

**SPECIAL COURSE FOR
DEVELOPMENT POLICY
(DOCTORAL COURSE)**

**Enrollment for the academic year
beginning in October 2021**

**Graduate School of
International Cooperation Studies
(GSICS)**

KOBE UNIVERSITY

1. Overview and Number of Students Admitted

To enable international students to continue their studies in English while acquiring a doctoral degree, the doctoral program for the Special Course for Development Policy was established in 1999. This is a highly competitive program and only those with excellent academic credentials and outstanding potential will be accepted. Although proficiency in Japanese is not considered in the selection process, a high proficiency in Japanese may be required depending on the applicant's research topic.

Our doctoral program has a dual structure: the Japanese program starts in April and the English program (i.e., Special Course for Development Policy) starts in October. Accordingly, we have two enrollment periods: April and October. For a single academic year (from April to March), a total of 23 students are admitted.

2. Study Requirements and Degrees Granted

Students will be assigned an academic supervisor to pursue their research. All students must pass a candidacy application before completing their doctoral thesis. The following requirements must be met: obtain the status of a doctoral candidate, complete a thesis, which must be approved by the GSICS faculty, and pass a final examination. Most students require three years to earn a doctoral degree, but exceptional students may finish sooner. Students who successfully complete the requirements will be granted one of the following doctoral degrees: Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, Doctor of Laws, or Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science.

3. Eligibility

Only applicants who are not of Japanese nationality and can obtain an appropriate visa for enrollment may apply to this program. There are four categories of eligible applicants:

- (a) Those who have or will have obtained a master's degree in Japan by September 30, 2021.
- (b) Those who have or will have obtained a master's degree outside Japan by September 30, 2021.
- (c) Those who have been approved by the Japanese Minister of Education, Science and Culture. (Those who have spent at least two years at a university or a research institution after graduating from an undergraduate program in Japan or completed 16 years of education abroad and whose academic results are deemed by GSICS to be equivalent to or higher than those expected from one with a master's degree.)
- (d) Those who are at least 24 years of age by September 30, 2021 and are recognized as possessing an academic ability equivalent to or higher than those with a master's degree by GSICS.

Note

Applicants in eligibility categories 3(c) and 3(d) must contact the GSICS Academic Affairs Office about their eligibility. All inquiries must be accompanied with the following documents: curriculum vitae, official transcript from the last university attended (if any), and an explanation of the reasons for applying, including additional supporting evidence of eligibility. The documents outlined above must be received by December 2, 2020.

4. Other Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Health: Applicants must be physically and mentally fit.
 - (2) English proficiency: Applicants must possess a sufficient command of English for graduate studies. Applicants who fall under the following categories must submit their official TOEFL or IELTS scores:
 - a) Applicants whose undergraduate or graduate activities are not carried out in English.
 - b) Applicants in eligibility category 3(a) except those who have obtained a master's degree from GSICS.
- *Other applicants are encouraged to submit their official TOEFL or IELTS scores
- (3) Accepted applicants must appear at the GSICS Academic Affairs Office no later than October 4, 2021 (i.e., before classes begin in the fall semester).

Note

Admission may be revoked:

- (1) If the accepted applicants are not in Japan by the date specified above in 4(3) or
- (2) If the accepted applicants do not receive a master's degree by September 30, 2021.

5. Application Documents (Application documents cannot be returned)

The following documents must be submitted:

- (1) Application form (enclosed)
- (2) Official transcript of master's program in English (Photocopy is not accepted)
If not in English, a translation should also be included.
- (3) Official certificate of master's degree in English (Photocopy is not accepted)
Applicants who have yet to obtain a master's degree must submit an official letter from the university in which they are currently enrolled affirming the applicant's expected graduation and degree conferment by September 30, 2021.
If not in English, translation(s) should also be included.
- (4) Research proposal (3 copies, 2000 words maximum, double spaced on A4-sized paper)
- (5) Master's thesis (3 copies) along with its abstract (3 copies, 2,000 words maximum,). If the thesis is not in English, the abstract must be in English.

*1 Applicants who are expected to obtain a master's degree by September 30, 2021 may submit the current draft of their master's thesis (3 copies) and its abstract (3 copies, 2,000

words maximum).

*² Applicants in eligibility category 3(c) or applicants who have or will have obtained a master's degree without submitting a master's thesis must submit an academic paper or report equivalent to a master's thesis (3 copies, publications also accepted) along with its abstract (3 copies, 2,000 words maximum).

*³ Applicants in eligibility category 3(d) must submit an academic paper or report based on their research work or practical experience, which is equivalent to a master's thesis (3 copies), along with its abstract (3 copies, 2,000 words maximum).

*⁴ In addition, applicants may submit up to two relevant published papers (3 copies).

(6) Two letters of recommendation (forms enclosed)

Original letters must be submitted; copies, in any form, are unacceptable. At least one of the letters should be from a person familiar with the applicant's academic work and English ability.

(7) Letter of consent (form enclosed)

A letter of consent must be obtained from a prospective academic advisor.

* Refer to Table A for a complete list of the GSICS teaching staff along with degrees students can apply for under their supervision.

(8) Application fee: 30,000 yen (fee subject to change)

*¹ After obtaining a letter of consent, please inquire about payment methods at the GSICS Academic Affairs Office.

*² After completing the monetary transfer, attach a photocopy of the bank transfer receipt or transfer slip to the application form. Payment of bank transfer fees (if any) is the responsibility of the applicant.

(9) Photograph card and examination registration form (forms enclosed)

(10) Three recent (within the last three months) portrait-sized (4.5 cm × 3.5 cm) photographs.

Affix a photograph to each of the following: application form, photograph card, and examination registration form.

(11) Photocopy of the passport biographical information page

*¹ Applicants residing in Japan must also submit a photocopy of their residence card.

*² Applicants without a passport at the time of application may submit a photocopy of a citizenship certificate instead.

(12) Official TOEFL or IELTS score report (See 4(2))

TOEFL

Submit an official "Examinee's Score Report" (Photocopy is not accepted) or request that ETS forward an "Official Score Report" to GSICS to be received no later than February 10, 2021 (DI Code:3341, Department Code: 80). TOEFL-ITP is not accepted.

IELTS

Submit an official "Test Report Form" (Photocopy is not accepted) or request that the testing center forward an original "Test Report Form" to GSICS to be received no later than February 10, 2021.

Note

Applicants who have or will have graduated from a university in China, if admitted, must apply for the certificate of their master's degree provided by China Academic Degrees and Graduate

Education Development Center (CDGDC) without delay. Details will be communicated to each successful applicant in this category after the admission decision.

6. Application Deadline

All application documents must be submitted as a single packet to the GSICS Academic Affairs Office by registered mail. (Write in red on the front of the envelope, “application forms enclosed”). Application documents must be received by GSICS between January 28, 2021 and February 10, 2021.

Application documents brought in directly cannot be accepted.

7. Admission Process and Interview

Admission decision will be made based on the application documents and the results of the interview. All applicants except those in eligibility categories 3(a) or 3(b) who reside overseas during the interview period must take an interview:

Applicants will be contacted with the date of the interview, which will be determined in accordance with the schedule of the interviewers. The interview can be conducted in person or via any electronic method.

8. Admission Process and Results

On April 14, 2021, the results will be posted on the GSICS website and an official letter be sent by post. No telephone inquiries will be accepted.

9. Registration

- (1) All necessary documents for the registration and the enrollment procedures will be mailed to successful applicants along with the notification of the application results.
- (2) The fall semester begins on October 1, 2021. All entering students must register in person at the GSICS Academic Affairs Office between October 1, 2021 and October 4, 2021.
- (3) Fees (subject to change): Entrance fee: 282,000 yen.
Tuition fee: 535,800 yen/year (267,900 yen/semester).

10. Additional Information

- (1) Incomplete application cannot be accepted.
- (2) Application documents cannot be altered after submission.
- (3) The application fee is non-refundable.

- (4) To obtain a letter of consent, applicants are advised to contact a prospective academic advisor well in advance.
- (5) Financial support, including scholarships and accommodations for international students, is not guaranteed. Applicants should make separate arrangements.
- (6) Teaching staff who have their primary appointment in other faculties of Kobe University may only accept a limited number of students.
- (7) Successful applicants who have not completed their master's program at the time of application must obtain a master's degree by September 30, 2021. Otherwise, the admission will be cancelled.
- (8) If incorrect information is found on application, the admission will be cancelled.
- (9) Applicants should apply by themselves for a visa to enter Japan for an entrance examination if required.
- (10) Applicants who are in need of additional support to take an entrance examination and/or to conduct their academic work should contact us by December 2, 2020.
 - * This is for us to make every effort to ensure that all qualified applicants take full advantages of our programs and is not to restrict their application or study. If you need to take the entrance examination using adaptive equipment such as a hearing aid, crutches, and a wheelchair, please contact us in advance.

For further inquiries, please contact:

Academic Affairs Office

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11. Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases

- (1) Regarding submission of a certificate demonstrating inoculation and an antibody test against measles and rubella:

Kobe University has implemented the Measles and Rubella Registration Policy, and all newly enrolled Kobe University students must submit one of the following three certificates (①, ②, or ③) to prevent a possible outbreak of measles and rubella on campus.

- ① A vaccination certificate to prove that you were inoculated against measles and rubella (twice each).
- ② A vaccination certificate to prove that you were inoculated with measles and rubella vaccines each within the last five years .
- ③ An antibody certificate verifying that you have sufficient antibody titer in your blood (refer to the chart next page) to prevent the development of measles and rubella, based on the results of an antibody test performed within the last five years.

- * For ① and ②, it can be a combined vaccine of measles and rubella vaccines (e.g., MR vaccine).
- * For ① and ②, the certificate must be issued by an accredited medical institution and state the type of vaccine and the date of inoculation.
- * For ③, the certificate must specify the measuring method and the measured values of antibody titer in your blood (refer to the next page), and it must satisfy the judging standard listed in the chart. A blood test report sheet itself can be accepted for submission.
If the antibody titer in your blood is insufficient, you must receive the necessary vaccination, and submit either ① or ②.
- * You may submit a combination of ①, ②, and ③ (e.g., ① for measles, and ③ for rubella).
- * If the antibody titer level is below requirements, yet you cannot be inoculated with vaccines for some reason (e.g., illness or body composition), please submit an official document (for example, a certificate issued by the doctor) explaining why.

<Submission Period and Place of Submission>

- Successful applicants enrolling in October:
Submit the certificate when you register at the Medical Center for Student Health (Rokkodai) during the routine medical check-up scheduled for mid-late October.

Measuring Methods and Judging Standards for Protective Antibodies in Blood

	Measuring Method	Judging Standard	Remarks
Measles	IgG – EIA method PA method NT method	$8.0 \leq \text{positive}$ ($16.0 \leq$) * $128x \leq \text{positive}$ ($256x \leq$) * $4.0x \leq \text{positive}$ ($8x \leq$) *	Positive result by one of these three methods.
Rubella	HI method IgG – EIA method	$32x \leq \text{positive}$ $8.0 \leq \text{positive}$	Positive result by one of these two methods. (HI method is recommended)

Make sure the above methods are followed when the antibody titer is measured in your blood. The protective antibody value differs according to the measuring method used. Please note that **the judging standards are higher than the usual standards used at medical institutions.** When you visit a doctor at a medical institution, make sure you present this guidebook so your doctor can issue the necessary certificate(s). (Please make sure you confirm with your doctor the measuring methods and judging standards when measuring the antibody titer in your blood.)

- * Points to Consider when Submitting a Certificate:
 - ① Please submit the original certificate and one set of copies (A4 size).
 - ② If the certificate is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please attach a document that shows either a Japanese or English translation.

(3) Database Registration and Issuance of Registration Card

All students who submit one of the three certificates listed above will be registered in the Kobe University Measles and Rubella Database and will be issued a Registration Card (card size).

(4) Students with the Registration Card

Students who have this Registration Card may come on campus and attend classes even if there is a threat of a measles or rubella outbreak or its spreading on or in the vicinity of Kobe University which leads to suspension of classes (including warnings to stay off campus). This card also entitles students to participate in activities outside the curriculum including practical training and athletic events even during the outbreak of measles or rubella.

For further information, please refer to:

Medical Center for Student Health, Kobe University Tel: 078-803-5245

Student Support Division, Student Affairs Department, Kobe University Tel:078-803-5219

(5) Prevention of other Infectious Disease

- Tuberculosis

The number of tuberculosis cases has decreased today in Japan. However if it is not detected in time, there is a great risk that family and others around the patient may be infected. Left untreated, it can be fatal. It is important to have a checkup once a year. The Medical Center for Student Health provides an annual medical checkup. Students are required to undergo the checkup when they are notified by the Medical Center for Student Health.

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Sexually Transmitted Diseases affect not only the infected person but also his or her family and descendants. Local public health centers and medical institutions provide services for early detection of such diseases. Free, anonymous, confidential telephone counseling and testing for HIV infection and disease are available at the local public health centers.

〈HIV Telephone consultation〉

The consultation is in Japanese. If you do not understand Japanese, you should engage an interpreter or contact the Hyogo International Association Information. (Tel 078-382-2052)

Consultation Time: 2nd Thu.13:00 -17:00

Place: Hyogo Prefecture Consultation Center

Telephone Number: 078-360-4946

〈HIV test〉

The public health centers in Hyogo Prefecture give free and anonymous HIV testing. People who are uncertain if they may be infected with HIV (or have reason to believe they are) should undergo an examination.

- Vaccination

If you wish to get vaccinations including diphtheria, pertussis, measles, and Japanese encephalitis, please consult with a medical institution which provides vaccinations.

Table A: List of Teaching Staff

- Abbreviations under each name are the degrees students can apply for under the supervision of that person.
 - ◇ E: Master of Economics, Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
 - ◇ IS: Master of International Studies, Doctor of Philosophy
 - ◇ L: Master of Laws, Doctor of Laws
 - ◇ PS: Master of Political Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

- Faculty members whose names are followed by an asterisk (*) have their primary appointment in other faculties of Kobe University, and may only accept a limited number of students.

International Studies Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
TOSA Hiroyuki PS, IS	Professor	Critical Theory and Its Application in International Relations	Issues in Peace and Development II, Special Seminar
NISHITANI Makiko PS, IS	Associate Professor	Theories of International Relations, Global Governance, International Norms	International Relations, Special Seminar
OGAWA Keiichi E, IS	Professor	Economics of Education, Education Finance, Education Policy and Planning	Human Capital Development, Special Seminar
SHIMAMURA Yasuharu E, IS	Professor	Development Economics, Applied Econometrics Social Research Methods for Development	Social Research Methods for Development, Special Seminar
CHIKADA Masahiro* IS	Professor	Comparative Education, Higher Education	Special Seminar
NAKAZAWA Minato * IS	Professor	International Health, Public Health, Human Ecology and Demography	Demography, Medical Anthropology, Environmental Health, Special Seminar
KAMEOKA Masanori IS	Professor	International Health, Virology	Special Seminar
KONDO Tamiyo* IS	Associate Professor	Housing Policy, Planning for Built Environment, Housing Recovery	Special Seminar

Development and Economics Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
YAMAZAKI Koji E, IS	Professor	Development Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics	Socio-Economic Development Theory, Special Seminar
ITO Takahiro E, IS	Associate Professor	Development Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Policy Evaluation	Microeconomics, Special Seminar
CHEN Kuang-hui E, IS	Professor	Applied Econometrics, the Chinese Economy	Statistics, Special Seminar
UCHIDA Yuichiro E, IS	Professor	Development Economics, Economic Development in East Asia, Applied Economics/Econometrics	International Economics, Growth Theory, Special Seminar
KODAMA Masahiro E, IS	Professor	Development Macroeconomics, Structural Transformation	Macroeconomics, Special Seminar

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KAWABATA Koji E, IS	Associate Professor	Applied Econometrics, Economic Development, Industrialization	Econometrics, Special Seminar
INOUE Takeshi E, IS	Associate Professor	Economic Development, Finance-Poverty Nexus, Empirical Analysis of Indian Economy	Monetary Theory, Special Seminar
ZHAO Laixun * E, IS	Professor	International Trade, Foreign Investment, Multinational Labor-Management Relations, Cross-Border Pollution, International Merger	Special Seminar
YOSHII Masahiko * E, IS	Professor	Comparative Economics, Russian and Central and Eastern European Economies	Special Seminar
KAJITANI Kai * E, IS	Professor	Comparative Economics, Chinese Economies	Special Seminar
HAMAGUCHI Nobuaki * E, IS	Professor	Latin American Economy, Regional and Spatial Economics	Special Seminar
SATO Takahiro* E, IS	Professor	Indian Economy	Special Seminar
YANAGAWA Takashi * E, IS	Professor	Industrial Organization, Competition Policy	Special Seminar

International Law /Law and Development Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
SHIBATA Akiho L, IS	Professor	International Law	Introduction to International Environmental Law, International Polar Law II , Special Seminar
HAYASHI Mika L, IS	Professor	International Law	Introduction to International Cooperation Law, International Security and International Law, Special Seminar
OKADA Yohei L, IS	Associate Professor	International Law	Introduction to International Human Rights Law, Introduction to Law of International Organizations, Special Seminar
YOTSUMOTO Kenji L, IS	Professor	Asian Constitutional Law	Law and State Building, Special Seminar
KANEKO Yuka L, IS	Professor	Law and Development, Comparative Law in Asia, Economic Law	Law and Economic Development, Special Seminar
SAITO Yoshihisa L, IS	Associate Professor	Social Law in Asia and Transition Economies	Law and Social Development, Special Seminar

Political Science and Area Studies Program

Name	Position	Research Fields	Courses
MATSUNAMI Jun PS, IS	Professor	Comparative Study of Deregulation, Privatization and Local Governments	Japanese Politics, Local Government, Special Seminar
KIMURA Kan PS, IS	Professor	Korean Nationalism and Historical Disputes in Northeast Asia	Introduction to Political Analysis, Special Seminar
MINOHARA Toshihiro * PS, IS	Professor	US-Japan Relations, Diplomacy, International Politics, Intelligence, and Security Studies	Special Seminar