

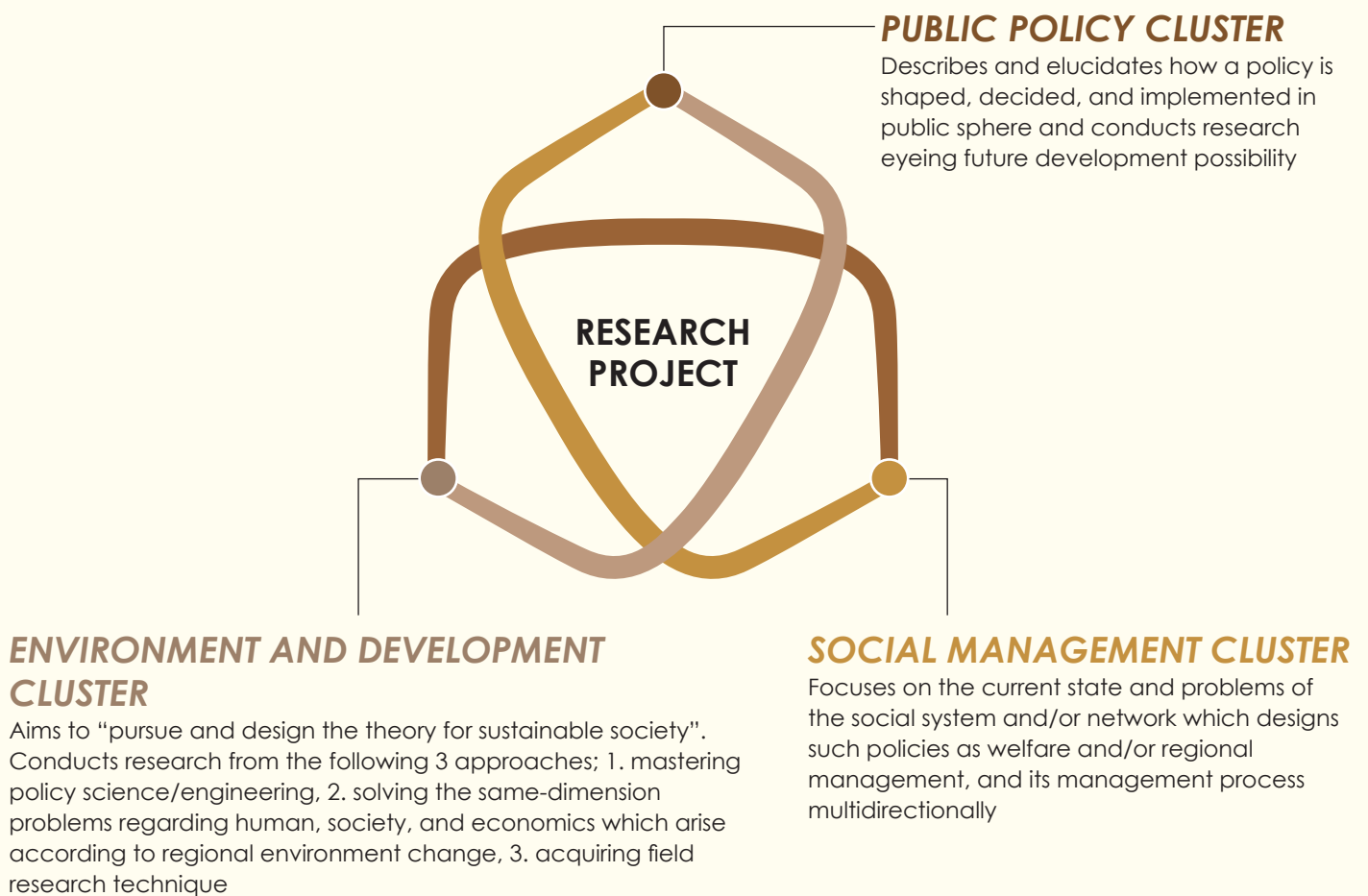
RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
POLICY SCIENCE



Building up the ability to implement policies through direct interaction with society

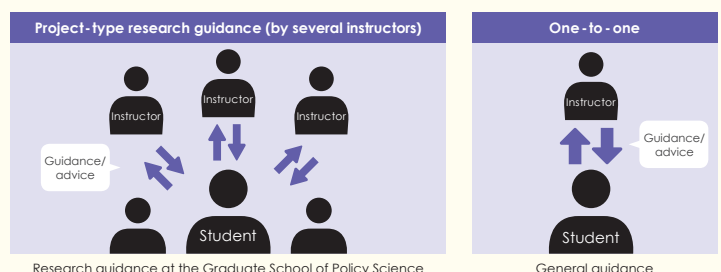
Policy science is a new discipline that involves interdisciplinary and practical studies. The curriculum of Ritsumeikan University's Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) is characterized by its "Research Project" program, which aims to open up intellectual spaces where faculty members of different specialties work with graduate students each of whom pursues different research themes. There, they are guided by their respective motivations to explore policy design to find solutions to policy issues that have taken place in real society, by constantly alternating between practical and basic theoretical approaches.

3 "Research Projects" featuring policy science



Project-type research guidance to deal with policy issues

What is unique in our graduate school is "project-type" research guidance for which instructors from different expertise organize joint research teams and students participate in the joint research process within the group. The purpose of this Research Project is just not giving research guidance from one academic supervisor for one specific area, rather collectively directing the students by several instructors who differ in their specialties but have common interests in the area/theme of study.



Message from the Dean of the Graduate School of Policy Science



Dean, Graduate School of Policy Science **Hiroyuki Mori**

Ritsumeikan University's Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) was established in 1997 with a view to develop students' essential research skills to correctly understand the policy issues that we face in today's society, work out for optimal solutions, and upgrade their practical competence.

Policy science is a discipline that explores solutions to various policy issues that affect us while pursuing innovation of social science itself. Through policy science study, the GSPS aims to train both new types of researchers with practical skills and competent policy practitioners.

Then, what is policy science in the first place?

The name "policy science" itself implies that this discipline has its own theoretical system. Policy science requires the ability to make an exact understanding in various policy issues. It also involves appropriate solutions to such policy issues. Since each of policy issues has various social and natural aspects, research achievements in a wide range of academic fields such as political science, economics, law, business administration, sociology, urban planning and environmental engineering must be served for studies in policy science. In this sense, policy science is supposed to be interdisciplinary research, encompassing many different academic disciplines. With this comprehensive nature, we must develop each own specialized field.

As a research institution to study the solutions to policy issues, the GSPS places special emphasis on the interaction with real society. To be specific, we have opened research sites called "Regional Co-Creation Centers" in local public bodies in several regions and other social institutions where graduate students are given opportunities to observe, as part of their researches, administrative personnel implementing policies firsthand.

Furthermore, we are going to register the achievements of such field researches in our "Policy Base" database on case-by-case basis and make such data globally available. In this way, researchers and graduate students of the GSPS can contribute to the enhancement of this database through their research activities.

The process of solving policy issues involves the steps of: collecting, analyzing, and interpreting information; developing options for solutions and predicting outcomes; making decisions; implementing the decisions; and conducting post-evaluations special skills are also required for each of these steps. The curriculum of the GSPS is designed to provide graduate students with such skills through hands-on learning.

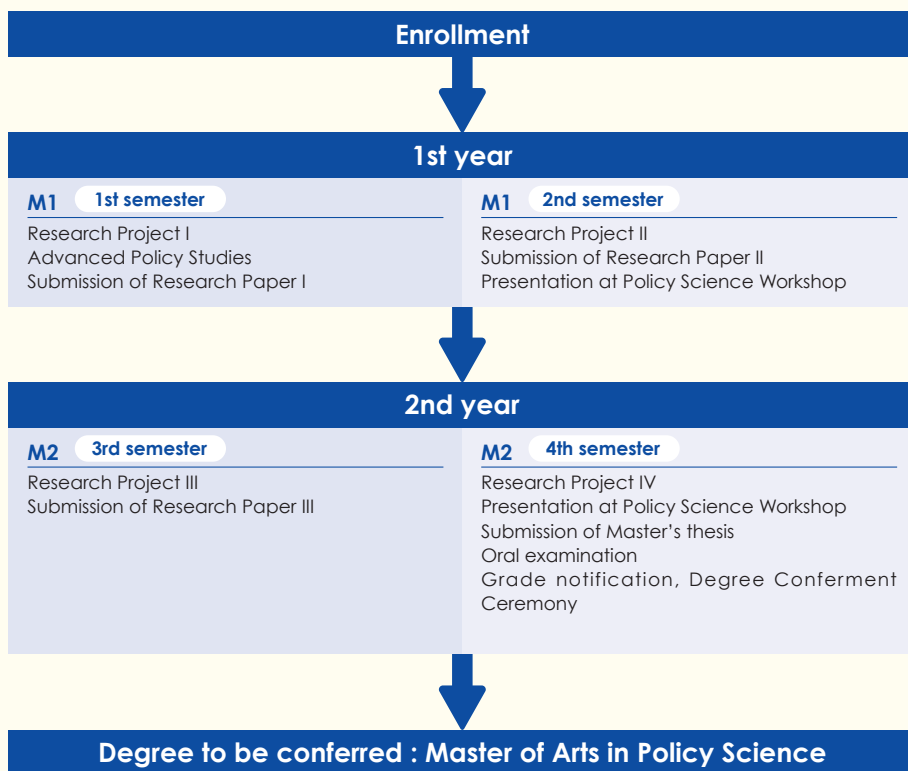
The GSPS also offers a project-style joint research program, which was conceived in consideration of the integrated nature of policy issues, the object of policy science research. This program is called "Research Project" in the Master's Program and "Research Seminar" in the Doctoral Program. Under these programs, several faculty members conduct research activities jointly with graduate students and offer research guidance to them.

By carrying out policy science research by making the most of these opportunities unique to the GSPS, we hope to train high-caliber personnel capable of finding optimal solutions to all social issues.



CURRICULUM

Curriculum Planning Guide (Master's Program in Policy Science)



- Research Paper I / II / III : Compile research achievement (approx. 3,000 words)
- Policy Science Workshop : Oral research presentation (20–30 minutes)

Course Titles

- Policy Case Reading I (Studies in Culture and Public Policy)
- Policy Case Reading I (Environmental Policy Analysis)
- Policy Case Reading I (Local Governance)
- Policy Case Reading I (Japan Studies)
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Introduction to Social Management
- Introduction to Sustainable Development
- Policy Case Reading II (Planning Science and Technology)
- Policy Case Reading II (Social Welfare Policy)
- Policy Case Reading II (Statistical Analysis for Policy Studies)
- Policy Case Reading II (Japan Studies)
- Policy Case Writing I
- Policy Case Writing II
- Participatory Case Research Analysis
- Social Survey Data Archive Analysis
- Policy Science Special Lecture (Technology Management I-II)
- Advanced Policy Studies
- Research Project I
- Research Project II
- Research Project III
- Research Project IV

Faculty members

PUBLIC POLICY CLUSTER

- Professor**
KATSUMURA Makoto
[Area of expertise]
Political Science (Japanese Political History)
- Professor**
KAMIKUBO Masato
[Area of expertise]
Contemporary Japanese politics, international political economy, British politics, comparative Asian Politics
- Specially appointed Professor**
KAMIKO Akio
[Area of expertise]
Local Government System, Local Public Personnel System, Conduct Codes of Government Officials
- Professor**
TSAY Shioh-Ching
[Area of expertise]
Administrative Law, Comparative administrative Law, Asian Law (Chinese Law, Taiwanese Law)
- Specially appointed Professor**
SATOH Mitsuru
[Area of expertise]
Theory of political process
- Professor**
SHIGEMORI Tamihiro
[Area of expertise]
History of political theory

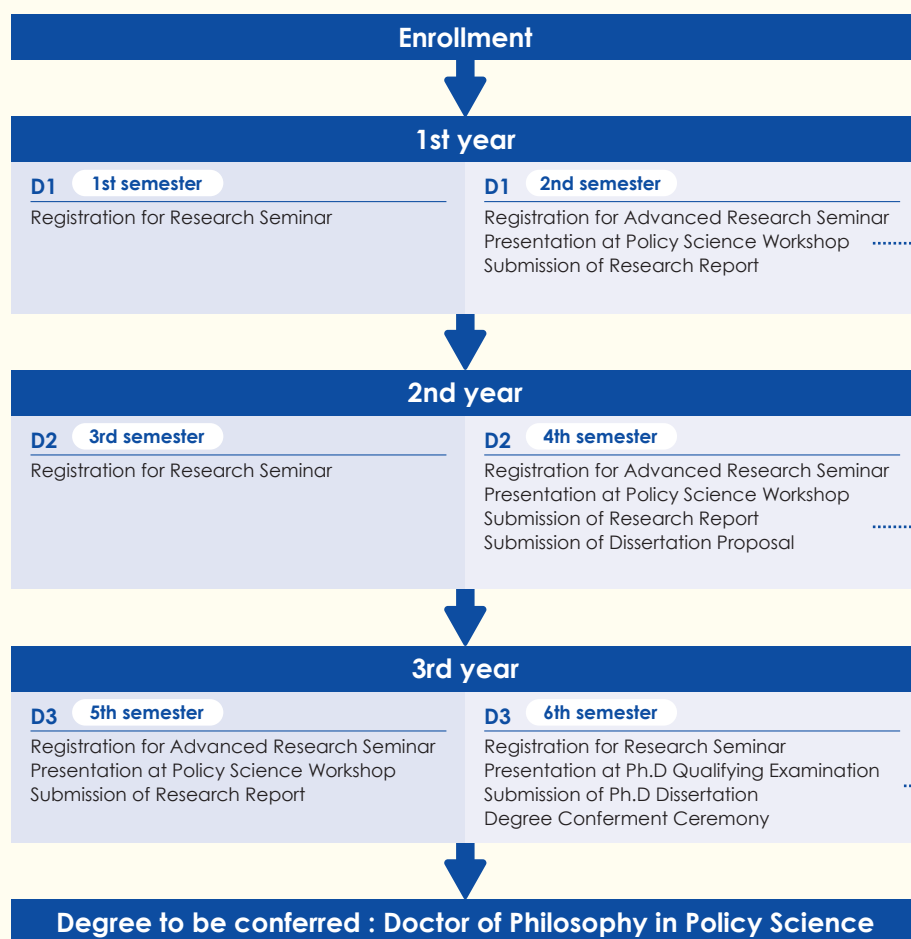
- Professor**
TABAYASHI Yo
[Area of expertise]
American literature, cultural studies
- Professor**
HICKS Kimberley Anne
[Area of expertise]
Political studies, political culture
- Professor**
FUJIWARA Chiemi
[Area of expertise]
Japanese language education
- Specially appointed Professor**
MABUCHI Masaru
[Area of expertise]
Public Administration, Public Policy
- Professor**
MIYAWAKI Noboru
[Area of expertise]
International politics, international public policy, security and human rights diplomacy
- Professor**
MORI Michiya
[Area of expertise]
Public administration, Political process theory

- Professor**
YASUE Noriko
[Area of expertise]
EU studies, study of international organizations, global governance
- Associate Professor**
ARITA Yutaka
[Area of expertise]
Medieval Philology and Foreign Language Pedagogy (French, Italian)
- Associate Professor**
KAKUMOTO Kazumasa
[Area of expertise]
Civil law, New fields of law
- Associate Professor**
FUJII Tadasuke
[Area of expertise]
Political science
- Associate Professor**
MORI Takatomo
[Area of expertise]
Information engineering, control engineering

ENVIRONMENT AND

- Professor**
ISHIHARA Kazuhiko
[Area of expertise]
Urban planning, community development
- Professor**
UEHARA Takuro
[Area of expertise]
Ecological economics, Resource & environmental economics, System dynamics
- Specially appointed Professor**
OBATA Norio
[Area of expertise]
Environmental policy, the study of environmental systems
- Professor**
KANEGAE Hidehiko
[Area of expertise]
Planning theory, Disaster Mitigation, Simulation & Gaming
- Professor**
KOSUGI Takanobu
[Area of expertise]
Global environmental policy, energy and environmental systems analysis
- Professor**
ZHOU Weisheng
[Area of expertise]
Environmental policies, policy engineering, international energy
- Specially appointed Professor**
TAKAO Katsuki
[Area of expertise]
Environmental economics, development economics

Curriculum Planning Guide (Doctoral Program in Policy Science)



Ritsumeikan University's Graduate School of Policy Science offers a research program spanning three years until conferral of a doctorate. Research is conducted under systematic and organized guidance. As in the Master's Program, Doctoral students receive systematic instruction while participating in joint research projects through the enrollment period. In addition to refining research capability, this program cultivates ability to design and manage research process – an essential skill for an independent Policy Science research. Doctoral students are required to summarize their research in their doctoral dissertations.

Presentation at academic conference
Attendance to international conference
Domestic / Overseas research
Contribution of articles

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

Professor
TAKAMURA Gakuto
[Area of expertise]
Sociology of law, urban environmental law, Field research Method

Professor
YOSHIDA Tomohiko
[Area of expertise]
Urban Planning, Human Settlement and Housing Policy

Associate Professor
SAUCEDO SEGAMI, Daniel Dante
[Area of expertise]
Public Archaeology, Cultural Anthropology (Latin America)

Associate Professor
SAKURAI Ryo
[Area of expertise]
Environmental Education, Policy Evaluation, Wildlife Management

Associate Professor
SHIKI Kimiko
[Area of expertise]
Urban housing policy, housing problem, housing policy

Associate Professor
TOYODA Yusuke
[Area of expertise]
Disaster Mitigation, Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Recovery, Community-based Approach, Social Capital

Associate Professor
NAKANO Katsuyuki
[Area of expertise]
Sustainable System, Environmental Policy, Environmental Social System

SOCIAL MANAGEMENT CLUSTER

Specially appointed Professor
AZUMA Yoshifumi
[Area of expertise]
International Development, Area Studies of Southeast Asia, Peace Studies, Social Demography

Professor
IIDA Miki
[Area of expertise]
Cultural studies, gender studies

Professor
ISHIKAWA Ibuki
[Area of expertise]
Management (Management strategy, organization, corporate behavior)

Professor
INABA Mitsuyuki
[Area of expertise]
Learning science, cognitive science

Professor
OTSUKA Yoko
[Area of expertise]
Welfare policy, gender studies

Professor
ODA Hisaya
[Area of expertise]
Development economics, area study of South Asia

Professor
KISHI Michio
[Area of expertise]
Public Economics, Public Management

Professor
SAKANISHI Akiko
[Area of expertise]
Urban Economics, Labor Economics, Economic Policy

Professor
SAKURAI Masanari
[Area of expertise]
Sociology (Social enterprises, NPO, volunteering, community)

Professor
NISHIMURA Yozo
[Area of expertise]
Monetary Economics, International Finance, International Economics

Professor
HATTORI Toshiyuki
[Area of expertise]
Management accounting, Strategic analysis

Professor
HIRAOKA Kazuhisa
[Area of expertise]
Public finance, local public finance, regional economy

Professor
MORI Hiroyuki
[Area of expertise]
Public finance, urban political economy

Associate Professor
OTIENO Francis
[Area of expertise]
Knowledge society, Cross-cultural fusion, Industry-academia collaboration

Associate Professor
KOJIMA Naoko
[Area of expertise]
Foreign language education

Associate Professor
TAKASHINO Nina
[Area of expertise]
Economic policy, development economics, agricultural economics

Associate Professor
FUNAHASHI Toyoko
[Area of expertise]
Global Marketing, Regional Economy of the Philippines

Master's thesis titles (* Number in parenthesis indicates the year when the degree was conferred.)

- Research about Japanese Legalization of Public Service Ethics Practice — Centered on the National Public Service Ethics Act [2019]
- Analysis of Employee Competence by using the Concept of SARCoN in Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency (BAPETEN) [2019]
- EXAMINING TRIP SATISFACTION USING FEEDER MODES TO ACCESS BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM: CASE STUDY OF RAWALPINDI-ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN [2019]
- Comparative Study on Faoreign Assistance Policy of Japan and Taiwan to Solomon Islands [2019]
- A Comparative Study on Local Economic Revitalization Between Thailand and Japan [2019]
- The role of civil society in the process of democratization in Senegal [2019]
- AGEING FARMERS ISSUE AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR: A Case Study of PATRA Community [2019]
- A Case Study on Citizen Participation Factors in Musrenbang (Development Planning Forum) in Batam Municipality, Indonesia [2019]
- Security competition and the security dilemma in East Asia, 1992–2017 [2019]
- Housing Relocation Project After Merapi Eruption 2010 and Its Relation to Social and Economic Conditions of Affected Households in Magelang Regency, Indonesia [2018]
- Roles of Decision Making and Social Capital in Building Community Resilience : Comparing TOP-DOWN Aprproch, In Nampula — Mozambique — With BOTTOM-UP Approach, In Kobe-Japan [2018]
- Evaluation of Relocation from slum to High-rise Rusunawa : Its effects on the Social Interaction of the Relocated Residents of High – Rise Public Housing of Jatinegara Barat in Jakarta, Indonesia [2018]
- Foreign Corporate Social Responsibility in Developing Countries' Mining Industry: A Case Study of Madagascar [2018]
- Policy Evaluation of Shanghai Vehicle License Plate Auction (VLPA): From the Perspective of Efficiency [2018]
- Silver democracy in Osaka Metropolis Plan Referendum — An Examination of the Theory — [2018]
- The Impacts of Electrification on Poverty Reduction and Development — A Case of Indonesia — [2018]
- The Effectiveness of Community-Based Programs on Residents' Solid Waste Management Behavior A Case of Pro-Environmental Movements in Surabaya Urban Settlement [2018]
- Social Media Engagement by The Government of Indonesia [2018]
- Understanding Environmental Concern and Knowledge of Ecosystems among Local Groups for Participatory Management of Karimunjawa National Park [2018]
- The Role of Social Connectedness in Building Community Resilience [2018]
- Determining Alternative of Post-Mining Land Use Based on Stakeholder Preferences in KUTAI KARTANEGARA REGENCY [2018]
- Critical Success Factors of Electronic Procurement Implementation in The Ministry of National Development Planning/ National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) Republic of Indonesia [2018]
- Capital Contributions to Poverty Alleviation Cadres' Job Satisfaction: Case Study of Kulon Progo Regency, Indonesia [2018]
- Community-based Forest Management and Livelihood Changes of Rural Poor Case Study: Implementation of Hutan Desa Regulation in Tanjung, Kapuas Hulu Regency, West Kalimantan, Indonesia [2017]
- A Prototype System on Impacts of Integrated Solid Waste Management Policy in Bantul Regency [2017]
- Anxiety of Family Caregivers over Future Work and the Double-Care Period in China: A Case Study of Dalian [2017]
- A Study on Healthy Cities Program at Local Level Government in INDONESIA (Case Study of Cimahi City) [2017]
- Reforming SOBs for the Prevention and the Better Management of NPLs in China: Reconsidering the Intervention by Local Governments in SOEs [2017]
- Future of Peer-to-Peer Finance in China from the Perspective of Regulation and Market [2017]
- Sustainability and Resilience Assessment of Urban Energy System Using Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) [2017]
- Conflict Resolution over Coastal Resources: A Case Study of Mining, Fisheries, and Tourism in Bangka Belitung Province, Indonesia [2017]
- Household's Economic Loss and Damage, Household's Responses and Their Relationship in 2014 — Extreme Flood Case in Pati Regency, Indonesia [2017]
- Projection of Food Agricultural Land Sustainability (LPPB) Using GIS in Majalengka Regency, Indonesia [2017]
- Evaluation Towards Street Vendors Relocation in Magelang City [2017]
- A Comprehensive Study on Land Provision Using Non-Financial Compensation for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in the Densely Built Area — Case Study: Jakarta Capital City Province, Indonesia [2017]
- Problems with employment support of foreign students in Japan [2016]
- Debottlenecking the Vacancy Problem of Vertical Public Housing: A Case Study of Rusunawa Development in Bogor Regency, Indonesia [2016]

Doctoral dissertation titles (* Number in parenthesis indicates the year when the degree was conferred.)

- A Study of International Comparison on State-sponsored Legal Aid in Common Law Jurisdictions for the Quality Implementation of Legal Aid System in Myanmar [2020]
- Corporate Social Responsibility in Developing Country: A New Approach for Understanding the Governments' Intermediary Role of Quasi-redistribution in Indonesia [2020]
- An Analysis of Indonesian Female Labor Migration: A Case of Indramayu Regency, West Java Province, Indonesia [2019]
- A Study on Conventional Motorcycle Taxi's Demand in the Urban Fringes of Outer Metropolitan Area: Case Study in West Java, Indonesia [2018]
- The Analysis of Government Spending on Education: Theory and Empirical Evidence from the Districts in Indonesia [2018]
- Inclusion and Exclusion of ZAINICHI Koreans by the Government of South Korea: Focusing on the Era of Lee Seung-man Regime [2017]
- A Study on Policies toward Stranded Tourists by Public Support of Disaster Response Framework in Concentrative Tourism after Great Earthquakes: A Case Study of World Cultural Heritage, Himeji Castle [2017]
- Home Rule of Washington State: Examination of the Formation Period [2016]
- Balance of Power and Deterrence between Saudi Arabia and Iran in the Era of Post-Arab Uprisings and Shale Oil Revolution [2016]

ALUMNI VOICES

Dr. Meng Ye

**Lecturer, School of Public Management and Liberal Arts,
Dalian Maritime University, China
Completed the GSPS Doctoral Program in September 2019**

I have an indissoluble bond with Ritsumeikan University that I visited its Osaka Ibaraki Campus as a conference speaker in 2015, which impressed me deeply with its friendly campus environment.

Immediately, I decided to pursue my doctoral degree in Ritsumeikan University.

As a rapidly developing country, China faces problems such as effective utilization of abandoned land in urban-rural fringe. Meantime, with an increase in the leisure time and income, urban residents have a demand for conducting planting activities as a leisure way.

From this point of view, my research connected these two factors together and was committed to help local governments to integrate allotment gardening into urban planning and urban land use systems.

Ritsumeikan University helped me a lot in the three-year doctoral study.

It offered me various financial aid to support my field trips in China and presentations at overseas conference, the professors here taught me professional knowledge on policymaking, spatial analysis and so on, and the staff here facilitated my life and study.

I sincerely appreciate this university for giving me such a wonderful and unforgettable study experience.

Therefore, Ritsumeikan University is definitely the preferred choice for those consider studying for a degree in Japan, outperforming many universities in aspects of faculty quality, learning environment, and geographical location.



Mr. Muhammad Adam Hikmawan

**Public Official, Semarang City Government, Indonesia
Completed the GSPS Master's Program in September 2020**

My research theme is about alternative infrastructure development financing in Indonesia.

The decentralization system implemented in the country makes local governments have more tasks, meaning that more funds are also needed.

Therefore, alternative development financing is urgently needed by local governments to accelerate the development as well as to minimize their dependency on the central government.

My study focuses on one of the alternatives broadly implemented in some countries, namely municipal bonds.

By utilizing a descriptive approach, it tries to find out the best way to encourage the issuance of municipal bonds to become an alternative development financing in Indonesia.

As one of the best private universities in Japan, Ritsumeikan University provides not only excellent facilities for studying and conducting research but also a friendly campus environment that keep student life joyful.

Moreover, Ritsumeikan University has the Research Project program that involves interdisciplinarity.

By having the experts in each field of study, I had the opportunity to deepen my knowledge and to discuss my research from various points of view, which broadened my comprehension.

Eventually, I believe that Ritsumeikan University, and Japan in general with its fascinating places and culture, is more than a pleasant place to study and to have a wonderful experience in life.

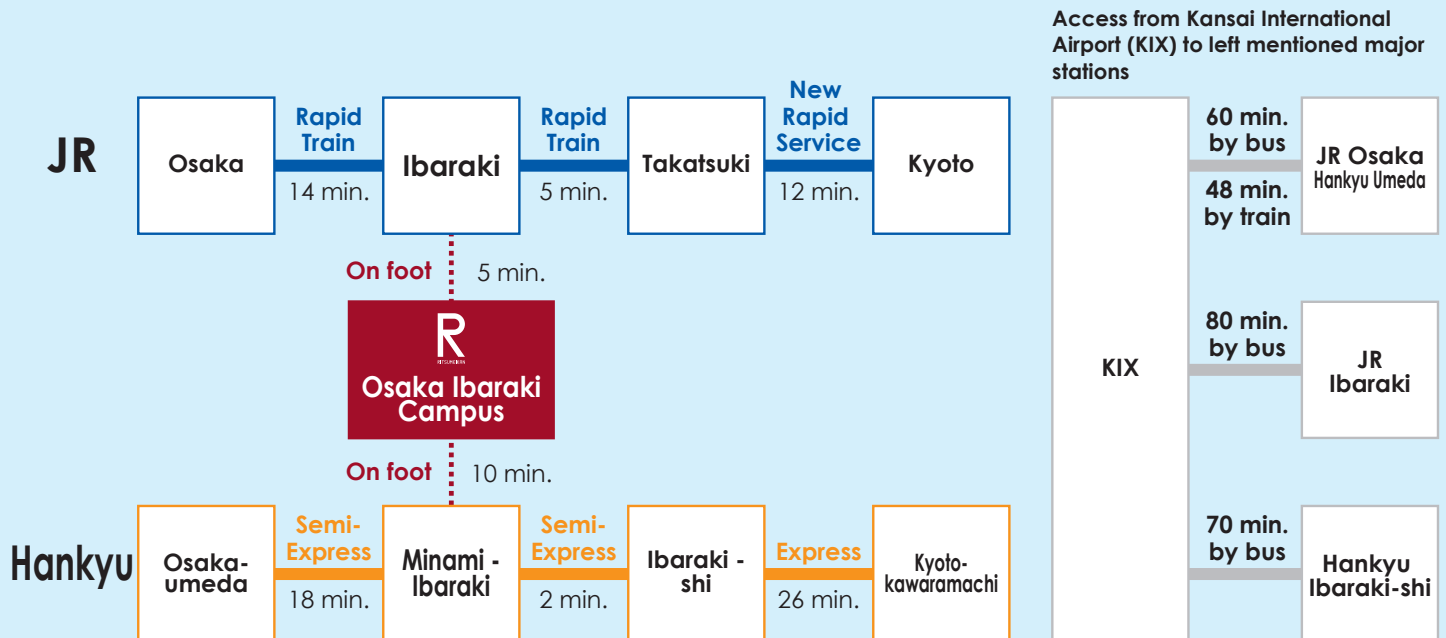


Campus Locations

*From Kansai International Airport to Osaka Ibaraki
Approx. 80 min by Bus or Car /
Approx. 65 min by Train



■ Access to Osaka Ibaraki Campus



* As of January 2022. Time for transfer not included.

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