

Transfer to the College of Asia Pacific Studies (APS)

(1) Graduation Requirements

If an applicant transfers into APS in their third year, they must fulfill the following requirements in order to graduate.

- Earn a total of at least 124 credits (including credits transferred to APU).
- Earn at least 2 credits from the required subjects for their registered Area of Study
- Earn at least 28 credits from major education subjects for their registered Area of Study

(2) Types of Courses and Classes Per Week

At APU courses are held on a quarter or semester basis, and most are worth 2 credits each. Quarter courses are held over 2 months, and semester courses are held over 4 months. Quarter-basis course lectures are held 2 times per week, while semester-basis course lectures are held once a week. Language courses have twice as many class meetings as regular subjects.

(3) Maximum Credit Registration Limits

APU sets a maximum number of credits that can be registered per semester, so it is necessary for applicants to carefully plan their studies in order to graduate in 2 years.

The maximum number of credits that can be registered each semester are shown below:

5 th Semester	6 th Semester	7 th Semester	8 th Semester
20 credits	20 credits	24 credits	24 credits

(4) Time for Other Activities

When planning out a study schedule, applicants should also consider the time they will need to spend on part-time jobs, clubs, job hunting, etc. Those applicants who are considering working in Japan after graduation in particular should allow enough time between their 6th and 8th semesters for job hunting activities.

(5) Language Education Subjects

As third year transfer students are exempted from language requirements (Japanese for English-basis students; English for Japanese-basis students) there is no need for you to take required language subjects after enrolling at APU. However, if you wish to work in Japan after graduation, you might choose to register for these subjects although language courses take twice as many class hours to earn credits compared to a regular lecture courses. Therefore, if you were only able to transfer few major education subject credits but still wish to register for a language subject, it may be difficult to graduate in 2 years. Regardless of the number of transferred credits, if you wish to take language subjects, it may be better to consider transferring

as a second year student rather than as a third year student.

(6) Required Number of Credits for Each Area of Study

In addition to the credits transferred as major education subjects upon enrollment, third year transfer students to APS must choose an area of study and earn at least 28 credits from major subjects and 2 credits from a common liberal arts subject in that area of study.

(7) Credit Transfer

- Third year transfer students may transfer up to 62 credits to the major education or common liberal arts subject fields. A tentative credit transfer approval process will be carried out to determine how major education credits may be transferred, based on the submitted syllabi and documents. Credits not transferred as major education subjects will be transferred as common liberal arts subjects.
- Required language subject credits will be transferred at the same time (English-basis: 16 credits, Japanese-basis; 24 credits).

<English-basis transfers>

Subject Field		No. of Credits	Total
Common Education Subjects	Required Language Subjects (Japanese)	16	62
	Language Education Subjects and Common Liberal Arts Subjects	46*	
Major Education Subjects	Major Education Subjects		

<Japanese-basis transfers>

Subject Field		No. of Credits	Total
Common Education Subjects	Required Language Subjects (English)	24	62
	Language Education Subjects and Common liberal Arts Subjects	38*	
Major Education Subjects	Major Education Subjects		

*Based on applicants' transfer application results

- If an applicant has earned credit for a course similar to one offered at APU, it may be possible to transfer those as major education subject credits. If an applicant wishes to transfer a credit as a major subject credit, they must fill out an **Application to Transfer Credit as an APU Major Subject** as well as submit documents that show the course details such as a course syllabus for that subject (in English or

Japanese).

- For a list of the APS subjects offered at APU, please refer to the APS Curriculum Outline. The syllabi for these subjects can be viewed at the website shown below. Even if a course is not available at APU, it may still be possible to transfer it as a major subject credit.

APU Subject Syllabus: <https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/study/content4/>

Curriculum outline:

https://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0291/APS_AY2017_Curriculum_Outline_E_2021.pdf