


Hiroshima University

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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	Program Name
	International Economic Development Program
	Degrees
	(i) Master of Economics
	(ii) Master of Business Administration
	(iii) Master of International Cooperation Studies
	(iv) 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/binran2025/program-e18
- Syllabus:
https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/256748/e18M_Courses%20Credits%20Credits%20Required%20for%20Completion.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 2025, HU has over 15,000 students including approximately 1,900 international students from about different 90 countries.

Features of the Graduate School

In the education and research area of humanities and social sciences which is socially required 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 to 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 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

The International Economic Development Program fosters advanced professionals and researchers who can contribute creatively and collaboratively to development policy planning, implementations, evaluations and improvements towards promotion of sustainable development goals, through acquisition of global perspectives, and knowledge and skills necessary in evidence-based interdisciplinary social science.

The art and science of policy making is entering into a new era. The paradigm shift is upgrading the process of policy making and its impact evaluation from a personal-experience-based subjective approach to a more objective, evidence-based one. Evidence-based decision making does not merely mean the utilization of data; rather, it explicitly prohibits doing so, by acknowledging the wisdom that what our data shows in front of our eyes is just the correlation, and not the causation that we need to base our decision.

The fact that "people with higher education enjoy higher income" does not imply "promoting higher education promotes income growth." The fact that "countries with higher child birth rates face higher poverty" does not imply "suppressing child birth reduces poverty."

The fact that "cities with better sewage have better child health" does not imply "better sewage improves child health."

If we want to know the impact of the policy to tackle these problems, we must find the truth hidden behind the observed data.

The art of science of finding the truth in this way is the evidence-based decision making that we offer.

Curriculum

The International Economic Development Program provides the systematic curriculum to cultivate abilities for identifying/ targeting issues, applied analysis, policy proposals that can link advanced social science methods to practical problem solving. Additionally, this program offers learning and training opportunities to develop professional communication skills to work with diverse stakeholders and leadership in problem solving.

List of Courses:

https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/256748/e18M_Courses%2C%20Credits%2C%20Credits%20Required%20for%20Completion.pdf

List of Program members:

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/256137/%E3%83%97%E3%83%AD%E3%82%B0%E3%83%A9%E3%83%A0%E6%8B%85%E5%BD%93%E6%95%99%E5%93%A1%E5%90%8D%E7%B0%BF.pdf>

Student Support System

The university support 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.