

All courses instructed in English



The Graduate School's curriculum focuses on international relations, employing perspectives from research on issues including security, peace building, and international human rights policy. These perspectives also inform an area-specific research agenda that takes Asia as its principal subject.

Our programs cultivate research abilities founded on the integration of both fundamental and specialized approaches to the universal challenge of creating new paradigms for international and social relations. At the same time, students acquire the capacity to identify the background to the specific problems they address, and are prepared for highly specialized professional roles to convert their insights to action.



Practice-oriented curriculum attuned to the needs of international organizations and NGOs operating across borders

There are many commonalities between study and research in the dual fields of "peace" and "human rights systems" and the operational aims of international organizations, NGOs, and other transnational bodies. Curriculum design has been informed by a primary concern to cultivate students' capacities to work in and contribute to organs of the United Nations and related entities.



English-language medium for all programs and classes

Advanced and comprehensive proficiency in the English language is vital for anyone seeking either to undertake these duties in organs of the UN or associated bodies, or to engage actively in academic research on related issues. This is the reason that English is used as the language of instruction throughout the courses, including the writing of the Master's and Doctoral theses. In developing countries and regions, for example, there is high demand for specialist personnel to implement schemes that promote genuine action in the following fields of social development:

- Safeguarding of human rights within corporate enterprises and the labor force
- Safeguarding and protecting the human rights of children and women
- Promoting education for national democratization and self-reliance among ethnic groups
- Developing and safeguarding medical care systems
- Implementing activities towards conciliation of disputes and the maintenance of peace

In addition to cultivating personnel within Japan, we will actively recruit international students from Asia to this course instructed in English. Our hope is to foster specialists for human rights administration within the developing nations of Asia in particular, and to educate personnel to engage in research, administration, and activism aimed at fostering a regard for human rights and peace that transcends systems of international relations and global order predicated on integration of mutually exclusive social configurations.

Emphasis on overseas internships and fieldwork

In both the Master's and Doctoral programs, participation in either an internship or fieldwork project overseas is a prerequisite for thesis submission.

Internships may involve, for example, work at an NGO engaged in social development activities in a developing nation. By collaborating with staff at the frontline of these activities, interns come to appreciate the actual efforts made by such organizations to address problems and challenges on the ground, and develop clearer conceptions of their own positions on key issues. They can also expect to develop comprehensive management abilities integrating skills including communications, teamwork, and leadership that will be required of them in future employment in international organizations. Fieldwork overseas enables students to explore problems closely related to their own research topics through direct engagement at the actual field sites in question and with the cooperation of local organizations. This is sure to yield deeper insights into specific research themes and extend individual outlooks.



Subjects offered

Master's Program-completion in 2 years

		Subjects	Credits	Required
Research Fundamental Subject Cluster		Theory of International Relations	2	Mandatory elective Mandatory elective
		Contemporary Multicultural Societies	2	
		Theory and Practice of Conflict Transformation	2	
		Policy of International Cooperation in Education	2	
		Participatory Learning	2	
		Theory of Comparative Politics	2	
		International Law	2	
		Data Analysis for Policy Making	2	
		International Presentations	2	
		Research Methodology	2	
		Theory of International Human Rights	2	
		International Human Rights Law	2	
		Labour and Human Rights in Asia	2	
		Human Rights for Children	2	
Area-Specific Research Subject Cluster	Peace and Coexistence Area	Theory of Peace and Security	2	
		Theory and Practice on Workshop	2	
	Human Rights and Development Area	Comparative Study of Culture	2	
		ODA Policy	2	
		Japanese Culture	2	
		International Environmental Law	2	
		Human Rights Education	2	
		Gender Theory	2	
		Minority Rights	2	
		Theory of Development Education	2	
		Theory of Civil Politics	2	
		Seminar on International Labour and Human Rights	2	
		Theory of Multi-National Enterprises	2	
		Associated Areas	Corporate Social Responsibilities	
Management of NGOs for International Cooperation	2			
Area-Specific Practical Subject Cluster		History and Culture in Asia	2	
		Modern Islamism	2	
		Theory of Politics and Economies in Asia	2	
		Academic Discussions	2	
		Research Guidance M I	2	Required
		Research Guidance M II-1	2	Required
		Research Guidance M II-2	2	Required
		Field Work	2	Mandatory elective
		Internship	2	Mandatory elective

Doctoral (PhD) Program-completion in 3 years

		Subjects	Credits	Required
Area-Specific Special Research subject cluster		Research on Peace and Security	2	
		Research on Multicultural Societies	2	
		Research on Conflict Transformation by Peaceful Means	2	
		Research on International Relations	2	
		Research on International Disarmament Law	2	
		Research on Facilitation and Mediation	2	
		Research on International Environmental Law	2	
		Research on International and Civil Society	2	
		Research on Regional Systems for Human Rights	2	
		Research on Development Education	2	
		Comparative Research on Human Rights Law	2	
		Research on Policy of International Cooperation in Education	2	
		Research on Participative Learning	2	
		Research on Labour and Human Rights in Asia	2	
Research on NGO Activities	2			
Research Guidance		Research Guidance D I-1	2	Required
		Research Guidance D I-2	2	Required
		Research Guidance D II-1	2	Required
		Research Guidance D II-2	2	Required
		Research Guidance D III-1	2	Required
		Research Guidance D III-2	2	Required
Area-Specific Practical subject cluster		Overseas Research	2	Mandatory elective
		Seminar on Internship	2	Mandatory elective

Requirements for completion

Subject category		Completion requirement	
Master's Program	Research Fundamental Subject Cluster	Mandatory elective	8 credits
		Elective	Min. 4 credits
	Area-specific Research Subject Cluster	Required	6 credits
		Elective	Min. 12 credits
Area-specific Practical Subject Cluster	Mandatory elective	Min. 2 credits	
	Must earn a total of 32 credits or more in accordance with the designated categories, and successfully pass a Master's thesis screening		
Doctoral Program	Area-specific Special Practical Subject Cluster	Mandatory elective	Min. 2 credits
		Must earn a total of 20 credits or more in accordance with the designated categories, and successfully pass a Doctoral thesis screening and final examination.	
	Area-specific Special Research Subject Cluster	Required	8 credits
		Elective	Min. 10 credits

Expected Degree

Master Course : MA (Peace and Human Rights Studies)
Doctoral Course : D (Peace and Human Rights Studies)

Research Support Systems

A dedicated area for graduate students will be established within the LMS (Learning Management System), an online study and research support interface that can be accessed from both on and off campus.

We will develop this research environment to enable students to continuously keep track of their individual research activities on an ongoing basis, particularly those that form part of their Master's or Doctoral thesis.



Fellowships to cover some of the cost of participation in internships and fieldwork

Support for students engaging in internships and fieldwork at both the Master's and Doctoral levels will be provided through a fellowship system granting a maximum of 200,000 yen per student to cover up to one half of total expenses incurred for return travel, accommodations, and overseas travel insurance.

Osaka Jogakuin Graduate School of International Collaboration and Coexistence in the 21st Century Course of Peace Studies and Human Rights Studies

● Master's Program-completion in 2 years

Admission quota: 10 students-females only

● Doctoral (PhD) Program-completion in 3 years

Admission quota: 4 students-females only