Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)

Purpose of the Program

The objective of this program is to produce highly skilled human resources in the field of public policy by accepting primarily early- and mid-career officials and researchers working in the public sectors such as governments and international organizations and training them systematically to become leaders in their countries. In particular, the program will develop human resources with a high level of academic expertise in policy analysis and policy-making, thus can handle the various policy issues faced by developing and developed countries, and can serve as a bridge between practice and academia.

Diploma Policy

This program confers a Master's degree in Public Policy (Master of Arts in Public Policy) on students who have been enrolled for at least two years, have acquired at least 41 credits based on the curriculum of the program, and under the supervision of faculty members, have written and given a presentation on research papers on specific subjects, and have been given a pass grade.

In this program, <u>students should acquire the following qualities and abilities</u>:

1. Ability to exercise leadership in policy areas based on a firm foundation of academically high level of expertise in policy analysis, with a deep understanding of different values and systems in a global society
2. Ability to analyze micro and macroeconomic policies and make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis
3. Ability to analyze international development policies that lead to economic development and make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis
4. Ability to analyze international relations theories from the political and administrative perspectives, and to make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis
5. Ability to analyze interdisciplinary and broad public policies and make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis

Curriculum Policy

【Basic Policy】

The basic policy of the curriculum is for the students to acquire basic knowledge essential for policy research and practical expertise for application and development. In addition, students will address real-world policy issues, and by conducting quantitative analysis using data, case studies, etc. on their own, students will develop the ability to make policy recommendations. Compared to the one-year program, students will gain an academically higher level of expertise in policy analysis and policy-making capability. Through these efforts, the program will cultivate highly skilled human resources in the policy field who can become leaders in the public sectors in their countries.

【Structure of the Curriculum】

This program consists of required, recommended and elective courses, which are the core of policy research. This program has four concentrations on the following respective policy areas: economic policy, international development policy, international relations, and public policy. Recommended and elective courses are organized systematically based on these four concentrations. A faculty member with expertise in the respective field is assigned as a concentration leader and will give necessary advice to students. Students will select and focus on one of the four policy areas under the guidance of the concentration leader and will take recommended and elective courses required for that area. In addition, under the intensive guidance by faculty members with expertise in the relevant field, students will write a policy paper proposing solutions to real-world policy issues in the first year; and then, in the second year, students will write a Master's thesis of a higher academic level on various policy challenges faced by developing and developed countries.

（Required Courses）

In the required course "The World and the SDGs", students will broaden their perspective as a future leader of their country by learning the basics of policy

research as well as policy issues that should be tackled across countries, and how to solve them.

（**Recommended/ Elective Courses**）

The recommended and elective courses are systematically structured for each of the four policy areas of economic policy, international development policy, international relations, and public policy. Students take courses according to their interests and needs under the guidance of the concentration leader.
The program also offers a number of courses by faculty members with managerial experience in the public sector, which helps students acquire practical knowledge.
In addition, courses to enhance the educational effects are provided, such as courses to strengthen academic writing in English for writing papers and courses on academic ethics education.

(Individual Research Guidance)
In the individual guidance of students, research supervision is provided by a multiple number of main supervisors and sub-supervisors both in the first and second years.

【**Policies on Education and Study Methods**】

Students are required to take 41 credits to complete the program, 1 of which must come from the required course, and the remaining 40 should come from the recommended and elective courses. Generally, these lectures require active participation in in-class discussions, and the contribution to the discussion is part of the grade assessment. Therefore, students are required not only to acquire knowledge through classroom learning, but also to actively participate in discussions between faculty members and students, or between students, and to integrate their practical experience with new knowledge and understanding, thereby enhancing the quality of learning. In addition, doctoral students are assigned as teaching assistants to assist students in large-size lectures on basic subjects, responding to questions carefully on a daily basis.

【**Assessment Policy**】

The grade of each subject is evaluated based on the level of knowledge acquired and the level of proficiency in practical skills, taking into account

contribution to discussions in class, examinations and reports, etc. Comprehensive competencies will also be assessed based on the quality of the policy paper on specific research topics, and the Master's thesis. The thesis or 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
This program accepts students who are willing to acquire a wide range of knowledge and expertise and gain the ability to conduct an academically high level of policy analysis and policy making, thereby contributing to national and regional development. Target students include, but not limited to, early- and mid-career officials and researchers working in the public sectors such as governments and international organizations. In the future, the student is expected to play a leading role in the public sector in their countries while serving as a bridge between practice and academia.

To be admitted, students must have a basic level of academic ability equivalent to that of a university graduate, and an adequate ability to write and communicate in English. Students must also have a strong interest in real-world issues, the ability to explore key policy issues, and to be able to work steadily on research.

[Screening by application documents]
Screening shall be based on the application documents. The screening will be based on a comprehensive evaluation of past work experience, letters of recommendation, the degree and subjects studied at university (undergraduate and graduate), the originality of research plans and relevance to realistic policy issues, the willingness to study and research, applicants' future potential, and English proficiency.

[Interview]
In principle, a video system will be used. Applicants will be selected based on criteria such as logic, accuracy, sense of purpose, willingness to study, clarity of career plan after completion and communication ability in English.

Curriculum Map: Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)

Category	Course No.	Course Name	Diloma Policy 1 1. Ability to exercise leadership in policy areas based on a firm foundation of academically high level of expertise in policy analysis, with a deep understanding of different values and systems in a global society	Diloma Policy 2 2. Ability to analyze micro and macroeconomic policies and make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis	Diloma Policy 3 3. Ability to analyze international development policies that lead to economic development and make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis	Diloma Policy 4 4. Ability to analyze international relations theories from the political and administrative perspectives, and to make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis	Diloma Policy 5 5. Ability to analyze interdisciplinary and broad public policies and make practical policy recommendations based on the analysis
I Required Courses	GEN5020E	The World and the SDGs	○				
II Recommended Courses	ECO1000EB	Microeconomics I		○	○		
	ECO1020E	Essential Microeconomics			○		
	ECO1060EA	Macroeconomics I		○			
	ECO1080E	Essential Macroeconomics			○		
	ECO1600E	Monetary Economics (Money and Banking)		○			
	ECO2000EA	Microeconomics II		○	○		
	ECO2020EB	Government and Market			○		○
	ECO2060EA	Macroeconomics II		○			
	ECO2720EA	Introduction to Applied Econometrics		○	○		○
	ECO2770E	Applied Econometrics		○			
	ECO2780E	Applied Econometrics Practice		○			
	ECO2880E	Trade and Industrial Development			○		○
	ECO3104E	Political Economy			○		
	ECO3210E	Competition and Regulatory Economics			○		
	ECO3310E	Transportation Economics			○		
	ECO3510E	Environmental Economics			○		
	ECO3530E	Resource and Energy Economics			○		○
	ECO3840EB	Development Economics			○		○
	ECO3870E	Agricultural Development			○		
	ECO3890E	Development Econometrics			○		
	ECO6090E	Theoretiical Foundation of Economic Policy		○			
	ECO6820E	Economics of Health and Education			○		
	GOV1400E	International Relations in East Asia				○	
	GOV1900E	Comparative Development Studies of Asia				○	
	GOV2100E	Government and Politics in Japan				○	
	GOV2200EA	International Relations				○	
	GOV2210E	International Political Economy				○	
	GOV2230E	Japanese Foreign Policy				○	
	GOV2240EB	International Security Studies				○	○
	GOV2310E	Comparative Politics				○	
	GOV2320E	Comparative State Formation				○	
	GOV2460E	State and Politics in Southeast Asia				○	
	GOV2580E	Structure and Process of Government				○	○
	GOV3220E	Politics of Global Money and Finance				○	○
	GOV3240E	Non-Traditional Security				○	
	GOV3280E	Analysis of Great Power Politics				○	
	GOV3310E	Comparative Political Economy				○	
	GOV3400E	International Relations in Europe				○	
	MOR1000E	Introduction to Quantitative Methods			○	○	○
	MOR1050EA	Introduction to Data Science I					○
	MOR2050E	Introduction to Data Science II					○
	MOR2500E	Quantitative Social Systems Analysis					○
	STI2080E	Comparative Analysis of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy: Asian Experiences			○		
	STI2160E	Outline of Energy Policy					○
	STI2230E	Energy Data Analysis					○
III Elective Courses		Courses not listed in this table		○	○	○	○
		Selected Topics in Policy Studies I - IV	○				
X Others	LAN0300E	Introduction to Academic Research		○	○	○	○
	LAN0310E	Introduction to Academic Writing		○	○	○	○
	LAN0320E	Policy Paper Tutorial		○	○	○	○