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2006 「The International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP)」

～Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students～

【1. Profile of the University】

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⑥Enrollment (only GraduateSchool)	987 (including MEXT's Scholarship Students: 282)		

【2. Outline of the Course】

①Course	Comparative Studies on Politics and Administration in Asia (CSPA)
②Degree	Master of Laws (2 years)
③Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School of Law
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④Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	
⑤Quota	7 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students:2) (include Japanese :0)
⑥Faculties	11 (Full-time(only for this course): 5 Full-time(at the department offering this course): 3 Part time: 3)
⑦Representative of the Course	Job Title Dean, Graduate School of Law
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【3. Contents of the Course】

● Purpose:

This is a succeeding course of the CSPA program which was first launched in 1995 on a trial base prior to its official opening as a part of the Master course of the Graduate School of Law in 1997. The CSPA course is based on the understanding that the development of Asia particularly after 1980s brought new challenges such as democratization, the regional cooperation, or reviewing the roles of national governments as important political issues. However, political studies of Asia did not fully respond to these new challenges and rather remained at a traditional level. The CSPA course aims at a research of renovating political orders not limited to the national level but with wider perspectives from sub-national to transnational levels with insights into political actualities. The course also aims at educating future leaders with rational views supported by fair understanding of the actuality.

● Content and Significance:

Governance is the key word of the CSPA course, a two-year master course in the fields of public administration and global politics. The course curriculum comprises both theoretical and empirical studies focusing on governing systems, historical developments or policy field, applying frameworks to overcome a conventional method. It also pays attention to regional cooperation and decentralization, comparing the emerging Asian nations to Japan or to the European nations. It also offers subjects that provide basic knowledge and analytical frameworks of democratization in which many students from developing or transition countries have keen interests. These subjects are discussed in a class room among the students not only from Asia but from American or European states, or sometimes including Japanese students in a free and open atmosphere. Such diversity in nationality enables a discussion not limited to the textbook knowledge but with widened views based on actuality.

● Education and instruction methods:

It is required to obtain minimum of 30 credits for a degree of Master of Laws: class works (20 units) and a master thesis (10 credits). Students spend most of their time in the first year for class works, reading, discussions and class papers. One academic year comprises 2 semesters which allows certain flexibility for the ranges of course subjects. Students spend working on thesis as well as on classes during the second year.

The course subjects are provided mainly by faculty staffs of Law (*political studies belong to the Law faculty), with additional professors on a part-time base from Graduate School of Social and Cultural Studies (Kyushu University) as well as from different universities, which allows curriculum structure to meet the students' needs more widely (cf. list of course subjects for 2006-2007 at the end of this section). Special lectures on the various issues of the Japanese society as well as the global society are organized to provide knowledge and to meet wide interests of students.

Master thesis is prepared through attendance in a monthly Work Shop starting in the spring semester of the second year. Each student presents every month his/her research for the thesis in front of all the other CSPA students and faculty members and receives comments and questions. Work Shops will help students to improve quality of their thesis enabling it to become more comprehensive. Although it is a heavy burden for both students and professors to attend a workshop every month, it has proven highly effective for students to learn how to accumulate and organize what they have studied into one conclusive research, or how to express their thoughts and convince others. The completed thesis of the CSPA students are bound into a booklet and distributed to the next-year students as well as to the relevant persons for reference. No students up to date has failed in completion of the course.

● Language:

All courses and instructions are carried out in English. Japanese proficiency is not required, but students who wish to study Japanese may do so through the courses offered at the International Student Center of Kyushu University.

● **Recruitment, target countries, selection method:**

The application forms and course brochures are mailed to roughly 100 universities in about 30 countries, most of the universities with which Kyushu University signed an exchange agreement, in addition to the ones Law Faculty has exchange records. The forms can be also downloaded from the website of Law Faculty: <http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/law/programs/english/>

Selection will be made collectively by the faculty members of the CSPA Management Committee based on the following criteria: Research Proposal (50%), grades from a graduated university (25%), contents of the 2 recommendation letters (25%).

● **Courses after graduation, expected effects and follow-up schemes:**

Majority of the graduates of the CSPA course go on to work in some sort of public service such as government offices, universities, international organizations in addition to private enterprises. As of September 2006, 43 students from 15 countries graduated successfully with a degree of Master of Laws. The students share 2 years together with new students joining in the second year, which enlarges their personal networks expected to make great assets in each one's future. As many of them find their jobs in governments, the network may also contribute to enhance international or regional cooperations. We wish to be able to begin academic exchanges in the near future with universities of our graduates' teaching institutions. An internet site of the Law faculty provides an alumni section to keep the network alive and active.

● **Check and assessment system of program:**

At the end of each semester, all faculty members including professors on part-time base meet to overview the semester concerned. As a size of each class being fairly small (less than 10 students), class assessment by students is not practiced but professors are required to be attentive to each student's performance. The CSPA course is subject to the external assessment of the Law Faculty.

Reference: Course Curriculum 2006-2007

- Modern History of Japanese Political System
- Japanese Political Thoughts in Its Historical Context
- Seminar on Governance and Global Politics
- Seminar on Comparative Politics and Administration
- Comparative Analysis of Education Policies and Administration in Asia
- Asian Pacific Political Economy
- Korean Politics in Comparative Perspective
- Modern History of Japanese Political System
- The Politics of Social Development
- International Health Policy; Human Security and Health
- Energy and Environmental Policy in Contemporary World
- Japanese Politics, Majoritarianism, Proportionalism, and the Concept of Power
- International Relations in East Asia