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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 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 282 )		

【2. Outline of the Course】

①Course	LL.M. (International Business and Economic Law) and LL.D. courses
②Degree	Masters Degree (LL.M.) (1 year), Doctor (LL.D.) (3 years)
③Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School of Law
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④Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	N/A
⑤Quota	33(include MEXT's Scholarship Students: LL.M. 10, LL.D. 2) (include Japanese: 3)
⑥Faculties	15 (Full-time(only for this course): 8 Full-time(at the department offering this course):3 Parttime: 4 )
⑦Representative of the Course	Job Title Dean, Graduate School of Law
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### 【3. Contents of the Course】

LL.M. and LL.D. courses are not only for foreign students. They are open also to Japanese students.

The detailed and the most updated information is available on our website:

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/index.htm>

#### **LL.M. in International Economic and Business Law**

In the fall of 1994, the Faculty of Law instituted Japan's first LL.M. Program taught entirely in English: the **Master's Program in International Economic and Business Law (IEBL)**. Drawing upon a Faculty with particular strengths in the fields of economic and international business law – with emphasis on both public and private law aspects – the IEBL Program is designed to provide international and Japanese students with the ability to confront the many challenges of international economic affairs and of commercial transactions. Taught in English from a Japanese perspective, the IEBL Program seeks to develop a critical understanding of Japanese economic and legal principles within the framework of international law.

#### **General**

Upon successful completion of either the International Economic and Business Law Program shall be conferred a Masters Degree in Law (Hogaku Shushi).

#### **Curriculum**

All students are expected to complete a 20 Credit curriculum and to submit a master's thesis. The Program is structured around core courses and elective courses described in more detail on our website. Provided that students successfully complete the core courses of their chosen program, students may freely attend, either as auditors or on a credit basis any of the courses offered in the IEBL or – Japanese language skills permitting – in the Graduate School of the Faculty of Law.

Courses in the IEBL Program is usually taught by members of the Faculty, however, an annual series of intensive courses are offered and are taught by attorneys, Japanese government officials, as well as members of the local business community. The Faculty of Law also has many Visiting Professors who regularly contribute to the Master's programs.

#### **Term**

The IEBL is taught on a full time basis and take two semesters for completion, beginning in October every year

#### **Students**

The total number of students admitted through the general application process for the IEBL shall be limited to approximately 30 students per academic year. While all students share – as an admission requirement – a background in legal education and English as a common language, the student body is very diverse with students coming from all over the world.

## LL.D.

As part of a long-term strategy of promoting good practice in graduate level education, the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Science in cooperation with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science established the **“Initiatives for Attractive Education in Graduate Schools”** this year in order to provide competitive funding for designated educational projects across a range of academic disciplines. The LL.D. Program Development Project proposed by Kyushu University was selected from among a number of applications as one such initiative (Only two projects were selected) (See the website: <http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/miryoku/> ). The LL.D. program at Kyushu University offers students from both within Japan and overseas the unique opportunity of preparing a doctoral thesis in English whilst studying at a Japanese university. The program is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to complete high-level research in law in a rapidly globalizing academic labor market.

### Purpose of Program

Inaugurated in the fall of 1999, the LL.D. Program in international Economic and Business Law offers students the unique opportunity of preparing a doctoral thesis in English whilst studying at a Japanese university. Participants will pursue a closely supervised program of research for at least 4 consecutive semesters (2 years) prior to submitting a final dissertation. Drawing upon a Faculty with particular strengths in the field of international law, the Program is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to complete high level research, as well as offering a Japanese perspective on contemporary international economic affairs. The Faculty of Law encourages applications from suitably qualified applications of all nationalities. Proposals for doctoral research in the field of international economic and business law will be considered.

### The Degree

The Program will confer upon those who successfully complete all course requirements the Doctoral (Hakushi) Degree in International Economic and Business Law. Successful completion of the Program includes both the completion of the coursework outlined below and the submission of a LL.D. thesis (double space, 300-400 A4 size pages) in English in the area of international economic and business law.

Two supervisors will be allocated to each student. All students will be expected to regularly meet their supervisors. In January and July, all faculty members and students will take part in Comprehensive Research Seminar (CRS), where each student should make presentation on progress of their research and answer questions raised by faculty members and fellow students.

The doctoral thesis will be on a topic chosen by the student in consultation with his or her designated thesis supervisor. The thesis can be written on any subject relating to international economic and business law. Students are actively encouraged to complete the LL.D. Program in 2 years (4 semesters), although in principle they may take up to 3 years. New students will be enrolled in October of each year.

Students are given chances to conduct research at New York University Law School and National University of Singapore as partner schools.

In the framework of **“Initiatives for Attractive Education in Graduate Schools”**, an international symposium will be organized by LL.D. students under the supervision of faculty members. Students in charge should make a planning and organization of the symposium and presentation on their research. See on the symposium on corporate governance in East Asia on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

<http://quris.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/conference2007/conference/index.htm>

At the same time, annual alumni symposium will take place on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2007.

See: <http://quris.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/conference2007/symposium/index.htm>