

**SPECIAL COURSE FOR
DEVELOPMENT POLICY
(MASTER'S COURSE)**

**Enrollment for the academic year
beginning in October 2017**

**Graduate School of
International Cooperation Studies
(GSICS)**

KOBE UNIVERSITY

1. Overview and Number of Students Admitted

Our master's program has a dual structure; the Japanese program starts in April and the English program (i.e., Special Course for Development Policy) starts in October. Accordingly, we have two enrollment periods: April and October. For a single academic year (from April to March), a total of 70 students are admitted. Generally the October admissions account for one-third to one-half of incoming students.

2. Study Requirements and Degrees Granted

Most students require two years to meet the degree requirements, but exceptional students may only need one year. The following requirements must be met: earn at least 30 credits (those who understand Japanese can take up to 12 credits from the subjects offered in the GSICS Program in Japanese), complete a master's thesis in English, and pass a final interview. Students who successfully complete these requirements are granted one of the following degrees: Master of International Studies, Master of Economics, Master of Laws, or Master of Political Science.

3. Eligibility for General Admission

Only applicants who are not of Japanese nationality and can obtain a student visa for enrollment may apply to the Special Course for Development Policy. There are three categories of eligible applicants:

- (a) Those who have or will have completed an undergraduate program in Japan by September 30, 2017.
- (b) Those who have or will have complete 16 years of education outside Japan by September 30, 2017.
- (c) Those who are at least 22 years of age by October 1, 2017 and are recognized as possessing an academically ability suitable for graduate studies by GSICS.

Note

Applicants in the eligibility category 3(c) above must contact the GSICS Academic Affairs Office about their eligibility by January 12, 2017. All inquiries must be accompanied with the following documents: curriculum vitae, official transcript from the last university attended (if any), and an explanation of the reasons for applying, including additional supporting evidence of eligibility.

4. Eligibility for Special Admission

Applicants must satisfy the requirements for general admission. However, those who apply in accordance with the double degree programs established by GSICS or those who have been granted a scholarship from the following programs are eligible for special admission (See Section 6(6)).

- (a) Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)
- (b) Indonesia Professional Human Resources Development Program IV (PHRDP-4, Linkage Program)
- (c) ADB-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)

5. Other Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Health: Applicants must be physically and mentally fit.
- (2) English proficiency: Applicants must possess a sufficient command of English for graduate studies. Applicants from undergraduate programs not conducted in English are strongly encouraged to submit their official TOEFL or IELTS scores.
- (3) Accepted applicants must appear at the GSICS Academic Affairs Office no later than October 3, 2017 (i.e., before classes begin in the fall semester).

Note

Admission may be revoked:

- (1) If accepted applicants are not in Japan by the date specified above in 5(3) or
- (2) If accepted applicants fail to graduate from a university by September 30, 2017.

6. Application Documents

The following documents must be submitted:

- (1) Application form (form enclosed)
A recent (within the last three months) photograph (4.5 cm × 3.5 cm) must be glued to the completed application form.
- (2) Official transcript of undergraduate studies in English
If not in English, a translation should also be included.
- (3) Official certificate of bachelor's degree in English
Applicants who have not yet graduated must provide an official letter from the university in which they are currently enrolled affirming the applicant's expected graduation and degree

conferment by September 30, 2017.

If not in English, translation(s) should also be included.

(4) Research proposal (form enclosed)

(5) Letter of recommendation (form enclosed)

An original letter must be submitted; copy, in any form, is unacceptable. The letter should be from a person familiar with the applicant's academic work and English ability.

(6) Letter of consent (form enclosed)

A letter of consent must be obtained from a prospective academic advisor.

*¹ Refer to Table A for a complete list of the GSICS teaching staff along with the type of degrees students can apply for under their supervision.

*² This document is not required for those applying for special admission under the eligibility specified in Section 4.

(7) Application fee: 30,000 yen (fee subject to change)

*¹ After obtaining a letter of consent, please inquire about payment methods at the GSICS Academic Affairs Office.

*² After completing the monetary transfer, attach a photocopy of the bank transfer receipt or transfer slip to the application form. Payment of bank transfer fees (if any) is the responsibility of the applicant.

(8) Photocopy of the passport biographical information page

*¹ Applicants residing in Japan must also submit a photocopy of their residence card.

*² Applicants without a passport at the time of application may submit a photocopy of a citizenship certificate instead.

(9) Official TOEFL or IELTS score report (if available).

TOEFL

Submit a photocopy of the "Examinee's Score Record" and request that ETS forward an "Official Score Report" to GSICS to be received by April 7, 2017 (DI Code:3341, Department Code: 80). TOEFL-ITP is not accepted.

IELTS

Submit a photocopy of the "Test Report Form" and request that the testing center forward an original "Test Report Form" to GSICS to be received by April 7, 2017.

(10) Applicants who wish to apply for the Joint Japan World Bank Graduate Scholarship must contact the Academic Affairs Office for its application procedure.

Note

For applicants who have or will have graduated from a university in China, application documents (2) and (3) must be submitted through the verification service provided by the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC). Chinese applicants must apply online at <http://www.cdgdc.edu.cn>. Application documents (2) and (3) must be

verified by CDGDC and sent directly from CDGDC to Kobe University, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (CDGDC Registration Code: W600506).

7. Application Deadline

All application documents must be submitted as a single packet to the GSICS Academic Affairs Office by registered mail. (Write “application forms enclosed” in red on the front of the envelope.) Application documents must be received by GSICS between March 24, 2017 and April 7, 2017.

8. Admission Process and Results

Admission decisions will be made based on the submitted application. On May 17, 2017, the results will be posted on the GSICS website and an official letter be sent by post. No telephone inquiries will be accepted.

9. Registration

- (1) All necessary documents for registration and the enrollment procedures will be mailed to successful applicants along with the notification of the application result.
- (2) The fall semester begins on October 1, 2017. All entering students must obtain a student visa and register in person at the GSICS Academic Affairs Office between October 2, 2017 and October 3, 2017.
- (3) Fees (subject to change): Entrance fee: 282,000 yen.
Tuition fee: 535,800 yen/year (267,900 yen/semester).

10. Additional Information

- (1) Incomplete application will not be accepted.
- (2) Application documents cannot be altered after submission.
- (3) The application fee is non-refundable.
- (4) To obtain a letter of consent, applicants for general admission are advised to contact a prospective academic advisor well in advance.
- (5) Financial support, including scholarships and accommodations for international students, is not guaranteed. Applicants should make separate arrangements.
- (6) Teaching staff who have their primary appointment in other faculties of Kobe University may only accept a limited number of students.
- (7) Successful applicants who have not completed their undergraduate study at the time of

application must obtain a bachelor's degree by September 30, 2017. Otherwise, the admission will be cancelled.

- (8) If incorrect information is found on application, the admission will be cancelled.
- (9) Applicants should apply by themselves for a visa to enter Japan for an entrance examination if required.
- (10) Applicants who are in need of additional support to take an entrance examination and/or to conduct their academic work should contact us by January 12, 2017.

* This is for us to make every effort to ensure that all qualified applicants take full advantages of our programs and is not to restrict their application or study. If you need to take the entrance examination using adaptive equipment such as a hearing aid, crutches, and a wheelchair, please contact us in advance.

For further inquiries, please contact:

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11. Preventative Measures Against Infectious Diseases Such As Measles and Rubella

To prevent a possible outbreak of Measles and Rubella on campus, Kobe University requires all applicants to submit one of the following three certificates.

- (1) Vaccination Certificate for measles and rubella vaccines (or combined vaccine including measles and rubella vaccines, for example, MR vaccine) that proves you were immunized twice in your life. The Certificate must be issued by an accredited medical institution and state the type of vaccine and the date of inoculation.
- (2) Vaccination Certificate for measles and rubella vaccines (or combined vaccine including measles and rubella vaccines, for example, MR vaccine) that proves you were immunized within the last five years. The Certificate must be issued by an accredited medical institution and state the type of vaccine and the date of inoculation.
- (3) Antibody Certificate verifying that you have sufficient antibody titer in your blood to prevent development of measles and rubella, based on the results of an antibody test performed within the last five years. The Certificate must be issued by an accredited medical institution and state the measuring method and the measured values.

Students entering in October must submit one of the above at the routine medical check-up

scheduled in mid-October.

The Measuring Methods and Judging Standards of Protective Antibody Value

	Measuring Method	Judging Standard	Remarks
Measles	IgG-EIA method	≥ 8.0 *(≥ 16.0)	Positive result by one of these three methods: * School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences) and Graduate Schools of Medicine and Health Sciences require values that are higher than bracketed values.
	PA method	≥ 128 *(≥ 256)	
	NT method	≥ 4 *(≥ 8)	
Rubella	HI method	≥ 32	

The protective antibody value differs according to the measuring method used. Please note that the judging standards are higher than the usual standards considered to be positive.

If your antibody titer level is below these values, please take the required vaccination and submit the Vaccination Certificate. If the antibody titer level is below the requirement yet you cannot be inoculated with one of the vaccines listed above for any reason, please present the document (for example, a certificate issued by the doctor) to explain why. Please ask the doctor to issue you a necessary certificate by showing him/her this notice.

*1 When going to a medical institution in Japan, please ask the doctor to issue you a necessary certificate by showing him/her the Japanese version of this notice, which will be sent to successful applicants.

*2 Please bring the original certificate and an A4-size copy with you when submitting.

Inquiries:

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Table A: Teaching Staff

- Abbreviations under each name are the degrees students can apply for under the supervision of that person.
 - ◇ E: Master of Economics, Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
 - ◇ IS: Master of International Studies, Doctor of Philosophy
 - ◇ L: Master of Laws, Doctor of Laws
 - ◇ PS: Master of Political Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
- Faculty members whose names are followed by an asterisk (*) have their primary appointment in other faculties of Kobe University, and may only accept a limited number of students.

International Studies Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
ALEXANDER Ronni PS, IS	Professor	Peace Studies, with a focus on gender and safety, particularly in Pacific Island Countries	Issues in Peace and Development I, Special Seminar
TOSA Hiroyuki PS, IS	Professor	Critical Theory and Its Application in International Relations	Issues in Peace and Development II, Special Seminar
NISHITANI Makiko PS, IS	Associate Professor	Theories of International Relations, Transnational Social Movements, International Norms	International Relations, Special Seminar
OGAWA Keiichi E, IS	Professor	Economics of Education, Education Finance, Education Policy and Planning	Human Capital Development, Special Seminar
SHIMAMURA Yasuharu E, IS	Associate Professor	Development Economics, Applied Econometrics Social Research Methods for Development	Social Research Methods for Development, Special Seminar
YAMANOUCHI Kenshi* IS	Professor	Educational Planning	Special Seminar
CHIKADA Masahiro* IS	Professor	Comparative Education, Higher Education	Special Seminar
NAKAZAWA Minato* IS	Professor	International Health, Public Health, Human Ecology and Demography	Special Seminar
KURUSU Kaoru* PS, IS	Professor	International Relations, International Institutions, Human Security, Japan's UN Diplomacy	Special Seminar
HOKUGO Akihiko* IS	Professor	Disaster Mitigation and Management	Special Seminar
KONDO Tamiyo* IS	Associate Professor	Housing Policy, Planning for Built Environment, Housing Recovery	Special Seminar

Development and Economics Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
MATSUNAGA Nobuaki E, IS	Professor	International Trade and Economic Growth, Enterprise in Economic Development, FDI and International Division of Labor	Economic Development Studies, Special Seminar
YAMAZAKI Koji E, IS	Professor	Development Economics, Welfare Measurement	Socio-Economic Development Theory, Special Seminar
ITO Takahiro E, IS	Associate Professor	Development Economics, Applied Econometrics	Microeconomics, Special Seminar
CHEN Kuang-hui E, IS	Professor	Applied Econometrics, the Chinese Economy	Statistics, Special Seminar
UCHIDA Yuichiro E, IS	Professor	Development Economics, Economic Development in East Asia, Applied Economics/Econometrics	International Economics, Special Seminar
KODAMA Masahiro E, IS	Associate Professor	Development Macroeconomics, Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium Analysis	Monetary Theory, Special Seminar
KAWABATA Koji E, IS	Associate Professor	Applied Econometrics, Economic Development, Industrialization	Econometrics, Special Seminar

INOUE Takeshi E, IS	Associate Professor	Economic Development, Finance-Poverty Nexus, Empirical Analysis of Indian Economy	Monetary Theory, Special Seminar
FUJITA Seiichi* E, IS	Professor	International Monetary System, Economic and Monetary Union, Global Flow of Funds	Special Seminar
ZHAO Laixun* E, IS	Professor	International Trade, Foreign Investment, Multinational Labor-Management Relations, Cross-Border Pollution, International Merger	Special Seminar
YOSHII Masahiko* E, IS	Professor	Comparative Economics, Russian and Central and Eastern European Economies	Special Seminar
HAMAGUCHI Nobuaki* E, IS	Professor	Latin American Economy	Special Seminar
SATO Takahiro* E, IS	Professor	Indian Economy	Special Seminar

International Law /Law and Development Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
SHIBATA Akiho L, IS	Professor	International Law	International Environmental Law, Special Seminar
HAYASHI Mika L, IS	Professor	International Law	International Cooperation Law, Special Seminar
OKADA Yohei L, IS	Associate Professor	International Law	Law of International Organizations, Special Seminar
YOTSUMOTO Kenji L, IS	Professor	Asian Constitutional Law	Law and State Building, Special Seminar
KANEKO Yuka L, IS	Professor	Law and Development, Comparative Law in Asia, Economic Law	Law and Economic Development, Special Seminar
SAITO Yoshihisa L, IS	Associate Professor	Social Law in Asia and Transition Economies	Law and Social Development, Special Seminar

Political Science and Area Studies Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
MATSUNAMI Jun PS, IS	Professor	Comparative Study of Deregulation, Privatization and Local Governments	Japanese Politics, Local Government, Special Seminar
KIMURA Kan PS, IS	Professor	Korean Nationalism and Historical Disputes in Northeast Asia	Comparative Politics, Special Seminar
MINOHARA Toshihiro* PS, IS	Professor	US-Japan Relations, Diplomacy, International Politics, Intelligence, and Security Studies	Special Seminar