

Hokkaido University (National) Graduate School of Economics and Business

◆ Program name

Division of Modern Economics and Management,
Economic Policy Course and Business Management Course

◆ Degrees:

Master of Economics
Master of Business Administration

◆ Credit and years needed for graduation:

46 Credits, 2 Years

Lectures: min. 22 credits (16 credits in their major,
either economics or business administration, including
4 credits from core electives)

-Supervisor's seminar (Compulsory): 8 credits

-Research Paper (Master's thesis, Compulsory): 16 credits



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Features of University <https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/>

Founded as one of seven ex-imperial universities in Japan, Hokkaido University is always a top university in Northern Asia. Boasting the largest number of faculties of Japan's national universities, we cover almost all areas of the humanities and social and natural sciences and are leader in research activities in Japan and the world. Among all, Prof. Akira Suzuki won a Noble Prize in Chemistry in 2010.

Our alumni include business leaders, research pioneers, senior bureaucrats, artists, and writers. Our graduates benefit from the University's determination to develop curious minds that are ready to embrace challenges and acquire knowledge, reveal new global perspectives and find solutions which change society for the better.

We offer a broad-based educational experience, world-class research facilities, and all the attractions of living in the cosmopolitan city of Sapporo. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, our campuses clean and safe, and we are located in a breath-takingly beautiful setting.



Features of Graduate School <https://www.econ.hokudai.ac.jp/en08/>

Approximately 50 faculty members conduct diverse research in the fields of economics, econometrics, business administrations, and accounting.

The school atmosphere is very collegial providing graduate students ample opportunities to interact with faculty members and conduct interdisciplinary research. For each foreign graduate student, a student tutor will be assigned not only to assist him/her in assimilating to Japanese university environment but also to follow up his/her thesis writing.

Our Research Center for Regional Economy and Business (REBN) has a focus on regional development which links university, government, business and society.

◆ Health Care Center

The Health Care Center, located in the center of campus serves students primary health care needs. The staff includes physicians, nurses, counselors and administrative staff members.



◆International Student Support Desk

Student Communication Station (SCS) provides a support desk with International students who can answer questions. If international students have trouble reading Japanese documents or do not understand procedures at the ward office or just want to know where to go shopping, they can talk to multilingual staff at the Support Desk.

◆The Student Advice And Counseling Center

Student Communication Station (SCS) provides counseling services to international students. To meet the unique needs of international students, counseling sessions deal with wide ranging issues. The counselor will help students make their own decisions to resolve these difficulties.

◆Career Center

The Career Center provides various job search support including resume critique, mock interviews, career advice, and seminars.

If you are planning on gaining employment in Japan, you should start your job search process early. We encourage you to take advantage of the rich resources at the Career Center.



Features of the Program <https://www.econ.hokudai.ac.jp/en08/gs/ep>

【Principle policy of the program】

Hokkaido and Kyrgyz are struggling against similar development problems: deficit budget, trade deficit, agricultural depression, insufficient manufacture sector, dependency on public works, income differentials, overpopulation of the capital, depopulation of rural areas, brain drain, etc.

With this problematic, we propose a JDS program as follows.

(i) Learning theories and methods based on macroeconomics, microeconomics (or business administration) as essential tools to solve problems

(ii) Based on a particular interest of a fellow, learning applied economics (or business administration) and writing a research paper under the supervise of an advisor

(iii) Constructing a network with 30,000 students, including 1,500 international students, local business persons and civil servants, who face to similar local development problems as Kyrgyz.



【Expected outcome of the program】

(i) Mastering specialized tools to plan and practice socio-economic development policies based on economics (or business strategies based on managerial sciences).

(ii) Mastering specialized and interdisciplinary knowledge to solve development problems

(iii) Constructing a human network with future leaders in 18 different majors and local business persons and civil servants, who face to similar development problems.

◆Interdiscipline

The Graduate School of Economics and Business provides students with a wide range of opportunities not only to engage in specialized research programs in economics and business administration but also to pursue a variety of intellectual activities regardless of their academic fields, places of origin or nationalities. Hokkaido University has 12 undergraduate schools as well as 21 graduate schools and other institutions covering almost all academic disciplines. The majority of these schools and institutions are located on a single campus, allowing students to take related subjects offered at graduate schools in humanities (e.g., law, literature and pedagogy) and science (e.g., medicine, engineering, information science, science and agriculture). As such, the Graduate School of Economics

and Business offers the ideal environment for students to broaden their horizons by tapping into the interdisciplinary networks that only a university of this caliber can provide.

Necessary Curriculum to Obtain the Degrees

<http://syllabus01.academic.hokudai.ac.jp/Syllabi/Public/Syllabus/SylSearch.aspx>

- Lectures: min. 22 credits (including 4credits from core elective)
- * Economic Policy Course student must take more than 16 credits in Economics, Business Management Course student must take more than 16 credits in Business Management
- Supervisor's seminar: (Compulsory) 8 credits
- Research Paper (Master's thesis, Compulsory) 16 credits
- Japanese language courses (only Business Management Course Student)

List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS Fellows

<https://www.econ.hokudai.ac.jp/en/archives/professors>

(1) Economic Analysis

- Professor KAKIZAWA, Yoshihide: Statistical Analysis of Economic Time Series
- Professor KUBOTA, Hajime: Microeconomics Professor SUZUKAWA, Akio: Mathematical Statistics
- Professor TAKAGI, Shingo: Applied Econometrics
- Associate Professor SAITO, Hisamitsu: Urban Economics
- Associate Professor IGARASHI, Yosuke: Macroeconomics

(2) Economic Policy

- Professor ABE, Yukiko: Labor economics
- Professor IMAI, Susumu: Industrial organization
- Associate Professor HAYAKAWA, Hitoshi: Financial Economics
- Associate Professor HIWATARI, Masato: Development Economics
- Associate Professor SHIROTA, Toyochiro: International finance
- Associate Professor SUGA, Nobuhito: International Economics

(3) Social and Historical Economics

- Professor HAN, Jaehyang: Regional Economic History
- Professor HASHIMOTO, Tsutomu: History of economic thought
- Associate Professor MATSUMURA, Shiho: Economic History of Asia
- Associate Professor MITSUZONO, Isamu: Economic History of Japan
- Associate Professor SAITO, Nao: Economic Philosophy, Welfare Economics, Redistributive Justice Theories, and Femocratic Theory
- Associate Professor TAKAI, Tetsuhiko: Global economic history

(4) Management Analysis

- Professor HIRAMOTO, Kenta: Business strategy
- Professor ISHII, Toshimasa: Operations Research
- Professor IWATA, Satoshi: Corporate Behavior
- Professor MATSUO, Makoto: Nonprofit Organizations
- Professor OKADA, Miyako: International Management
- Professor SAKAGAWA, Yuji: Marketing-

- Associate Professor ABE, Tomokazu: Organizational Innovation
- Associate Professor AIHARA, Motohiro: Business Organization and Strategy
- Associate Professor FUKAYAMA, Seiya: Business administration
- Associate Professor TANAKA, Yoshihiro: Applied Mathematics
- Associate Professor UDA, Tadashi: Entrepreneurship

Academic Schedule

◆Fall Semester: from October to February

- October: Welcome Party
- December-January: Winter Vacation
- February: Term examination
- February-March: Spring Vacation cf. Sapporo Snow Festival
- March: Graduation Ceremony for the 2nd-year-master's student

◆Spring Semester: from April to August

- April: Guidance for the 1st-year-master's student
- May: Spring holidays (Golden Week)
- June: University's International Festival
- July-August: Term examination
- August-September: Summer Vacation

Facilities <https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/about/facilities/>

◆Students Dormitory

Residential life is an integral part of the Hokkaido University experience with around half of all international students living on campus during their studies here. We hope that our dormitories provide a sense of the distinctive experience you will have studying here. In total, we have seven dormitories all located at and near Sapporo Campus. Currently, around 30% of all international students are living in a dormitory.

◆University Libraries

Hokkaido University has two main Libraries: The Central Library, and The North Library, as well as departmental libraries

◆Fitness Center

Hokkaido University has a wide range of high quality sports facilities for students to utilize to keep fit and stay healthy. The largest sports facility on campus is located just north of the Institute for International Collaboration. This complex consists of two large gymnasiums, a smaller gymnasium, an indoor athletic field with artificial grass, a swimming pool and a martial arts training hall. While the sport facilities are mainly used for curricular and extracurricular activities, they are still open to students, faculty, and staff.

Message for Applicants

Dear JDS Fellows,

When I was a young researcher having just started my career, a professor in English literature asked me a question: "Do you know what the sentence 'Man is social being' means?" I stood silent, hardly saying any word. I did not understand what he was asking me. "It means," the professor smiled and said, "we cannot live alone." A human society cannot exist without human interaction and a man never lives alone. Keizai, the Japanese word meaning economy, comes from an ancient Chinese phrase 經世濟民 (jing shi ji min, Kei sei sai min in the Japanese pronunciation), which literally means "improve world and save people." We the School of Economics and Business cover a wide range of fields, such as economics, management, accounting and statistics, and aim to make people happy by improving the whole society

Our society has become complex in the last decades. As academic researches have become highly developed and segmented, our faculty has also conducted various reforms and adjustments.

We became a research-oriented graduate school after Prioritization of Graduate School in 2000 and established Accounting School in 2005 and Regional Economy and Research Center for Business Networks (REBN) in 2011.

The Faculty of Economics and Business also participates in the inter-disciplinary graduate schools such as Hokkaido University Public Policy School (HOPPS) established by the School of Law, and Graduate School of Global Food Resources established by the Graduate School of Agriculture.

Those reforms and adjustments allow us to conduct researches both at the global and local perspectives and contribute to the diverse needs of the students and society.

To understand the fundamental nature of the complex and transient society where we live, the importance of scientific knowledge has been amplified. We the Faculty of Economics and Business welcome ambitious JDS FELLOWS aiming to learn the science to improve world and make people happy and contribute to the progress and development of that science.



Professor Kenta Hiramoto, Dean