

GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube)

Purpose of the Program

The G-cube program aims to nurture top leaders (Leader of Leaders) who have the strong will and ability to participate in the formation of a new harmonious world and regional orders, and play leading roles in governmental and international organizations as well as the private sector.

Diploma Policy

This program confers a PhD in Advanced Policy Studies, International Development Studies, or International Relations on students who: have been enrolled for the designated number of years; have acquired the designated number of credits based on the curriculum of the program; have passed the Qualifying Examination; and have written and defended successfully their doctoral dissertation.

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

1. Ability to plan, formulate, implement, and analyze policies from a broad perspective, based on expert knowledge in economics and politics, while being mindful of history and the reality on the ground
2. Ability to explore solutions to a variety of policy issues from a long-term, multi-faceted perspective
3. Ability to exercise strong leadership to take the initiative and participate in the formation of a new harmonious world
4. Ability to conduct rigorous research by using disciplinary tools, write academically solid works with policy implications, and make persuasive communication

Curriculum Policy

【Basic Policy】

The curriculum of the G-cube program aims to provide students with the expertise, analytical and writing skills, and insight to conduct high-quality policy research and produce a doctoral dissertation, as well as to equip them with in-depth general education, scientific spirit, historical perspective, and leadership skills to educate them to be generalist leaders who can bring together experts from various fields of activities.

【Structure of the Curriculum】

The program is designed for students to first acquire a wide range of general knowledge in economics, political science, and history, and then take advanced courses in political science and economics. The program places particular emphasis on the students' ability to express their opinions through participating in small-size, active-learning style classes. Each student plans their course in each academic year based on the program guidance they receive at the time of enrollment and the group guidance that follows. The curriculum consists of required courses, recommended courses, and other elective courses. In addition, students solve specific problems in writing their Ph.D. dissertations. A great majority of the students are from outside of Japan and the language of instruction is all English.

(Required Courses)

In the required courses, students learn about real-world policy issues in a discussion format, and acquire the basic skills to work together with people of different languages, cultures, histories, specialties, and nationalities to contribute to the resolution of issues. Some of the required courses are taught by practitioners who have actually solved difficult problems.

(Elective Courses)

Elective courses focus on political science and economics so that students can understand advanced knowledge in their areas of interest. The goal of the small-group tutorial is to cultivate students' ability as top leaders with research and communication skills thorough analysis and discussion on the topics determined by students' own initiatives. In addition, students can choose courses on various public policies, courses to enhance their expertise as globally active administrative officers, and courses to improve their academic writing in English. In short, we provide a well-balanced curriculum designed to develop human resources capable of demonstrating leadership skills supported by solid

expertise on society.

【Policies on Education and Study Methods】

Of the 22 credits required to complete the program, students are required to take at least 18 from required and recommended courses. Of the 18 credits, at least 4 and up to 10 are seminar-style courses, tutorials, and other seminar subjects. Students are expected to gain knowledge not only through passive learning, but also by actively participating in discussion and to theoretically combine their own practical experience and knowledge with new knowledge. In many classes other than seminars, the number of participants is less than 10, and active participation in classroom discussion is emphasized in the assessment of academic achievement in addition to the acquisition of specialized knowledge. After passing the Qualifying Exam, students will start to write their thesis in consultation with the main advisor and 1-2 sub-advisors. Students are also required to present the progress of their thesis at internal seminars and revise the thesis based on the comments at the seminars, under the supervision of the advisors.

【Assessment Policy】

In each subject, students are subject to evaluation based on their achievement in the acquisition and understanding of knowledge and practical skills, contribution to class discussion, exams, and the quality of submitted papers. Ph.D. degrees are awarded after the successful defense accompanied by serious review and deliberation by the Doctoral Thesis Review Committee, consisting of internal and external examiners.

Admissions Policy

Target Students

This program is intended for mid-career administrators and students who want to play globally important roles in various fields including the private sector and international organizations.

Before admission, Ph.D. students are required to have a master's degree in political science and/or economics and to have the language ability to participate in the courses given in English. In addition, it is desirable to have practical experience in the field of public administration or private sector.

Evaluation methods and Standards

[Screening by documents]

We will initially conduct a screening based on the application documents.

The selection at this stage is based on a comprehensive evaluation of past work experience, the content of two recommendation letters, the transcripts of undergraduate and graduate schools, the originality of research plans and their relevance to practical and concrete policy issues, and the applicant's potential to be a top leader.

[Interview]

We then conduct Skype/Zoom interviews. During the interview, we ask applicants to answer the questions based on the submitted documents. The final decision is based on their logic, accuracy, sense of purpose on policy issues, willingness to study, clarity of career plan after completion, communication ability in English, and willingness to be a leader.

Curriculum Map: GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube)

			Diloma Policy 1	Diloma Policy 2	Diloma Policy 3	Diloma Policy 4	
Category	Course No.	Course Name	1. Ability to plan, formulate, implement, and analyze policies from a broad perspective, based on expert knowledge in economics and politics, while referring to history and field senses	2. Ability to explore solutions to a variety of policy issues from a long-term, multi-faceted perspective	3. Ability to exercise strong leadership to take the initiative and participate in the formation of a new world	4. Ability to analyze a single issue using specialized tools, compile research papers and policy recommendations, and present persuasively	
I Required Courses	GGG5030EA	Dissertation Proposal Seminar	○			○	
	GGG6000E	Executive Seminar			○		
	GGG6050E	G-cube Workshop	○			○	
II Recommended Courses	GGG5110E	Tutorial I		○			
	GGG5120E	Tutorial II		○	○	○	
	GGG5130E	Tutorial III		○	○	○	
III Elective Courses		Courses not listed in this table (with the advisory committee's approval)					
X Others		Courses offered by the Center for Professional Communication					
II Recommended Courses Growth and Governance Studies Concentration & International Development Studies Concentration	GOV3280E	Analysis of Great Power Politics	○	○			
	GOV6300E	State and Governance	○	○			
	GOV6460E	Advanced International Relations in East Asia	○	○			
	GOV6461E	The Making of Modern Japan (Advanced)	○	○			
	GOV6901E	Advanced Comparative Development Studies of Asia	○	○			
	GOV7231E	Politics and Diplomacy in Postwar Japan	○	○			
	GOV7241E	Advanced International Security Studies	○	○			
	GOV7311E	Comparative Politics	○	○			
	GOV7461E	State and Politics in Southeast Asia (Advanced)	○	○			
	GOV8311E	Advanced Comparative Political Economy	○	○			
	GOV8401E	Advanced International Relations in Europe	○	○			
	GEN8001E	International Development Policy	○	○			
	ECO2720EA	Introduction to Applied Econometrics				○	
	ECO2770E	Applied Econometrics				○	
	ECO2780E	Applied Econometrics Practice				○	
	ECO2790E	Data Science for Public Policy				○	
	ECO3490E	international Economic Policy Analysis	○			○	
	ECO3530E	Resource and Energy Economics	○				
	ECO3620E	Fiscal and Monetary Policy in a Changing World	○				
	ECO3810E	Economic Development of Japan	○				
	ECO3840EB	Development Economics	○	○		○	
	ECO3860E	Development History of Asia: Policy, Market and Technology	○	○			
	ECO3870E	Agricultural Development	○				
	ECO3890E	Development Econometrics	○	○		○	
	ECO3920E	Economic History and Institutions	○	○			
	ECO6090E	Theoretical Foundation of Economic Policy	○	○			
	ECO6810E	Advanced Development Economics	○	○			
	ECO6820E	Economics of Health and Education	○				
	ECO7881E	Trade and Industrial Development	○				
	II Recommended Courses Security and International Studies Concentration	GOV6210E	International Political Economy Workshop			○	○
		GOV7201EA	Advanced International Relations	○	○		
		GOV7201EB	Advanced International Relations	○	○		
		GOV7241E	Advanced International Security Studies	○	○		
GOV7311E		Comparative Politics	○	○			
GOV6220E		Strategic Studies Research Seminar	○	○	○	○	
GOV6460E		Advanced International Relations in East Asia	○	○			
GOV6461E		The Making of Modern Japan (Advanced)	○	○			
GOV7231E		Politics and Diplomacy in Postwar Japan	○	○			
GOV7251E		Advanced Chinese Foreign Policy	○	○			
GOV7271E		Advanced American Foreign Policy	○	○			
GOV8111E		Advanced Political Economy of Modern Japan	○	○			
GOV8221E		Politics of Global Money and Finance (Advanced)	○	○			
GOV8311E		Advanced Comparative Political Economy	○	○			
GOV8401E		Advanced International Relations in Europe	○	○			