

Sub-Program/Component	International Relations
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1	University	Waseda University (Private)
	Graduate School	Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS)
	URL of University	http://www.waseda.jp/top/index-e.html
	URL of Graduate School	http://www.waseda.jp/gsaps/index_en.html
	Program name	MA(Master of Arts) in International Relations, International Studies Program
	Degrees	MA (Master of Arts) in International Relations
	Credit and years needed for graduation	30 credits, 2 years

2 . Features of University

Mission

Waseda University aims to uphold the independence of learning, and to promote the practical utilization of knowledge and good citizenship.

To uphold the independence of learning, Waseda University shall strive to emphasize freedom of research and investigation, and to encourage original and creative studies, thereby contributing to the advancement of knowledge.

To promote the practical utilization of knowledge, Waseda University shall endeavor to foster ways and means of utilizing knowledge side by side with the carrying on of academic research and learning, thereby contributing to the progress of civilization.

To promote good citizenship, Waseda University shall stress the building up of character which enables one to respect individuality, to enlighten oneself and ones family, to promote the welfare of state and society and to extend one's influence and activity to the world at large.

Facts and Figures

Established: 1882

Location: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Academic Institutions: 13 Undergraduate Schools, 22 Graduate/Professional Graduate Schools

Student Enrolment: 54,179 (Second highest number among all universities in Japan) *Figures as of May 2010

- Undergraduates: 44,893

- Graduates: 9,286

- International Students: 3,535

Studying Abroad in AY2009: 917participants

Overseas Offices: Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok, Oregon, New York, Bonn, Paris

3 . Features of Graduate School

The fundamental principles of the Graduate School are (1) providing interdisciplinary research and education on various issues such as history, society, culture, politics, diplomacy, security,

economics, and industry as they relate to the Asia and Pacific Region from both global and regional perspectives, and (2) through research and education, making a broad intellectual contribution to the human race by cultivating and bringing into society professionals with advanced and specialized knowledge, capable of international quality work in their fields. Above all, in order to focus on the promotion of various programs aimed at the cultivation of experts in the Asia region, i.e. people who work for international public service and practical business, experts on Asia information media, and experts on Asian business, the School has been continuously promoting curriculum improvement. Since the establishment of the program, our 'two language education system' (Japanese and English) and 'international collaboration' have gained momentum and have created a research exchange space in which many brilliant foreign and Japanese students meet and exchange as an everyday occurrence. Thus this unique, cutting edge Graduate School has been created.

Characteristics

1. A place for harmonious co-existence and co-education by students from approximately 50 countries.
2. Introducing 'Two language education system' in English and Japanese for the degree seeking program since the establishment.
3. A center for research and education on the Asia and Pacific Region with an extensive network among related organizations within and outside Waseda, and overseas.
4. Employing the triangle method* to bring together students, faculty and various actors from outside of Waseda.
5. Promoting international collaboration programs through partnership and cooperation with major universities in the Asia and Pacific Region – not simply exchanging students.
6. Incorporating a rich array of lecturers as well as researchers: individuals with a variety of experience in sectors such as international public service, diplomacy and the media.
7. Extensive activities provided by Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies including extension lectures dealing with modern themes and lectures on timely topics.

* The triangle method:

The Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) develops a unique research and learning system, known as the 'Triangle Method'. It strives to provide solutions to problems inherent in society through active interaction among the faculty members, students and representatives from various organizations from outside the university. These include domestic central/ local governments, international organizations, research institutes, NPOs, NGOs, business entities and private citizens.

4 . Features of the Program

The MA Program in International Relations consists of three main fields of specialization, "Area Studies", "International Relations" and "International Cooperation/Policy Studies". Students will focus on one but at the same time, they are allowed to attend courses in all three fields. Using a broad-based, multi-perspective approach to analyzing the momentous changes taking place in the Asia-Pacific region, graduates of our Program will be well-prepared to take on the region's challenges and opportunities in a wide range of professional capacities.

Students in the MA Program can design their own core of studies based on their own interests, experiences, and fields of specialization. A student who has knowledge of the language or the political/ economic situation of a particular country is strongly recommended to acquire new analytical tools through courses provided by the Program. This will complement his/her studies of

the country. On the other hand, studies who are already familiar with tools of economic analysis, for example, will be able to study the national situations and languages of a region or a country of his/her choice through our courses.

The aim of this Program is to cultivate professionals who will play an active role in international society, including the Asia-Pacific region. While we seek fresh graduates who are aware of the issues concerning the future of Asia-Pacific, we also welcome applications from candidates with working experiences, who seek to achieve a higher level of competency in the international arena.

1) Area Studies

The Area Studies specialization concentrates on the analysis of complex problems facing the Asia-Pacific region, and on searching for solutions to many of these problems by delving into the historical, economic, political, cultural, and social changes that are taking place in the region.

2) International Relations

The International Relations specialization seeks to understand and resolve the issues facing the region from the perspective of international organizations, economic cooperation, economic development, the environment, and international law.

3) International Cooperation/Policy Studies

The International Society specialization focuses on uncovering common themes facing the world today (from the perspectives of NGOs and NPOs, overseas development assistance (ODA), gender theory, culture theory, etc.), and to explore ways in which these common themes can be addressed through greater international cooperation and policymaking.

5 . Necessary Curriculum to Obtain to the Degrees

Degree Requirements

To fulfil the degree requirements, an MA student must complete a minimum of two years of study, earn 30 credits or more, submit a thesis after completing the prescribed course of study, and pass the thesis screening and final examinations.

Curriculum

The curricula offered by the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University (GSAPS) include "Core Courses", "Basic Courses ", "Advanced Courses" and "Project Research".

Core Courses/ Basic Courses

Core Courses and Basic Courses are designed to help students attain basic knowledge and skills necessary for completing their research projects. Given the nature of these courses, students are advised to complete them in the early stages of their studies.

Advanced Courses

Advanced courses are designed to provide students with training in the acquisition of highly professional knowledge and to effectively applying those skills in one's own field of research. It also works to enhance the students' abilities in developing one's project research and the MA thesis. Among the courses, subjects related to Japanese Studies aim to further promote the understanding of Japan using various approaches, so as to meet the needs of our foreign students. Furthermore, in the category of 'Special Seminars' organized by our faculty, experts and researchers from external organizations are invited to deliver lectures, giving our students the

latest perspectives on the current hottest issues.

The latest information of the actual Core Courses/ Basic Courses/ Advanced Courses to be offered is available on the GSAPS website below.

http://www.waseda.jp/gsaps/ma/ma_curriculum_en.html

Project Research

Project research is carried out in seminar style. Under the instruction of their academic advisors, students will learn and master skills to prepare and complete their thesis, to compile, analyse and review relevant information fully and to understand the research methodology. This learning process will also involve internship, fieldwork and the 'Triangle Method' of systematic collaboration among our faculty, students and various external actors.

The 'Triangle Method' is a scheme which involves WIAPS joint research projects, sponsored projects by the Ministry of Education and other financial institutions, surveys and research projects commissioned by the government, public offices and enterprises.

Students can expect to gain from the learning experiences under the 'Triangle Method' as they prepare to pen their MA thesis. Students will be expected to further expand on their individual thesis through fieldwork, interviews and reading of relevant literature. Academic supervisors will be available for advice.

Using this approach, students can expect to comprehend the latest developments in their areas of specialization while at the same time, expanding their interests in various real-time issues. Through the cultivation of theoretical analysis and problem-solving skills, students can expect to draw an appropriate conclusion to their research topics.

The latest information of the actual Project Research to be offered is available on the GSAPS website below.

http://www.waseda.jp/gsaps/ma/ma_project_en.html

Optional Courses

Optional courses are designed to train students in other necessary skills, such as information analysis and computing, academic writing and language learning that are required for research activities. Credits for these courses are not considered as a part of the completion (degree) requirements.

Class Schedule

(1) Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies takes the four term (quarter) system (Spring/ Summer/ Fall/ Winter). The course registration will be made in each term.

(2) Lectures are basically offered between 9:00 and 18:00 on weekdays.

(3) Periods:

1st Period: 09:00-10:30	4th Period: 14:45-16:15
2nd Period: 10:40-12:10	5th Period: 16:30-18:00
3rd Period: 13:00-14:30	6th Period: 18:15-19:45

6 . Academic Schedule

<Reference: Schedule in the Academic Year of 2011>

*JDS fellows are scheduled to enroll to the university in September.

Entrance Ceremony: April 2

Academic Orientation: April 2

Spring Term: April 6 - August 1

Make-up Lectures: July 27 - 29, August 1

Summer Term: August 2 - August 26

* 3-5 days intensive courses

1st Block: August 2 -5

2nd Block: August 8 -11

3rd Block: August 22 - 26

Summer Break: August 27 - September 20

Commencement: September 17

Entrance Ceremony: September 21

Academic Orientation: September 21

Fall Term: September 26 - February 3

Anniversary of the University Founding: October 21

Winter Break: December 23 - January 5

Make-up Lectures: January 30 - February 3

Winter Term: February 6 - 24

* 3-5 days intensive courses

1st Block: February 6 - 10

2nd Block: February 13 - 17

3rd Block: February 20 - 24

Spring Break: February 25 – March 31

Commencement: March 26

7 . Facilities

* Libraries:

Books: approx. 5.4 million Serials: approx. 53 thousand

*Museums:

Several museums (Tsubouchi Memorial Theatre Museum, Aizu Museum and so on) are located on campus.

*PC s: 36 PCs in PC Room and 57 PCs in GSAPS Library only for GSAPS students

*Rest Corner(only for GSAPS students): Rest Corner for resting, dining and drinking, and discussing.

*Dormitories: Waseda University provides student accommodation including dormitories where Japanese and international students live together. There are also many students who choose to live in private accommodations. Though the university does not provide services to help look for private accommodations, students are encouraged to utilize the below companies recommended by Waseda University.

- Waseda University Property Management Corp., Student Accommodation Center
- Waseda University Cooperation Union
- The Campus Corporation

If (incoming) students have any concern or inquiry, they may contact Residence Life Center at Waseda University. The information is as follows.

+81-(0)3-5295-7799

The office opens from 9am to 5:30pm during weekdays.

URL: <http://www.waseda.jp/rlc/eng/index.html>

8 . List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS fellows

Please see the attached sheet.

GSAPS faculty members are topnotch researchers, educators and leaders in their fields of specializations, each involving in multiple research projects. Students can expect to gain extensively from a myriad of activities with our faculty.

Actual advisor of the project research will be determined based on the applicant's choice of the project research/advisor and the contents of all the designated application documents required by GSAPS after the final nominated applicants submit the GSAPS designated application materials to GSAPS.

9 . Message for Applicants

The GSAPS Admissions Policy

'Focusing on the Asia-Pacific region, GSAPS seeks not only to conduct interdisciplinary research from the global and regional perspectives in the fields of regional history, politics, economics, industry, business management, society, culture and various international concerns, but also to deepen understanding of a growing Asia-Pacific region, and to mold future experts and researchers who can assume responsibility of the region's future'.

GSAPS seeks students from both the domestic and international arenas, who are keen to learn and motivated to excel, and aim for a better future for the global society.

For our MA Program, GSAPS welcomes application not only from undergraduate students, but professionals who have relevant work experience, and seek to further enhance the well-being of global society, instead of just one's home country.

In respect of admissions evaluation, on top of agreeing to the fundamental ideology of the Graduate School, GSAPS attaches great importance to the following three factors.

1. Accurate understanding of the various global problems and possess the knowledge to identify and provide solutions
2. Ability to think rationally and logically
3. Communications skills, including language ability required globally

List of Faculty Members
Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University

Project Research Advisor (Full-time Faculty)

Name	Status
AMAKO, Satoshi (a)	Professor
FUWA, Nobuhiko (a)	Professor
GOTO, Kenichi	Professor
KANO, Sadahiko	Professor
KATSUMA, Yasushi (a)	Professor
KAWAMURA, Yukio (a)	Professor
KITAMURA, Toshiharu	Professor
KOBAYASHI, Hideo	Professor
KURODA, Kazuo (a)	Professor
LIM, Hua Sing (a)	Professor
LIU-FARRER, Gracia* (a)	Associate Professor
MATSUOKA, Shunii (a)	Professor
MITOMO, Hitoshi (a)	Professor
MURASHIMA, Eiji (a)	Professor
OBI, Toshio (a)	Professor
ROBERTS, Glenda S. (a)	Professor
SHINOHARA, Hatsue (a)	Professor
SHIRAIISHI, Masaya (a)	Professor
UEKI, Chikako Kawakatsu* (a)	Professor
URATA, Shuhiro (a)	Professor
YAMAOKA, Michio (a)	Professor
AOYAMA, Rumi**	Professor
LIU, Jie** (a)	Professor
MURAI, Yoshinori**	Senior Researcher
NISHIMURA, Masao** (a)	Professor
TERADA, Takashi**	Visiting Professor

1) Without asterisk; Project Research for both Master's and Doctoral Programs

* -->Project Research for the Master's Program only.

**--> Faculty of other Waseda Institutions. Project Research for the Master's Program.

(a)-->Project Research in Master's Program scheduled to be available for prospective students including JDS students for the September 2012 admission of the Master's program.(as of June 1st, 2011) For the latest information on the project research of the Master's Program, please check the GSAPS website below as the information on this list is subject to change.

http://www.waseda.jp/gsaps/ma/ma_project_en.html

Assistant Professor

Name	Status
HIRAKAWA, Sachiko	Assistant Professor
IIDA, Takeshi	Assistant Professor
KAMOGAWA, Akiko	Assistant Professor

1) Prof. HIRAKAWA, Prof. IIDA and Prof. KAMOGAWA do not offer the project research.

*Please note that the information on this list is as of June 1st, 2011 and the information is subject to change. Please check the GSAPS website below for the latest information on the faculty.

http://www.waseda.jp/gsaps/faculty/faculty_en.html