

Meiji University

Graduate School of Governance Studies (English Degree Track)

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	Programme Name
	Governance Studies Programme
	Degree
	Master of Public Policy
	Credits and years you need to graduate
	40 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Required
	Number of Acceptance
	2 students per batch

Web Links

- University
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Features of the University

Meiji University was founded in 1881. It ranks solidly among the best universities in Japan, currently consisting of 10 schools 12 graduate schools and 4 professional schools. The Graduate School of Governance Studies is located on Meiji University's Surugadai Campus, which is right in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo, a hub city alive with contemporary and traditional culture.

Features of the Graduate School

The three areas (Public Policy, International Development Policy, Community Planning and Management) of the Graduate School of Governance Studies aims at providing support to policy-making by government agencies and community residents through research and education in public policy studies. It produces professionals with specialized knowledge and global perspectives. The Programs are designed for those who have experience in government at the local level, in international cooperation or similar areas. It includes elected leaders and representatives, public officials, NPO and NGO workers, and corporate employees, and is also for recent university graduates with an interest in these public policy fields who aspire to careers in public service. The English track program is primarily for international students, including those sponsored by their own governments, those granted the Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) or MEXT scholarships, and long-term trainees under Japan's official development assistance program.

Features of the Programme

The Graduate School of Governance Studies offers courses in three concentration areas: Public Policy, International Development Policy, and Community Planning and Management. In each of these areas, major topics of immediate relevance to contemporary world issues - including decentralization, "good enough governance," citizen participation, sustainable development, economic development cooperation, regional

development, and poverty reduction are discussed in a wide range of courses offered by our faculty members.

1) Public Policy:

This area is about public policy processes, from identifying issues to formulating, implementing, and evaluating policy options. The knowledge and expertise in policy processes, including theories in political science, public administration, and organizational management fields are growing their importance in the field of public policy.

2) International Development Policy:

Drawing on disciplines concerned with international economics and the environment, this focal area encourages students to analyze global issues of sustainable development and poverty reduction from different perspectives on social systems. While market-driven development policies has achieved economic prosperity in many societies, they have also exacerbated global problems such as environmental degradation and income disparity.

3) Community Planning and Management:

Community is the field of practice where governance comes most closely in contact

with people's lives. Community Planning and Management area is organized around the process of making, implementing, and evaluating policies for resolving global issues from local perspectives. It also focuses on crisis management and the role of the community in responding to natural disasters and terrorism, which have been increasing in recent years.

Curriculum

The curriculum of the Graduate School of Governance Studies is organized along the same line as such steps of policy making and implementation processes. It provides a streamlined curriculum for the students to build the skills of creating, implementing, and assessing policy. Our courses are grouped into four core fields: Basic subjects - Policy, administration, management (Field A); Basic subjects - Economic, finance, development (Field B); Applied Policy Study (Field C), in which students conduct research through case studies, and Practical Seminars (Field D), including guidance on writing research papers and improving presentation skills.

List of Courses:

REQUIRED COURSES:

Research Method 1 and 2

Research Paper 1 and 2

Students also must prepare a master's thesis with necessary guidance from their advisors.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

<Public Policy>

- Governance Studies
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Urban Spatial Policy
- Introduction to Public Policy Analysis
- Evaluation Theory and Practice
- Comparative Local Government
- TQM in Public Sector
- Spatial Planning
- Public Financial Management
- Public Finance
- Tax Policy and Tax Administration
- Macroeconomics A/B
- Microeconomics A/B
- Current Development in Public Policy and Management
- Public Policy
- Policy Evaluation
- Japanese Politics and Society
- Comparative Public Administration
- Comparative Study of Corruption
- Japanese Local Government (Finance)
- Japanese Economic Policy
- Japanese Foreign and

Development Policy

<International Development Policy>

- Government and Politics in Developing Countries
- Global Governance (Theory)
- Global Governance (Institutions)
- Politics and Economics in East Asia
- Economic System and Environment
- Japanese Economy in International Environment
- Political Economy of Development
- Theories and Experience of the Developmental State
- International Economics and Finance
- Private Sector Development
- Business, Policy and Environment
- Environmental Governance
- Environmental Management
- Environmental Assessment
- Comparative and International Education

<Community Management >

- QM in Japanese Public Sector
- NGO/NPO Policy
- NGO/NPO Management
- Crisis Management for Natural Disasters
- Negotiation in the Public Sector
- Social Policy
- Social Development
- Consensus Building in the Public Sector
- Human Resource Management
- Leadership Theory and Practice
- Urban Design
- Introducing Spatial Planning in Tokyo
- Crisis Management and Civil Society
- Crisis Management and Public Administration
- Community Engagement and Facilitation
- Urban and Regional Development Planning
- Japanese Education in Comparative Perspective