Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Japan

The University
Asia Pacific University (APU) opened in April 2000 through the collaboration of three parties from the public and private sectors: Oita Prefecture, Beppu City and the Ritsumeikan Academy. Approximately 2,300 international students from 78 countries and regions throughout the world currently learn together with around 3,000 Japanese students on APU's multicultural campus.
http://www.apu.ac.jp/home/

The City
Beppu City is located in the Oita Prefecture on the island of Kyushu, Japan. For a time, Beppu flourished as a hot spring resort and in 1950 it was designated as the International Tourism Hot-Spring Cultural City. It boasts of its large variety of hot springs according to their mineral contents including acid, sulfur, salt, iron, and alum. Beppu has 10 out of 11 kinds of hot springs designated in the international hot spring conference.
The international student population of APU has also invigorated the local restaurant scene with Jamaican, Indian, Lithuanian and Indonesian restaurants. In restaurants operated by locals, food from various different countries served by Japanese-speaking international student waiters and waitresses has now become a common sight.
http://www.city.beppu.oita.jp/51englishpage/

About the Program
Exchange students can study for a single semester or a full academic year.

Academic Calendar
Fall Semester: April - July
Spring Semester: October - January

Am I eligible for this program?
You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA.

What could I study?
APU has two undergraduate colleges of Asia Pacific Studies (APS) and Asia Pacific Management (APM). APS offers studies in specialized areas including City and Environment, Tourism and Information Media. APM covers all aspects of Marketing, Production, Finance and Accounting, Human Resource Management and IT. A unique feature of the University is that lectures are taught in both English and Japanese in both colleges.
http://jimuweb1.apu.ac.jp/cam/syllabus/search/Menu.do?LANGUAGE=2
What about academic credit?
Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. **These grades are not factored into the participant’s Grade Point Average.** Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

Where would I live?
All exchange students are guaranteed a place in AP House, which are the on-campus residence halls.

How much does it cost?
**Costs at OU:** All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student’s major is in a different college. All participants pay a $10/credit hour study abroad fee. There is a $35 non-refundable application fee for study abroad.

**Estimate living costs per month:**
- Accommodation: 39,000 yen, approx. $365
- Move-in fee (non-refundable): 32,000 yen, approx. 300
- Meals: 40,000 yen, approx. $375
- Books and other materials: 6,000 yen, approx. $55
- Transportation: 5,000 yen, approx. $45
- Other: 10,000 yen, approx. $94

How do I apply?
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the “how to apply” section of our website.

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