



**Graduate Program in Global Studies  
Sophia University  
Graduate School of Global Studies**



**M.A. Degree  
in International Business and Development Studies**

**Information for Candidates of JDS Program**

## **Sophia University**

Sophia University was founded in 1913 by the Jesuits, a Catholic order renowned for excellence in education. From the beginning, the university founders stressed an internationally oriented curriculum and rigorous training in foreign languages. Sophia soon established itself as a leading institution for scholarship on foreign languages and literature in Japan. After World War II personnel and contributions flowed in from abroad, new departments were created, including the International Division offering courses in English, and women were enrolled. Links between its research institutes and similar centers through the world strengthened Sophia's international reputation, as did its English-language publications, including the quarterly journal *Monumenta Nipponica*, a leading journal of Japanese studies.

Today Sophia University is a major teaching and research university with 12,000 students, and teaching staff of 1,000 encompassing dozens of nationalities. The undergraduate program is highly competitive as about 25,000 students vie for 2,000 positions every year. Graduate education at Sophia has been recognized for excellence by the Ministry of Education and Science through Center of Excellence and Attractive Graduate Education awards. Advanced research and study is based in the numerous graduate programs and research institutes, supported by a central and specialized libraries. Located in Tokyo's Chiyoda district near the National Diet and Imperial Palace, Sophia is easily accessible by train and subway.

### **Graduate Program in Global Studies**

The Graduate Program in Global Studies (GPGS) is part of Sophia University, a leading private university in Japan. The GPGS, founded in April 2006, reorients Sophia's traditional strengths in area studies towards issues of globalization. It emphasizes inquiry into the contemporary world and its historical antecedents through a curriculum that combines the themes of interdisciplinary global studies, theories and methodologies of academic disciplines, and the language training and cross-cultural understandings of Japanese and area studies.

The approximately thirty faculty members in the GPGS have advanced training and degrees from leading universities around the world and are actively engaged in research and publication in their specializations. They represent many different nationalities and cultural backgrounds, ensuring a diverse range of perspectives. A number of professors from other graduate programs in the university are also affiliated with the GPGS.

Every semester up to 15 applicants are admitted to pursue an M.A. degree as well as up to three Ph.D. candidates. The size of the program is kept small to encourage close student-faculty interaction. Graduate students have access to University's research facilities, while the location in central Tokyo provides easy access to such nearby facilities as the National Diet Library.

The GPGS is a two-year course and offers an interdisciplinary program in International Business and Development Studies, Area-Based Global Studies, and Japanese Studies.

For JDS students, the program offers programs in International Business and Development Studies and Area-Based Global Studies (including International Relations). Graduates of the program receive the Master of Arts degree in International Business and Economics, or the Master of Arts in Global Studies.

## **Curriculum**

The small scale of the GPGS and the broad experience and research interests of the faculty enable flexible course selection. In consultation with faculty members, students select courses designed to meet their individual interests and to further acquisition of specialized knowledge in their chosen fields.

The master's degrees have two tracks, with each track containing different graduation requirements. Students in the credit track complete a graduation project while those in the thesis track write a research thesis. All students are admitted into the credit track, with subsequent entry into the thesis track contingent upon academic performance, the availability of a mentor for the propose topic, and successful defense of a thesis proposal.

JDS students usually study on the credit track and write a research paper on a topic of their own choosing for the graduation project. They can, if they wish, also apply for the thesis track. JDS students typically spend three semesters taking courses and the final semester writing their research paper or thesis.

English is the language of instruction. However, the study of Japanese and other languages is encouraged. Students may take advantage of the comprehensive Japanese language courses offered through the undergraduate program. Those with a sufficient level of Japanese language proficiency as determined by a language placement examination may also take courses offered in Japanese as part of their studies.

The Graduate Program in Global Studies operates on a semester system and accepts new students in either the Spring or Fall Term.

### **Academic Calendar for 2008 (tentative)**

Spring Term:

Entrance Ceremony: April 2

Classes: April 11-July 22

Exams: July 23-July 30

Fall Term:

Entrance Ceremony: September 21

Classes: October 1- December 22

January 5 - January 26

Exams: January 27 - February 3

## **Resources**

Sophia University's library system contains about one million volumes and 11,000 periodicals. The central library, a modern facility opened in 1984, features open stacks for easy access. Specialized collections are found in the University's smaller libraries

and research institutes. The library system has an especially rich collection of books and journals in English that are related to the study of Japan. The library's digital resources include on-line searches of its holdings, extensive databases, e-journals, and specialized search engines for journal and newspaper articles. Holdings from universities throughout Japan can also be obtained through inter-library loan.

GPGS draws on the resources of the Institute of Comparative Culture. The Institute sponsors a lecture series that invites leading scholars, especially in Japan studies, and prominent international figures, such as Nobel Prize winners, and head of Oxfam International and other international organizations. It also sponsors research projects and seminars, such as: "Civil Society and the Role of the University," Teaching Tokyo," and "Empirical Bioethics in Cultural Contexts." These activities are an opportunity for graduate students and faculty members to come together in fruitful exchanges.

GPGS has its own study rooms and computer facilities and provides students with on-campus lockers for storing materials. In addition, graduate students can use the university computing facilities, cafeterias, gymnasium, athletic fields, and medical and counseling facilities. As with urban universities generally in Japan, Sophia has limited dormitory space and most students live off campus.

Web Site: <http://grad fla.sophia.ac.jp>

Web Site: <http://www fla.sophia.ac.jp/icc/>

## **M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

(for students applying to the field of Economics)

The M.A. in International Business and Development Studies emphasizes the acquisition of analytical skills to deal with a broad range of contemporary global business and development problems, with a strong focus on Japan and Asia. It seeks to provide students with an integrated understanding of management and development together with specialized training in one of these fields. Under globalization, business activities are increasingly worldwide in scope, requiring a deep understanding of conditions in both developed and developing countries as well as specialized management capability. International organizations, governments of developing countries, and businesses committed to sustainable development likewise need specialists capable of handling development issues from a business perspective. In pursuing this degree graduate students are advised to plan their course selection in consultation with faculty members so as to facilitate the acquisition of an integrated or specialized capability in management and/or development.

Students are required to take a total of 30 credits that are distributed as follows:

1. International Business Core Courses or Development Studies Core Courses	12 credits
2. Courses in any category in the International Business and Development Studies (BD) curriculum	10 credits
3. Elective Courses in Global Studies (AG) or Japanese Studies (JS)	4 credits
4. "Individual Reading and Research" (credit-track students) or "Thesis Guidance" (thesis-track students)	4 credits
Total	30 credits

Credit-track students are required to complete an approved graduation project, and thesis-track students are required to complete a master's thesis.

At the beginning of the semester in which they expect to graduate, credit-track students register for BD801, and thesis-track students register for BD900 and BD901.

## **COURSES**

### ***International Business Core Courses***

- BD 501 Statistical Methods (4 credits)
- BD 502 Global Marketing Management (4 credits)
- BD 503 Corporate Strategy and Organizational Development (4 credits)
- BD 504 International Information System and Management (4 credits)
- BD 505 Financial Accounting (4 credits)
- BD 506 International Finance (4 credits)
- BD 507 Corporate Finance (4 credits)

### ***Development Studies Core Courses***

- BD 501 Statistical Methods (4 credits)
- BD 520 Development Theory and Policy (4 credits)
- BD 521 International Economics (4 credits)
- BD 522 Institutions, Governance and Development (4 credits)
- BD 523 Development Administration (4 credits)
- BD 524 NGO, Civil Society and Development (4 credits)
- BD 527 Issues in Economic Development (4 credits)
- BD 701 Economics of Natural Resources and Environment (2 credits)

### ***Advanced Elective Courses***

- BD 711 Seminar: Management Across Cultures (2 credits)
- BD 712 Seminar: Economic Survey of Contemporary Japan (2 credits)
- BD 713 Seminar: Applied Econometric Time Series Analysis (2 credits)
- BD 714 Seminar: Comparative Marketing (2 credits)
- BD 715 Seminar: Development of Japanese Industry and Business (2 credits)
- BD 716 Seminar: International Accounting (2 credits)

### ***Credit Track***

- BD 801 Individual Reading and Research (4 credits)

### ***Thesis Track***

- BD 900 Master's Thesis (non-credit)
- BD 901 Thesis Guidance (4 credits)

## **FACULTY**

### ***International Business***

#### **Emmanuel CHÉRON**

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**LU Ding**

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