

ASEAN Initiatives Program

Purpose of the Program

This program aims to contribute to the capacity building of young ASEAN administrators, promote ASEAN integration, and effectively implement the Japanese government's support of ASEAN.

Diploma Policy

This program confers Master of Public Policy on students who have enrolled for at least one year, have acquired the required number of credits based on the curriculum of the program, received necessary research guidance 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 make practical policy recommendations to solve administrative and diplomatic problems
2. Ability to play an active role as a national leader in their country and ASEAN
3. Ability to contribute to ASEAN integration
4. Ability to build and develop friendly relations between Japan and ASEAN

Curriculum Policy

【Basic Policy】

This program provides various courses for students to gain a broad knowledge of public policy. In addition, the curriculum focuses on enabling students to improve their practical problem-solving skills. Students deepen their understanding of Japan by learning about Japanese politics, economy, and policy issues. Furthermore, students conduct policy research and write a policy paper that is a policy recommendation to effectively realize the ASEAN Outlook

on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), democracy, and the rule of law.

【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. Some may fulfill the course credit requirements in the first six months, returning to their home countries and continue working on their research by receiving guidance remotely in the second six months.

The curriculum consists of required, recommended, and elective courses. Required courses focus on further developing the necessary abilities as promising administrators and diplomats in ASEAN. Recommended courses consist of basic and essential fields related to understanding Japan's and ASEAN's political economy and policy issues. Elective courses are to learn a wide range of public policy and administrative management fields. Students must also analyze policy issues concerning the AOIP and compile and present a research paper as policy recommendations.

(Required Courses)

Required courses consist of (1) courses to improve administrative and diplomatic skills, (2) courses to deepen understanding of Japan, and (3) courses to analyze specific policy issues deeply and compile practical policy recommendations for effective implementation of the AOIP, democracy, and the rule of law, based on work experience at the ASEAN Secretariat. Independent Study offers an opportunity for students to plan research projects, discuss and present research plans, learn methodologies on research, literature reviews, information and data collection, and paper writing. Students who return to their country while fulfilling the credit requirements by the Winter term continue participating in Independent Study by watching recordings on demand and interacting with faculty members and students remotely for question-and-answer within a week.

(Recommended Courses)

Recommended courses include (1) courses in basic and essential fields related to understanding Japan's political economy and policy issues, such as Japan's economic, political, administrative, diplomatic, and international developments, and (2) courses in basic and essential fields related to understanding ASEAN's political economy and policy issues, such as ASEAN's economic, political,

administrative, diplomatic, and international developments.

(Elective Courses)

Elective courses cover basic and essential public policy and administrative management to deepen understanding of Japan's and ASEAN's political economy and policy issues.

(Individual Research Guidance)

Among faculty members, main advisors and sub-advisors are selected, and students are individually guided in conducting research. In case students return to their country, individual research guidance continues remotely.

【Policies on Education and Study Methods】

Of the 30 credits required to complete this program, at least 13 credits are in seminar-style. Students will develop their abilities as promising administrators and diplomats through discussions with lecturers, senior government officials, and local governments. In addition, lectures are not just one-way passive listening. Students will make presentations and join in discussions, making lectures interactive.

【Assessment Policy】

In each course, students are evaluated based on their knowledge acquisition, understanding, and practical skills, considering their contribution to the class, examination, and report submission. Their overall ability is evaluated through writing a research paper on a specific policy issue. The policy paper (research paper on a specific policy issue) will be evaluated and pass/fail shall be determined in accordance with the "Degree Paper Review Structure and Evaluation Criteria".

Admissions Policy

Target Students

We will accept administrative officers with the potential to play an active role as skilled administrators and diplomats in ASEAN and other countries worldwide.

For admission, students must have completed the one-year Attachment Program at the ASEAN Secretariat before enrollment and must be nominated by the ASEAN Secretariat.

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: AIP

Category	Course No.	Course Name	Diploma Policy1	Diploma Policy2	Diploma Policy3	Diploma Policy4
			Ability to make practical policy recommendations to solve administrative and diplomatic problems	Ability to play an active role as a national leader in their country and ASEAN	Ability to contribute to ASEAN integration	Ability to build and develop friendly relations between Japan and ASEAN
I Required Courses	GEN5020E	The World and the SDGs	○	○	○	○
	AIP5000E	Introduction to Japan				○
	AIP5010E	Colloquium I		○		○
	AIP5020E	Independent Study	○			
	AIP5030E	Field Trip		○		○
	AIP5050E	AOIP Workshop	○	○	○	○
II Recommended Courses	ECO1800E	Economic Development of Southeast Asia	○		○	
	EPP1010E	East Asian Economies	○		○	
	GOV1400E	International Relations in East Asia	○		○	
	GOV1900E	Comparative Development Studies of Asia	○		○	
	GOV2240EA	International Security Studies	○		○	
	ECO3600E	Contemporary Japanese Economy	○			○
	GOV2100E	Government and Politics in Japan	○			○
	GOV2210E	International Political Economy	○		○	
	GEN3000E	International Development Policy	○		○	
	REG2100E	Local Government System and Finance	○		○	
	AIP5060E	Colloquium II		○		
	GOV5910E	Leadership and Knowledge Creation		○		
	GEN5030E	GRIPS Forum I		○		
	GEN5040E	GRIPS Forum II		○		
III Elective Courses	ECO3610E	Japanese Economy	○			○
	ECO3810E	Economic Development of Japan	○			○
	ECO3840EA	Development Economics	○			
	ECO3860E	Development History of Asia: Policy, Market and Technology	○		○	
	DEV2100E	Transportation Planning and Policy	○			
	GOV2230E	Japanese Foreign Policy	○			○
	GOV2460E	State and Politics in Southeast Asia	○		○	
	GOV2580E	Structure and Process of Government	○			○
	GOV3310E	Comparative Political Economy	○		○	
	PAD2560E	Human Resources Management	○			○
	PAD2670E	Public Expenditure Management	○			○
	PAD2680E	Social Security System in Japan	○			○
	PAD2740E	Small and Medium Enterprise and Technology	○			○
	STI2080E	Comparative Analysis of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy: Asian Experiences	○		○	
	STI2160E	Outline of Energy Policy	○			○
	STI2210E	Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in Developing Country Context	○		○	
		Selected Topics in Policy Studies I - IV				
	Courses not listed in this table	○	○	○	○	
x Others	LAN0300E	Introduction to Academic Research				
	LAN0310E	Introduction to Academic Writing				