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Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:** undergraduate
- **Language of instruction:** English, Japanese
- **Language requirement:** none
- **University website:** www.apu.ac.jp
- **Length of exchange:** Spring semester or academic year

BEPPU AT A GLANCE

Population:
126,000

Climate:

Mild winters with occasional snow (average temperature 37°F), rainy springs, and hot, humid summers (average temperature 90°F)

Proximity to:

(reflects travel time on the bullet trains)
Fukuoka: 2 hours
Tokyo: 4.5 hours
Kyoto: 4 hours

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) is a truly multicultural campus, with 2,600 international students almost 100 countries forming almost half of the student body. Students and faculty from different cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds come together to create a remarkable 21st Century learning environment.

Academics

One of the most outstanding features of the APU education is that it is completely bilingual - classes are offered in both English & Japanese. With faculty & students from various parts of the world, APU excels in language study with a variety of course options. Courses in other subjects are available through APU's Colleges of Asia

Pacific Studies and International Management. Search their courses at: <http://portal1.apu.ac.jp/syllabus/syllabus/search/Menu.do?LANGUAGE=2>

Housing & Meals

On-campus dormitory living can be arranged through the university. They will also assist students who wish to live off-campus. The dorms cost about ¥32,000 per month, and food costs about ¥40,000 per month.

Cost Information

Students pay their regular tuition to UM and pay their room and board at APU. The university estimates that an exchange student would spend about ¥98,000 per month for accommodation, food, utilities,

transportation, books, and everyday expenses, though it depends on personal lifestyles. UM financial aid can be applied to tuition, living and travel expenses while on this program.

Credit Transfer

Students register for classes upon arrival at APU. 2 credits at APU require 3 in-class hours per week and transfer as 3 UM credits. Students must take a minimum of 24 UM credits for the academic year to be full-time.

Program Dates

UM students may apply for the Spring semester or the full year.
Spring semester: April to late July
Fall semester: mid-September to February

Beppu, Japan

The City

Beppu is the second largest city in Oita Prefecture, located on Japan's southern island of Kyushu. Millions of domestic visitors come each year to see, and to soak, in the world's second largest outflow of natural hot springs (onsens). The Yamanami Highway heading out of Beppu leads to the mountains and rolling plateaus of the Aso caldera, the world's largest

volcanic crater. The area is still very much alive, and many visitors take the cable car to peer into its steaming caldera. Another local attraction, Mt. Takasaki, is located just 15 minutes south of Beppu and is home to hundreds of wild monkeys.

Beppu itself is a city full of the traditional wooden architecture that typifies Japan. The old-style

winding streets surrounding the hot springs offer intriguing pathways to Shinto shrines, old shops, and delicious restaurants. The city also supports extracurricular clubs in martial arts, pottery, traditional music, and painting among others.

Fukuoka City, the largest city on Kyushu, is a two hour drive from Beppu, and it offers a fast-paced urban atmosphere to explore.