

# Ritsumeikan International House I

りつめいかん  
立命館インターナショナル・ハウス I

Room Details	Furnished Single Room (sizes vary slightly)
Dorm Fee (per month)	¥36,000
Additional Fees	none
Other	none
FACILITIES	
Toilet/Wash Basin	Shared
Baths/Showers*1	Communal
Shower Cubicles	none
Kitchen	Shared
Refrigerator	Communal
Laundry (Washer/Dryer)	Free
Furniture	Desk, chair, bed
Bedding	Provided
Lounge	Communal
Telephone (in room)	Incoming Calls Only
Access to Internet	Yes (Free)
Computer Room w/ Internet	Computer Area
Recommended Transportation	25-30 min by walking

(\*1) Separate communal baths, showers, and toilets for men and women at I-House I and II.

## Important Points for I-House I

Ritsumeikan International House I (I-House I) is a university run dorm. As such, we would like you to please consider the following when considering living in this dorm.

- ◆ The dorm is a shared living space. Because of this the university has put in place several rules to help insure a safe living environment for everyone and that disturbances do not occur. We would greatly appreciate your efforts in respecting and abiding by these rules, such as rules forbidding yelling in loud voices and making loud noises, restrictions on the use of shared areas/items, restrictions on when you can have parties, etc.
- ◆ You will be interacting on a daily bases with various students from different backgrounds than your own.
- ◆ There are many communal areas such as the kitchens, lounge, and laundry rooms that you will need to share with other students on a daily basis. (Dishes and cooking utensils are also shared among students)
- ◆ There are no individual shower rooms at I-House I, only a Japanese style bath with an open shower area.
- ◆ Internet access is available, with connections in each room. Please understand that the system is old, and the connection can be unexpectedly slow at times.

To reiterate, I-House I is a communal shared living space. Please apply to live in this dorm after you have read and understood the above points.

# Ritsumeikan International House II

りつめいかん  
立命館インターナショナル・ハウス II

Room Details	Furnished Single Room
Dorm Fee (per month)	¥45,000
Additional Fees	none
Other	none
FACILITIES	
Toilet/Wash Basin	Private
Baths/Showers*1	Communal
Shower Cubicles	Yes (Communal)
Kitchen	Shared
Refrigerator	Private
Laundry (Washer/Dryer)	Free
Furniture	Desk, chair, bed, bookshelf
Bedding	Provided
Lounge	Communal
Telephone (in room)	Incoming Calls Only
Access to Internet	Yes (Free)
Computer Room w/ Internet	Computer Room
Recommended Transportation	30-40 min by walking

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## Important Points for I-House II

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# International Center for Women Exchange Students

こくさいじょしりゅうがくせい  
国際女子留学生センター

Room Details	Furnished 9 Mat Single Room	Furnished 4.5 Mat Single Room
Monthly Fees	Rent: 40,000 yen Monthly electricity fees	Rent: 30,000 yen Monthly electricity fees
Additional Fees	Entrance Fee: 30,000 yen (Due at Time of Move In)	
Other	1. Bicycle rental available for 1,000 yen/6 months	
<b>FACILITIES</b>		
Toilet/Wash Basin	Shared	
Baths/showers	Shared	
Kitchen	Shared	
Refrigerator	Communal	
Laundry (Washer/Dryer)	Free Washer/Coin Dryer	
Furniture	Desk, chair, bed	
Bedding	Rental Available (¥12,000 for 6 months, ¥15,000 for one year)	
Study Room	Communal	
Telephone (in room)	None – Will need to purchase cell phone.	
Room Access to Internet	Not Available	
Communal Access to Internet	Internet Connections Available in Living/Dining Hall	
Notes	1) House Mother Available for Support and Guidance 2) English OK	
Recommended Transportation	35-40 min by bicycle	

## COLLEGE HOUSE LAPITA (Apartment type)

### カレッジハウス・ラピュタ (アパートタイプ)

Room Details	Furnished Single Room
Monthly Fees	Rent: ¥50,000 Monthly electricity fees
Additional Fees	Damage Deposit ¥100,000 (Refundable) Real Estate Agent's Fee ¥25,000 (One time only) Fire Insurance ¥2,300 (One time only)
<b>FACILITIES</b>	
Toilet/Wash Basin	Private
Baths/showers	Private
Kitchen	Private
Refrigerator	Private
Laundry (Washer/Dryer)	Free
Furniture	Desk, chair, bed
Bedding	Not Available -Must Provide Yourself
Lounge	None
Telephone (in room)	Must Provide Yourself
Access to Internet	Must Install Yourself
Computer Room w/ Internet	None
Recommended Transportation	5 min by walking

## GETTING TO RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY (RU)

This table is to give you a basic idea as to what type of transportation methods you should be expecting to take to get from your dormitory to Ritsumeikan University. Please note that the time it takes to reach Ritsumeikan may vary depending on the time of day you are traveling. More detailed information will be provided with the results of the housing application.

### **I-House 1:**

Dorm → walk → RU\* = 25-30 min

Dorm → bicycle → RU= 15 min

Dorm → train → walk → RU= 20min

### **I-House 2:**

Dorm → walk → RU = 30-40 min

Dorm → bicycle → RU= 20 min

### **International Center for Women Exchange Students**

Dorm → walk → bus/バス → (change buses)

→ bus/バス → RU/立命館= 40-50 min

Dorm → bicycle → RU= 35-40 min

### **College House Lapita**

Dorm → walk → RU=5 min

\*RU = Ritsumeikan University

## Renting an Apartment

Students who wish to find apartments on their own once they arrive in Japan may do so; however, the cost of moving in an apartment in Japan can be quite high. Landlords often require key money and deposits of several months rent each. Additionally, most apartments do not come equipped with basic necessities such as a refrigerator, cooking stove, lights, or furniture. If you choose to rent an apartment instead of leasing a room at a dormitory, please be prepared to cover the following expenses:

Example of Estimated Expenses

Shikikin 敷金 (deposit)	2-3 months rent	Partly refundable
Reikin 礼金 (key money)	2-3 months rent	Non-refundable
Chukai-tesuryo 仲介手数料 (real estate agent's fee)	1 months rent	Non-refundable

When signing a rental contract in Japan, you may be required to pay a rental deposit (しききん・敷金), key money (れいきん・礼金), and a real estate agent's fee (ちゅかいてすうりょう・仲介手数料) in addition to one month's rent upfront. Usually if there is security money (ほしょうきん・保証金) that must be paid then there most likely isn't deposit or key money. Each of these additional fees is equivalent to one to three months' rent. You will therefore need to be ready to pay a total of four to six months' rent at the time of signing the lease. Utilities (electricity, gas, water, internet, etc.) are usually not included in the rent.

You usually need a guarantor when renting an apartment in Japan. The Consortium of Universities in Kyoto will act as the guarantor for international students unable to find his or her own guarantor. In order to apply, you will need to enroll in the "Comprehensive Renter's Insurance for Foreign Students Studying in Japan" and the "Kyoto Area Foreign Students Housing Guarantee System" (4,500 yen), which can be done at the International Center at Kinugasa Campus. Please consult with the staff at the International Center at Kinugasa Campus for details.

Once you have consulted with the staff at the International Center, you can start looking for an apartment at either Ritsumeikan University Cooperative or private real estate agents. Before going to the real estate agent, you should have a clear idea of your preference for location, room size, rent, etc. to make it easy to look for a place.

Below is a list of real estate agents:

- 1) Ritsumeikan University Cooperative: The university cooperative assists students in locating relatively cheap accommodations.

Tel: 0120-606-315

Location: Zonshinkan (存心館) B1, Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University

URL: <http://www.ritsco-op.jp/re/kinugasa/index.html>

Private Real Estate Agents: There are many real estate agent offices around the campus that can introduce some relatively inexpensive apartments to students.

## Home Stays

Home stays are not part of the Study in Kyoto Program; however, if opportunities for short-term home stays arise, we encourage students to take advantage of them. Some students find home stay families by themselves once they have established a network in Kyoto.