
Announcement: Early Graduation Option

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Dear 1st-year MBA/JGDP students,

Here, we announce the implementation of the **Early Graduation Option** in the GSIM.

Under the current regulations, all two-year MBA and JGDP program students are required to complete six terms (two years) to obtain their degree. However, with this new option, students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance may graduate in five terms instead. In that case, they don't have to pay the tuition for the sixth term.

The Early Graduation Option is mainly for students seeking a new job after graduation, especially in Japan. If they graduate at the end of March, they can better align their schedule with the Japanese job market. Many Japanese companies expect their recruits to start to work in April.

If you are interested, please review the following details carefully.

1. Eligibility

Students enrolled in a two-year MBA or JGDP program with a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or higher at the end of their first year are eligible.

2. Effective Date

This option is effective from the current 1st-year students (Class of 2026).

3. Procedures and Conditions

1. Students who wish to apply for the Early Graduation Option must notify the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) during the first two weeks of the fall term in their second year.
2. The OAA will review the applicants' academic performance and consult with their supervisors. If deemed appropriate, the applications will be presented to the faculty meeting in October for approval.
3. Faculty will approve the early graduation, conditional on meeting the following conditions. If a student fails to satisfy any of them at the end of the fifth term, the approval of the early graduation will be canceled. The student has to graduate in June following the regular six-term schedule.
 - a) The student must be enrolled in GSIM for five terms and maintain a good cumulative GPA at the end of the fifth term.
 - b) The student must successfully complete at least 44 credits (research report) or 40 credits (thesis) by the fifth term.
 - c) The student must pass the evaluation of their research report or thesis by the fifth term.
 - d) The sponsor company or scholarship provider must support an early graduation.

Regarding condition d), please note that JICA-sponsored students are not eligible for early graduation. Nakayama scholarship recipients are eligible. As for other scholarship providers, we must check sponsors' policies case by case.

If you have any questions about this option, please do not hesitate to reach out to the OAA.

Sincerely yours,

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GSIM Dean