

1. University

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Waseda University

2. Graduate school

Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies

3. URL of University

<http://www.waseda.jp/top/index-e.html>

4. URL of Graduate school

http://www.waseda.jp/gsaps/index_en.html

5. Features of University

Waseda University Mission

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

To uphold the independence of learning, the 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, the 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 create good citizenship, the 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 ones influence and activity to the world at large.

Facts and Figures

Established: 1882

Location: Takadanobaba Tokyo, Japan

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

Student Enrolment: 53,801 (Second highest number among all universities in Japan)

Undergraduates: 45,192

Graduates: 8,609

International Students: 2,830 (Highest number among Japanese universities)

Studying Abroad: one-year study Abroad 855 participants / Short Program 306 participants

Overseas Offices; China, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Korea, U.S.A., Germany, France

As of April 2008

6. Features of Graduate school

Research fields below are mainly emphasized in GSAPS. JDS applicants who are interested in fields below would be ideal future students of GSAPS.

International Economics / International Politics / International Development Cooperation / Traditional and Non-traditional Security Studies / Global Environmental Governance / International Educational Development and Global Information and Telecommunication

Global Information and Telecommunication is a brand new research field starting in 2009.

The fundamental principles of the Waseda University Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies 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.

The Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies offers MA Program in International Relations, and some of the characteristics are as follows:

- (1) A place for harmonious co-existence and co-education by students from more than 40 countries.
- (2) A centre for research and education on the Asia and Pacific Region with an extensive network among related organizations within and outside Waseda, and overseas
- (3) Employing the triangle method to bring together students, faculty and various actors from outside of Waseda.
- (4) Promoting international collaboration programs through partnership and cooperation with

major universities in the Asia and Pacific Region – not simply exchanging students.

(5) 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.

(6) Extensive activities provided by Waseda Universities Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies including extension lectures dealing with modern themes and lectures on timely topics.

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.

7. Features of the Program

Program Outline

6 new Project Research classes will be held from AY2009.

KANO, Sadahiko Professor / KITAMURA, Toshiharu Professor

MITOMO, Hitoshi Professor / OBI, Toshio Professor

LIU-FARRER, Gracia Associate Professor

MURAI, Yoshinori Visiting Professor

MA Program in International Relations

With globalization rapidly progressing in the world today, the presence of the Asia-Pacific region is becoming more significant than ever in the fields of international politics, economy, society, and culture.

The mission of the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies(GSAPS) is to observe and analyze the Asia- Pacific region from a broad perspective while, through disseminating specialized knowledge, raising experts who are versed in the scholarship of the region.

The GSAPS takes as its axis regional studies particularly of East and Southeast Asia, from the disciplinary perspectives of political science, economics, environmental studies, anthropology, history, international law, gender studies and education. The faculty of the GSAPS consists of educators who are active in developing cutting-edge research. Most regular faculty are members of those promoting the Japanese Ministry of Education's Global Center of Excellence (COE) program, "International Talent Development 'Global Institute for Asian Regional Integration'," aiming to produce the highest standards of education and research. We also have faculty with experience in international organizations as well as those with experience in journalism. For those fields or areas of specialized knowledge not covered by our regular faculty, and for the perspectives that only those with experience as top officials in the diplomatic service or central government bureaucracy can provide, visiting professors and adjunct faculty enrich the educational content we offer.

The GSAPS draws students from all over the world, so daily life at GSAPS is a kind of international society in the miniature. Aside from Japanese and English, which are the languages of our classes, in the student lounge one can hear the mingling of nearly twenty

languages, including Chinese, Korean, Indonesian and Thai. The opportunities to learn are as great as the desires of the students themselves.

It is in this environment that we expect students who can come to challenge themselves independently by looking to realize their own research topics.

The MA Program in International Relations at the GSAPS has three specializations. Students focus on one area of specialization, but at the same time can take courses in all three areas. By using a broad-based, multi-perspective approach to understanding and analyzing the momentous changes taking place in the Asia-Pacific region, graduates of the Program will be well-prepared to take on the region's challenges and opportunities in a wide range of professional capacities.

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 / Global Information and Telecommunication

<New Course name will be given AY2009>

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

8. Curriculum in general

Course Enrolment (MA Program in International Relations)

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 19:45 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

Curriculum

The curricula offered by the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University (GSAPS) include "Core Courses (offered for MA Programs)", "Basic Courses (offered for MA Program)", "Advanced subjects" 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 Japan 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' organised by our faculty, experts and researchers from external organisations are invited to deliver lectures, giving our students the latest perspectives on the current hottest issues.

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 theses, 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 (Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies) 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' theses. Students will be expected to further expand on their individual theses 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 specialisation 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.

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 will not be considered as a part of the completion (degree) requirements.

9. Degree

Degree1 : MA in International Relations

10. Credit needed for graduation

Degree1 : 30 Credits, 2 Years

Note : Degree Requirements

To fulfill 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.

Students can take up to 10 credits at other Waseda graduate schools or other graduate schools (including those overseas). The project research faculty advisor and the academic advisor will give advice on the student's course work, taking into consideration the student's research topic and academic level as well as the individual student's situation, requests, and the expectations of the host organization.

11. Academic Schedule

Fall Term September 29 – February 5

Anniversary of the University Founding October 21

Winter Break December 23 – January 5

Make-up Lectures February 1 – 5

Winter Term February 6 – 24

Spring Break February 25 – March 31

12.. Facilities

* Libraries;

Books: approx. 5.2 million Serials: approx. 51 thousand

Digital Software 8 thousand It also offers an on-line search system.

*Museums:

Several museums (Tubouchi Memorial Theatre Museum, Aizu Museum, Drama 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.

Note

CC (International Community Center)

ICC offers

1. Support for students to engage in mutual exchange
2. Updated, useful information for intercultural exchange

Activities; for example

Country/Regional Fair Series

As the center of "cultural exchange", ICC presents country/regional fair series to introduce cultures and lifestyles of specific countries or regions through exhibitions, presentations, talk sessions, and many other special means.

Forum

ICC provides venues for discussion in a specific language under a specific theme set by participating students.

Language Exchange

ICC matches local and international students together so that they can teach their native languages to each other in an informal way.

13. List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS fellows

Please see the attached sheet.

GSAPS faculty is top-notch 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.

Faculty Members, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies

Project Research Advisor (Full-time Faculty)

Name	Status
ABE, Yoshiaki*	Professor (Not available for prospective students)
AMAKO, Satoshi*	Professor
GOTO, Kenichi*	Professor
KANO, Sadahiko	Professor
KATSUMA, Yasushi*	Professor
KAWAMURA, Yukio*	Professor
KIKUCHI, Yasushi*	Professor (Not available for prospective students)
KITAMURA, Toshiharu*	Professor
KOBAYASHI, Hideo*	Professor
KURODA, Kazuo*	Professor
LIM, Hua Sing*	Professor
MATSUOKA, Shunji*	Professor
MITOMO, Hitoshi*	Professor
MURASHIMA, Eiji*	Professor
MURAI, Yoshinori**	Professor
OBI, Toshio*	Professor
ROBERTS, Glenda S. *	Professor
SHINOHARA, Hatsue*	Professor
SHIRAISHI, Masaya*	Professor
UEKI, Chikako Kawakatsu	Professor
URATA, Shujiro*	Professor
YAMAOKA, Michio*	Professor
LIU-FARRER, Gracia	Associate Professor(without tenure)
AOYAMA, Rumi**	Professor
LIU, Jie**	Professor
TERADA, Takashi**	Visiting Professor

* Being in-charge-of both master's and doctoral programs

** Faculty of other Waseda Institutions

Assistant Professor

Name	Status
KAMOGAWA, Akiko	Assistant Professor
KURITA, Kyosuke	Assistant Professor