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1	University	Meiji University (Private)
	Graduate School	Graduate School of Governance Studies
	URL of University	http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/
	URL of Graduate School	http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/schools/graduate/governance.html
	Program name	Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy Program (2) International Development Policy Program (3) Community Planning and Management Program
	Degrees	Master of Public Policy
Credit and years needed for graduation	40 Credits, 2 Years	

2 . Features of University

Meiji University was founded as Meiji Law School in January 1881 by three young lawyers still in their twenties, Tatsuo Kishimoto, Kozo Miyagi, and Misao Yashiro. It was an era when Japan was determined to transform itself quickly into a modern and independent nation, and the three founders of Meiji Law School hoped “to foster bright capable youths” to lead the modern civil society that was then evolving.

The result was a center of scholarship and education that, despite many difficulties, was to develop into one of Japan’s leading private universities. Meiji University has continued to this day to ring the chimes of freedom, celebrating its 120th anniversary in 2001.

With “rights, liberty, independence, and self-government” as its guiding principles, Meiji University is committed to fostering students who satisfy the requirements of “austerity and sturdiness,” “creation of new intellect” and “the needs of the times.” Having produced more than 400,000 graduates to date, the university has made major contributions to Japanese society. The achievements of the numerous alumni who play key roles in various walks of life have also earned a high reputation.

Meiji University ranks solidly among the best universities in Japan. It currently consists of nine schools: the School of Law, School of Commerce, School of Political Science and Economics, School of Arts and Letters, School of Science and Technology, School of Agriculture, School of Business Administration, School of Information and Communication, and School of Global Japanese Studies. It also has nine Graduate Schools—the Graduate School of Law, Graduate School of Commerce, Graduate School of Political Science and Economics, Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Graduate School of Science and Technology, Graduate School of Agriculture, Graduate School of Business Administration, Graduate School of Information and Communication,

and Graduate School of Humanities—and four Professional Graduate Schools—the Law School, the Graduate School of Governance Studies, the Graduate School of Global Business, and the Graduate School of Professional Accountancy. There are also six affiliated junior high and high schools.

The university has three campuses: the Surugadai Campus, Izumi Campus, and Ikuta Campus. Along with an excellent teaching staff, each of these campuses features state-of-the-art facilities, including an array of affiliated educational and research institutes and amenities for extracurricular activities. The Surugadai Campus, where the Graduate School of Governance Studies is located, features the Academy Common, which is equipped with the latest IT infrastructure and designed as a center for lifelong learning and professional graduate training. In addition to being home to the administrative headquarters and Alumni Hall, the campus also features Liberty Tower, which has become a local landmark.

Nominated by senior high school students as the university they most want to attend, Meiji University is ready to make dramatic advances on the global stage as Japan's top urban university for the twenty-first century.

3 . Features of Graduate School

From Government to Governance: Toward a New Ideal of Society Based on Collaboration among Diverse Individuals and Organizations

In the Graduate School of Governance Studies, we aim to produce well-educated professionals with the breadth of vision, keen insight, and good analytical and decision-making skills needed to cope with the administrative demands of an ever more complex and specialized society.

These needs arise as the role of government undergoes changes, together with society itself, in the context of globalization. Where “government” once signified a governing authority and its functions, the word “governance” is now taking its place. This shift is due to a widespread failure of trust in government, accompanying a decline in the functions of the government sector, both national and local, in many countries. In its place a new way of managing society is emerging, based on equal cooperation between national and local governments, the private sector, NPOs, and civil society. In the Graduate School of Governance Studies, through intellectual collaboration in interdisciplinary fields such as public policy studies, we explore the new framework for social management that “good governance” requires.

In an ideal society based on collaboration among diverse individuals and organizations, the leading and supporting roles are shared by actors with different values and experiences. The Graduate School of Governance Studies provides a place where these various actors can exchange information and opinions and arrive at the best possible conclusions. Thus, it could be called a modern version of the ancient Greek agora, the meeting place of ideas.

For example, in Japan, local governments and residents are already accustomed to working hand in hand, a partnership that started with the recycling of household garbage and eventually led to volunteer involvement in such areas as community building and welfare. We must now proceed to expand such cooperation and replicate these experiences in other fields. In Governance Studies, we analyze an ever-growing range of issues in order to realize these aims. The quest for good governance is a worldwide trend. We aim to deliver the answers.

4 . Features of the Program

Curriculum Structure

The English degree track is designed to accept both Japanese and international students. While refining the approach of various specialized disciplines to global problems, we aim to study issues of governance—essentially, how governments, corporations, and citizens should be involved in the management of society—based on case analyses of economic development, political and administrative reforms, and related areas in Japan and other countries, with an emphasis on the postwar period.

The three programs that form the degree track are both global and local in scope. Their cores consist of, respectively, Public Policy, International Development Policy, and Community Planning and Management. From these standpoints, they take up major topics of immediate relevance to contemporary world issues, including decentralization, “good enough governance,” citizen participation, sustainable development, economic development cooperation, regional development, poverty reduction, and crisis management.

These are topics that must be addressed on a global scale, encompassing not only the industrialized nations but also the developing nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

The Three Programs

(1) Public Policy Program

The program is designed to cover the public policy process, from identifying issues to formulating, implementing, and evaluating policies. Underlying this design is the growing importance of related knowledge and expertise to the policy process, including expertise in political science, public administration studies, and business management-style efficiency. Specific courses provide an understanding of all aspects of governance, covering not only political science, public administration studies, public finance, public management, and urban policy, but also policy studies designed to familiarize students with the actual status of developments in these areas.

(2) International Development Policy Program

Drawing on disciplines concerned with international economics and the environment, the program is designed to give students an understanding of the global issues of sustainable development and poverty as viewed from various social system perspectives. While economic development based on market principles has created a wealthy society, it has also posed global problems such as environmental degradation and income disparity. As points of entry to address these issues in the public policy arena, the courses focus on international development policy, macro- and micro-economics, environmental policy, environmental economics, resource management, and related areas.

(3) Community Planning and Management Program

The community is where governance comes most closely in contact with people’s lives. Framing global issues from local perspectives, the program is organized around the process of making, implementing, and evaluating policies for their solution. It also focuses on crisis management and the role of the community in responding to natural disasters and terrorism, which have been increasing in recent years. Areas covered include community policy, community development, NPOs, social development, crisis management, and disaster management.

Thesis Guidance (Details vary depending on the faculty advisor.)

Research Method: In these seminar courses, students choose a governance-related topic, conduct their own research from perspectives including theoretical studies and policy analysis after reviewing the relevant literature, and consider the appropriateness of their definition of the topic.

Research Paper: These seminar courses focus on the writing of academic papers. Students learn to construct a theory and employ research methods, data analysis techniques, and related skills in writing actual papers on their own research topics.

5 . Necessary Curriculum to Obtain to the Degrees

1. As a general rule, students must be enrolled in the Graduate School of Governance Studies for at least 2 years and must obtain at least 40 credits and prepare a master's thesis.
2. Students must enroll in the following four courses taught by their faculty advisor: Research Method 1, Research Method 2, Research Paper 1, and Research Paper 2. Students also must prepare a master's thesis with necessary guidance from their advisor.
3. In addition to the above four courses, students must complete at least one other course taught by their faculty advisor.
4. Students may register a maximum of 36 credits in a single academic year.
5. Where recognized as necessary by the Faculty Council of the Graduate School of Governance Studies, interdepartmental courses, up to a maximum of 4 credits, shall be counted toward degree completion and shall be included in the maximum 36 credits obtainable in a single year.

1. Public Policy Program

Governance I, II

Intergovernmental Relations I, II

Urban Policy I, II

Public Administration I, II

Comparative Public Administration I, II

Public Policy I, II

Comparative Local Government I, II

Public Finance I, II

TQM in Public Sector I, II

Spatial Planning

International Relations I, II

Comparative Foreign Policy I, II

Program Evaluation

Policy Studies

Research Method 1, Research Method 2, Research Paper 1, and Research Paper 2

2. International Development Policy Program

Politics and Development I, II

Economic Development I, II

Japanese Economy in International Environment I, II

Macroeconomics I, II

Microeconomics I, II

Growth Theory and Developing Countries I, II
Planning for Macroeconomic Policy I, II
Quantitative Analysis of Economic Policy I, II
Fiscal Policy and Development
International Economics and Finance
International Investment
Economic Cooperation I, II
Government and Politics in Middle East and Africa I, II
Politics and Economics in East Asia I, II
Environmental Policy I, II
Environment and Economics I, II
International Law of Environment I, II
Urban Management and Environment
Resource Management
Environmental Assessment
Environmental Policy and Community
Policy Studies
Research Method 1, Research Method 2, Research Paper 1, and Research Paper 2

3. Community Planning and Management Program
Community Policy and Management I, II
Regional Planning I, II
Community Development and Industrialization I, II
Social Development I, II
NPO/NGO Study I, II
Human Resource Management
Crisis Management I, II
Crisis Management and Public Administration I, II
Crisis and Contingency Management
Crisis Management and Leadership
Disaster Recovery and Rehabilitation
Risk Management
Information Management and Crisis
Education for Crisis and Contingency Management
Policy Studies
Research Method 1, Research Method 2, Research Paper 1, and Research Paper 2

6 . Academic Schedule

Academic Calendar

Autumn Semester begins: late September
Winter vacation: Late December to early January
Autumn Semester ends: early February
Graduation ceremony (for March graduates): March 26

Spring Semester begins: mid-April
Spring Semester ends: July 31
Summer vacation: August 1 to September 19

Graduation ceremony (for September graduates): September 19

7. Facilities

Guide to Facilities

State-of-the-Art Facilities in an Ideal Location in Central Tokyo

The Graduate School of Governance Studies is located on Meiji University's Surugadai Campus. This location and the range of available resources provide an ideal study environment for professionals in government and public administration.

The Campus

Easily Accessible Surugadai Campus

The Surugadai Campus is the traditional heart of historic Meiji University. Graduate School classes are held in the Academy Common, the university's new symbol. This building was opened in April 2004 primarily to serve as a lifelong education center open to the community; it has eleven floors above ground and two basement levels and is fully equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Access to the campus is excellent, with the nearby JR rail service and five subway lines making it an easy commute for busy professionals.

Study Area for Graduate Students

Study Area in Building 14 with Full Internet Access

Private study space is provided for students of the Graduate School of Governance Studies. Each carrel is equipped with a power outlet and LAN connection for laptop computers. Full Internet access allows students to consult online journals, external databases, and library catalogs. There are also lockers, copying machines, and an open printer service. (Hours: 7:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.)

Discussion Rooms and Graduate Schools Lounge

Discussion rooms on the fourth floor of Building 14 can be used for group study and other purposes. There is also a lounge shared by the four professional graduate schools.

International Student Lounge

Here, international students are provided with English-language advisory services to support them in their studies and living in Japan. Assistance with research and the international student life is available from a full-time staff with a wealth of overseas experience.

- We organize and support field trip programs.
- Foreign-language books in various fields are available for loan.
- Computers with an English-language environment are available.
- Exchange between international and Japanese students is encouraged through cultural exchange events for international students and other programs.

Hours: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Mondays), 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (Tuesday through Saturday)

Library (Surugadai Campus)

Comprehensive Central Library with over 1.4 Million Volumes

The 12,485 m² Central Library provides seating for 1,274 readers. Its extensive collection includes 1.4 million books, 21,000 newspaper and journal titles, and a comprehensive range of electronic materials on microfiche, CD-ROM, and other digital media. The catalog database can be searched

using the OPAC system, and the library provides free access to the essential database LexisNexis and many other academic databases.

Bookstore

Sanseido Bookstore Meiji University Surugadai Campus Branch

The Sanseido Bookstore operates a branch in Basement Level 2 of Building 12 on the Surugadai Campus. Here students can buy not only course texts but all the books and journals needed to support their studies. Meiji University students receive a 10 percent discount on all book purchases on presenting their Student ID.

Store hours: 10:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. (weekdays), 10:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (Saturdays)

(Hours vary according to the academic calendar.)

Student Dining Facilities

A Cafeteria-style Dining Hall with a Superb View over the City

The student dining hall, Sky Lounge Akatsuki, is located on the 17th floor of Liberty Tower. The 365-seat cafeteria-style facility features a superb view over the city. Drinks and light meals are also available in the Café Pensée coffee shop on the first floor of the Academy Common.

- Sky Lounge Akatsuki

Hours: 10:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. (weekdays), 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Saturdays)

- Café Pensée

Hours: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. (weekdays), 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (Saturdays)

Meiji University may not be able to provide dormitory for international students of Graduate School of Governance Studies.

8 . List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS fellows

Please see the attached 'List of Faculty Members'.

9 . Message for Applicants

Japan entered the twenty-first century still suffering the aftereffects of the collapse of the bubble economy in the early 1990s. This prolonged slowdown shook the confidence and pride that the Japanese had developed during their postwar era of spectacular growth, while rapid globalization cast doubt on the nation's ability to compete internationally. Now we are in the midst of a worldwide recession triggered by the U.S. subprime loan failure. Under these pressures, we will without doubt see great changes in the political and administrative environment. In the coming era, people will be more aware of how their own communities are managed by local bodies, and there will be a growing need for cooperation and collaboration between the national and local governments. Japanese companies, having shown signs of recovery, must now withstand a renewed economic downturn, and they are also being called on to contribute more to society. In short, we can no longer rely on solutions that have worked in the past; we are facing new problems, and the responsibility for solving them lies in our own hands.

In other words, it is now urgent that we strengthen the capacity of actors at the local level to formulate and implement policy.

Against this background, the objective of the Graduate School of Governance Studies, as a professional graduate school, is to produce graduates capable of meeting the political and administrative needs of the coming era. Our unique program is designed to train professionals with advanced knowledge, vision, and a high level of ability to formulate and carry out policy. The program is entitled "Governance Studies," rather than "Government Studies," to reflect the ideal of the political and administrative systems now taking shape. The era we are entering is one of collaboration in which national and local governments, the people of each community, corporate enterprises, NPOs, and NGOs must all join forces in the management of society.

In the Graduate School, highly motivated students consider a wide range of policies while working closely with teachers who have extensive international and practical experience. A major feature of the program is the student-centered curriculum, based on case studies and presentations on ongoing issues. Elected representatives, public servants, corporate employees, NPO and NGO workers, and people who aspire to political or public service careers come together at the Academy Common, and each of them plays a leading role. The program nurtures the individual's latent ability and commitment in order to produce the future leaders of governance. And even after their two years at the Surugadai Campus have ended, the Graduate School's alumni can look forward to maintaining a lifelong network as members of the "governance family."

List of Faculty Members

Name	Position	Research Topics
*Hiroo ICHIKAWA, Ph.D.	Dean of Professional Graduate School, Dean of the School of Governance Studies, Professor	Urban Policy
Akira NAKAMURA, Ph.D.	Professor	Public Management, Governance Studies
*Yasushi AOYAMA	Professor	Urban Policy
*Nobusato KITAOJI	Professor	Public Sector Management, Program Evaluation & Performance Measurement
*Shigeru YAMASHITA	Professor	Local Government
*Takafumi KANEMURA	Professor	Local Government Finance, Public Sector Accounting
*Kyoko RYU	Professor	Public Administration
*Yuriko MINAMOTO, Ph.D.	Professor	International Development, Social Development, Evaluation Research
*Kazuyuki SASAKI	Assistant Professor	Emergency Management
*Kosaku DAIROKUNO	Professor	Comparative Public Administration, Comparative Politics
*Etsuko KATSU	Professor	International Finance
*Yumi HORIKANE, Ph.D.	Associate Professor	Political Economy of Development, Comparative Politics in Asia
Nobuhisa TAIRA, Ph.D.	Lecturer	Urban Policy, Policy Evaluation
Sim Yee LAU	Lecturer	Southeast Asia Development Technology Transfer in East Asia
Junichiro YABUTA	Lecturer	Planning in Developing Countries
Aki YONEHARA, Ph.D.	Lecturer	Education Policy in Developing Countries
Shunsuke KIMURA	Lecturer	Local Public Administration
Akio KAGAWA	Lecturer	International Economy, Finance

*Faculty advisor. Faculty advisor is chosen by the Graduate School of Governance Studies before entering the school based on the applicant's research topics.