

Young Leaders Program

Purpose of the Program

This program aims to contribute to the development of national leaders in Asia and other countries around the world, to create human networks among such leaders, to build friendly relations between Japan and these countries, and to improve the policy-making functions of these respective countries.

Diploma Policy

This program confers a degree in Public Administration or Public Policy (Master of Public Administration or Master of Public Policy, depending on the research topic chosen by the student) on students who have enrolled for one year, have acquired the required number of credits based on the curriculum of the program, and under the supervision of Faculty Members have written and given a presentation of a research paper on specific policy issues, and have obtained an overall pass for his or her studies.

In this program, students should acquire the following qualities and abilities:

1. Ability to play an active role as a national leader in Asia and other countries around the world
2. Ability to conduct policy analysis and make practical policy recommendations to solve problems with extensive knowledge on public policy
3. Ability to build and develop friendly relations with Japan based on a deep understanding of Japan
4. Ability to analyze specific policy issues, formulate policy recommendations on them, and present them

Curriculum Policy

【Basic Policy】

This program provides various courses for students to gain a broad knowledge on public policy. In addition, the curriculum focuses on discussions as well as

incorporates field trips in order for the students to acquire the ability to exercise leadership in the resolution of policy issues and the management of government organizations. Furthermore by writing a policy paper that is a policy recommendation on specific issues, we will train national leaders in Asia and other countries around the world.

【Structure of the Curriculum】

The curriculum of this program is 12 months long, and students plan their courses for the year through the program guidance they receive when they first enroll.

The curriculum consists of required courses to develop necessary abilities as leaders, compulsory elective courses to learn basic and important fields related to public policy, and elective courses to learn a wide range of fields related to public policy. Students must also analyze specific policy issues and compile and present a research paper as policy recommendations.

(Required Courses)

Required courses consist of (1) courses to improve leadership, (2) courses to acquire basic knowledge about public policy (including School of Local Governance courses that teach knowledge specific to local administration), (3) courses to deepen understanding of Japan, and (4) courses to analyze and consider specific policy issues deeply and compile practical policy recommendations.

(Elective Courses)

Elective courses include (1) courses in basic and important fields related to public policy, such as the basics of economics, the structure of government, international relations, and Japan's economic development, as compulsory elective courses, and (2) courses on a wide range of fields related to public policy, as well as courses to enhance academic writing skills in English for writing papers, as elective subjects.

【Policies on Education and Study Methods】

Of the 30 credits required to complete this program, at least 10 credits are in seminar-style. Through discussions with lecturers, senior officials of government and local governments, students will develop their abilities as

leaders. In addition, lectures are not just one-way passive listening. Students will make presentations and join in discussions, making lectures interactive.

【Assessment Policy】

To assess the academic achievement in each course, students are evaluated relatively on the basis of their knowledge acquisition and understanding and practical skills, taking into consideration their attendance, contribution to the class, examination, report submission, etc., and their overall ability is evaluated through the writing of a research paper on a specific policy issue.

Admissions Policy

Target Students

We will accept administrative officers with the potential to play an active role as national leaders in Asia and other countries around the world.

For admission, students must have at least 3 years of experience working in the public sector (more than 5 years is desirable) and have English skills necessary to take lectures.

Screening methods and standards

Application documents and interviews are used for screening. Successful candidates are determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of their intellectual ability, English ability, work performance, evaluation of the recommender, and future potential.

Curriculum Map: Young Leaders Program

Category	Course No.	Course Name	Diploma Policy 1	Diploma Policy 2	Diploma Policy 3	Diploma Policy 4
			Ability to play an active role as a national leader in Asian countries.	Ability to conduct policy analysis and make policy recommendations to solve practical problems with extensive knowledge on public policy	Ability to build and develop friendly relations with Japan based on a deep understanding of Japan	Ability to analyze specific policy issues, formulate policy recommendations, and present them
I Required Courses	GEN5010E	Introduction to Public Policy Studies		○		
	GEN5020E	The World and the SDGs		○		
	PAD2580E	Global Governance: Leadership and Negotiation	○			
	YLP5000E	Introduction to Japan			○	
	YLP5010E	Colloquium	○		○	
	YLP5020E	Independent Study (SG)				○
	YLP5030	Field Trip (SG)	○		○	
	REG2010EA	Local Government System (SLG)		○	○	
	REG2020E	Local Government Finance (SLG)		○	○	
	REG3010E	Local Governance in the Changing World (SLG)		○		
	YLP5510E	Research Paper (SLG)				○
	YLP5520E	Workshop I (SLG)	○		○	
	YLP5530E	Workshop II (SLG)	○		○	
II Recommended Courses	ECO1000EB	Microeconomics I		○		
	ECO1020E	Essential Microeconomics		○		
	ECO3600E	Contemporary Japanese Economy (SG)		○	○	
	ECO3610E	Japanese Economy (SG)		○	○	
	ECO3810E	Economic Development of Japan		○	○	
	GOV2100E	Government and Politics in Japan		○	○	
	GOV2200EA	International Relations		○		
	GOV2210E	International Political Economy (SG)		○		
	GOV2240EA	International Security Studies (SG)		○		
	GOV2310E	Comparative Politics (SG)		○		
	GOV2580E	Structure and Process of Government		○		
III Elective Courses	ECO1060EA	Macroeconomics I		○		
	ECO2020EA	Government and Market		○		
	ECO2800E	Global Development Agendas and Japan's ODA (SG)		○	○	
	ECO3140E	Public Economics (SG)		○		
	ECO3400E	International Trade		○		
	ECO3630E	Japanese Financial System (SG)		○	○	
	ECO3840EA	Development Economics		○		
	GOV2230E	Japanese Foreign Policy		○	○	
	PAD1010E	Social Science Questions and Methodologies		○		○
	REG2010EA	Local Government System (SG)		○	○	
	REG2020E	Local Government Financ (SG)		○	○	
	REG3010E	Local Governance in the Changing World (SG)		○		
	EPP1010E	East Asian Economies (SLG)		○		
	GOV2240EA	International Security Studies (SLG)		○		
	PAD2680	Social Security System in Japan (SLG)		○	○	
	PAD2740E	Small and Medium Enterprise and Technology (SLG)		○	○	
	PAD2810E	National Land Policy (SLG)		○	○	