

# Hitotsubashi University

## School of International and Public Policy (IPP)

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Program Name	Foreign Service Sub-Program (Global Governance)
Degree	Master of International and Administrative Policy
Credits and years required to graduate	44 Credits, 2 years
Math Exam	Not required
Admission Quota	1 student per batch

### Web Links

- University  
[Hitotsubashi University \(hit-u.ac.jp\)](http://hit-u.ac.jp)
- Graduate School  
<https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>
- Program  
[https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/en\\_program/gg/fss.html](https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/en_program/gg/fss.html)
- Faculty Members  
<https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/english/faculty/faculty.html>
- Brochure  
[https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/pdf/IPP2023\\_0619\\_E\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/pdf/IPP2023_0619_E_brochure.pdf)

### Features of the University

Since its foundation in 1875, Hitotsubashi University has been a prestigious national university located in Tokyo, Japan. Over the years, it has expanded its research and teaching to cover all fields of the social sciences. Today, it enjoys a well-deserved reputation as one of the top research universities in Japan. In 2019, it was accredited as one of the few outstanding designated national universities specializing in the social sciences.

### Features of the Graduate School

- About 45% of the capacity of international students are accepted every year.
- Our alumni work in public administration, diplomacy, international organizations, and

private sectors. Moreover, the network of alumni is spreading across Asia and contributing to regional cooperation within Asia.

### Features of the Program

- A unique master's program specializing in diplomacy and international relations.
- The program has accepted mid-career students from Asian countries and beyond with practical experiences in foreign service and a profound awareness of policy issues, as well as the enthusiasm to play active roles in various areas of the international community.
- The program aims to develop those who are engaging in foreign services in Asian countries and beyond, into higher-informed and skilled professionals in terms of the ability of analysing, formulating and implementing foreign policies.
- Students in this sub-program can complete the Master's program at IPP, by taking courses taught in English.

### Curriculum

#### **Features of the Curriculum:**

- As part of the curriculum, we offer courses taught jointly by faculty members from different academic fields, such as international relations, economics, and law.
- Faculty members are in the fields of International Security, Nuclear Non-Proliferation, Nuclear Disarmament, International Politics, International Relations in East Asia and Japan's Foreign Policy, International Law, International Criminal

Court, Conflict, Peace Studies, International Institutions, etc.

- Flexibility: Because interests of JDS students are diverse, depending on policy priorities of their countries, Foreign Service Sub-program has more flexibility in curriculum requirement although the necessary credits for graduation remain the same.
- Small-sized classes: Most of the classes are offered in a small group and emphasize discussions and presentations over lectures. It makes it possible for students to have candid and thorough discussions. It helps instructors well grasp needs of each student.
- Action-oriented: It also emphasizes group works. It helps students acquire sense of teamwork, importance of communication, and true friendships, which is important to establish good working relationships.

#### **Project Research / Master's Thesis**

From admission, students belong to the seminars assigned to their academic advisors. Until they complete their master's program, they attend one seminar a week and receive research guidance from their academic advisors. Each seminar has four students from each grade and about eight students in total. After considering the student's work history and research field, the program will determine the supervisor. In addition to guiding thesis writing, supervisors also provide course registration guidance and can provide detailed guidance. In addition, many of the supervisors have worked

with various governmental, inter-governmental, and non-governmental actors from across the world, and they understand the backgrounds of JDS students when providing guidance.

#### Academic Schedule

##### **Academic Calendar 2024**

[https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/pdf/R6\\_timetable\\_20240401.pdf](https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/pdf/R6_timetable_20240401.pdf)

#### Student Support System

- JDS students have access to university facilities just as other students of the School of International and Public Policy. Such facilities include the university library, IPP Common Room, IPP reference room, health centre, etc.
- Japanese students are also acceptable on the Foreign Service Sub-Program. Since the small group teaching policy is adopted, international students can deepen their relationships each other.
- The Japanese Language Education (JLE) Program at the Center for Global Education and Exchange offers courses for beginners, level-specific courses for intermediate and advanced students, and Japanese language courses for social science research.

Ref.

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/courses/japanese/about-jle/>

#### **NOTE for Applicants**

- You do **not** need math exams.