


University Information

The University of Tokyo

Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP)

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	Program Name
	Master of Public Policy, International Program (MPP/IP)
	Degree
	Master of Public Policy
	Credits and years required to graduate
	46 Credits, 2 years
	Math Exam
	Not required
Admission Quota	
3 students per batch	

Web Links

- University
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>
- Program
<https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/mppip/>
- Faculty members
<https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/faculty/>
- Brochure (2024-2025)
<https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/mppip/mppip-brochure-2024-2025>

Features of the University

- The University of Tokyo (UTokyo) was established in 1877 as the first national university in Japan. Since then, UTokyo has been a leader in research and higher education and renowned for its international level of advanced study.
- UTokyo has a strong connection with the Japanese government. It is the top university to produce leading public policy practitioners.
- The UTokyo India Office is in New Delhi. It serves as a base for the AKAMONKAI (UTokyo alumni association) of India, which holds alumni gatherings and other events.

Features of the Graduate School

- About 50% of the student body comprises international students from over 30 countries (both advanced and emerging economies). Student backgrounds are equally diverse:

those who have just completed undergraduate studies and professionals from various public and private sectors.

- We accepted officials from the Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry of Finance, among others, to study at GraSPP.

Features of the Program

- While GraSPP does not have an academic adviser (mentorship) system, two academic advisers are assigned to offer guidance and advice on learning and research beyond individual course enrolments. Teaching assistants provide support on learning methods in many subjects. Students writing a thesis or research paper are supervised by a faculty member with expertise in the subject of students' choice.
- Master of Public Policy, International Program (MPP/IP) offers two policy streams: Economic Policy, Finance, and Development (EPFD) and Public Management and International Relations (PMIR). Both streams require the completion of core courses in law, political science, and economics as a foundation for enhancing practical skills. In addition, students must take topic courses to acquire advanced expertise, practical training courses for real-world application, and case studies to improve policy analysis skills.
- Considering practical orientation, MPP/IP offers internship opportunities at public institutions (e.g., OECD, Asian Productivity Organization), think tanks (e.g., Asian Development Bank Institute), and private

companies. The responsible faculty members judge whether to recommend the applicants for internships through document screening and interviews, match them with internship sponsors, and give advice to students.

- The program provides an environment for learning alongside Japanese and international students (including young and mid-career students) who are expected to be future leaders.

Curriculum

Required credits

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Course subjects

- Examples of subjects related to India's development issues (public policy / economic and industrial policy / international relations) are as follows (in the 2024 academic year).

<Public Management>

Policy Process and Negotiation
Governance and Development
Politics and Public Policy
Introduction to Public Management
Japan's Modernization Experience and Its ODA Policy

<International Relations>

Introduction to International Politics
New Dimensions of Security in the Risk Age
Strategic Communications and International Politics
Transformation of Warfare and Technology
Global Governance
Global Political Economy

<Economic Policy>

Foundation Courses of Economics
(Microeconomics for Public Policy, Macroeconomics for Public Policy, Statistical Methods)
Economic Analysis of Public Sector
Energy Security
Foundations of Development Economics
Topics on Modern Japanese Economy
Sovereign Debt
Labor Economics
Monetary Policy

<Case Studies>

Case Study (Public-Private Partnerships)
Case Study (Impact Investing Trends in Asia)

Case Study (Japanese Foreign Economic Policy)

Case Study (Leadership and Management at International Financial Institutions)

Case Study (GraSPP Policy Challenge: Global Innovative Public Policy Solutions)

<Practical Training>

Presentation and Discussion
Social Design and Global Leadership
Exploring a New Global Governance in the Changing Geopolitical Dynamics

Training in research and analytical and presentation skills

- During the orientation at enrolment, academic staff explain course registration procedures, while faculty members guide course enrolment and research ethics. A math placement test is conducted upon enrolment. Students are encouraged to take "Mathematics for Public Policy."
- Many topic courses, practical training courses, and case studies introduce report writing and presentation to evaluate student performance.
- We encourage students to enrol in such practical training courses as "Introduction to Academic Writing" and "Presentation and Discussion."
- Students can earn credits by writing a research paper and/or a thesis, which requires oral examinations for evaluation.

Academic Schedule

Academic calendar 2024

<https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/GraSPP-Academic-Calendar2024.pdf>

Student Support System

- Our staff members possess working-level proficiency in both spoken and written English. International student advisers are tasked with facilitating various aspects of daily life, such as securing housing, applying for scholarships, assisting students in enrolling in courses at the Japanese Language Education Center, and addressing other related concerns. They also offer individual counselling to students in need.
- The Student Council leads new students and creates a guidebook for living and studying. They provide learning support through online apps, run a mentoring system, and organize exchange events.

- Our student lounge comprises self-study and computer rooms, discussion spaces, and a reflection room designed to accommodate all religious customs.
- As part of a university-wide initiative, the Counselling Support Research and Development Center offers consultation services on psychological problems, mental health, study strategies, career planning, and employment. The Health Center provides free health checkups. The International Education Support Office also offers multilingual consultation (in Japanese, English, and Chinese) on various aspects of life, study, cultural adaptation, career paths, and other related matters. They provide round-the-clock services for hospital referrals, medical consultations, and interpretation services over the phone. The Japanese Language Education Center offers three types of Japanese language courses: general, intensive, and short-term.
- The student cafeteria accommodates Halal and vegetarian meals.

NOTE for Applicants

In addition to the application to JDS Online (as explained above in section 5 & 6), you need to simultaneously submit your application documents directly to the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) online under your responsibility. Those who apply will go through selections process simultaneously by the University of Tokyo and by the JDS Office.

For details, please refer to:

<https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/protected-2025-MPPIP-Application-Guidelines.pdf>