


Hiroshima University

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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	Program Name
	International Peace and Co-existence Program
	Degrees
	(i) Master of International Cooperation Studies (ii) Master of Philosophy
	Credits and years required to graduate
	30 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Required
	Acceptance Quota
	2 students per batch

Web Links

- University:
<http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en>
- Graduate School:
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/gshs>
- Course/Program:
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/gshs/student_handbook/binran2024/program-e16
- Syllabus:
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/228198/e16_14_2024_M.pdf
- International Student Support:
<https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/momiji-top/en/international/advising.html>

Features of the University

Hiroshima University (HU) was established by combining eight existing institutions in May 1949 under the National School Establishment Law. Later in 1953, the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical College was also added to the new HU. Some of these higher educational institutions already had brilliant traditions and histories of their own. Although these educational institutions suffered a great deal of damage due to the atomic bomb which was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, they were reconstructed and combined to become the new HU. In addition, Graduate Schools were established in 1953. The new HU has risen from the ruins of war like a phoenix, which is in fact the University's symbol. HU has a long history of accepting international

students. This commenced before World War II. As of May 2023, HU has over 13,000 students including approximately 1,700 international students from about different 80 countries.

Features of the Graduate School

In the education and research area of humanities and social sciences which is socially demanded to be re-considered, it is required not only to promote knowledge of exploration studies that have been traditionally conducted in various fields but also to create new social values and methods for solving problems in a rapidly-changing society. To address such a requirement, this graduate school integrates faculties who are engaged in education and research in various graduate schools into one graduate school to establish an education and research organization in which the wall between fields is eliminated. This organization aims to develop human resources who are capable of sharing values with specialists of other fields and being engaged in cooperation for realizing such values by cultivating interest for other fields than their specialties in addition to the existing academic field. To conduct the education and research and achieve the aim described above, this graduate school introduces the degree program system that specifically indicates the image of human resources to be developed, diploma policy, and curriculum policy for the students who want to earn a degree and clearly describes the purpose and method of cooperation with the education course within and outside of the major course. It is expected that students will be allowed to expand their vision and develop their will and capability for communicating with each other

beyond the differences in their specialty fields and nationality while studying in the same place as students of various fields that are not limited within the framework of the existing graduate school, students of various degree programs with different characteristics, and foreign and Japanese students who are engaged in different issues and have different cultural and religious backgrounds. In response to the introduction of the degree program system, the name of the degree program is indicated in the diploma certification in addition to the major course name and the name of the specialty field to allow students to easily explain their specialties.

Features of the Program

International Peace and Co-existence Program aims to consolidate students' basic knowledge and to enhance their critical thinking skills in the academic disciplines of Peace Studies, Cultural Anthropology, International Relations, International Politics, Law, Area Studies, and Memory Studies under the common key concept of "Peace and Co-existence."

Students can choose a subject area and a specific topic to conduct independent research, with guidance from the academic staff who specialize in a variety of research fields, including nuclear damage, armed conflict, and the interrelations between development and culture. Other research interests include social inequalities stemming from issues of poverty, gender, ethnicity and religion as well as war and ethics, and security and nuclear weapons.

It is important for future Nepalese diplomats to identify the country's issues, areas, objectives, and strategies amidst heightened geopolitical tensions in the region. To do this, they need to be equipped with a comprehensive understanding of international relations and skills to represent Nepal's interest in diplomatic negotiations while promoting international peace and security. The International Peace and Co-existence Program of Hiroshima University provides students theoretical and practical training to engage in international relations and diplomacy. It also offers a global learning environment of international students and professors exchanging and developing ideas relevant to the domestic and international issues Nepal faces. Inspired by Hiroshima, the city that has turned the devastation by an atomic bomb into aspirations for universal peace, this program welcomes students from a variety of backgrounds to maximize their potential and provides a unique opportunity to study complex social issues in a

domestic and international sphere. All lectures are conducted in English

Curriculum

The International Peace and Co-existence Program offers a wide range of subjects relevant to international relations taught by professors with academic expertise and practical or policy experience that will enrich the students' understanding of Nepal's role and place in international relations and make them work-ready after graduation. The program has faculty members with research experience and expertise in the politics of South Asia, politics and cultural anthropology in India, peace and sustainability in Nepal, in addition to Hiroshima Peace Studies, HIROSHIMA Peace Heritage, International Law, etc. For their master's thesis, the students will be closely mentored and advised by professors with expertise in South Asia. The final outcome is a master's thesis that will feature the students' knowledge and problem-solving skills in international relations.

List of Courses:

https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/228198/e16_14_2024_M.pdf

List of Program members:

https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/228200/e16_34_List_of_Program_Members.pdf

Student Support System

The university supports international students for academic, campus life and life in the following ways:

- Several Japanese language classes that meet each student's level are available as well as student tutors.
- Foreign staff from the international division of the School's support office translate documents and websites into English and other languages.
- Apartment and housing recommendations are available to foreign students.
- Hiroshima University has a network regarding international exchange, information dissemination, and activities announcements.
- A friendly environment with consultation services available to foreign students. They can consult in English and confidentially about their

living overseas, job hunting, personal troubles, harassments, and other issues they encounter in their academic and personal lives.