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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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	<a href="http://www.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/oicehp-j/youkoso.html">http://www.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/oicehp-j/youkoso.html</a> (Japanese)			
⑥ Enrollment (only Graduate School)	1988 (include Japanese Government Scholarship Students: 795)			

【2. Outline of the Course】

① Course	Special Course for Advancement of Agricultural and Life Sciences
② Degree	Doctoral Course 3 years (Veterinary Medical Sciences 4 years)
③ Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Department. of Agricultural and Environmental Biology
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④ Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	Dept. of Forest Science, Dept. of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Dept. of Global Agriculture, Dept. of Applied Biological Chemistry, Dept of Biotechnology, Dept. of Biological and Environmental Engineering, Dept. of Animal Resource Sciences, Dept. of Veterinary Medical Sciences, Dept. of Aquatic Bioscience, Dept. of Biomaterial Sciences, Dept. of Ecosystem Studies
⑤ Quota	10 (include MEXT Scholarship Students: 5 ) (include Japanese : 0 )
⑥ Faculties	180 ((Full-time(only for this course): 180 Full-time(at the department offering this course): 0 Part time: 0 )
⑦ Representative of the Course	Job Title Dean, Professor
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### 【3. Contents of the Course】

#### **Program Details and Objective**

The Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences encompass wide range of research specializations from agriculture oriented Field Science to trend setting research in Life Sciences, with a major emphasis on Field Science. Considering future agricultural development, especially in Asia, Field Science is an important global issue. So far, our graduate school has contributed significantly to this aspect through various research collaborations.

The newly initiated **Special Course for Advancement of Agricultural and Life Sciences** founded on the basic and advanced achievements of the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, aims at accepting outstanding students in pursuit of doctoral degree, mainly from top Asian universities/institutions in the field of agricultural and life sciences. Consideration may also be given to those from universities having an International Academic Exchange Agreement with the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences/ the University of Tokyo.

The main objective of this program is to train students, who will, after obtaining the doctoral degree, become leaders in Agricultural and Life Sciences in their institute/ university, and who will, in cooperation with our graduate school, contribute to the development of Agricultural and Life Sciences in the Asian region. This program will thus give priority to applicants who are employed in research/ education in their university/ institution.

#### **Education/Research Guidance System**

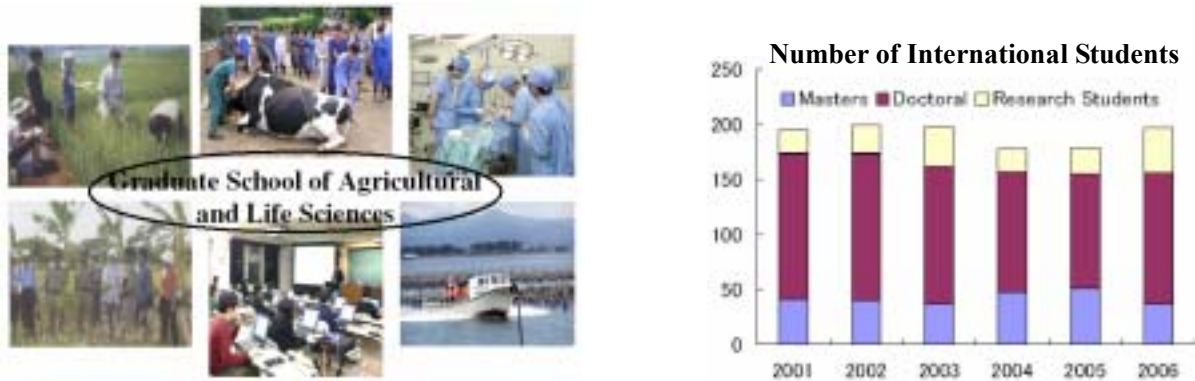
Several leading Agricultural and Life Sciences related researches in Japan are being actively carried out in our graduate school. Information on this can be obtained from the homepage of the school. Simultaneously, the applicant can also obtain information through the counterpart faculty members at the applicant's institution who are involved in Academic Exchange Agreements with our graduate school. **Those applying for this course, therefore must, in advance, thoroughly discuss the research theme with the prospective host professor before submitting the application.**

Based on such consultations, our graduate school has adopted a guidance system that enables international students to pursue their research interest, and smoothly obtain doctorate during the stipulated course period. **Students of this course basically receive education/ research guidance in English.**

On the other hand, **our graduate school has established the Office for International Corporation & Exchange (OICE). A former international student of our school is presently employed as a full-time lecturer in the OICE, who provides counseling and support to international students on various matters.** Currently, the office, comprising of this lecturer and three other faculty members, are making all efforts at improving the study/ research environment for international students. Also, the **OICE provides international student-related information in Japanese and English on its website.** Furthermore, it organizes annual activities such as **speech event and party, study trips, etc** to deepen interactions among international students, as well as between the Japanese and international students. Through cooperation with Japanese volunteers, the OICE has taken a lead in **starting a Japanese Language Support Class** that helps international students to develop conversational skills in Japanese necessary for daily life/ study in Japan. Flexible nature of this class enables the students to study Japanese during short breaks between their studies. Moreover, officials at the Foreign Student Section help the international students in completing administrative formalities with ease.

Such a system, thus aims at training the international students, enabling them to successfully obtain a degree within stipulated period, and return to their countries to become nodal members for future research cooperation with our graduate school, thereby fulfilling the characteristic feature of this course.

**Fig 1: The Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences- present status**



- Multidisciplinary, field oriented, with social and global outlook
- Well-equipped, strong infrastructure for conducting latest research
- Competitive, specialized and caring faculty members
- Counseling and support for living/ studying in Japan offered by the OICE
- “One-stop service” for administrative formalities at the Students Center
- “Language-no-barrier” Policy

**Fig 2: Overview of the program, its objective and futuristic expectations**  
**Application Procedure**

