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2007 「The International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP)」

~Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students~

【1. Profile of the University】

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⑥Enrollment (only Graduate School)	214 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 41)		

【2. Outline of the Course】

①C o u r s e	Policy Analysis Program
②D e g r e e	Ph.D. program (5 years) *integrated program of a master and a Ph.D.
③F o r m	This program is performed in a single university
④Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School of Policy Studies
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⑤Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	not applicable
⑥Q u o t a	10 (including MEXT's Scholarship Students: 3) (including Japanese : 5)
⑦F a c u l t i e s	29 (Fulltime:26 Fulltime (other department):0 Parttime:3)
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【3. Contents of the Course】

1. The aim of the program

As a new attempt at GRIPS, we start five-year Ph.D. course named Policy Analysis Program which integrates a master's program and a Ph.D. program. The Policy Analysis Program aims at cultivating human resources with knowledge of economic theories and ability of practical analysis so that they can figure out issues theoretically as well as analyze the issues practically on the basis of data. They are expected to become able to respond promptly to a huge variety of political issues both in Japan and from all over the world and carry out fruitful discussion.

Lectures and research guidance are given solely in English, so international students can pursue their study for a master's degree and a Ph.D. without any knowledge of Japanese language which has been one of the big obstructions for Japan to accept outstanding international students. Furthermore, GRIPS makes full use of experience in constructing the international intellectual network of administrative officials from Japan and many foreign countries, through interchanges of international students from over 45 countries.

GRIPS has focused on its systematic fostering and education of personnel such as policy analysts and administrative officials for strengthening policy planning. In addition to that, we now accept students widely, including fresh graduates, regardless of administration experience or work experience.

2. Experience

GRIPS' predecessor, Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) at Saitama University, started providing special programs in English for international students in 1984. Conducting these programs allowed GSPS to accumulate experience and knowledge in managing and delivering graduate programs. Its 1,200 alumni, as shown below, assume key posts of the government in more than 60 countries. Owing to the closely supervised educational setting and systematic student support, almost 100% of students successfully acquire a master's degree. The performance of its programs has brought GRIPS international recognition from national governments and governmental organizations as an international center for the education of future leaders in the arena of policy studies.

Country	Current position, Organization
Indonesia	Vice Chairman, Indonesian Institute of Sciences; Director of Trade Department, Indonesian Economic and Trade; Deputy Director of Corporate Tax Audit, Directorate General of Tax, Ministry of Finance; Director, Agency for Economic and Financial Analysis and International Cooperation, Ministry of Finance; etc.
Philippines	Deputy Governor, Supervision and Examination Sector, Central Bank of the Philippines; Deputy Executive Director, Institute for Labor Studies, Department of Labor and Employment; etc.
Thailand	Vice President, New Bangkok International Airport; Team Executive, Training Institute, Bank of Thailand; etc.
Malaysia	Deputy Chief, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy; etc.
China	Assistant Director General, Bureau of Science and Technology Policy, Chinese Academy of Sciences; etc.
Mongolia	Director General, Fiscal Policy Department, Ministry of Finance; Director, Treasury Department, Ministry of Finance; Director of Macro Economic Policy Division, Ministry of Finance, Economic Policy Department; etc.

3. Alumni Association

GRIPS places importance on organizing its Alumni Association, as the alumni are expected to develop a policy community and the networks among various governments and Japan. To this end, Local Alumni Groups are currently operating in 63 countries; these groups provide an extensive network to help alumni keep in touch with each other and GRIPS, and to assist GRIPS recruit outstanding students.

Alumni Office staff follows up on the alumni, organizes the Alumni Association, and provides various services including an online alumni directory, permanent GRIPS e-mail addresses, and an online newsletter.

4. *Uniqueness of Program and Research Guidance System*

A. Uniqueness

- (1) This program is a five-year Ph.D. course which integrates a master's program and a Ph.D. program. In the first two years, students can obtain a master's degree, as well as take the Qualifying Examinations required to be completed before starting a doctoral dissertation. Excellent students may obtain a Ph.D. in shortest three years.
- (2) All the classes are taught in English for both of the Japanese and the international students. This will be of some help to develop world-class talent. Our graduates should be able to play an active role in international research activities soon after the graduation.
- (3) The economics is the center of the curriculum in order to foster the ability of conducting research and analysis by using the methodology of economics. In the meantime, students must take some courses from other disciplines such as political science, international relations, public administration, and social engineering so that they can further their interdisciplinary education.
- (4) The program provides students with opportunities to develop awareness of the issues and consider the solutions through daily interactions in the class, practicum or seminar with the actual policy makers and/or analysts who are or were in respective positions, while students acquire the methodology of economics necessary for policy analysis in the classes.
- (5) In order to assist students' academic writing in English, the Academic Writing Center (AWC) was established. From the time of orientation for new students to the time of completion of their dissertation, the AWC provides a consistent guidance.

B. The guidance system

In this program, students learn the basis of perspective from the required courses such as the economic theory and methodology of econometrics. At the same time, curriculum for policy studies is structured for students to acquire abilities of policy analysis and policy making. GRIPS also fosters students' ability to carry out fruitful discussion in the policy debates on the basis of the basic theory and the methodology. GRIPS establishes the instructional system suitable for this purpose by allowing students to have two or three supervisors in principle.

C. Faculty with diverse backgrounds

The GRIPS faculty is distinguished by its unique combination of members with strong academic backgrounds and practitioners with extensive experience in the civil service and private and public management. GRIPS brings together the enormous resources of the faculty already engaged in research and provides a home for the exchange of ideas in interrelated areas.

5. *Research and Education Environment*

GRIPS, as a center of excellence for policy studies, promotes close intellectual exchange and exchange of personnel with international and Japanese government organizations. The GRIPS campus is located in the heart of Tokyo, near the foreign embassies and the central government offices, where the Japanese policies are formed. This geographic advantage ensures effective and efficient access to policy-related organizations.

Individual desk is provided in the student rooms, and each student is loaned a lap-top computer for the duration of his or her study. The Program is administered by the Academic and Student Affairs Division, which deals with acceptance of students, enrollment management, and general guidance entirely in English. The Student Office assists students in their daily life in Japan including arrangements of accommodation and support of obtaining visas.