

Study Report

Ritsumeikan University, Kinugasa campus(立命館大学、衣笠キャンパス)



Although visiting another country on your long weekend may be easy, living in another for a long time with different cultures, language, people seems to be more challenging. I have studied at Ritsumeikan University, Kinugasa campus, Kyoto, Japan last year. This experience made me who I am these days. Studying abroad is a hilarious, fun, scary, life-changing experience as well as improve my Japanese and English skills at the same time.

Now that I got back to my campus with a new vision toward everything around me that only reading books or studying in the classroom cannot yield the same benefits. So, let me tell you why you have to study abroad at Ritsumeikan University. There are 3 reasons behind this; Foreigner-friendly university, Cultures and many world heritage sites, and scholarship.

Firstly, Ritsumeikan University is a foreigner-friendly university. Since Ritsumeikan University is a private university, there are many foreigners studying there. There is no discrimination there. I have heard from my foreign friends studying at other universities that some Japanese discriminate against foreigners especially those from other Asian countries. However, I have never experienced that situation while studying there. Apart from being a foreigner-friendly university, students there are quite friendly and open-minded. They are willing to help, and try to understand cultural differences. You can rely on them.

Another reason is there are many interesting cultures and world heritage sites here in Kyoto. While studying hard there you can also enjoy many world heritage sites such as the Golden pavilion (金閣寺) which was located 600 meters away from Ritsumeikan University (10-minute walk). Apart from Golden pavilion, there are many historical sites awaits, For example, Silver pavilion (銀閣寺), Fushimi Inari Taisha(伏見稲荷大社), Byodouin(平等院), etc. Moreover, if you are a Japan history's biggest fan you can also enjoy 時代祭り (Jidaimatsuri), one of the biggest 3 festivals in Kyoto, displayed about Japan's history as well.

The other is scholarship. For those who are looking for University with Jasso provided for foreign students, don't worry. At Ritsumeikan University, there are many scholarships offered for foreign students in many programs including degree and non-degree programs. For example, 100% tuition fee reduction, 50% tuition fee reduction, 25% tuition fee reduction, and monthly allowance of 80,000yen(around 27,000bath) for undergraduate students and 120,000yen(around 41,000bath) for graduate students.

From all of the above, you can study at Ritsumeikan University with a good atmosphere while you can also relieve your stress with many interesting world heritage sites. This University will give you memorable experience and precious memory that make you fall in love with Japan. Who knows, you might be surprised by how you have changed after studying abroad here.