


# Kobe University

## Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS)

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	Program Name
	Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Special Course for Development Policy
	Degrees
	Master of Economics/International Studies
	Credits and years required to graduate
	30 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Required
	Acceptance Quota
	1 student per batch

### Web Links

- University:  
<https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>
- Graduate School:  
<https://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/>
- Course/Program:  
<https://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/education/master.html>
- Syllabus:  
<http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/students/syllabi.html#1>
- International Student Support:  
<http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/>

### Features of the University

Kobe University is an academic institution that has continued to encourage forward-looking and independent thinking in working towards our ideal of creating 'harmony between theory and reality'. Based on our spirit of 'integrity, freedom, and cooperation', we seek to build upon our rich academic traditions of pursuing the truth, social implementation, and bolstering people's knowledge and merits. In this way, Kobe University has shored up the foundations of society and revitalized industry and the economy while contributing towards the resolution of various issues facing the world. In our education, we place great importance upon fostering the diversity, internationality, excellence and adaptability that are necessary to thrive in a new sustainable society. Kobe University will develop its knowledge resources

using AI, IOT, big data analysis and fundamental information technology, producing graduates who are able to create new values and implement them into society. To this aim, Kobe University shall defy the boundaries between academic fields, collaborate with society, and promote practical learning, value creation, and data science education that incorporates the knowledge, skills, and techniques required for industry-government-academia co-creation. In our research, we emphasize autonomy, harnessing intellectual and creative strength to pursue the truth through our fundamental research, as well as working together with local communities on applied research.

### Features of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) aims to prepare talented young people to work in international fields and, through their work, to contribute to the international community. At GSICS, we believe that mutual understanding and respect for human rights is essential for peaceful global co-existence and thus strive in our education, research, and community activities to further this goal. In particular, we endeavour to provide students with the multidisciplinary background and expertise that will help them both as researchers and practitioners in the field of international cooperation.

### Features of the Program

To better meet the requirements of a changing world and to make our unique multidisciplinary

academic environment available to as many students as possible, the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) developed a Master's Program in English for international students where all instruction is conducted in English. As rapid globalization encompasses more and more of the world, English has become an essential aspect of international cooperation in Japan and many other countries. Moreover, in recent years, the Japanese government has given increasingly high priority in its ODA policy to the development of human resources. The Program in English seeks to meet the needs of both the international community and Japan. It takes an interdisciplinary approach, emphasizing not only the study of basic areas such as economic development, political development, international law and international relations but also the ways these disciplines intersect and relate to one another. It is hoped that graduates of the program will become experts in their fields and will contribute toward the development of their countries and international society.

#### Curriculum

##### **List of Courses:**

<http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/students/syllabi.html#1>

##### **List of faculty members:**

<https://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/research/staff/>

#### Student Support System

The Center for International Education (International Student Center, April 1993 - March 2016) was established as a university wide research/ teaching facility in April 1993. The Center takes overall responsibility for international students, including providing teaching in Japanese language, Japanese studies, advising on studying and living in Japan, internships career advising, and alumni networking. We are also carrying out research and development aimed at promoting international study exchange programs such as providing support for overseas study for Japanese students registered at Kobe University. In addition, the Center is actively promoting the support of Japanese language teaching, and international exchange programs in the local community, working with regional government agencies, local volunteer organizations, school, companies, etc.

##### **Global Education Center:**

<http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/>

##### **International student guidebook:**

<https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/sites/default/files/doc-page/2025-04/en2025guidebook.pdf>