

CURRICULUM POLICY OF INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN

I. Common Curriculum Policy for the University

1. All classes and research guidance are conducted in English as the medium of instruction to develop global leaders who can transcend language barriers in diverse environments.
2. All classes are conducted following syllabuses. Syllabuses detail the learning objectives of courses, teaching methods, assessment criteria, the content of required preparation for and review of each class, and relevance to the diploma policy.
3. Detailed guidance on course work and research is provided in small groups or individually to support a wide range of research topics among the students, promote student learning, and support students to submit a thesis or research report that meets the evaluation criteria within the standard period of study.

II. Common Curriculum Policy for Master's Degrees

1. A systematic curriculum with three course categories – “Core Required Courses,” “Core Elective Courses,” and “Elective Courses” – is set for each degree program. Essential basic courses are designated as “Core Required Courses,” necessary courses in various specialized areas are designated as “Core Elective Courses,” and other subjects are designated as “Elective Courses.”
2. The results of student course evaluations and graduating surveys (questionnaires for prospective graduates) are effectively utilized to assess and improve curriculum content and learning outcomes.

III Curriculum Policy specifically set for Master's Degrees in the Graduate School of International Relations

1. Specialized courses that enable students to acquire broad knowledge, analytical methods and theories in various fields are offered to nurture talented human resources with an understanding of diverse values, a global perspective and the ability to identify, analyze and solve problems in a wide range of issues in the fields of politics, economics and management.
Practical and policy-oriented education based on theory is provided, and teaching methods that make the most of the strengths of its multinational and multicultural student body are adopted.
2. The curriculum effectively organizes specialized courses in optimal order and allows students to acquire and surpass the level of the “knowledge,” “skills,” and “attitudes” outlined in the Diploma Policy. The characteristics of course offerings in each degree program are as follows:

<MA in International Relations>

1) International Relations Program

Within the International Relations Program, MA in International Relations offers courses on the essential facts, theories, norms, and methods in the field of International Relations. By taking these courses, students gain basic knowledge about complex international issues; learn and demonstrate skills in critically analyzing those issues; and acquire attitudes in coping appropriately with those issues as well as in pursuing future careers successfully.

2) Japan-Global Development Program (Foreign Policy)

In the Japan-Global Development Program (Foreign Policy), students gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for the degree, as well as universal logic derived from Japan's development process by taking a combination of Core Required Courses designated by the MA in International Relations and Japan-related Core Elective Courses designated by the Japan-Global Development Program.

<MA in Political Science>

Within the International Relations Program, MA in Political Science offers courses covering the sub-fields of Political Science, on thematic or regional issues in Political Science, and on various methods used in Political Science. Students can thereby gain the basic knowledge of political science, learn and demonstrate skills in understanding and analyzing complex political issues, and acquire attitudes in coping appropriately with those issues as well as in pursuing future careers successfully.

<MA in International Development>

1) International Development Program

Within the International Development Program, MA in International Development offers core economics courses for the acquisition of knowledge in analyzing development challenges; applied coursework for the acquisition of skills in dissecting development problems, and hands-on supervision for the acquisition of attitude in analyzing development issues in creative ways.

2) Japan-Global Development Program (Development Policy)

In the Japan-Global Development Program (Development Policy), students gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for the degree, as well as universal logic derived from Japan's development process by taking a combination of Core Required Courses designated by the MA in International Development and Japan-related Core Elective Courses designated by the Japan-Global Development Program.

<MA in Economics>

1) International Development Program

Within the International Development Program, MA in Economics offers core economics courses for the acquisition of knowledge in economic theory and practice; applied coursework for the acquisition of skills applying economics to economic and social issues; and hands-on supervision for the acquisition of attitude in logical and critical thinking.

2) Japan-Global Development Program (Economic Policy)

In the Japan-Global Development Program (Economic Policy), students gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for the degree, as well as universal logic derived from Japan's development process by taking a combination of Core Required Courses designated by the MA in Economics and Japan-related Core Elective Courses designated by the Japan-Global Development Program.

<MA in Public Management>

1) Public Management and Policy Analysis Program

Within the Public Management and Policy Analysis Program, MA in Public Management offers core courses such as “Managing Public Organizations,” “Public Policy Process,” and “Public Administration” for understanding roles of central and subnational governments and important steps in policy-making processes as well as the acquisition of fundamental knowledge in the field of Public Management. In addition, by taking core courses and methodology courses including “Research Methods,” students can acquire reading, analytical, and presentation skills relevant to the field of Public Management. Finally, core courses and elective courses will encourage students to acquire scholarly attitudes.

2) Japan-Global Development Program (Public Management)

In the Japan-Global Development Program (Public Management), students gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for the degree, as well as universal logic derived from Japan's development process by taking a combination of Core Required Courses designated by the MA in Public Management and Japan-related Core Elective Courses designated by the Japan-Global Development Program.

<MA in Public Policy>

Within the Public Management and Policy Analysis Program, MA in Public Policy offers core courses such as “Public Policy Process,” “Introduction to Policy Analysis,” and “Public Administration” for the acquisition of fundamental knowledge in the field of Public Policy. In addition, by taking core courses and methodology courses including “Research Methods” and “Case Study Methods,” students can acquire reading, analytical, and presentation skills relevant to the field of Public Policy. Finally, core courses and elective courses will encourage students to acquire scholarly attitudes.

<Master of International Public Policy>

The Master of International Public Policy (International Public Policy Program) offers courses on basic theories, norms and various policy instruments on international affairs and public policy, as well as on various issues that the international community is faced with. These courses are offered as Core Elective (Basic Core) courses, Core Elective (Disciplinary Core) courses, or Elective courses. By taking these courses, students will acquire basic knowledge about issues related to international affairs and public policy, skills necessary for the critical analysis of such issues, and academic attitudes that will enable them to address these issues appropriately.