

Rikkyo University (Private) Graduate School of Business

◆ Program name

Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA)
Course

◆ Degrees:

Master of Public Management and Administration

◆ Credit and years needed for graduation:

30 credits, 2 years

◆ Address:

3-34-1 Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo 171-8501, Japan



Main gate at Ikebukuro campus

Features of University <http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/>

Rikkyo University has two campuses: one in Ikebukuro, Tokyo and the other in Niiza, Saitama-prefecture which borders on Tokyo in the south. The main campus is located in Ikebukuro, one of the largest commercial and transportation hubs in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo. And our Ikebukuro campus where JDS fellows will study is only a few minute-walk from the Ikebukuro-Station.

Rikkyo was founded in 1874 by an American Bishop, and has a long history of excellence in education and research, which, combined with substantial investment in state of the art information technology and teaching facilities, has earned a reputation as an outstanding educational institution and one of the most sought-after universities in Japan. In 2014, based on the achievements and potential for excellence, the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology selected Rikkyo as one of the 37 universities for special funding through the Top Global University Project. The Project lasts for 10 years.

Today, Rikkyo enrolls over 19,000 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students in its ten colleges (Arts, Business, Community and Human Services, Economics, Intercultural Communication, Law and Politics, Contemporary Psychology, Science, Sociology, and Tourism) and fourteen graduate schools (Business, Economics, Arts, Tourism, Science, Sociology, Law and Politics, Community and Human Services, Contemporary Psychology, Christian Studies, Business Administration, Intercultural Communication, Law, Business Design and Social Design).

Rikkyo, from its inception, has valued international exchange with esteemed institutions abroad. Rikkyo has exchange agreements with over 100 universities in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, North and South Americas. Rikkyo believes our campus life, both academic and social, will be greatly enriched by diversity.

Features of Graduate School <http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/academics/graduate/buisiness/>

The Graduate School of Business (GSB) was established upon the foundations of the former Graduate Program in Business Administration of the Graduate School of Economics and the Graduate Degree Program in Applied Sociology of the Graduate School of Sociology. It conducts specialized interdisciplinary studies in the field of business administration based on the traditions of these two programs. The Graduate Program in Business Administration conducted business management-related education and research based on business administration and accounting, while the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology places its theoretical basis in industrial relations. Industrial relations was originally a field that focused on labor issues, but in recent years it has come to cover other aspects of corporate activities, including marketing and consumer behavior, the relationship between industry and the local community in terms of corporate social responsibility, and business strategies for responding to the rapidly changing values of industrial society. The GSB has incorporated these studies in industrial relations into business management studies to nurture a wide range of professionals, from researchers to highly-trained experts, who can approach the dynamically changing modern business environment from an international perspective.

The GSB faculty members have been conducting the Business Leadership Program (BLP) and the Bilingual Business Leader Program (BBL) for their undergraduate students. Between 2008 and 2010, the BLP had been supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT).

Features of the Programs <https://www2.rikkyo.ac.jp/web/mpma/>

There are two English-medium courses in the Master of International Business Program of the Graduate School of Business: **Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) Course** and Master of International Business (MIB) Course. JDS fellows will enroll in the MPMA Course.

The MPMA Course is designed particularly for mid-career public officers to nurture and develop their capacities to review, formulate, manage, and evaluate policies and programs effectively. The Course is strategically kept small to ensure intensive but congenial interactions amongst its students and faculty members. In addition, both MPMA and MIB students study together in the same classrooms through the cross-registration.

As a JDS student from Bangladesh, you will have the opportunity to study with other young government officials from Asian countries too.

MPMA requires every student, including JDS fellows, to complete coursework and a master's thesis. Specifically, in the first year, the students will take required courses in order to acquire basic knowledge and become familiar with theories in public management and economics. They will also learn analytical skills as well as obtain proficiency with computer software commonly used by economists and public management scholars, so that they can collect data and conduct the quantitative analyses competently. Workshops on statistical software (Stata, etc.) are offered occasionally, through which the students can further develop their analytical skills. These basic knowledge, skills, and tools would be applicable to analyzing and solving a wide range of problems. In their second year, the students will take variety of elective courses from three categories – Public Management, Economics, and Business.

In addition to the coursework, each student is required to complete a master's thesis – an independent research project in which the student focuses on a specific research question, investigates related theories, collects and analyze data, and derives policy recommendations. A supervisor will be assigned to each student at the beginning of the first year. From the second semester of the first year and onward, the students will work on each major step in completing the master's thesis, from narrowing down the research question and situating it into a broader academic debate, to analyzing data and completing the final draft, under the close supervision of the supervisor.

To promote our students to complete master's theses of high quality, we will provide students with opportunities to present their master's theses at international academic conferences, either in the last semester of the second year or after graduation. We also support the publication of the master's thesis if it is of publishable quality.

Currently during the ongoing pandemic all courses are held online in order to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff. This means that all courses are taught in a manner that enables students to participate remotely. Some courses may be instructed using a combination of on-demand, online and face to face group work teaching methods, however, students are assured of the option to participate online in all official course activities for the duration of the semester.



In the classroom



Field Trip

Necessary Curriculum to Obtain the Degrees

MPMA Course : <http://www2.rikkyo.ac.jp/web/mpma/program&curriculum.html>

MIB Course (as electives) : <https://rikkyo-mib.jp/>

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manage, and evaluate policies and programs effectively.

Upon successful completion of the MPMA course requirements and a master's thesis, a Master of Public Management and Administration degree will be awarded.

Course Type	Credits Required for Graduation
Required courses	4 credits or more
Elective courses 1	10 or more credits
Elective courses 2	16 or more credits
Total	30 or more credits

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Minimum course requirements for the MPMA students

Required Courses (4 credits)	credit
Master's Thesis Supervision 1	2
Master's Thesis Supervision 2	2
Master's Thesis Supervision 3	2
Master's Thesis Supervision 4	2
<u>Elective Courses 1 (10 credits)</u>	
Research Methodology	2
Applied Microeconomics	2
Statistics for Economics and Management	2
Applied Econometrics	2
Mathematics for Economics and Management	2
Public Administration	2
Public Management	2
Public Finance and Budgeting	2
<u>Elective Courses 2 (16 credits)</u>	
Public Management	
Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis	2
Project Cycle Management (PCM)	2
Public Private Partnership (PPP)	2
Local Government and Public Services	2
Public Policy	2
Japanese Politics	2
Security Sector Analysis and Management	2

Business

Human Resource Management	2
Investment and Asset Pricing	2
Financial Accounting and Reporting	2
Economics	
Inequality and Poverty	2
Development Planning	2
Agricultural Economics and Policy Analysis	2
Environmental Economics and Policy Analysis	2
International Finance	2
Urban and Regional Economics	2
Japanese Economy	2
Development Economics	2
Asian Economic Development	2
Applied Macroeconomics	2
Cross Section and Panel Data Analysis	2
Special topics	
Special Topics in MPMA:	2
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Total:	30

List of MIB elective courses JDS fellows may take

Advanced Topics in Accounting	International Sports Business, A CSR Perspective
Business and Society in Asia	International Sports Finance
Business Environment: Political Economy of Asia	International Sports Marketing
Cases in General Management	Issues of International Law which Japanese Corporations face
Cases in Marketing Strategy and Operations	Leadership in Global Organization
Corporate Social Responsibility: A Japanese Perspective	Managerial Negotiations
Cultural Dimensions in International Business	Managing Across Culture: Case Studies
Dispute Resolution in Business Corporation	Marketing in Japan
Human Resource Management in Japan	Research Method/Data Analysis
Innovation and Knowledge Management in Multinational Corporations	Strategic Communication in Global Business
International Financial Management	Strategic Financial Management
International Sports Business	Strategic Technological Innovation in Asia
	Sustainability

Each course carries two (2) credits.

Various Japanese language courses are also available to JDS fellows.

List of past Master's Thesis (Title)

- Frontier Analysis of Vietnamese Electronic Manufacturing Firms: Using Bootstrap Data Envelopment Analysis Model
- Asymmetric Responses of Stock Prices to Oil Prices in Vietnam: Any Difference between Energy-Demanding and Energy-Supplying Sectors?
- Understanding Residents Attitudes Toward Public Works Projects in Vietnam: Case Study of the National Road Project in Hanoi
- Citizen's Service Satisfaction, Regional, Affiliation, Interpersonal Trust and Trust in Government in the Republic of Benin
- A non-parametric bootstrap data envelopment analysis for Nepalese agricultural farming households
- Trade Openness and Government Revenue Diversification: Some Evidence From Resource-Dependent Countries
- Open Burning Behavior at Household Level in Indonesia
- Forest Fire in Indonesia 2015-2018

- Electricity-Saving Behaviors of Household in Indonesia
- Export Behavior and Firm Productivity in Micro and Small Manufacturing Firms in Indonesia: Limited Dependent Model Approaches
- Does Mayor's Previous Career Matter?
- Analysis of Household Poverty Status in Riau Island Province
- Examining the gateway hypothesis of drug use and individual characteristics: The case of Indonesia
- Household Head Education Attainment And The Urban–Rural Expenditure Inequalities in Jokowi's First Term
- Does Damage from Natural Disaster Affect Child Labor? Evidence from Indonesia



Graduation ceremony

List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS Fellows

Each JDS fellow will be supervised by a very dedicated MPMA faculty. At the September orientation sessions in the first semester, all MPMA students will meet with their supervisor to discuss their research and coursework. Besides the regular scheduled classes, the MPMA faculty team will also provide a series of thesis writing sessions on a need basis.

List of MPMA faculty who could supervise/advice JDS fellows:

KATAOKA, Mitsuhiro

Professor

Ph.D. in International Development, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, 2004

Courses: Statistics for Economics and Management, Development Economics, Urban and Regional Economics, Japanese Economy, Development Planning

Research Interests: Development Economics, Regional Economics, Spatial Economic Analysis, Income Inequality, Postwar Japanese Economic Development

YAMADA, Kyohei

Visiting Associate Professor

Ph.D. in Political Science, Yale University, 2013

Courses: Research Methodology, Public Administration, Local Government and Public Services, Japanese Politics

Research Interests: Local Government, Intergovernmental Relations, Japanese Politics and Government

KAKINAKA, Makoto

Visiting Professor

Ph.D. in Economics, Cornell University, 2006

Courses: Mathematics for Economics and Management, International Finance

Research Interests: International Economics, Financial and Banking Systems, Public Choice and Policy

KOTANI, Koji

Visiting Professor

Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, 2005

Courses: Agricultural Economics and Policy Analysis, Environmental Economics and Policy Analysis

Research Interests: Environmental and Natural Resource Management and Agricultural Economics

Academic Schedule <http://www2.rikkyo.ac.jp/web/mpma/currentstuds/thesis.html>

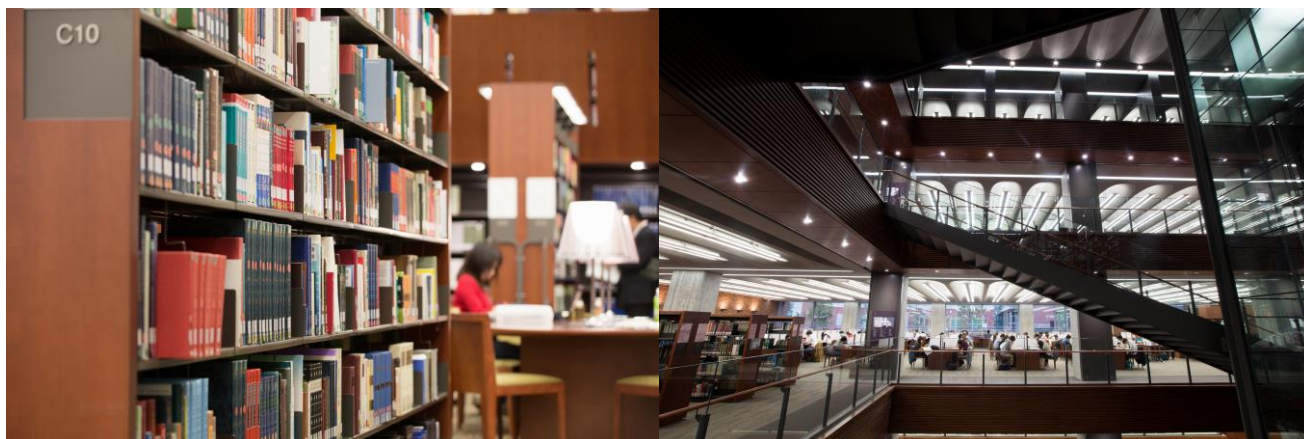
Tentative academic schedule of 2021-2022 for JDS fellows:

1st year	
Late September	Entrance Ceremony, Orientations, Meet with supervisor
Late September	Fall semester (1st semester) classes begin
Late December - Early January	Winter holidays
Late January	Fall semester (1st semester) classes end

Early February - Late March	Spring holidays
Early April	Spring semester (2nd semester) classes begin
Late July	Spring semester (2nd semester) classes end
Early August - Late September	Summer holidays
2nd year	
Late September	Fall semester (3rd semester) classes begin
Late December - Early January	Winter holidays
Late January	Fall semester (3rd semester) classes end
Early February - Late March	Spring holidays
Early April	Spring semester (4th semester) classes begin
Late June	Submission of a master's thesis
Early July	Thesis oral examination
Late July	Spring semester (4th semester) classes end
Early August	Submission of a master's thesis (final version)
Mid-September	Graduation ceremony

Facilities <https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/campuslife/learning/library.html>

- (1) **Library:** Rikkyo has one of the largest and best libraries in Japanese universities with large selections of books, journals, and English-medium data bases and software. With the collection of over 1.9 million volumes of print and digital materials, the library supports research and teaching. Renovated in 2012, our library is among the best in Japan. 670 computers including 370 rental lap-tops are available for use in the library. PC Help Services and Writing Support Staff are also available at the counter.



- (2) **Study room:** The MPMA study rooms are equipped with computers and printers which are available for MPMA student's use. There are enough seats for all students and equipped PCs have been already installed two statistical software, Stata and GAUSS. Students are provided for an individual locker, so they can keep their own private belongings in it with key.



- (3) **Sports facilities:** Rikkyo has a new gymnasium, opened in April 2013, which accommodates an Olympic-size swimming pool, indoor tennis courts, basketball stadium, training room etc.

- (4) In addition to the International Center which takes care of the overseas student's non-academic needs, there are

English-speaking staffs in the program office to assist JDS fellows.

Message for Applicants

The MPMA Course wholeheartedly welcomes the JDS fellows from Bangladesh. Our educational and research philosophy is to educate students to become leaders and experts who are equipped with knowledge and abilities necessary to analyze various issues in new global environments using a variety of approaches.

By taking the required courses in the first semester, you can expect to acquire fundamental knowledge in public management and economics as well as analytical skills and tools.

You can also expect a wider variety of elective courses because you can take the elective courses offered by the MIB Course. In addition, Rikkyo classroom settings and community will let JDS fellows mingle with and learn from students and faculty from different backgrounds. You will be studying along with other young government officials

Most importantly, expect to work hard with our team of excellent faculty members. Our expert faculty members provide intensive learning and research opportunities to our students based on their extensive professional experiences. A supervisor will be assigned to you at the beginning of the first year. Our faculty include those who have years of supervising JDS fellows and government officials from Asian countries.

Japan is one of the world's largest economies and the home of many of the world's leading companies in the automotive, electronics, computer games, and information technology industries – most of which are headquartered in Tokyo. The MPMA Course is located in the district of Ikebukuro, which is one of the major commercial and transportation hubs of Tokyo. The Ikebukuro district, where the Rikkyo's main campus is located, has long been enjoying cultural and ethnic diversity. The combination of a good place and good people makes for a great experience.

Comments from alumni:



Bahadur Ram BASNET (JDS-Nepal, class of 2018)

Living in Japan:

Initial days were quite difficult because of new environment, language barrier, difference in cuisine and culture, but now everything is fine and I am enjoying Japanese lifestyle including the food. My apartment is quite far from the university; it takes about one hour by train but it is common in Tokyo. Small but beautifully designed apartments in Tokyo are very convenient. The average temperature of Tokyo is almost similar to Kathmandu, but the weather here is inconsistent, changes unexpectedly within a season.

Studying at Rikkyo:

Firstly, as a student of International Business, I found Rikkyo the best place where students of different countries with diverse socio-cultural background could freely exchange their knowledge and understanding as if they were working in a real world.

Second, the facilities. Well-furnished classrooms, specially allocated study rooms for graduate students, the best library with variety of choices and special group and personal research rooms in library are beyond the level of my imagination. Furthermore, the online databases Rikkyo Spirit and EBSCOhost are very useful.

Third, I must admire the beautiful greenery and preserved historical green building, walking through that gives me a feeling of pride as being a part of Rikkyo and motivates more to garner the wisdom more and more.

Being a non-swimmer, I miss the Rikkyo's Olympic size swimming pool but I am using the gymnasium.

I am enjoying both, my stay in Japan and study in Rikkyo to the fullest.



AJI WITRI MUKTI (Government of Indonesia, Class of 2019)

I always dream to study in Japan. Studying at Rikkyo University made my dream come true. Rikkyo University such a beautiful place to study supported with the high technology facilities, such as a huge and well-organized library, a comfortable study room equipped with PC's, four cozy canteens, professional sports facilities and the most important for me as a Moslem a prayer room. This campus creates a conducive environment to fulfill my need as a student with a kind and helpful teacher and staff. Moreover, the staff will guide and help you with thoughtful service. Our teachers are the experts in their field study, especially in the MPMA program. The course not only conducting an indoor class but also in outdoor by field trip program from the course or campus. Rikkyo University satisfies my expectation about the ideal campus to learn. I am proud to be a part of Rikkyo University.

**MONTCEBOLATAN NICOLE CHABI (ABE Initiative, Class of 2020)**

Out of all my experiences studying, Rikkyo University has been till date the best university ever attended in my life. I fully enjoyed each of the single days spent on the campus. The staff and faculty are amazing. My senseis (as I love to call my professors) were highly talented, sociable and understandable. The library and the study room are calm places where we could concentrate to study. The MPMA program gives the opportunity to choose from a range of courses with the guidance of the supervisor. The program is very flexible however each course requires hard work and discipline to achieve excellence.

I had the chance to be part of a multinational and multicultural class which enhanced my open-minded spirit and fostered my sense of diversity. I had awesome and brilliant classmates with whom I could build up great friend relationships.

I got the opportunity to participate in different programs such as the welcome parties organized by both MPMA staff and lady's club team. I also joined some volunteering activities. The international office sometimes has activities such as green tea ceremonies, games activities and many others to improve student's integration. Rikkyo is not just a university, it is a life building community and I am forever grateful to God for having been part of this community.

**PHAM VAN TRUONG (JDS Vietnam, Class of 2021 expected)**

Studying abroad in Japan under the spread of COVID-19, everything is beyond my expectation. Having been confronted with an unprecedented and uncertain situation brought by the pandemic, Rikkyo University offered great support to students such as Learning Environment Scholarship, internet equipment, software license that serve our best convenience in studying.

It is also an opportunity to prove how excellently world-class faculty members adjust their teaching styles and how considerate professional MPMA office staff are. Interestingly, we receive more practical lectures even the classes are conducted entirely online.

Although social distance measures are applied, we are still able to access Rikkyo Library - one of the largest university libraries in Japan, fully equipped study rooms, modern sports facilities, instrumental field trips, and so on.

I am pretty sure I spend my fruitful academic life with an incredibly rewarding experience at Rikkyo University.