Meiji University Graduate School Guide Book

Meiji University has four campuses and two accommodations.
Why Meiji University for Graduate School?

1. A Comprehensive, Multidisciplinary Program

The Graduate School at Meiji University, one of Japan’s oldest and most distinguished, comprises 12 graduate schools organized around the same disciplines at the university’s undergraduate schools. Each of the graduate schools conducts education and research ranging widely across the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences and offers its students the opportunity to explore multiple interests rather than confine themselves to a single narrow specialty. With a faculty of approximately 550 full-time and 300 part-time professors and instructors—all top-notch professionals pursuing their own educational and research goals—our graduate schools can offer instruction and guidance precisely tailored to each student’s needs. The program’s broad-based, multidisciplinary training prepares our students not only to explore their research topics from a number of different angles but to pioneer the academic disciplines of the future. People equipped with such multifaceted knowledge and skills are precisely the kind of professionals society will value most in the year ahead. This wide-ranging interdisciplinary orientation, possible only at a truly comprehensive university, is one of the defining features of the Meiji University Graduate Studies Program.

2. Exploring New Horizons

The Meiji University Graduate School has continued to branch out in recent years with the establishment of the Graduate Schools of Information and Communication, Humanities, Advanced Mathematical Sciences, and furthermore the Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies opened its door in April 2012. Our other graduate schools are also venturing into up-and-coming fields of study in response to society’s changing needs through a variety of new programs, including the Clinical Psycho-Social Sciences and Literary Arts and Media programs in the Graduate School of Arts and Letters, the Life Science program in the Graduate School of Agriculture, and the Frontier Sciences and Innovation program in the Graduate School of Science and Technology.

3. Becoming a Global Center for Advanced Studies

The world is entering a new era that values transnational thinking and global citizenship. To meet the evolving needs of society in such an age, the Meiji University Graduate School is committed to developing an educational environment and curriculum with international appeal, actively disseminating knowledge, and forging stronger community and cross-sectoral partnerships. In pursuing our commitment to internationalization, we are determined not only to meet our responsibility as a global citizen by harmonizing with and contributing to the wider world, but also to become an intellectual hub where people of all kinds can gather from the four corners of the world to interact and share ideas. Also, the Meiji University Graduate School has been working on wide-ranging policies to enhance the international stature of Japanese higher education, including collaboration with industry and the development of networks for the sharing of resources and research findings among core universities. Under the Organization for International Collaboration (Headquarters of International Collaboration, International Student Exchange Center, and Japanese Language Education Center), newly established under the president, Meiji University is taking internationalization to the next level campus-wide. The aim is to create an attractive educational and research environment for international students and expand the ranks of high-caliber students and faculty from overseas in an effort to internationalize Japanese higher education and develop human resources equipped to play a leading role not only in Japan but on the global stage as well.
Meiji University is the quintessential urban university, with four campuses located near the center of Tokyo, the capital of Japan. Graduate programs in the humanities and social sciences are concentrated on the Surugadai and Izumi campuses in central Tokyo, where the latest information on politics, economics, culture, scholarship, and business helps fuel students' intellectual curiosity. Both campuses offer an ideal study environment, including a large open-style study room for students in the master’s program and small group study rooms for those in the doctoral program. The Surugadai Campus is home to the Graduate Schools of Law, Commerce, Political Science and Economics, Business Administration, Arts and Letters, and Information and Communication. The Izumi Campus is the headquarters for the Graduate School of Humanities.

Programs devoted to the natural sciences are clustered on the Ikuta Campus, located in the verdant Tama Hills. Situated 20 minutes away by train from the Shinjuku district of central Tokyo, the Ikuta Campus is equipped with a full range of research facilities, including the High Tech Research Center dedicated to advanced research. In addition, it offers multimedia workstations, a multifunctional presentation hall, Virtual Computing Lab., and more in an educational and research setting designed to harmonize with the lush natural surroundings. The Ikuta Campus is home to the Graduate Schools of Science and Technology and Agriculture.

In addition, the newest campus opened in 2013 is located in Nakano district of Tokyo. Easily accessible from Surugadai, Izumi, and Ikuta, the Nakano Campus functions as the headquarters for internationalization, advanced research, and cross-sectoral collaboration. It is also the new home of the Graduate Schools of Advanced Mathematical Sciences and Global Japanese Studies, as well as the Frontier Sciences and Innovation program and International Professional program of Architectural and Urban Design in the Graduate School of Science and Technology.

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The Advanced Professional Training Course aims to train professionals such as civil servants, teachers, and corporate legal officers who have expertized knowledge of law. Therefore the students who have completed this course are expected to pursue their own professional careers, rather than continuing their study in the doctoral course. The doctoral program is to foster independent academic legal researchers, the main focus of our instruction is put on the preparation for doctoral dissertation, as well as support for academic career through promoting research achievements.

Curriculum Outline

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Graduate School of Commerce

Meiji University has a long history and tradition as the pioneer of Commercial Science in Japan. Building on this foundation of undergraduate training by providing more advanced expert knowledge, the Graduate School of Commerce develops specialists in each branch of the field.

The Graduate School’s program aims to impart in-depth learning grounded in broad related knowledge and to equip students with excellent research skills. The master’s program develops highly innovative and creative graduates capable of pursuing self-directed careers as researchers or high-level professionals. The doctoral program prepares graduates for frontline research careers in universities and research institutions.

The Graduate School is active in international exchange with educational and research institutions. In the 2002 academic year, the Meiji University... Collège doctoral franco-japonais in 2003, and the Graduate School of Commerce is an active participant in this exchange program. In recent years, we have also actively accepted graduate students from overseas schools affiliated with Meiji University, and the Graduate School is now preparing to form its own partnerships with foreign educational and research institutions.

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Future Path

Researchers and professionals who have benefited from this training are pursuing active careers in a wide range of academic and research institutions, both in Japan and abroad. Building on these achievements as we go forward, we aim to develop globally minded graduates who are ahead of the curve, and thus to promote world-class research. We seek to transfer and exchange with many educational and research institutions in Japan and overseas, which is an important way to reach these ends. To prepare talented graduates for global careers by staying ahead of the times in education and research, this is the most important responsibility of the Graduate School of Commerce.

The educational objectives of the master’s program at the school is to nurture scholars who possess a fundamental research capability and business professionals who have expertise sufficient to independently engage in business activities through providing the students with advanced knowledge and expertise related to commercial science.

The doctoral program is designed to develop researchers in the field of commercial science who have not only the creative and innovative research capability to proactively promote globally competitive research but the teaching ability to mentor younger scholars.

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The Graduate School of Political Science and Economics aims for an interdisciplinary approach to social science education and research, encompassing political science, sociology, economics, and adjoining fields, while integrating the study of theory, history, and policy within each discipline. Through this approach, we foster the high aspirations and the cultivated awareness that ensure our graduates a place in contemporary society. In particular, we prepare students to enter research by developing their independence, creativity, innovativeness, and originality, and to pursue global careers as high-level professionals by honing their judgment. It is our hope that our graduates go out into the world, whether as researchers, international public servants, or journalists, full of the energy promised by Meiji’s ideal, “a university that strengthens the individual.”

Political Science Program

In the spirit of the University’s founders “rights, liberty, independence and self-government,” the Political Science Program aims to develop young researchers imbued with humanity and high-level professionals ready for global careers. The master’s program offers two courses, the “Researcher Course” and the “Advanced Professional Course.” The “Researcher Course” aims to expedite students’ progress toward the degree of Doctor (Philosophy in Economics) by means of a research guidance system integrated between the master’s and doctoral programs. The “Advanced Professional Course” aims to prepare graduates for careers in such areas as public service and the media by offering related subjects across a broader range of fields.

Curriculum Outline

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Economics Program

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Highlights of Recent Initiatives

1. The graduate school has long pursued the mission and the aims of training young researchers, developing high-level professionals, assisting mature students in improving their general education, and contributing to internationalization by accepting foreign students. In particular, in the Researcher Course, we have realized an integrated master’s and doctoral program and revised the course content accordingly (making Academic Reading in Foreign Languages a compulsory subject), and we have emphasized measures for international students, conducting more classes in English and establishing education and research guidelines.

2. Under programs including the “Program for Enhancing Systematic Education in Graduate Schools” of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, we have redesigned the Researcher Course to bring together areas of knowledge encompassing political science, sociology, and economics, and have provided presentation for graduate students for oral presentations.

3. To provide students with opportunities to release their research findings, the Graduate School issues journals and holds “Sakai Gakiai” (research presentation for graduate students) for oral presentations.
Graduate School of Business Administration

The Graduate School of Business Administration (GSBA) aims to develop graduates with independent minds, strong individual qualities, and a high level of expertise. The master’s program aims to train research and education specialists and to prepare graduates to enter top management in the corporate and public sphere and high-level professional positions in management-related fields. The doctoral program aims to prepare graduates for professional research careers, that is, research and academic positions in universities and research institutes. In both the master’s and doctoral programs, in addition to seeking the essence of business administration as an academic field, we also approach it as a practical science by focusing on investigating and solving contemporary issues.

Business Administration Program

The Business Administration Program aims to develop graduates with an researching perspective that extends beyond their area of specialization to encompass management phenomena as a whole. We have therefore organized the relevant specialized fields into nine organizedly related areas: management theory and business management, corporate theory, managerial sciences, business history, personnel and labor affairs, financial accounting, management accounting, public management, and global courses. Students develop the ability to solve key issues in each of these areas by combining the skills specific to the field with a multifaceted perspective.

Curriculum Outline

GSBA offers a Research Course designed to train researchers and a Management Course designed to provide mid-career students with continuing education. Both courses comprise nine research areas. The Research Course emphasizes foreign language skills, and students are required to take foreign language business/accounting literature studies.

1. Study Abroad Programs

GSBA offers three types of study abroad programs, aiming to develop internationally-minded graduates who are ready to pursue global careers at master’s level and then, engage in disciplinary and cross-disciplinary research collaboration with partner universities around the world at doctoral level. The program types are: (a) Double Degree Program (b) Student Exchange Program (c) Short-Term Study Abroad for Research Program.

(a) Double Degree Program

We have established two double degree programs. One is with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia-Rasel School of Engineering and Advanced Technology (UTM Rasel School) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, since 2010. In this program, participants will achieve the fusion of arts and science which is in high demand in today’s world. Those who fulfill graduation requirements will be awarded a Master of Science in Engineering Business Management by UTM and a Master of Business Administration by GSBA.

The other is with Wossung University-Solbridge International School of Business (SISB) in Gwangju, South Korea since 2013. SISB is a private AACSB accredited business school where all courses are taught in English. Participants study one year at GSBA and another year at SISB. Successful participants will be awarded Masters of Business Administration by GSBA and SISB respectively.

(b) Student Exchange Program

GSBA runs student exchange programs with seven partners in China, France, Germany, South Korea, and Malaysia to expose students to different culture and different teaching styles. Exchange students are allowed to study at a partner university for one semester or two consecutive semesters. Credit transfer is approved according to the rules and regulations of Meiji University and partners. Students may also participate in such programs run by Meiji University and more than 100 partner institutions around the world.

(c) Short-Term Study Abroad Program for Research

Short-Term Study Abroad Program for Research is mainly for doctoral students. Partner schools are located in Australia, England, China, France, Germany, South Korea, and Malaysia. Participants are required to be an independent scholar and communicate with host professors for planning research activities beforehand. The program provides students with opportunities to network with international colleagues, speak at seminars, workshops and conferences held by host schools, find useful materials and information for his/her doctoral thesis, and so on. The period of stay will be from one month to 12 months, depending on host university’s decision. Some schools accept master level students as well on certain conditions.

2. Other International Opportunities

GSBA often holds small conferences with lectures of partner universities to expand knowledge and perspectives each other. Partner lectures help students brush up their writing and presentation skills during the event. Both masters and Doctoral students are encouraged to join such events.

3. Intensive Courses by Lecturers of Partner Universities

GSBA offers intensive courses by lecturers of partner universities. Students will gain invaluable experiences to learn directly from distinguished scholars of top schools in the world.
The English Literature Program
The English Literature Program offers a master's program with four specialist fields: British Literature, American Literature, English Linguistics, and English Language Pedagogy. The first three are designed to equip graduates with specialized knowledge and skills in their chosen fields, while also offering those who wish to enter the doctoral program a preparation that will enable them to pursue their individual research interests. The English Language Pedagogy course aims to produce junior and senior high school English teachers with a high level of specialized knowledge. Meanwhile, the doctoral program trains graduates to pursue ongoing independent research based on the knowledge they have acquired through their graduate studies.

The Drama and Theatre Arts Program
The Drama and Theatre Arts Program aims, in the master's program, to prepare graduates not only for research careers requiring a high level of specialized knowledge, but also for a wide range of possible careers in writing, directing, and producing for the theater, and translating plays and related historical and theoretical works. The doctoral program, both for program doctorates and dissertation-only doctorates, aims to provide preparation for a research career in the dramatic arts.

The Literary Arts and Media Program
The Literary Arts and Media Program positions literary art in the media environment and, with a firm awareness of what media is, undertakes literary art studies and media studies from the viewpoint of “media as literary art” and “literary art as media.” We aim to produce graduates who have in-depth academic knowledge of literary art and intellectual insights into the interactive relationship between the literary texts and their media environment.

The History Program
The History Program traditionally emphasizes an interdisciplinary and international perspective, basing its teaching and research on a positivist approach founded on analysis of the sources that are the historian's new materials, and a pragmatic approach that focuses on background factors that have given rise to history. In recent years, we have drawn on the special character of the Graduate School of Arts and Letters to stimulate interdisciplinary research with programs. In all of these endeavors, the History Program aims to develop both expert researchers and educators and highly cultured individuals with an ample background in history.

The Japanese Literature Program
The Japanese Literature Program aims to provide a unified understanding of Japanese history grounded in studies using multiple frames of reference. Research and teaching are based on positive evidence obtained mainly by critical examination of sources and fields; we also aim for a perspective that includes various adapting sciences and an international dimension. Through these practices, we aim to develop both expert researchers and educators, to train fostering both students and highly cultured individuals with a profound knowledge of the various regions of Asia, and the doctoral program educates graduates for productive careers in the international research community.

The Archaeology Specialization trains students in preparation for careers as archaeologists, both in the academics and in governmental institutions overseeing archaeological heritage management, museum curators, and teachers, who all possess high level of professionalism. To achieve this goal, students pursue both field and laboratory oriented studies, participating in archaeological excavations and analyzing artifacts. Students are also expected to participate in interdisciplinary and international research activities.

The Geography Program
The Geography Program equips graduates to investigate the spatial structure of cities, villages, and the complexes that they form, based on evidence from the viewpoints of social, cultural, economic, political, urban and rural physical geography, while emphasizing a global spatial perspective. To that end, we provide systematic guidance to ensure that students gain in-depth specialized knowledge, together with continuing education in the field and research guidance based on fieldwork.

The Clinical Psycho-Social Sciences Program
The Clinical Psycho-Social Sciences Program, at a time of upheaval that is shaking the very foundations of existing human values and relationships, aims to help overcome the psychological and social crises of modern society by developing specialists who will give practical support to particular communities and individuals, practitioners who will make contributions in the public sector, and researchers who will investigate the mechanisms of the crises we face.
The Clinical Psychology Specialization aims to develop clinical psychology experts who will take a direct and concrete approach to mental health which is an urgent need in today's society, and to promote practically-oriented research. Mental health professionals deal with psychosocial phenomena affecting individuals of every generation and social groups, including school absenteeism, bullying, classroom disruption, apathy, social withdrawal, childrearing anxiety, child abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, depression, suicide, and senile dementia.

The Applied Social Research Specialization, addressing the need to restore social solidarity through hand-in-hand mutual relations, aims to develop graduates who will support to stimulate civic activities and revitalize local communities. The specialization comprises an Applied Social Research Course and a Clinical Education Course. The former course aims to develop researchers in fields involved in restoring human and social solidarity and revitalizing communities, together with clinical practitioners who support the creation of a symbolic society. The latter course aims to study the relevant fields of learning holistically and to clarify the principles of education for human development, together with its social functions and the issues involved.

Curriculum Outline

In the Graduate School of Arts and Letters, a minimum of 32 to 38 credits (depending on the program) drawn from both lecture and seminar courses is required to complete the master's program. As a general rule, seminars in the main subjects of study must be taken for two consecutive years, but this rule is applied flexibly by the Graduate School Committee, allowing for individual circumstances such as a period of study abroad. In the selection of lecture courses, attention is paid to continuity with undergraduate education, allowing students to take subject-related courses offered by undergraduate schools in addition to those offered by the Graduate School, and we have also introduced credit transfers with graduate schools of other universities. Please note that the curriculum of the Clinical Psychology Specialization is designed primarily to enable students to fulfill the application requirements for certification as a clinical psychologist within two years. In the doctoral program, we provide thorough research guidance on the student’s chosen topic to facilitate the earning of a program doctorate degree within three years of entry to the doctoral program. Students in the doctoral program also sit in on seminar guidance in the master’s program and play a TA (teaching assistant)-like role. Conversely, students in the master’s program participate in research guidance for the doctoral program; thus, teaching and research guidance are integrated through both stages of the program. In some programs, open seminars are held in addition to those given by single faculty members.

Highlights of Recent Initiatives

The Graduate School of Arts and Letters currently comprises nine programs. To offer our students greater educational breadth, stimulate their research interest in research trends and methods in other specialties, and help open up new research topics, we initiated “Cultural Heritage Studies” in the 2004 academic year as part of the doctoral programs. These seminar-style classes consist of presentations and Q&A sessions involving faculty and students from different programs. The format allows active exchanges across programs, and the results are compiled as the Collected Papers of Cultural Heritage Studies. In the 2007 academic year, introducing the same principle at the master’s program level, we established "Interdisciplinary Approach to Literature" and "Interdisciplinary Approach to History" with the aim of providing our students with a broad cultural background extending beyond the confines of their own program.

In the doctoral program, we established Special Seminars in the 2009 academic year to encourage students to present their research results and contribute papers to academic journals, both within Meiji University and externally, thereby expediting their progress toward obtaining the degree within the standard term. Thus, we have laid down parallel tracks for the completion of the doctoral program and the process of earning the doctoral degree.

Diagram of the Curriculum

Graduate School of Arts and Letters: broadly divided into nine programs

Japanese Literature Program

Focus on the literatures of such era and subject-related to Japanese language study in mystery and varieties, including courses on related topics in Japanese literature, and Chinese classics

English Literature Program

In the literary field: the study of British and American literature, criticism, and critical theory topics include body, gender, subversion, narration, translation, etc.; in Chinese language and literature: the study of poetry, novels, and essays,重点关注近现代中国文学

French Literature Program

French literature starting from grammatical study, with eruditions of Renaissance and modern prose, and interpretation of modern and contemporary poetry, and studies of Faulkner, Proust, etc.

German Literature Program

The study of modern and contemporary literature, with a focus on literary phenomena in the context of German thought, and politics, also a thorough training in language skills

Drama and Theatre Arts Program

Guidance in forming the basis for historical and theoretical study of Japanese and Western theater from a broad perspective, with networking for specialized areas

Liberal Arts and Media Program

Total investigation of cultural situations through thought and culture, especially, relationship between media situation and literary arts. For example, media and popular culture, city culture and literature, acceptance of classical literature beginning from story of park, thoughts of Buddhism and Buddhist classical literature, modern media, research for publishing history, research for the need of literary history research, research for translation, research for culture and representation, etc.

History Program

Analogous of the history of Japan and other countries as the product of untiring enterprise by humans as social beings, analysis of the consequences, and study of the underlying cultural classification of such enterprises. Japanese History Specialization: Medieval studies, focusing ancient to contemporary history. Asian History Specialization: Studies covering all periods and all regions of Asia. Western History Specialization: Medieval studies, covering areas such as the History of Western Medieval History, Archaeological Specialization: Studies include the position of Japanese culture in East Asia.

Geography Program

Studies in physical geography, including geomorphology, climatology, and vegetation sciences, and in human geography, including economics, social, culture, urban & rural geography

Clinical Psycho-Social Sciences Program

The aim is to develop a practical science by means of the Clinical Psychology Specialization that relates to social, economic, and political context, and the Applied Social Research Specialization that relates to market, priority and ethical elimination.

Applied Social Research Specialization

Applied Social Research Course Clinical Education Course
Graduate School of Science and Technology

In the Graduate School of Science and Technology, the aim of our teaching and research work is to achieve a fusion of science and technology, that is, to understand the laws of nature and the structure of mathematical principles, and to apply them toward continuing human progress and happiness. To achieve this aim, the curriculum is designed to offer basic subjects while referring to their applications, applied subjects while paying attention to their theoretical foundations, and interdisciplinary subjects while paying attention to their broader implications. We thereby aim to develop researchers and high-level professionals who are active not only in science and technology, but also in interdisciplinary fields among the social and human sciences, who move with the changing times and seek challenges in new fields, and who possess a well-rounded character and abilities suited to an international career.

Mathematics Program

In the Mathematics Program, there are three aspects that we aim to cultivate in students: “using,” “teaching,” and “passing on” mathematics. Especially in graduate education, our aim is to train researchers and educators who can put the knowledge of the above aspects to good use, but rather than all of them are closely connected with one another. In the master’s program, students develop the ability to construct their own perspective while looking at the big picture of science technology as a whole, including mathematics. The program aims to cultivate in students the power of using, creating, and passing on mathematics as a basis of their social activities after graduation. Also, in the doctoral program, which focuses on “creating” mathematics, students are encouraged to make particular efforts to put their accomplishments to use in society.

Physics Program

The Physics Program aims to train professionals with accurate knowledge of natural phenomena supported by an understanding of the laws of nature, who can attempt to understand these phenomena in various contexts through deductive reasoning according to such physical principles. The master’s program trains researchers and high-level professionals who can contribute to society by using their knowledge of physics and their logical thinking skills. The doctoral program aims to train researchers who promote their research in physics with great initiative, and with results that contribute to the development of natural science.

Applied Chemistry Program

In the Applied Chemistry Program, we aim to train scientists and engineers who approach chemistry from its fundamentals to more advanced applications from a broad range of perspectives and with high degrees of originality. To achieve this, we offer training and research necessary for thinking in both chemistry and engineering, expanding from the fundamentals of chemistry to an extensive range of applied research technologies including interdisciplinary areas. In the master’s program, we train researchers and engineers who possess knowledge spanning a wide range of fields, including basic chemistry along with cutting-edge research in applied technologies that respond to the immediate needs of the chemical industry. In the doctoral program, new researchers to develop an ability to actively create something new in all fields, while developing a perspective to knowledge and further thinking toward future developing chemical technologies by making full use of the skills cultivated during the master’s program.

Architecture and Urbanism Program

The Architecture and Urbanism Program aims to develop professionals capable of contributing to the sustainable development of the human environment through cross-disciplinarity, comprehensiveness and innovation, and at the same time firmly grounded in the corpus of architectural scholarship. The program trains engineers and researchers who will be esteemed by society with the ultimate goal of contributing to the development of societies in harmony with a safe, secure and comfortable natural environment through the creation of spatial environments based on sound educational research. In the master’s program, researchers and highly skilled professionals acquire high-level knowledge and skills in cutting-edge technology through training in teaching, design and research. They are able to employ technologies and materials, architectural environments and facilities. In the doctoral program, students further strengthen their expertise developed in the master’s program as they train to become researchers and educators who will play leading roles in original and cutting-edge research and development as well as in society as a whole.

International Program in Architecture and Urban Design

The International Program in Architecture and Urban Design trains professionals in architectural and urban design who can work around the world, and also planners and designers who can play practical roles in creation and regeneration of architecture and cities, especially in international environments. The master’s program develops researchers and advanced professionals with the knowledge necessary for carrying out architectural and urban design in international environments, as well as language ability and skills. The doctoral program further strengthens students’ expertise, and trains researchers, educators and businessmen who will play leading roles in the international society.

Mechanical Engineering Program

In the Mechanical Engineering Program, we aim to contribute to the realization of new technologies and systems that respond to the needs of society by focusing on various areas of mechanical engineering with related disciplines. To this end, we train mechanical engineers and researchers who can think and act independently based on advanced expertise and creativity and with a high sense of ethics and purposes. Also, we conduct research that will enrich and expand the field of mechanical engineering globally and give back through our research and training to society.

In the master’s program, we train mechanical engineers who acquire knowledge spanning a wide range of fields, including basic mechanical engineering along with cutting-edge research in applied technologies that respond to the immediate needs of the mechanical industry. In the doctoral program, in addition to building on the knowledge and skills acquired in the master’s program, we train leading engineers and researchers who will be at the forefront of the field in the future by creating new value through cross-disciplinary education.

Computer Science Program

The Information Sciences Program aims to develop intellectual flexibility and creative power that will shape the future. To give students the ability to cope with times of rapid change and to think and act independently, students are encouraged to identify problems and find solutions, the program offers a curriculum with practical and high level specialized training. The program also develops experts in information technology with the power that comes from a wide and rich international perspective. Students acquire research skills and develop in their paths through original, practical research and then presenting their findings and achievements both in Japan and abroad. The master’s program develops independent researchers and developers with a high level of expertise who can create new high-level theories of computer science and construct systems that apply those theories. The doctoral program, students further strengthen their expertise developed in the master’s program as they train to become researchers and educators who will play leading roles in original and cutting-edge research and development as well as in society as a whole.

Curriculum Outline

The Graduate School of Science and Technology was established in 1989 by reorganizing the Graduate School of Engineering and adding science programs. In a society undergoing rapid transformation, the Graduate School of Science and Technology has accommodates new knowledge and its applications in science and technology to lead the way, and to help solve the problems that threaten the development of human society and the environment. To that end, we follow the principle of integrated education of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. In each, students select a specialization from the main subjects in each field of research and technology; they pursue this subject in depth and prepare a thesis under the guidance of a faculty advisor from the area of specialization. At the same time, to avoid the narrowing of students’ interests, the program has been organized in such a way that they can deepen their acquaintance with other fields and acquire interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. We have established Common and Integrated subjects covering many subjects in our School in cross-disciplinary areas. In these ways, we have designed the curriculum to develop high-level professionals who are both specialized and versatile.
The principles and goals of our research and education program can be summed up in six points.

- **Integrated, practice-based education.** On the premise that our students have already acquired a solid grounding in the basic principles of architectural engineering and design, we provide instruction and guidance for integrating their knowledge so that it can be applied quickly and effectively to concrete issues. In our lectures, qualified professionals with a wealth of practical experience focus on strategic planning and design theories. In our studies, students carry out case studies to explore approaches to specific problems and propose the optimum spatial solutions.

- **International literacy.** We intend to encourage human and intellectual exchange through internships and cross-enrollment with our International Partnership Institutions with a view to nurturing professionals equipped with a global perspective, advanced world-class expertise, and a rich store of practical experience. In addition, we intend to promote our Japanese students with numerous opportunities for acquiring an international outlook by holding summer studios overseas, international workshops, and equivalent programs.

- **Development of an integrated curriculum in coordination with the Ikuta curriculum.** We are committed to the development of an architecture curriculum consistent with UIA (International Union of Architects) standards (5 years of university study plus studio-based training in architectural practice). Students can select a specific district or neighborhood and work with local authorities and residents to identify and analyze practical problems and conduct actual practice. Our lecture classes are taught from multiple and global perspectives, making maximum use of digital media. In our studios, we select a specific district or neighborhood and work with local authorities and residents to identify and analyze practical problems and conduct actual practice.

- **Leadership in an international career.** We are committed to the development of an architecture curriculum consistent with UIA (International Union of Architects) standards (5 years of university study plus studio-based training in architectural practice). Students can select a specific district or neighborhood and work with local authorities and residents to identify and analyze practical problems and conduct actual practice.

- **Results-oriented study with world-class experts.** By inviting distinguished researchers, urban designers, and architects from Japan and overseas to participate in symposiums and conferences, we will leverage interdisciplinary expertise to explore and implement holistic solutions.

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### Highlights of Recent Initiatives

As science and technology progress and grow more sophisticated at an accelerating rate, the Graduate School has recognized the importance of cooperation among researchers in different specialties and has taken steps to meet the social and academic demands for comprehensive research. Some of these are currently acting as guest professors of the Graduate School (as of April 2017). We have also concluded academic exchange agreements with graduate schools of other universities to facilitate academic partnerships and exchanges and thus improve and further promote both education and research. Every year, a number of our graduate students take, for credit, lecture subjects offered by our eleven partners in the Tokyo Consortium of Graduate Schools and by the “SUMIRENIKYOU”, an eleven-member group that includes the Mathematics Course of our Program in Fundamental Science and Technology Program. Further, we have commenced active exchanges with Hiroshima University Graduate School of Science, Rikkyo University Graduate School of Science and Technology, Shizuoka University Graduate School of Science and Technology and Digital Hollywood University Graduate School of Digital Contents under the memoranda regarding assignment of research guidance and credit transfers.

In recent years, by reaching beyond our own laboratories to forge partnerships with other graduate schools and the professional world, we have made these active exchanges a major feature of our work at the Graduate School of Science and Technology.

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### International Program in Architecture and Urban Design

In the International Program in Architecture and Urban Design, our goal is to nurture professionals (architects, urban designers, project managers, etc.) who can identify key challenges in the field of architecture and urban design from an international perspective; analyze them scientifically in respect of planning, physical design, and practical implementation; actively pursue collaboration and partnerships with professionals in other fields to develop concrete solutions (visions or designs) for society.

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### Diagram of the Curriculum for the Master’s Program

- **Main subjects**
  - 1st year: 4 credits (8 credits)
  - 2nd year: 8 credits

- **Special subjects**
  - 1st and 2nd years: minimum 18 credits (maximum 22 credits)

- **Special subjects provide the knowledge and theoretical understanding necessary for research work. Mainly in lecture form. A certain number of credits is required for degree completion.**

- **Meiji University Graduate Schools or other universities**
  - 1st and 2nd years: elective courses (program, required)
  - Subjects are offered in combined and interdisciplinary fields and may be taken as necessary. Also, subjects that are not available at the Graduate School may (after the necessary procedures have been completed be taken at other Meiji University Graduate Schools or at other universities.

- **Submission of master’s thesis:**
  - To obtain a master’s degree, students must submit a master’s thesis and receive a pass.
  - The master’s thesis is the overall summation of research done in the master’s program and is also the first preparation for entering a high-level professional career.

- **Completion of master’s program (award of master’s degree)
The twenty-first century is called "the century of the environment," for even as humanity enjoys the benefits of rapid industrial development, we are also experiencing its profoundly problematic impact on the planet. Seeking ways for humans to coexist in sustainable harmony with nature, the Graduate School of Agriculture adopts the approach of a comprehensive science that deals with food, the environment, and living organisms. We bring an array of methodologies, from the life sciences to the social sciences, to bear on issues ranging from the molecular to the global in scale. In this way, we aim to foster insight into the phenomena of nature and life, together with a well-rounded humanity, and to develop graduate students who can solve problems from a broad perspective with a high level of specialized knowledge combining the specialist’s and the generalist’s views.

Agricultural Chemistry Program
The Agricultural Chemistry Program focuses on problem-solving in the fields of food, the environment, and living organisms, applying the natural sciences (physics, chemistry, and biology), molecular biology, engineering, and other disciplines, and utilizing cutting-edge technologies. The goal of education and research in this program is to contribute solutions that recognize the need for coexistence with other living things in a sustainable global environment. Through those educational and research contributions, we aim to develop graduate students with a high level of expertise and practical skills suited to all professions, primarily in fields related to agricultural chemistry.

Agricultural Economics Program
Modern society faces a host of problems in the areas of agriculture and food, the environment, and resources. The agricultural economist seeks to solve these problems with an approach that, while essentially economic, also draws on adorning social sciences such as business administration, sociology, and political science. On this academic basis, the Agricultural Economics Program aims to develop graduate students with a solid grounding in the relevant social sciences, a broad grasp of problems from an international and historical perspective, and advanced practical skills that yield solutions to concrete problems.

Life Sciences Program
The Life Sciences Program integrates the basic knowledge and research methods of the life sciences and biotechnology as it pursues basic and applied research relating to food, the environment, and living things, including the molecular mechanisms underlying physiological processes in organisms, the search for physiologically active substances, and (for food) protection of the environment and environmental purification. Fields of research on products include development of new functional ingredients and foods. Combining traditional research methods with techniques utilizing the latest laboratory equipment, we aim to investigate and solve problems in these research fields by developing and applying biotechnology.

Agriculture Program
In the Agriculture Program, various subjects (from fundamental to applied fields) are arranged to discover and solve problems for sustainable and efficient production and utilization of useful plant and animal resources (field and horticultural crops, domestic animals, etc.) with biological, chemical, physical, and mathematical procedures. Furthermore, the subjects offer a comprehensive education of the environment and those to compose an environment, which enables the coexistence of human beings and nature, are arranged. Students come to possess ability of grasping foods and environment, as a whole.

Agricultural Economics Program
The Agricultural Economics Program aims to investigate problems concerning food, agriculture, and the environment from the standpoint of the social sciences and to study the social and economic conditions for human sustainability. Establishing an informed and holistic overview based on training in the various social sciences, we aim to motion solutions to social problems dealing with the food, environment, and ecosystem settings, together with resources ranging from statistics and government publications to information technology.

Highlights of Recent Initiatives
The Graduate School of Agriculture has coordinated the master’s program with the undergraduate program in order to integrate education and research at these two programs. In the 2008 academic year, to provide greater depth of lecture content, we started that several faculty members share responsibility for certain Advanced Subjects. Further, we place a clear emphasis on research work, as seminar subjects (where students receive research guidance) to seminars, that allow them to be assigned more weight than lectures. Since the 2008 academic year, seminar subjects have carried 18 credits (2 credits in the Agricultural Economics Program). This approach has proved effective in raising the level of research papers published and presented in Japan and overseas. In the 2007 academic year, five of our graduate students received Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DCF) from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, and the fellowship has been granted every year ever since.

Diagram of the Curriculum
The Graduate School of Agriculture aims to create a comprehensive science that deals with food, the environment, and living organisms, and thereby to contribute to human welfare through sustainable development, or the effective use of finite resources to achieve symbiosis between nature and humans. Accordingly, the curriculum goes beyond classroom learning and is centered on in-depth research and practice.

A growing number of undergraduate students in the School of Agriculture are choosing to pursue graduate work. Our admission capacity was expanded to 80 students in the 2006 academic year, and we are close to full enrollment. Since the 2009 academic year, undergraduate students who intend to enter the Graduate School can take Advanced Subjects lectured in the master’s program. Also, in the doctoral program, an internal criterion is applied to the examination of doctoral candidates, namely, they must at least two original papers in peer-reviewed academic journals before submitting their dissertation. Students are provided with a clear goal by the degree criteria.

In the 2006 academic year, we began offering our own job search service. This is an integral part of our education, which allows students to share employment information (for example, by inviting alumni to talk about their work experience) and to form an image of the ways they can contribute to society in their specialty after graduation.
Graduate School of Information and Communication

As the information age progresses, society and its problems are growing increasingly more complex, yet the academic world is failing to provide sufficient remedies. The Graduate School of Information and Communication aims to create a forum where specialists from different fields can share their problem definitions and their proposed solutions; study the complexities of information society from various angles with “information and communication” as their frame of reference; provide feedback that is applicable to their own fields.

In other words, we aim to be a graduate school that initiates a “paradigm shift” or contributes to “paradigm creation” in both education and research.

Information and Communication Program

In order to address the problems of the advanced information society, the Information and Communication Program aims to prepare graduates for research and practical careers by equipping them with an eclectic, interdisciplinary approach. This enables them to grasp and articulate the 21st century issues that exceed the purview of existing research specialties. The program also aims to foster the solid decision-making criteria necessary to enable them to personally develop effective and investigative policy portfolios. To achieve these goals, we involve our students from an early stage in planning research projects, to parallel with their study of specialized disciplines, to give them experience in interdisciplinary approaches to concrete problems.

Curriculum Outline

The curriculum structure is based on a new ideal of interdisciplinary studies. Its three defining characteristics are: participation in interdisciplinary research, communication of the results of interdisciplinary education and research, and acquisition of the necessary research skills.

1. Participation in interdisciplinary research

The practice of interdisciplinary research must be firmly founded on the existing accumulation of past scholarship. Thus, students must first master the knowledge and research skills that will become their core, focusing on one of four topic categories of Society, Humans, Culture, or Nature. Upon which, they are then ready to carry out research within the “interdisciplinary space” of the field’s “pyramid” whose base is the four corresponding specialist areas and whose vertical axis links theory and practice. Students freely pursue a scholarly inquiry into a topic they wish to engage in while making full use of the intellectual resources of other specialist areas.

2. Communication of the results of interdisciplinary education and research

In order to communicate the results of interdisciplinary education and research to a wide audience, we offer an open academic environment in the form of interdisciplinary joint research projects, often partnering with institutions outside Meiji University. In joining such a project, students gain a forum to address contemporary issues academically and communicate the results of their research.

3. Acquisition of the necessary research skills

In order to teach the research skills necessary for this interdisciplinary work, we offer research support subjects such as Intensive Reading of Foreign-Language Books, Fieldwork Approaches, Academic Writing, and specialized social surveys.

Diagram of the Curriculum

Participation in interdisciplinary joint research projects

Participating in the Graduate School, students can participate in interdisciplinary joint research projects.

Participating with local and overseas research institutions, companies, NGOs, and others

Students can participate in interdisciplinary joint research projects with local and overseas research institutions, companies, NGOs, and others.

Presenting papers, writing master’s thesis

Students can present their research papers and write their master’s thesis.

Research support subjects

Intensive Reading of Foreign-Language Books, Fieldwork Approaches, Academic Writing, etc.

Research in specialized areas (academic categories)

Research in specialized areas (academic categories)

Participating with other Meiji University Graduate Schools

Participating with other Meiji University Graduate Schools

Information and communication theory

Information and communication practice

Interdisciplinary space

Society

Culture

Nature

Highlights of Recent Initiatives

The Graduate School of Information and Communication is an interdisciplinary Graduate School aiming for “paradigm shift” and “paradigm creation” designed to offer a forum where specialists from different fields can study information society from various angles with “information and communication” as their common frame of reference, and provide feedback that can be utilized in their own fields.

In the master’s program, we endeavor to realize the Graduate School’s goal of interdisciplinary, which we define as “leading-edge research.”

1. “Leading-edge” research

Due to their highly complex nature, “leading-edge” phenomena, problems, and issues of the advanced information society often elude categorization under existing disciplines. “Leading-edge” research, as we envision it, takes up an issue that does not easily lend itself to conventional analysis, reduces it to its essentials using a multifaceted approach, and investigates it in an interdisciplinary way. The Graduate School aims to be a center for such “leading-edge” research.

2. Networking

If researchers are to deal with problems and challenges on an increasingly global scale, naturally they must not only coordinate their efforts on particular issues among themselves, but also form flexible partnerships with other universities and research institutes, private corporations, and think tanks, both in Japan and overseas. The Graduate School of Information and Communication has established seven research units: Centers for Behavioral Economics, Discourse and Communications, Multiculturalism; Basic Theory of Media, Consciousness; Information; Contemporary Society; Scientific Communications, and will continue to create new Centers for specific research areas. In the doctoral program, the Graduate School functions as a meta-laboratory, a kind of “laboratory of laboratories,” bringing together and organizing researchers on and off campus around the hubs formed by the Centers.

These two points, “leading-edge” research and networking, are the keys to achieving true interdisciplinarity.
The Graduate School of Humanities strives to prepare graduates both to confront, in a comprehensive and interdisciplinary way, issues facing humankind in the 21st century and to act responsibly in the public interest. Our education and research activities are devoted to “a quest for the quality of humanity and for an environment suitable to it,” and our goal is “the creation (design) of new intellectual resources.” Specific issues include ethical concerns arising from exponential technological progress, cross-cultural understanding in a globalized society, peace-building strategies under conditions of deterritorialization, and coexistence with the natural environment.

Humanities Program

We offer three courses of study: “Philosophy, Thought, and Religion,” “Culture,” and “Peace and the Environment.” Students are required to choose a course for themselves from among these, and their individual programs are designed to cultivate a well-rounded intellectual base, one that fuses the humanities and the sciences, for development of new ethical standards required by a rapidly changing contemporary society. Our purpose is to equip students with a background in “contemporary humanities” that fosters sound ethical judgment and problem-solving skills.

Curriculum Outline

In both the master’s and the doctoral programs of the Graduate School of Humanities, students in each of the three courses provided “Philosophy, Thought and Religion,” “Culture,” and “Peace and the Environment,” conduct research on topics of their own choice, employing an interdisciplinary approach centered on that of their primary course. Students’ core studies consist of research seminars (in the master’s program) and research dissertation guidance (in the doctoral program); lecture subjects offered in other courses are also required in order to guarantee that students develop the skills necessary for an interdisciplinary approach.

In the master’s program, each course includes compulsory “Seminars,” elective “Lecture Subjects,” and compulsory “Special Lectures in Academic Writing” classes. In addition to the “Seminars,” which serve as cores for individual research activities, students choose from among the “Lecture Subjects” in their primary course for the purpose of mastering a significant body of learning in their research area. They also choose from among other “Lecture Subjects,” and a total of at least 32 credits and a successfully completed master’s thesis are required for completion of the master’s program.

In the doctoral program, in addition to receiving research dissertation guidance, students are required to take “Special Studies,” lecture subject from both their primary and non-primary courses in order to achieve greater interdisciplinary skills to add to an increasing depth of specialization. Further, to promote an interdisciplinary approach to analyses and research, students are required to present their own individual research results in “Studies in Humanities and Sciences,” with cross-course faculty participation. The three-year program requires a total of at least 20 credits and successful completion of a doctoral dissertation.

The hallmark of the Graduate School of Humanities is a broad-based, holistic approach to issues confronting individuals in contemporary society, opposed to narrow specialization in a particular concentration alone. In keeping with this approach, we seek diversity in our student body, which includes international students and working adults, particularly mid-career professionals, who bring a rich store of real-world experience.

To encourage international student enrollment, the International Program for Students from Designated Overseas Schools was launched in 2019 with the goal of building international bridges among undergraduate and graduate programs and developing educational programs that transcend national borders. We currently enroll students from designated partner schools in China, Taiwan, and South Korea.

The Graduate School of Humanities offers this diverse student body special opportunities to supplement regular classroom instruction in order to create a fertile research environment, develop advanced research skills, and foster an interdisciplinary approach.

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Through collaboration of the three programs’ research results, this graduate school aims to develop professionals who are capable of dealing with various problems in modern society.

Curriculum Outline

Mathematical Sciences Program

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1. Master’s Program: “Multiple research guidance system”
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MIMS Ph. D. Program (Doctoral Program)

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Mathematical Sciences Program

The Mathematical Sciences Program offers interdisciplinary education and research that integrates the arts and sciences and aims for “mathematical sciences that communicate with and contribute to society.” The program elucidates complex systems that manifest in nature, society, living things, etc., using cutting-edge science and mathematics and aims for social innovations and contributions towards improving the welfare of humankind through practical applications in society. Guided by this principle, the program develops professionals who can work globally, with high-level knowledge of science and mathematics, computers, and human sciences, while also learning to obtain the ability to apply such knowledge across disciplines. For this reason, the Frontier Media Science Program aims to apply frontier media technology by taking a mathematical sciences approach in order to provide students with the satisfaction and fun of intellectual enrichment along with the ability to contribute to the development of social culture through a solid foundation in global education and research in the inspiring new field of information sciences. The master’s course provides fundamental principles of mathematical and scientific research and information and a broad grounding in science and mathematics, and who have the power to act as an interface between various disciplines and construct a bridge between mathematics and other sciences. The master’s course trains researchers and high-level professionals in critical reasoning and skills in mathematical sciences based on modeling and analysis with the aim of combining mathematics with other sciences. Based on the aim of the master’s course, the doctoral course further develops professionals who can carry out independent research.

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Network Design Program

The Network Design Program develops engineers who can plan, analyze, and apply networks that are constantly changing from an engineering perspective. Also, since networks feature the ability to add new value by connecting various things in modern society, this program aims to foster students’ ability to analyze users’ action patterns, user satisfaction and business models in networks. The master’s course develops engineers with high-level expertise and a wide perspective through training in planning and application of network systems that support the foundations of sustainable society. The doctoral course aims to develop global professionals capable of working worldwide who can forge new fields through high-level initiative and originality.
Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies

At the Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies, we believe in the importance of training people with an international perspective, a deep awareness of Japan’s place in the world, and the ability to act effectively on the basis of that awareness. In keeping with this conviction, we seek to produce human resources who understand Japanese culture and social systems in an international context, grasp and appreciate the diversity of foreign cultures and social systems, and effectively convey their own ideas. We are committed to active interaction with overseas educational and research institutions through the exchange of students and other means, and to conducting the kind of high-caliber research that will make the Graduate School an international center for Japanese studies.

Global Japanese Studies Program

The Global Japanese Studies Program covers a broad field, encompassing the areas of Visual Culture, Pop Culture, Media and Content, Japanese Social Systems, Interculturalism and Intercultural Education, Japanese Linguistics and Japanese Language Education, English Language Education, Intercultural Relations and Cultural Transformation, and Japanese Philosophy. In the master’s program, we train human resources to have a broad view and advanced professional knowledge, and also seek to train not only researchers but members of society who will be able to contribute to the development of the Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies.

Curriculum Outline

The curriculum of the Graduate School of Global Japanese Studies is divided into Core Courses and Advanced Courses. Core Courses are a series of seminars taken over a period of two years, in which students receive individualized guidance from their faculty advisors with the aim of deepening their interest and involvement in their chosen field of research. Advanced Courses are lecture-style classes covering the core knowledge needed for research in the field. Among these is the common core course General Topics in Global Japanese Studies, which we have established as a requirement for all students. In General Topics in Global Japanese Studies, we seek to elucidate the nature of global Japanese studies and instill a common understanding of the key concepts at the heart of the program.

The programs depicted schematically in the accompanying chart are often so organically interconnected as to be inseparable. Visual culture and pop culture, for example, cannot be separated from the industries and media that disseminate them or from the society and culture through which they spread. In an age of globalization, the study of culture and society is inevitably intertwined with Interculturalism and Intercultural Education. Core studies support exploration into contemporary topics, and research into contemporary topics can be expected to stimulate core studies.

Structure of Global Japanese Studies

(1) Pop Culture

In the past few decades, Japanese manga, anime, and video games have attracted international audience and popularity. The Pop Culture program explores the histories, qualities, and future potentials of these fields, from multiple perspectives ranging from artistry and techniques to industries and businesses.

(2) Media, Social System and Internationalization

“Globalization”, directly linked with the regions to the world, has been expanding, but various problems have occurred by the differences of social systems and cultural backgrounds. In such a situation, we examine the relations between media and contents, production and transportation, changes of Japanese social systems such as politics and economics, expansion around the world, especially in the developing countries and regions, and roles in the world, etc.

(3) Interculturalism and Intercultural Education

Globalization has led to an influx of workers and students from overseas, and it has brought change of various kinds to businesses, educational institutions and local communities in Japan. The Interculturalism and Education program explores the issues and possibilities surrounding this phenomenon.

(4) Japanese Linguistics and Japanese Language Education

This program aims for a deep understanding of the Japanese language itself–the basic fabric of Japanese culture—as well as the knowledge and skills required to teach Japanese as a foreign language.

(5) English Language Education

This program examines English language education empirically and historically, taking an interdisciplinary approach that integrates research from a variety of fields including sociolinguistics, linguistics, psycholinguistics, second-language acquisition, pragmatics, language policy, and media studies.

(6) Culture and Thought

The feature of this program is to clarify concern in a broad view. Beyond segments of era and the differences of languages and religions, let’s discover really interested and important matters with noticing not only literal culture but visual culture and body culture.
Graduate School of Global Governance

There is a strong and urgent need to develop human capital for tackling global issues such as poverty, pollution, human rights, and democracy, which can only be solved through a global spectrum. The doctoral course of the Graduate School of Global Governance has been established to accommodate these needs. The school will enhance the students’ knowledge and ability so that they can become independent scholars who are capable of doing in-depth analysis and finding actual solutions to global issues whilst incorporating cultural differences.

The students would become policy makers and highly professional practitioners, working for international or national entities. The curriculum consists of “Public Policy”, “International Development Policy”, and “Community Management”. By completing the doctoral program, the students will have cultivated skills to observe public policy goals to find solutions to environmental issues, the alleviation of world poverty and disparity, securing human rights, implementation of democratic states, local revitalization and crisis management.

Admission Policy

The Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Global Governance aims to nurture candidates to become internationally competent researchers and highly professional practitioners who can contribute to society at the international and local level under various situations. In accordance with these objectives, the school welcomes applicants with high potential and motivation.

Furthermore, applicants need to meet the following conditions having already acquired levels of knowledge:-

1. Professional experience and knowledge in one of the following three fields, “public policy”, “international development policy” or “community management”.
2. High levels of motivation and the enthusiasm to acquire the knowledge and skills to become an independent scholar.
3. Readiness to tackle global issues through high level academic research and who can contribute to the development of global society.

Curriculum Policy

The Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Global Governance aims to enhance the candidate’s understanding of the structural discipline of the profession in relation to global issues. The core approach is from a “Global perspective” in which the student examines the roles of public, private and non-profit sectors in society. Under this banner, the following programs are provided:

1. Public Policy Program
   The program is designed to cover the area of public policy by identifying issues in formulating, implementing and evaluating policies. The program includes such subjects as Public Administration, Fiscal Policy, Public Management, Urban Policy, and Local Government System.

2. International Development Policy Program
   Drawing on disciplines concerned with international development, environment and political system, the program is designed to give students an understanding of the global issues of poverty and inequality, sustainable development and democracy. The program covers areas of Global Economic Development, Environmental Policy and Global Society Studies.

3. Community Management Program
   The community is where governance comes most closely in contact with people’s lives. Thinking globally, and yet framing social issues from local perspectives, the program offers such subjects as Social Development, Community Based Development, NGO/NPO Studies and Crisis Management.

By undertaking these programs, students can experience a rich, academic atmosphere with a supervisor and academic staff from a variety of international backgrounds to pursue their studies to become internationally competent scholars.

Degree Policy

Graduate School of Global Governance, the candidates must fulfill all the requirements set down by the school to a high standard. In order to be awarded a Doctoral Degree (Ph.D. in Global Governance) candidates must demonstrate their competency in the following ways:-

1. Ability to pursue skills in commencing research and academic activities in an independent and creative manner at a university or research institute as a scholar and educator.
2. Ability to pursue skills to become a practitioner of highly professional activities in government agencies, international organizations and NGOs.
3. Acquisition of global public policy vision and the research skills needed to contribute to policy-making toward the mitigation of global environmental issues, the reduction of gaps between social classes and the promotion of democratization.
Media Lounge (3rd floor, Global Front)

Media Lounge faces Step Court and Meidai Square, and it is the place of transmitting community activities.

Global Hall (1st floor, Global Front)

This is the biggest classroom in Global Front, which has the capacity of 1182 seats. It has multifunctionality like an information outlet and is used for the purpose of such as academic conferences.

Photocopying Room for Postgraduates (13th floor, Global Front)

The photocopying room on the 13th floor, Global Front is for the exclusive use of postgraduates and provides the copying and binding services essential for their day-to-day research works. Students can also make use of the printing system (Web-based Open Printer Service) that enables direct printout from their computers and other devices connected to the Meiji University Integrated Network Domain (MIND).

Structure Examination Building

This facility was built in 1999 with a grant from MEXT. Its three hydraulic actuators can apply force to two reaction walls and floors positioned at right angles, enabling force to be applied along one, two, or three axes. The facility also has equipment for measuring and collecting experimental data to inform research on the actual behavior of structures during earthquakes, making it an important center for research and development on new earthquake-proofing and reinforcement design techniques.

High Technology Research Center

The center was constructed in 1997 with funding from the Ministry Structure Examination Building of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology’s (MEXT)’s program for the advancement of research at private universities and houses major projects, such as the High Technology Research Center Project and the Academic Frontier Project.
Campus Guide

Izumi Campus

Media Building
Every classroom has multimedia equipment. Personal computers are set on all the desks in the media room on the 4th floor and students can make use of the digital equipment meeting their study style. Also, there are relaxing lounges on the 1st, the 4th and the 5th floors, and LAN can be used with a portable computer on the 1st and the 4th floors. In consideration of the environment, solar power generation, rainwater recycling, air conditioning using economical ice made by night electricity are provided in this building.

Media Library (1st floor, Media Building)
With using all media such as footages and sounds, students can make use of this library for self-learning in various fields such as language education. It houses various interesting library shots such as exercise books for language examinations of TOEFL, TOEIC, and so on, valuable academic footages and documentaries, ecosystems and environmental problems. Students can watch them at the individual booth and the common watching corner in the building.

Media Self-Learning Room (2nd floor, Media Building)
There are personal computers connected to the Meiji University Integrated Network Domain (MIND), and this room is available for the students freely. Students can make out reports and handouts for presentations and print them out.

Classrooms (1st floor, Liaison Building and others)
These classrooms are used primarily for graduate school classes. Unlike the large classrooms used for undergraduate lectures, these rooms are designed for small, seminar style classes of 15 to 30 students. Fitted with computers and presentation equipment, the rooms are used for a diverse range of class types.

Cross-Field Lounge
This hall’s seating capacity is approximately 400, and is designed as if being in the forest. It is used not only for classes but for TV conference and lecture meetings. All the seats have a retractable writing board. Also, there are many wireless LAN access points to keep well maintained WiFi environment.

Nakano Campus

Self-Access Center
The Self-Access Center provides self-study facilities, including language assistance to foster learner autonomy. Featuring a superior environment for using PC, AV equipment, software, and media libraries, the Center offers support for e-learning, group study, academic writing, and multimedia content creation.

Atrium
The Atrium serves as the entryway to the building and the high-and-low-rise wings. With its floor-to-ceiling glass walls and open ceiling, the Atrium bridges the inside and the outside spaces and has an open and airy feeling.

Upper Floor Lounge
Upper floor lounges are relaxed interdisciplinary spaces for faculties, graduates, and undergraduates used for discussions in a calm environment.

Upper Flloor Lounge

Cross-Field Lounge

Self-Access Center

Cross-Field Lounge is located between the classroom floors and the floors with faculty offices. This space is used by academic faculty, graduates, and undergraduates to discuss and exchange ideas. The Space is also home to a Presentation Space where undergraduates and graduates can present results of their research.
International Student Scholarships

Scholarships for international students are in principle only awarded to students with a legal status of residence in Japan of "college student".

Scholarships requiring university recommendation

(1) Honors Scholarship
This scholarship is offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), and is known for taking a large number of applicants. The deadline is in April of each year, but the program can also be applied for in advance for students who meet one of the following two criteria: (1) provisionally funded international students with exceptional scores on the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) and newly accepted to a full-time university undergraduate school, junior college or specialized training college in Japan, or (2) privately-funded international students of exceptional academic standing and character who demonstrate financial need and plan to attend a Japanese institution (but have not yet been admitted). For more information, visit the JASSO website at http://www.jassou.go.jp/

(2) Meiji University Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (Type 1)
This is a scholarship program offered by Meiji University itself. Application period is around May of each year.

Notes for applicants:
Many scholarships are contingent on superior academic performance during the preceding academic year; the number of scholarships available to first-year undergraduate or graduate (master's or doctoral program) students is limited.* Please visit the website below for more information on the types of scholarships.
http://www.meiji.ac.jp/jisp/support/scholarship.html

(3) Scholarships provided by non-university foundations
There are nearly 50 types of scholarships awarded from outside organizations each year, and each has a different application procedure, disbursement period, and amount. Note that competition for these scholarships can be quite strong.

(4) Japanese Government Scholarship
Privately financed international students meeting specific criteria may apply for MEXT scholarships (open to undergraduate students prior to their 35th birthday and graduate students prior to their 38th birthday). Students must be selected by their universities and recommended to MEXT, which will submit the candidates to another selection process before awarding the scholarships. In addition, covering tuition, MEXT will also assist the scholars with a monthly stipend. Note that qualifying for this scholarship is extremely difficult.

Tuition Fee Subsidy System

Meiji University offers tuition fee subsidies (exemptions) to privately financed international students who meet certain eligibility requirements and complete the necessary application procedures. The aim of this system is to reduce the financial burden on applicants and assist them to continue their schooling so that they may have a sound and fruitful life as an international student in Japan. The subsidy rate in the 2014 academic year was 30 percent of annual tuition fees. This rate varies from year to year.

Tutor System

Meiji University operates a tutor system for Japanese Government Scholarship students, international students sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and non-Japanese students admitted under the Malaysia Training Program and other Malaysian government-sponsored study programs. To enhance the effectiveness of students’ study and research activities and help students adjust to their new environment, Eligible international students are offered special guidance by Japanese students who have studied in Japan, and professional guidance is available for students who have any specific needs.

Job Placement Support for International Students

Placement Support
Students are offered hints on job hunting and provided information through orientation sessions and seminars. Individual job placement consultations and advice ensure that the job-hunting process goes smoothly. Career counseling services are also being planned.

For more details, please see: http://www.meiji.ac.jp/shushoku/ryuugakusei.html (only in Japanese)
Admission Guide for International Students (Summary)

Eligibility Requirements

To apply for International Student Admissions, you must meet the requirements listed below. Persons who do not meet the following requirements should apply for regular admissions or mid-career student admissions.

1. Master’s Program

You must be a citizen of a country other than Japan and have satisfactorily completed the full primary and secondary schools curriculums at a non-Japanese educational institution or institutions. In addition, you must meet at least ONE of the following requirements:

1. You have completed a 4-year academic program as of March 31 of the year to take an entrance examination by means of a school education in a country other than Japan (see note 1).
2. You have graduated from a Japanese university as of March 31 of the year to take an entrance examination as an international student.
3. You are deemed, in a result of eligibility pre-screening within the receiving graduate school, to have attained a level of academic proficiency on a par with a college graduate (see note 3), and will be 22 years of age by March 31 of the year to take an entrance examination (see note 2).

Notes:
1. For the master’s programs, you are eligible to apply if you will have been awarded a bachelor’s degree or an equivalent degree by March 31 of this year to take an entrance examination.
2. Applications based on requirement (3) must undergo pre-screening for eligibility. In this case applicants must submit the materials required for pre-screening in selected at the application deadlines. Please contact the graduate school immediately.
3. An international student who has completed the primary, secondary, and undergraduate university curriculums in a country where said curriculum is typically completed in less than 16 years will be granted eligibility provided that the student (1) is at least 22 years of age, (2) after graduating from university has spent an adequate period of time (as a rule, at least 1 year) conducting research in the capacity of a postgraduate student or research fellow in a research institute attached to a university inside or outside of Japan, or in an international research institute, or some comparable facility, and (3) is deemed by the receiving graduate school to have obtained a level of academic proficiency on a par with a university graduate.

Materials Required for Eligibility Pre-screening

• Request for Pre-screening of Eligibility for Application (standard university form)
• All normally required application materials
• Any additional documentation deemed necessary by the receiving graduate school

2. Doctoral Program

You must be a citizen of a country other than Japan and have satisfactorily completed the full primary and secondary schools curriculums at a non-Japanese educational institution or institutions. In addition, you must meet at least ONE of the following requirements:

1. You have graduated from college with a bachelor’s degree (or its equivalent), and you will have been awarded a master’s degree, professional degree, or equivalent degree from an institution outside of Japan as of March 31 of the year to take an entrance examination.
2. You have graduated from college with a bachelor’s degree (or its equivalent), and you will have been awarded a master’s degree or professional degree as of March 31 of the year to take an entrance examination as an international student in a graduate program in Japan.
3. You are deemed, in a result of eligibility pre-screening within the receiving graduate school, to have attained a level of academic proficiency on a par with a master’s or professional degree holder, and will be 24 years of age by March 31 of the year to take an entrance examination (see note 1).

Notes:
1. Applications based on requirement (3) must undergo pre-screening for eligibility. In this case applicants must submit the materials required for pre-screening 1 week before the application deadlines. Since applications subject to pre-screening are on hold and cannot be processed until the review is complete, please do not remit your application fee until a decision has been reached.

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Admission Guide for International Students (Summary)

Additional Restrictions and Requirements

The Management Course in the master’s program of the Graduate School of Business Administration does not accept applications for International Student Admissions.

Students seeking admission to the Graduate School of Business Administration who have completed or are scheduled to complete a non-Japanese university program but have not completed an undergraduate or graduate program at a Japanese university must obtain a certificate of Level 1 or 2 passing in Japanese by passing the Level 1 (N1) Japanese Language Proficiency Test administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services. Any level 1 (N1) proficiency certificate obtained 5 years to application deadline for Graduate School of Commerce, and 2 years for Graduate School of Political Science and Economics will be considered valid.

Entrance Examination Stages and Categories

The entrance examination consists of two stages, a written examination and an interview. Please note that two categories of written examination are administered for admission to the master’s program: Law, Commerce, Political Science and Economics Professional Course, Business Administration, Information and Communication, and Science and Technology, based on the type of applicant.

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Category B: Applicants graduating from a Japanese university

Housing

Meiji University does not provide special residence halls for international students. The International Student Exchange Office can provide information on specialised and recommended campus housing and provide references for those wishing to apply for housing in the Tokyo International Exchange Center residence halls or for corporate housing. Assistance with apartment searches is provided by outside services and businesses affiliated with or under contract to the University.

Accommodations (Izumi International House / Komae International House)

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Graduate School of Business Administration TEL 03-3296-4705
Graduate School of Arts and Letters TEL 03-3296-4143
Graduate School of Information and Communication TEL 03-3296-4285
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