

4. Degree Programs for Master's Students

4-1. Overview of the Master's Program

Fundamental Objectives

The fundamental objectives of the master's programs at GRIPS are to develop the following human resources:

1. Practitioners equipped with practical professional knowledge, ability to analyze policies in accordance with academic disciplines, and make policy recommendations
2. Researchers in the field of policy studies with basic research skills

Educational Goals

The master's programs at GRIPS are designed to provide education to enable students to develop the following skills over the course of one to two-year study period:

- (a). Basic research skills in policy studies based on educational methods that meet the international standard;
- (b). Skills in disciplines required for policy studies; and
- (c). Skills that enable students to write a master's thesis or policy paper in the field of social sciences.

Established Programs

There are nine programs conducted in English, three programs conducted in Japanese and one program conducted in both Japanese and English under the GRIPS master's programs. For details, please refer to "4-2. Summary Table of Master's Programs" and "4-3 Graduation Requirement".