate programs for medical research, yes, there are graduate schools in Japan which welcome international students and provide a supervision in English.

For your reference, [the International Undergraduate-Education Program for Medical Scientists](#) is offered to international students in English by the [University of](#)

[Tsukuba's School of Medical Sciences](#). This program, however, receives transfers only. Transfer students enter the university as 3rd-year students and study for 2 years towards a Bachelor's degree in medical sciences.

For more FAQ, check our [website](#).



[Bachelor Course Intro.] [OSAKA UNIVERSITY, Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program](#)

1) Degree title you pursue: Bachelor of Human Sciences

2) Application period for Oct. 2023 enrollment: Dec. 1, 2022 - Jan. 6, 2023(Japan Standard Time, UTC+9)

*Required to make an online registration and payment of application fee during the above period.

*All application documents must arrive by January 13, 2023, by post.

3) Program details:

The Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program (HUS) is a four-year undergraduate English program with three focus areas: 1) Political and Global Studies, 2) Inclusion and Diversity, and 3) Japanese Studies. Our program aims to cultivate self-motivated and independent-thinking individuals by providing them with an interdisciplinary knowledge base and practical skills that respond to the demands of fast-transforming global societies. Our faculty and students come from across the globe, which allows us to create a vibrant, liberal, and innovative learning environment necessary for meaningful and impactful interaction. Being a student at HUS also offers you an opportunity to learn the Japanese language, interact with Japanese program students and international students through numerous extra-curricular activities, and, more generally, immerse yourself in Japanese society. For details, visit [our website](#).

4) Scholarship

We expect a number of scholarship opportunities, such as the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship, to become available for international students after enrollment. We will notify successful applicants for this program if/when scholarships become available. You will find the information on tuition waivers and scholarships in the [scholarship information](#).



[Bachelor Course Intro.] [Ritsumeikan University English-medium Undergraduate Programs](#)

1) Degree title you pursue:

GLA: College of Global Liberal Arts: Dual Degree Program with the Australian National University: Bachelor of Global Liberal Arts and Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Affairs

GS: Global Studies Major: BA in International Relations

CRPS: Community and Regional Policy Studies Major: BA in Policy Science

2) Application period for Sept. 2023 enrollment: Dec. 7, 2022 - Jan. 10, 2023 & Feb. 15, 2023 - Mar. 7, 2023

*To learn about the application process, check out the [How to Apply page](#).

3) Course details:

GLA: College of Global Liberal Arts: Dual Degree Program with the Australian National University (ANU)

Key Features:

- Dual Degree Program with ANU
- World-Class Education that supports Curving out Future Careers
- 3 Years at Ritsumeikan University in Japan + 1 Year at ANU in Australia
- Liberal Arts Education to Nature Global Citizens

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4) [Scholarship](#)

For international GLA students, two scholarship opportunities are available: the tuition reduction scholarship and scholarship for studying at ANU in the dual degree program.



[Bachelor Course Intro.] [University of Hyogo, Global Business Course, School of Economics and Management](#)

1) Degree title you pursue: Bachelor's Degree in Economics

2) Application period for Sept. 2023 enrollment: Dec. 15, 2022 to Jan. 18, 2023

*Registration is due by Jan. 11, 2023

*Application Fee payment must be done within one week after registration.

*You must complete documents submission by Jan. 18, 2023

3) Program details:

The Global Business Course (GBC) was established as a part of the University of Hyogo's School of Economics and Management in 2019. It is a 4-year undergraduate program taught entirely in English that accepts both Japanese and international students. The GBC provides students opportunities to study both economics and management from the basics to advanced levels in English.

Visit [GBC Official Instagram](#) to know how students enjoy the study and life there.

4) [Scholarship](#)

GBC has a Special Program of the Japanese Government Scholarship for Student Priority Placement. This is a program created by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), with the aim to increase the number of high-performing international students studying in Japan.

Scholarship Benefits:

- a cash stipend of JPY 120,000 (approx. USD 880) per month for the duration of the 4 years of study
- the application fee, admission fee and tuition fees (for 4 years) are paid for by the scholarship
- a return international flight from and to the student's country of origin is provided

The total amount of the scholarship for 4 years (excluding the price of the flight, which varies from country to country) is approximately JPY 8,200,000 (approx. USD 60,000).



[Bachelor Course Intro.] [Kyushu University International Undergraduate Programs](#)

1) Degree title you pursue:

A: Bioresource and Bioenvironment Program: Bachelor of Science

B: Engineering Programs: Bachelor of Engineering

2) Application period for Oct. 2023 enrollment:

Online Application (only) Period: Dec. 26, 2022 - Jan. 10, 2023

All the Required Documents must be sent by post from Jan. 4 to 17, 2023, 5 P.M. (Japan Standard Time, UTC+9)

*Application will be excluded in case of the office does not receive the Required Documents before the time limit, January 17th, 2023.

3) Program details:

A: Bioresource and Bioenvironment Program at the School of Agriculture provides an education targeted at the acquisition of extensive knowledge related to bio-production, bio-functions, and bio-environmental sciences. Students also acquire expertise and skills that can be applied internationally and will graduate as professionals with a widely balanced approach to creating solutions.

B: The School of Engineering aims for students to acquire a solid foundation of engineering and develop the ability to understand and explain a broad range of issues, based on the principles and laws of basic sciences, including physics and chemistry. In accordance with their individual aptitudes and needs, students select one of the following programs: Applied Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

4) Scholarship

1. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT)

Eligibility: Successful applicants with outstanding screening results are eligible to apply. Duration, amount of monthly allowance and other benefits:

- Four years with JPY 117,000 (approx. USD 860) per month

- Exemption of the enrollment fee and the tuition fee (for four years)

- Airline tickets are provided for you to come to Japan for enrollment and to go back to your country after graduation. *Some conditions apply.

-Kyushu University will select several of all successful applicants who meets all the requirements/eligibilities and recommend them to the MEXT after contacting them individually.

2. KYUSHU UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (ISI SCHOLARSHIP)

5 to 6 successful applicants in our undergraduate programs for the October admission may receive a scholarship on a competitive basis for the first year. From the second year on, the students who have an excellent academic performance will have a chance to receive a scholarship on a competitive basis.

-Amount of monthly allowance: JPY 60,000-80,000 per month

Selected candidates for scholarship among the successful applicants will be informed by email after the Admission Decision Announcement.



TRY “にほんご Japanese”

As you may already know, there are many degree courses offered in ENGLISH in Japan. However, “Study in Japan for Africa” recommend you try to learn Japanese language. Getting some knowledge of Japanese will bring you a fruitful and comfortable life in Japan. Here are some useful links that Africans who are studying or studied in Japan recommend that you refer to when learning Japanese (にほんご).

Website:

[Marugoto e-learning](#)

[NHK World-Japan Learn Japanese](#)

Youtube:

[JapanesePod101.com](#)

[NihonGoal](#)

[Nihongo no mori](#)

App:

[Hiragana/Katakana Memory Hint \(English\)](#)

And [more\(in the Study in Japan for Africa website\)](#) to check!

Start to learn Japanese while starting a brand-new year of 2023!!

Since 2014, [Study in Japan Global Network Project for Sub-Saharan Africa](#) has been implemented by [Hokkaido University](#), commissioned by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT-Japan). This project, shortly called “Study in Japan for Africa,” is a gateway to all universities in Japan, without having to search and look into every university on your own.



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