


Waseda University

Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS)

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	Program Name
	International Studies
	Degree
	MA in International Relations
	Credits and years required to graduate
	30 Credits, 2 years
	Math Exam
	required
	Admission Quota
	2 students per batch

Web Links

- University:
<https://www.waseda.jp/top/en>
- Graduate School:
<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsap/en/>
- Faculty Members:
<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsap/en/admissions/project>
- Syllabus:
<https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?plng=en>

Features of the University

Waseda University was founded as Tokyo Senmon Gakko (Tokyo College) in 1882. Since its foundation, the university has proactively opened its doors to international students. The University is now known around the world as one of the top universities in Japan. It has produced eight prime ministers so far, and its alumni are widely active in various fields, not only in Japan, but also on the world stage. The university continues to create new eras and culture through education and research activities of a global standard.

Features of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) was founded in April 1998. The mission of GSAPS is to assess and analyse the Asia-Pacific region from a broad analytical perspective.

GSAPS is a cross-disciplinary school that has "International Relations", "International Development/ Policy Studies", and "Area Studies", and is one of the few educational institutions in the world that offers an interdisciplinary International Relations program for training students in three specializations.

Features of the Program

In the Program of MA in International Relations, students focus on one area of three specializations – "International Relations", "International Development / Policy Studies", and "Area Studies", but at the same time can take courses in all three areas.

GSAPS offers many courses that are especially useful for the study of effective policy administration in India. GSAPS provides guidance to JDS fellows from India in the following ways. In the field of economic policy, GSAPS helps JDS students to acquire the skills necessary for conducting practical research, analysis, and the construction of policy recommendations so that they can contribute to the fostering of international economic ties with India's neighbouring countries in South Asia, China, and emerging economies in Southeast Asia and Northeast Asia.

Curriculum

Required Credits

Core Courses	22 credits
Basic Courses	
Advanced Courses	
Courses offered by another institution	
Project research/ Master's thesis	8 credits
Total	30 credits

Research Ethics

Master's students are required to take the JSPS "eLCoRE" course in the first semester (within one month of enrolment). Details will be provided by the GSAPS office after the enrolment.

Project Research (8 credits) / Master's Thesis

Project research is carried out in seminar style. Under the instruction of their academic advisors, students learn and master skills to prepare and complete their thesis, to compile, analyse and review relevant information fully and to understand the research methodology. The list of is available from the link below.

<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/en/admissions/project>

- * Since the above information may change, please make sure to check the application guide for the latest information.

Academic Schedule

[Academic Calendar 2025](#)

Facilities

GSAPS Library	Mon.-Fri. (9:10-21:00)
Student Dormitories	Please refer to the following website and contact the "Dormitory Desk, Student Affairs Section", if you have any inquiries regarding dormitories and housing. https://www.waseda.jp/inst/rlc/en/

Student Support System

GSAPS also has a "TA" system to provide IT environment support such as common PC/ printer/ network troubleshooting.