

Graduate School of Governance Studies, Meiji University
Master's of Public Policy

The Graduate School of Governance Studies aims to develop the global issue discipline from the viewpoint of “Good Governance,” where government, market and civil society should collaborate to govern society more effectively. The global include indicate poverty reduction, sustainable development, decentralization of government, regional development for economic growth and crisis management for safe society. In order to contribute to the capacity development of prominent young professionals from all over the other countries, the School has been offering the Public Policy Program entirely taught in English since 2007. In order to meet with growing expectations from inside and outside Japan, the School will start two other programs from April 2010, namely the International Development Policy Program and the Community Management Program.

(1) Public Policy Program

The program focuses on governance issues of public policy and administration. The curriculum is designed to cover the process of public policy, from policy formulation, through decision making, implementation and evaluation. Major courses include Governance, Public Administration, Public Policy, Public Finance, Public Management, Urban Policy and Program Evaluation. Field visits to central and local governments and related facilities are also conducted to deepen understanding of Japanese public administration practices.

(2) International Development Policy Program

The program mainly deals with development policies, economic development and environmental issues in developing countries. Major courses cover a range of topics, including politics and development, economic cooperation, macroeconomics, microeconomics, fiscal policy, international finance, environmental policy and resource management.

(3) Community Planning and Management Program

The program intends to focus on global issues from local perspectives. Community management theory and practices are critical subjects to realize “Good Governance” with people’s participation. The study area includes regional planning and management, community industrialization, social development, crisis and contingency management and disaster recovery.

In addition to the above curriculum, students are required to take research method and paper writing courses, which provide a basis for their thesis written with the guidance of the academic adviser.