

Target Priority Area : Improvement of administrative capacities and institutional development
Component : Support for strengthening capacities for administering economic policies and public financial management for Economist

Kobe University

<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>

Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS)

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Obtained Degree	Master of Economics
Required Number of Credits	30 Credits
English Exam	Not required for Ghanaian
Math Exam	Required
Number of Acceptance	2 students per batch

Features of University

Kobe University is an academic institution that has continued to encourage forward-looking and independent thinking in working toward our ideal of creating 'harmony between theory and reality'. Building on these traditions, we are now endeavouring to further utilize our ability for collaboration and integration. We pledge to become an outstanding research university that meets the highest international standards for teaching and research and can serve as a centre for value creation that will help to solve the issues facing our society both at present and in the future.

Taking advantage of our traditional strength in both the social and natural sciences, and encouraging innovative research that defies the boundaries between the humanities and the sciences, we will work in collaboration with other universities and research institutes to develop and expand new areas of academic study. In addition, we will strengthen ties between undergraduate and graduate programs to ensure that students can enrich their creativity and deepen their understanding, knowing they are at the forefront of advanced research.

Through multi-faceted academic exchanges with major overseas universities in joint research and collaborative education, Kobe University will dramatically enhance its function as a 'hub campus' that attracts talented personnel from around the world and equips students with an international perspective. Through these collaborations in education and research, Kobe University will not only contribute to the development and practical implementation of state-of-the-art technologies that will benefit

humankind, but also produce graduates who will play a leading role in finding solutions to global issues.

Features of Graduate School

The Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) aims to prepare talented young people to work in international fields and, through their work, to make a contribution to the international community. At GSICS we believe that mutual understanding and respect for human rights is essential for peaceful global co-existence, and thus strive in our education, research and community activities to further this goal. In particular, we endeavour to provide students with the multidisciplinary background and expertise that will help them both as researchers and practitioners in the field of international cooperation.

Features of Graduate Program

In an effort to better meet the requirements of a changing world and to make our unique multidisciplinary academic environment available to as many students as possible, the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) developed a Master's Program in English for international students where all instruction is conducted in English. As rapid globalization encompasses more and more of the world, English has become an essential aspect of international cooperation in Japan, as well as in many other countries. Moreover, in recent years, the Japanese government has given increasingly high priority in its ODA policy to the development of human resources. The Program in English seeks to meet the needs of both the international community and Japan. It takes an interdisciplinary approach, emphasizing not only the study of basic areas such as economic development, political development, international law and international relations, but also the ways these disciplines intersect and relate to one another. It is hoped that graduates of the program will become experts in their fields, and will contribute toward the development of their countries and international society.

Curriculum

Class Subjects [2 credits each subject]

Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Monetary Theory
International Economics
Mathematics for Social Sciences
Statistics
Econometrics
Socio-Economic Development Theory
Environmental Economics

Development Management
International Development Cooperation
Human Capital Development
Social Research Methods for Development
Japan's ODA Experiences
Special Lecture on Development Planning
Special Lecture on Development Management
Academic Writing (A)
Academic Writing (B)
Introduction to International Cooperation Law (International Cooperation Law)
Introduction to International Human Rights Law (International Human Rights Law)
International Security and International Law
International Polar Law II
Law and State Building
Law and Economic Development
International Labor Law
Japanese Politics
Local Government
Risk Management I
Risk Management II
Principles of Political Research
International Relations
Issues in Peace and Development I
Issues in Peace and Development II
Disaster Risk Management
Post-Disaster Recovery Planning
Asian Disaster Law
Issues of Disaster Mitigation Measures and Preparedness
Crosssectional Perspective of Disaster Management
Demography
Medical Anthropology
Environmental Health
Global Education
Special Lecture on Political and Social Development

GSICS Syllabi:

<http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/students/syllabi.html>

Teaching staff:

<http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/programs/tstaff.html#econ>

Student Support System

The Center for International Education (International Student Center, April 1993 - March 2016) was established as a university wide research/teaching facility in April 1993. The Center takes overall responsibility for international students, including providing teaching in Japanese language, Japanese studies, advising on studying and living in Japan, internships career advising, and alumni networking. We are also carrying out research and development aimed at promoting international study exchange programs such as providing support for overseas study for Japanese students registered at Kobe University. In addition, the Center is actively promoting the support of Japanese language teaching, and international exchange programs in the local community, working with regional government agencies, local volunteer organizations, school, companies, etc.

Center for International Education:

<http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/>

International student guidebook:

<https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/documents/en/international-students/current/en2020guidebook.pdf>