

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY PROGRAM



Promoting maritime order based on the rule of law and freedom of navigation by building the capacity of coast guard organizations in the Indo-Pacific region

The Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program helps develop coast guard officers' ability to formulate policy creatively and deal with the challenges at sea effectively.

In recent years, crimes at sea such as smuggling of drugs and people, and piracy have significantly increased, posing serious challenges to Japan and its friends and allies in the Indo-Pacific region. It is, therefore, imperative for us to build the capacity of coast guard organizations responsible for maintaining maritime safety and security in this region. Jointly offered by the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program is a master's degree program designed to achieve this goal.

In this one-year program, junior officers from the JCG and other coast guard organizations in the Indo-Pacific region study eight months at GRIPS in Tokyo and four months at the Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA) in Hiroshima. At GRIPS, students take courses in international law, international relations, international security, and other relevant subjects. At the JCGA, they take more practical courses such as maritime police and policy, marine environment, and ship management and operation. Students also learn how to deal effectively with various events and accidents at sea by undertaking case studies of past events and conducting table-top exercises involving search and rescue operations, suppression of criminal activities, and maritime disaster management operations.

By the end of the program, students will have acquired ability to formulate policy creatively and deal with maritime challenges effectively. And most important, they will have developed strong personal bonds that would enable them to work closely together to tackle issues and challenges that we are facing today and will face in the future.



National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, Tokyo)



Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA, Hiroshima)

QUALIFICATION

1. Persons who hold qualifications for entering graduate school, as stipulated by the School Education Act
2. Persons who are staff members of maritime safety and security organizations, with 5 or more years of work experience
3. Persons under the age of 40
4. Persons who have, or who are expected to obtain by the end of the application period, a transcript demonstrating TOEFL iBT score of 79 points or higher or IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or higher, obtained within the past 2 years



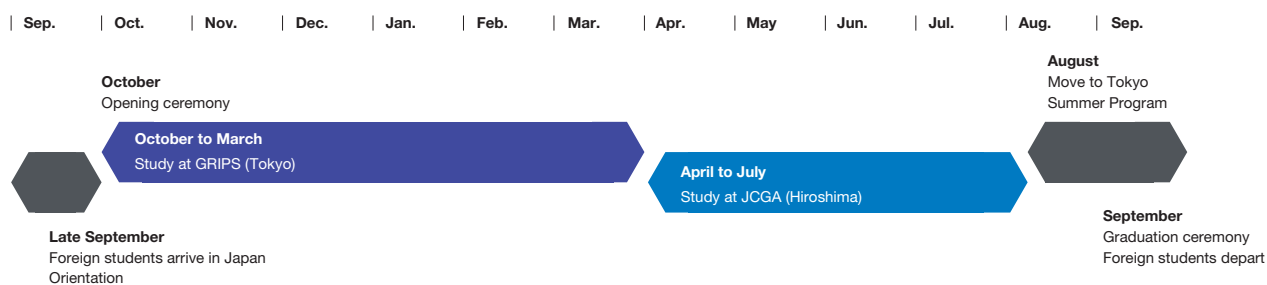
CURRICULUM



	Fall and winter terms (October to March)	Spring term (April to July)
	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Tokyo)	Japan Coast Guard Academy (Hiroshima)
Required Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Relations International Security Studies International Relations in East Asia International Law of the Sea International Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy for Search & Rescue, Salvage and Maritime Disaster Prevention Maritime Police Policy
Recommended Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Microeconomics Essential Macroeconomics Government and Politics in Japan Government and Market Comparative Politics State and Politics in Southeast Asia Introductory Statistics Non-Traditional Security Introduction to Quantitative Methods The World and the SDGs Military Operations, Strategy, and Policy International Political Economy <p>* At least 4 credits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Comparative Criminal Law Introduction to Oceanography Marine Environment and Pollution Traffic Management Systems I・II Information Management System I・II Fundamentals of Advanced Energy Engineering Ship Maneuverability and Practical Operation <p>* At least 4 credits.</p>
Exercise Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Study on Maritime Safety and Security Policy I・II 	
Themed Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Study (Writing a policy paper equivalent to master's thesis) 	

Extra-curricular activities such as study tours to JCG bases and facilities and special lectures by policy experts will also be organized.

SCHOOL CALENDER





National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, Tokyo)



Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA, Hiroshima)



Tokyo Center, JICA (Tokyo)



Chugoku Center, JICA (Hiroshima)

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LOCATION

■ Fall and winter term (October to March)

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, Tokyo)

7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Accommodation : Tokyo Center, JICA

2-49-5, Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

■ Spring term (April to July)

Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA, Hiroshima)

5-1 Wakaba-cho, Kure-shi, Hiroshima

WEB: https://www.jcga.ac.jp/shisetu/center_seisaku.html

Accommodation : Chugoku Center, JICA

3-3-1, Kagamiyama, Higashi Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima

PARTNER

■ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

As a part of Japan's Technical Cooperation, the program is conducted under the framework of JICA's Knowledge Co-creation Program (Group and Region Focus). During the program, students stay at JICA International Centers in Tokyo and Hiroshima, and participate in various programs as JICA's training participants.

CURRENT STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

I N D I A : Indian Coast Guard

INDONESIA : Indonesian Maritime Security Board, National Search and Rescue Agency, Indonesian Sea and Coast Guard

J A P A N : Japan Coast Guard

MALAYSIA : Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, Marine Department of Malaysia

PHILIPPINE : Philippine Coast Guard

SRI LANKA : Sri Lanka Coast Guard

VIETNAM : Vietnam Coast Guard

TOPIC 1

Graduates of the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program make courtesy call on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

On August 29, 2018, graduates from the program were invited to join the current students for a courtesy call on Prime Minister Abe at the Prime Minister's Official Residence. Prime Minister Abe offered this encouragement: "I hope you will make use of the knowledge that you have learned and the 'friendship of the sea' network that you have built up over the year to protect the development and prosperity of your respective nations, under our shared principle of protecting a free and open maritime order based on the rule of law."



TOPIC 2

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe mentions the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program in a United Nations General Assembly general debate

On September 25, 2018, Prime Minister Abe mentioned the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program in a general debate at the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly. In the debate, he said, "Maritime order is the rule not of power but of laws and rules. Every year, a class of students who have learned that invariable truth, and who have made it a guiding principle in their lives, heads out to sea from Japan. This is very promising. Training these protectors of a free and open Indo-Pacific is truly a noble mission for Japan."



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