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2006 「The International Priority Graduate Program (PGP)」

~Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students~

【1. Profile of the University】

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⑥Enrollment (only Graduate School)	279	(number of MEXT's Scholarship Students: 49)	

【2. Outline of the Course】

①Course	International Development Leadership Program - An English-Taught Master's Degree Program in International Relations / Economics / Policy Science -
②Degree	Masters Program (2 years)
③Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School of International Relations, Master's Program in International Relations
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④Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	Ritsumeikan University, Graduate School of Economics, Master's Program in Economics Ritsumeikan University, Graduate School of Policy Science, Master's Program in Policy Science
⑤Quota	40 (number of MEXT's Scholarship Students: 9) (number of Japanese students: 0)
⑥Faculty	57 (Full-time(only for this course): 34 Full-time(at the department offering this course): 1 Part-time: 22)
⑦Representative of the Course	Job Title: Professor, College of International Relations
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(【3. Contents of the Course】)

1. “International Development Leadership Program” - Summary and Characteristics

(1) Program Summary

The goal of this program is to foster individuals in the international community - with wide-ranging insight, policymaking know-how and the capacity to conduct advanced research studies - capable of becoming leaders who can contribute to socioeconomic development in countries around the world. Since 2002, Ritsumeikan University has established master's degree programs in English in three social science area Graduate Schools (the Graduate School of Economics, Graduate School of international Relations and Graduate School of Policy Science) and has been actively promoting the admission of international students. The aim of this program is to provide International Students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree by completing one of the discipline-oriented programs (English-taught degree programs) held by these Graduate Schools.

(2) Characteristics

① The Promotion of Academic Cooperation and Education-Research Exchange Among Three Graduate Schools

Part of the course will be given collaboratively and Open Seminars will be held jointly by the three graduate schools. Promoting academic cooperation and education-research exchange among the three graduate schools will raise the level of teaching effectiveness throughout the program.

② Program Enhancement Through an Issue-Oriented Focus

This will be an issue-oriented program offered as a packaged group of courses based on several themes related to International Development Leadership. Since International students can complete the program by adding discipline-related courses and optional field-related courses corresponding to individual needs, it will be possible for them to acquire wide-ranging knowledge while making the most of specialized research.

③ Opportunity to Acquire Japanese Language Skills

This is not only a chance to gain a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and society, but also to gain Japanese skills to assist one's everyday life. It is highly recommended that students entering this program take an introductory level Japanese class.

(Course Structure)

Discipline-Oriented Program (Degree Program)		
Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED)	Global Cooperation Program (GCP)	Planning and Administration Program in Policy Science (PAPPS)
Held by : The Graduate School of Economics	Held by : The Graduate School of International Relations	Held by : The Graduate School of Policy Science

Promoting Academic Cooperation and Education-Research Exchange among Graduate Schools

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Issue-Oriented Program (elective courses)				
Comparative Social Studies	Care and Services	Geographic Information Systems(GIS)	Ethics and Justice	Special Topics

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Opportunity to Acquire Fundamental Japanese Language Skills

2. Program Specific Information

Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED)

(Details and Characteristics)

MPED is a course in fundamental economic theory such as Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics and applied economics, conforming to international standards and taught entirely in English. This course accepts students with strong interest in Japan and the Asian regional development from developing and developed countries, and will foster researchers who have acquired specialized as well as practical knowledge along with highly specialized professionals who can lead the international community. Through a world-class economics education, this program aims to nurture talented individuals with wide-ranging discernment who can become leading figures in international society in a wide range of fields once they have completed the course

(Expected Path After Program Completion)

Graduates of this program will acquire: 1. Economic analysis skills and knowledge at an international standard level; 2. Specialized and wide-ranging insight & abilities concerning growth strategies for developing countries & transitional economies; 3. The communication skills required for international conferences, international organizations and international cooperation; 4. Deep understanding and insight into Japan and East Asia's socioeconomic situation. It is expected that after returning to their respective countries, graduates will go on to:

- (1) Engage in national government and state-enterprise planning, policymaking, economic analysis, and international relations.
- (2) Be involved in the coordination of regional economic development through local government, NGOs and related international organizations.
- (3) Be involved with economic research & education at universities and research organizations; make economic strategy proposals and foster leaders of the next generation.
- (4) Pass through a doctoral course and become a researcher or international public servant who plays an active role on the global stage.

Global Cooperation Program (GCP)

(Details and Characteristics)

GCP offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary view regarding international cooperation. This program aims to give international students with a strong interest in Japan and the Asian region's development the opportunity to acquire a master's degree. It is hoped that these students, as professionals and researchers with advanced knowledge and leadership skills, will contribute to the development of their countries of origin and the international community.

Through this program, students are expected to gain the essential knowledge and abilities, including economic theories, required to understand practical international development. Graduates will gain: 1. The knowledge about the leading actors in the field of international development; 2. A grasp of the general international context through studying the history of global governance and North-South relations; 3. An understanding of the essential security concerns prerequisite for development; 4. An understanding of related issues such as environmental protection, gender issues, and social development.

(Expected Path After Program Completion)

Through a full curriculum that includes systematic guidance from research reporting to writing a master's thesis, a program that approaches the study of International Relations from diverse angles, as well as practical experience through internships, it is expected that graduates will play a leading role in the international community. This program aims to produce professionals endowed with sophisticated knowledge; such as international organization staff, diplomats, international corporation staff, NGO staff, think tank members, and university doctoral course faculty.

Planning and Administration Program in Policy Science (PAPPS)

(Details and Characteristics)

PAPPS, with a focus on planning administration, aims to nurture policy science researchers and strategists. This program has the following characteristics: It will not merely cover economic development education but also regional development and regional planning theories & techniques; public works projects theories & techniques; administration theories & techniques; public sector administration management; and various domains of administration through regional authorities and citizen participation over a wide spectrum of local administration. In addition, it systematically conducts educational research from specific policy planning methods to theories, techniques, investigations, experiments and evaluations for problem solving.

◇ "Sustainable Regional Policy and Planning" Course

A course in public planning and policymaking for sustainable regional development and sustainable regional development during decentralization. The three core courses are "Regional Sustainable Development", "Environmental Policy Analysis" and "Planning Science and Technology". Students join a specific collaborative research project consisting of multiple faculty members and graduate students, receive research guidance, and conduct research activities.

◇ "Social Governance, Policy and Administration" Course

A course concerning public governance and policymaking for social governance during decentralization. The three core required courses are "Sustainable Governance and Policy Information", "Policy Evaluation" and "Public Administration of Japan". Students join a specific collaborative research project consisting of multiple faculty members and graduate students, receive research guidance, and conduct research activities.

(Expected Path After Program Completion)

National civil servant, local government employee, international civil servant, consultant, doctoral student, researcher.

- Please see the Ritsumeikan University homepage for additional program details: <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/>