

Application Guidelines

2026 Rissho University Japanese-Language Program Semester Course

The Rissho University Japanese-Language Program Semester Course accepts short-term (up to one year in principle) international students, mainly from overseas partner universities and institutions. This special program enables participants to study the Japanese language, Japanese current affairs and Japanese culture in Japanese. Participants will also be able to take some classes conducted in Japanese at the various faculties of Rissho University depending on their Japanese language abilities.

It is our hope that participants in this program will interact with not only the students and staff of Rissho University but also the people of Japan while deepening their understanding of Japan and becoming active individuals in contemporary international society.

1. Eligible Applicants (*Eligible individuals must satisfy the following three conditions)

- (1) a. Exchange students who are recommended by the heads of their home institutions with which Rissho University has academic and educational exchange agreements, and who are required to obtain credits at Rissho University as short-term international students.
- b. Overseas students exceptionally admitted to Rissho University as short-term international students at the recommendation of the heads of their home institutions when Rissho University has an academic and educational exchange agreement with said institutions.
- c. Overseas students exceptionally admitted to Rissho University as short-term international students at the recommendation of the heads of their home institutions when Rissho University does not have an academic and educational exchange agreement with said institutions.
- (2) Students who have passed the N2 level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or who possess equivalent Japanese-language abilities.
- (3) Students who have never participated in the Rissho University Japanese-Language Program Semester Course.

2. Enrollment Limit

10 Students

If the number of applicants exceeds the dormitory's capacity, a document screening process will be conducted.

3. Course Duration

(1) Spring Semester 2026

Semester : April 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026

(Term of Classes : Early April, 2026- Mid July, 2026)

(2) Full Academic Year (Spring Semester 2026 and Autumn Semester 2026)

Semesters : April 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026 and October 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

(Term of Classes : Early April, 2026 - Mid January, 2027)

4. Application Documents

- (1) Application for RU Japanese Language Program [Form provided] *Please print on both sides.
- (2) Personal Statement [Form provided] *Please fill out by hand in Japanese.
- (3) Health Certificate [Form provided] *To be filled out and signed by a doctor.
- (4) Certificate of Enrollment (issued by the home institution)
- (5) Academic Transcript (issued by the home institution)
- (6) Letter of Recommendation (from the head of the home institution)
***Please address to the president of Rissho University.**
*Please refer to the attached example.
- (7) Photocopy of Passport
- (8) 5 Photographs (taken from the waist up) [3cm x 4cm]
***On the back of all of photographs, please write your name in English as it appears on your passport.**
***Photographs must be taken within the last 3 months, be in color, and be taken against a white or other pale-colored background.**
*** Please submit both printed photographs and their JPG data files.**
- (9) Application for Certificate of Eligibility [Form provided]
- (10) Photocopy of the Certificate or Score Report of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

5. Curriculum

- (1) Compulsory Subjects

Spring Semester:

Japanese Current Affairs I (22.75 hours), Japanese Current Affairs II (22.75 hours), Japanese I (45.5 hours), Japanese II (45.5 hours), Japanese III (45.5 hours), Japanese IV (45.5 hours), Japanese V (45.5 hours)

Autumn Semester:

Japanese Current Affairs III (22.75 hours), Japanese Current Affairs IV (22.75 hours), Japanese VI (45.5 hours), Japanese VII (45.5 hours), Japanese VIII (45.5 hours), Japanese IX (45.5 hours), Japanese X (45.5 hours)

*The classes aim to enable students to pass the N1 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) for each semester.

***If applicants have already passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 level at the time of application, they are eligible to apply for the Student Exchange Program (Undergraduate Course).**

- (2) Optional Subjects (for those who are interested)

(An additional fee of 20,000 yen per subject is required.)

Students taking the full-year course can, depending on their Japanese language abilities, take classes in each faculty of Rissho University during the second semester with the permission of the faculty in question.

(3) Place

Kumagaya Campus (Saitama Prefecture, about 35 miles from Tokyo/ about 2 hours by train and bus)

6. Evaluation

After completion of the course, an academic transcript specifying each subject's title, grade awarded and credits acquired will be issued.

7. Certificate of Completion

Students who have acquired 14 credits (Compulsory Subjects) or more in a semester or 28 credits (Compulsory Subjects) or more in an academic year will receive a Certificate of Completion.

8. Tuition Fees

(1) 160,000 yen / semester

(2) Payment deadline

Spring Semester 2026 : April 15, 2026

Autumn Semester 2026 : September 30, 2026

Students who attend for the full academic year must pay the fee for each semester.

(3) Optional subjects

For students enrolled in the full-year course of the program who elect to take regular classes in any of the faculties of Rissho University during the second semester, the fee is 20,000 yen per subject. Students recommended by an institution that has a mutual tuition waiver arrangement with Rissho University are exempt from paying tuition fees for regular classes in the spring semester (up to 6 credits or 3 subjects).

*** The fees are subject to change.**

9. Insurance

【Japanese National Health Insurance】

Students are required to enroll in the Japanese National Health Insurance program. Students who have National Health Insurance basically pay 30% of the total medical fees payable when receiving treatment at clinics and hospitals.

【Overseas Travel Insurance】

Before leaving their home countries, students are required to be insured with overseas travel insurance (study abroad insurance).

10. Accommodation (Dormitory)

The dormitory on Kumagaya Campus is available to students of this program. The particulars of the dormitory are outlined below.

(1) Room Type

Single room with bathtub, shower and toilet, air conditioning and mini-kitchen (No cooking permitted)

(2) Furniture/Fixtures

Desk, chair, bed, refrigerator, cabinet and shoe cabinet

(3) Common Utilities

Washing machine, dryer and microwave oven

(4) Other

Cafeteria, study room, and PC room

(5) Fees

① Accommodation Fee : 35,000yen / semester

* The above includes residence insurance fee (5,000yen) and water fee.

② Fee for Bedding Supplies : approximately 10,000 yen

③ Room Cleaning Fee upon departure : approximately 16,000 yen

④ Electricity : from 5,000 to 15,000 yen/ month (depending on the amount used)

*② and ③ must be paid when moving into the dormitory.

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*** Additional costs for food, transportation, textbooks, and personal spending, etc are necessary.**

(6) Scheduled move-out date

① Six-month program : Early August, 2026

② Full academic year program: Mid February, 2027

*** Further details will be provided after the visa is issued.**

(7) Payment deadline

Spring Semester 2026 : April 15, 2026

Autumn Semester 2026 : September 30, 2026

* Students who attend for the full academic year must pay the fee for each semester.

11. Deadline for Application

【Step 1】 November 9, 2025

Please fill in the Excel form (Provisional Reservation Sheet for Japanese Language Program) regarding the number of applicants and Japanese-language abilities and submit it via E-mail.

【Step 2】 November 30, 2025

Please submit scanned Application Documents by E-mail. After the Application Documents received by E-mail are confirmed, we will contact the person in charge at partner universities. When it is determined that everything is filled out correctly, we will ask you to resend the documents to us via EMS.

12. Contact Information (please send documents to this address)

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