

## **National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (National) Graduate School of Policy Studies**

◆ **Program name**

One -year Master's Program of Public Policy

◆ **Degrees:**

- a. Master of Public Policy
- b. Master of Public Administration

◆ **Credit and years needed for graduation:**

30 credits, 1 years

◆ **Address:**

7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-8677 Japan



### **Features of University** <https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/about/index/>

Located in the heart of the fascinating city of Tokyo, The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) is an international premier policy school with the aim of contributing to the betterment of democratic governance around the world. We excel at providing interdisciplinary education for future leaders in the public sector and conduct research on contemporary policy issues to generate innovative solutions.

Founded in 1997 as a stand-alone graduate institute, GRIPS is comprised of world-class academics and distinguished practitioners with expertise in public sector policy formulation and management. Around 20% of the faculty and 70% of students are recruited from outside Japan. Our vibrant, diverse student body consists of almost 400 members hailing from 63 countries and regions – all with the ambition to advance good governance across the globe or contribute to policy related research.

We offer a diverse array of Master's and Doctoral Programs, from which students cultivate the ability to analyze issues and suggest solutions, develop interdisciplinary knowledge and skills that span related fields, and gain practical expertise. In addition to our degree programs, we also offer executive level short term training programs across a wide range of themes.

Since our inception, our achievements in promoting good governance are considerable and far-reaching. Today, our impressive Alumni network of over 4,000 strong are actively shaping policy in more than 100 countries around the world.

## **Features of Graduate School** <https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/education/index/>

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GRIPS is centrally located in Tokyo and has extensive access to the Japanese government and its agencies and to other major stakeholders. This proximity allows our students to observe important Japanese policymaking action closely as they conduct their research. In addition to high-quality graduate education, we offer training programs that meet the needs of various stakeholders including the government agencies of a wide array of countries; we also accept funded research that draws on our faculty's expertise. The world in the 21st century faces a great number of urgent issues that require action on both national and international scales. These issues, reflected in the SDGs, impact on areas including economic development, security, the environment, population, equality, and technological progress. GRIPS will continue to conduct research addressing these issues, and to nurture policy professionals who are motivated and equipped to take on global challenges.

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 Academic Year 2021-2023 Curriculum Master's Programs (6)-2 Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)

Category	Course No.	Course Name	Instructor	Term	Credit	MP1	MP2
I Required Courses	PPP5010E	Independent Study	TANAKA Makoto, et al.	Fall through Spring	4	6	12
	PPP5070E	Tutorial II	Various	Fall through Spring	2		
	GEN5020E	The World and the SDGs	TANAKA Akihiko	Fall	1		
	GGG5010EB	* Policy Debate Seminar I	TANAKA Makoto, et al.	Winter	2		
	GGG5020EB	* Policy Debate Seminar II	TANAKA Makoto, et al.	Spring	2		
	PPP5060E	Tutorial I	Various	Fall	1		
III Elective Courses	ECO1000EB	Microeconomics I	WIE Dainn	Fall (Session I)	2	30	40
	ECO1020E	Essential Microeconomics	KUROSAWA Masako	Fall	4		
	ECO1060EA	Macroeconomics I	HSU Minchung	Fall (Session I)	2		
	ECO1080E	Essential Macroeconomics	TBA	Winter	2		
	ECO1600E	Monetary Economics (Money and Banking)	FUJIMOTO Junichi	Fall	2		
	ECO2000EB	Microeconomics II	WIE Dainn	Fall (Session II)	2		
	ECO2020EB	Government and Market	HATANAKA Kaori	Winter	2		
	ECO2060EA	Macroeconomics II	MATSUMOTO Hidehiko	Fall (Session II)	2		
	ECO2720EA	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	IZUMI Yutaro	Fall	2		
	ECO2770E	Applied Econometrics	LITSCHIG Stephan	Winter	2		
	ECO2820E	Gender and Development	ESTUDILLO Jonna P.	Spring (Session II)	2		
	ECO2860E	Poverty Alleviation	TBA	TBA	2		
	ECO2880E	Trade and Industrial Development	SONOBE Tetsushi	Spring	2		
	ECO3510E	Environmental Economics	MUNRO Alistair	Spring	2		
	ECO3530E	Resource and Energy Economics	TANAKA Makoto	Winter	2		
	ECO3720E	Cost Benefit Analysis I	KIDOKORO Yukihiko	Winter	2		
	ECO3840EB	Development Economics	KIJIMA Yoko	Winter	2		
	ECO3870E	Agricultural Development	KIJIMA Yoko	Spring (Session I)	2		
	EPP2010E	Agricultural Economics	HARA Yonosuke	Spring	2		
	GOV1400E	International Relations in East Asia	TAKAGI Yusuke	Fall	2		
	GOV1900E	Comparative Development Studies of Asia	LIM Guanle	TBA	2		
	GOV2100E	Government and Politics in Japan	MASUYAMA Mikitaka	Fall	2		
	GOV2200EB	International Relations	BRUMMER Matthew	Fall	2		
	GOV2210E	International Political Economy	CHEY Hyoung-kyu	Fall	2		
	GOV2230E	Japanese Foreign Policy	KITAOKA Shinichi, PRESSELLO Andrea	Spring	2		
	GOV2240EB	International Security Studies	MICHISHITA Narushige	Fall	2		
	GOV2310E	Comparative Politics	TAKENAKA Harukata	Fall	2		
	GOV2580E	Structure and Process of Government	HORIE Masahiro	Spring	2		
	GOV3220E	Politics of Global Money and Finance	CHEY Hyoung-kyu	Fall	2		
	GOV3310E	Comparative Political Economy	KANCHOOCHAT Veerayooth	Fall	2		
	GOV3400E	International Relations in Europe	IWAMA Yoko	Spring	2		
	MOR1000E	Introduction to Quantitative Methods	MOROHOSI Hozumi	Fall	2		
	MOR1030E	Introduction to Data Science	TSUCHIYA Takashi	Fall(Session I)	2		
MOR2020E	Data Science in Practice	TAKENOUCHE Takashi	Fall (Session II)	2			
MOR2500E	Quantitative Social Systems Analysis	TSUCHIYA Takashi, MOROHOSI Hozumi, TAKENOUCHE Takashi	Spring	2			
PAD1010E	Social Science Questions and Methodologies	TBA	TBA	2			
STI2080E	Comparative Analysis of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy: Asian Experiences	INTARAKUMNERD Patarapong	Fall	2			
		Courses not listed in this table					
		** Selected Topics in Policy Studies I - IV					
X Others		** Courses offered by the Center for Professional * Communication					

- Notes:
1. Graduation requirements for MP1: Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits, 6 of which must come from Category I, the remaining 24 should come from Category III. Graduation requirements for MP2: Students must complete a minimum of 40 credits, 12 of which must come from Category I, the remaining 28 should come from Category III.
  2. \* Refer to the syllabi of Policy Debate Seminars I and II regarding the courses that are recommended/required by each concentration.
  3. Courses offered in the Program are subject to change.
  4. Students cannot take courses conducted in Japanese without the director's approval. If a student takes the same course in both English and Japanese, only one course (2 credits) will count toward the degree.
  5. \*\* Course number, instructor, and term for these courses will be announced when the course is offered.
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# Academic Calendar for 2021-2022 (Student)

(October 2021 ~ September 2022)

Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Note
October							1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Oct. 4 - 5 Entrance Guidance and Orientation, Oct. 4 - 18 Registration for Fall Term & Fall (Session I)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Oct. 6 Classes for Fall Term & Fall (Session I) begin
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Oct. 19 - 25 Withdrawal for Fall Term & Fall (Session I)
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31							
November		1	2	3	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30					Nov. 29 - Dec. 13 Registration for Fall (Session II)
December				1	2	3	4	Dec. 1 Classes for Fall (Session II) begin
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Dec. 14 - 16 Withdrawal for Fall (Session II)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30	31		Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 New Year holidays
January							1	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	30	31						
February			*1	*2	3	4	5	Feb. 1 - 14 Registration for Winter Term [*Interterm Period: Feb. 1 - 2]
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Feb. 3 Classes for Winter Term begin
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28						
March			1	2	3	4	5	Mar. 2 Grade release (Fall Term)
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Mar. 24 Graduation Ceremony for domestic programs
	27	28	29	30	*31			[*Interterm Period: Mar. 31 - Apr. 1]
April						*1	2	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Apr. 4 Entrance Guidance for domestic programs Apr. 4 - 18 Registration for Spring Term & Spring (Session I)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Apr. 5 Classes for Spring Term & Spring (Session I) begin
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Apr. 19 - 25 Withdrawal for Spring Term & Spring (Session I)
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Apr. 28 Grade release (Winter Term)
May	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30	31					
June				1	2	3	4	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Jun. 6 - 16 Registration for Spring (Session II) Jun. 6 Classes for Spring (Session II) begin
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Jun. 17 - 21 Withdrawal for Spring (Session II)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30			
July							1	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	30	31						
August		1	*2	*3	4	5	6	Aug. 2 - 15 Registration for Summer Term [*Interterm Period: Aug. 2 - 3]
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Aug. 4 Classes for Summer Term begin
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	31				Aug. 31 Grade release (Spring & Summer Terms)
September					1	2	3	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Sep. 14 Graduation Ceremony
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	28	*29	*30		[*Interterm Period: Sep. 29 - 30]

	: Fall Session I (10/6~11/30)	} Fall (10/6~1/31)
	: Fall Session II (12/1~1/31)	
	: Winter (2/3~3/30)	} Spring (4/5~8/1)
	: Spring Session I (4/5~6/6)	
	: Spring Session II (6/7~8/1)	
	: Summer(8/4~9/28)	
	: No class (Sundays, National Holidays, and New Year Holidays)	

Course Registration

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