

## 1. University

National  
Kyushu University

## 2. Graduate school

Graduate School of Law

## 3. URL of University

<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/index.php>

## 4. URL of Graduate school

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>

## 5. Features of University

The history of Kyushu University dates back to 1902 when Fukuoka Medical College was established as the foundation of Kyushu Imperial University. In 1911, Kyushu Imperial University, along with the Colleges of Medicine and Engineering, were established.

The total number of students currently amounts to 18,393, while the faculty members number 2,331. International exchange programs are also greatly encouraged at Kyushu University. With in mind, the university accepts many overseas students each year. At present there are more 1,200 international students from about seventy countries studying here.

Located in the heart of East Asia, midway between Tokyo, Shanghai and Seoul, Fukuoka is the largest city in Kyushu, the southeast of Japan's four main islands. It is a thriving modern metropolis that has not sacrificed its unique local character and charm.

## 6. Features of Graduate school

The Law faculty was established in September, 1924 as the Department of the Faculty of Law and Letters and came into independent status in 1949. It now consists of thirty-two Chairs. Annually, 248 students are admitted and, as of April 1, 2005, the number of graduates amounts to 15,642. Fields of occupational activities of these alumni are extensive, covering judicature, governmental services (both national and local), businesses, journalism, education, research, etc. The number of those who were granted the D.LL. degree under the old University system totals 31. The new system graduate course (Division of Law. Graduate School, Kyushu University), which was set up in 1953 under the postwar educational reorganization, has produced roughly 650 masters and almost 100 doctors. Since its establishment, the Faculty of Law has been contributing to educate future leaders of Asia.

Along with a long history as a center of excellence in Japan's legal and political education, the Law Faculty has been innovative in its education such as launching Japan's first LL.M program entirely managed in English, followed by a similar program in politics and public administration. As of April 2009, it accepts around 90 international students, out of which 70% coming from Asia, in its graduate school of 166 students..

## 7. Features of the Program

### **LL.M. program in international Economic and Business Law (IEBL)**

In 1994, the Faculty of Law at Kyushu University established Japan's first Master's program taught entirely in English: the LL.M. program in international Economic and Business Law (IEBL). Drawing upon faculty members with particular strengths in those fields of law, the IEBL program is designed to provide both Japanese students and international with the ability to confront the many challenges of international economic affairs and commercial transactions. Taught in English from a Japanese perspective, the IEBL program seeks to develop a critical understanding of economic and legal principles within the framework of international & comparative law.

### **Master program in Comparative Studies of Politics and Administration in Asia (CSPA)**

The CSPA program was officially launched in 1999 after 2 years of trial period. It has two key features: firstly it focuses on comparative research into politics and administration in Asia for Master's degree on completion of the requirement, secondly, instruction and program administration are managed entirely in English. On the first point, there has been much research into Asian economies and area studies, but comparative research into politics and administration has been relatively ignored. The CSPA program is pioneering in this regard, its courses providing gateways towards resolving pressing contemporary issues in Asia. Secondly, all classes, as well as instruction of master thesis writing are provided in English removing major difficulty for students undertaking research in Japan.

The successful achievement of nation building in Asia is now being challenged at three levels: local, national, and global. What once were questions of problems of maintaining political organization and administrative organization, are now often covered under governance theory. There were many cases where government theory was equated only with the formal political system, but greater attention is now being paid in the analysis of Asian politics to how a country is actually ruled and how policies are formulated. These themes treat the global, national and local levels not as separate layers but as interacting components. In recognition of this changing context of contemporary Asia, the CSPA has been launched at Kyushu University's Faculty of Law.

## 8. Curriculum in general

### **【LL.M.】**

All IEBL students will be expected to complete a 20-credit (approx. five courses per semester) curriculum and submit a Master's Thesis. Courses offered within the framework of the LL.M. program are grouped around four key themes:

- a. Global Governance and Corporations
  - International Business Law & Foreign Direct Investment Law
  - International Maritime law
  - Law of GATT/WTO
  - Corporate Governance
  - EU Law & International Trade
  - Practitioner Perspective on Global Governance & Corporations
- b. Economic and Business Law in Asia
  - Corporate Social Responsibility in Labor and International Law
  - Competition Law in Japan & Asia
  - International Taxation
  - Bankruptcy Law in Asia
  - Asian Tax Law
- c. Innovation and the Law
  - Cultural Diversity & the Law
  - Information Transaction in the Digital Age
  - Corporate & White Collar Crime
  - Bioethics & the Law
  - E-Commerce

The above is an indicative list and is subject to change. Up-to-date details on the courses offered can be found at: <http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>

**【CSPA】 (Bangladesh)**

All students are expected to complete the pre-set 20 credits curriculum and additional writing requirement of thesis of 10 credits. The course selection will provide students with a well-rounded consideration of relevant issues, while at the same time, introducing the students to some of the leading members of the Faculty. Although the Program's curriculum is pre-selected, students with facility in the Japanese language may participate in other Japanese language courses offered by the Faculty.

Courses offered in 2008-2009 are the following.

Democratization Studies

Modern History of Japanese Political System

Japanese Politics, Majoritarianism, Proportionalism and the Concept of Power

International Relations in East Asia

Political Theory of Welfare State

Seminar on Governance and Global Politics

Asia-Pacific Political Economy

Energy and Environmental Policy in Contemporary World

Gender and International Politics (Intensive)

Additional intensive courses can be found at:

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>

**9. Degree**

Master of Laws

Note :

**10. Credit needed for graduation**

30 Credits, 2 Years

Note :

**11. Academic Schedule**

Please see the **【Attachment 1】** : ACADEMIC CALENDAR.doc

## 12. Facilities

### 【Accommodations】

The university will make every effort to assist students in relocating to Fukuoka. A limited number of University-affiliated apartments may be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. University apartment rates as of October 2008 are as follows. Please note they are subject to change.

1. Single room 5,900yen/month
2. Double occupancy (married w/o children) 11,900yen-13,200yen/month
3. Family occupancy 14,200yen-15,500yen/month
4. Utilities are paid by the student.

For the detailed information, please see the website. (<http://ish.gozaru.jp/>)

### 【University Library】

The Law Library of Kyushu University houses one of the largest collection in Japan with over 31,000 volumes. It is particularly well known for its collection of international and foreign-language materials, and is an excellent resource for students. For the detailed information please see the Kyushu University Library website ([http://www.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/place/for\\_member/?skinid=9](http://www.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/place/for_member/?skinid=9))

### Note

## 13. List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS fellows

### 【LL.M.】

Abe, Michiaki  
Ago, Shinichi  
Fenwick, Mark  
Han, Sang Hee  
Hara, Megumi  
Igimi-Yasutake, Mariko  
Kojima, Ryu  
Kono, Toshiyuki  
Levin-Kobayashi, Hisako  
Pejovic, Caslav  
Shoji, Ryuichi  
Yanagihara, Masaharu

### 【CSPA】 (Bangladesh)

Hachiya, Machiko  
Izumi, Kaoru  
Lee, Hong Pyo  
Okawara, Nobuo  
Yabuno, Yuzo  
Oga, Toru.

### FACULTY AND STAFF website:

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/facultyandstaff.htm>

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR, 2008-9

### Please note

LL.M./YLP classes will not be held on National Holiday's but are still held on Kyushu University holidays.

### Fall Term, 2008

#### October

- 9 Entrance Ceremony, Guidance
- 10 Classes Begin
- 13 Health Sports Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**
- 14 Gymnastics Festival **NO CLASS**
- 21 Deadline for submitting the Course Registration Form
- 27 Deadline for submission of Research Topics & Research

#### Proposal

#### November

- 3 Culture Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**
- 23 Labor Thanksgiving Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**
- 24 Make-up Holiday **NO CLASS**

#### December

- 23 The Emperor's Birthday (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**
- 24-25 **NO CLASS** (Term for Make-up Class if any)
- 26 Winter Holidays Begin (through Jan.4)

## 2009

### January

- 5 Classes Begin
- 12 Coming of Age Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**
- 27 Examination Term Start (LL.M. YLP)

### February

- 6 Examination Term End (LL.M. YLP)
- 7 Spring Holidays Begin (through Apr. 12)
- 11 National Foundation Day (National Holiday)
- 14 Alumni Symposium (LL.M. YLP LL.D.)
- 15 Alumni Symposium (LL.M. YLP LL.D.)
- 16 Conference with University of Munich
- mid.-end. Clinical Study

### March

- 1-31 Spring holidays
- Beg. 3 days YLP Study Trip to Tokyo
- 20 Vernal Equinox Day (National Holiday)
- 30 Submission of Final Thesis Title and Cluster Choice

### Spring Term, 2009

#### April

- 10 Deadline for submitting Thesis Abstract & Chapter Plan

13 Classes Begin  
20 Deadline for submitting the Course Registration Form  
29 Showa Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**  
30 **NO CLASS**

May

1 **NO CLASS**  
3 Constitutional Memorial Day (National Holiday) **NO**  
**CLASS**  
4 Greenery Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**  
5 Children's Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**  
6 Make-up Holiday **NO CLASS**

June

12 Deadline for submitting Thesis draft (35 pages) \*  
\*Applicable to student, who wish to participate in the summer  
internship  
30 Deadline for submitting Thesis Title

July

20 Sea Day (National Holiday) **NO CLASS**  
23 Examination Term Start (LL.M. YLP)

August

7 Examination Term End (LL.M. YLP)  
8 Summer Holidays Begin  
14 Deadline for submitting Thesis

September

Beg. Final Exam (Open Presentation)  
Beg. Final approval at the Law Faculty Meeting  
Beg. Graduation Ceremony