


# Meiji University

## Graduate School of Governance Studies

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	Program Name
	Public Policy Program
	Degrees
	Master of Public Policy
	Credits and years required to graduate
	40 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Required
	Acceptance Quota
	2 students per batch

### Web Links

- University:  
<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/index.html>
- Graduate School:  
<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/graduate/governance/index.html>
- Syllabus:  
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### Features of the University

Meiji University was founded in 1881. It ranks solidly among the best universities in Japan, consisting of 10 undergraduate schools, 12 graduate schools, and four professional graduate schools. The Graduate School of Governance Studies is located on Meiji University's Surugadai Campus, right in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo, a hub city with contemporary and traditional culture.

### Features of the Graduate School

One of the major objectives of Governance Studies program is to enhance the administrative capacity and governance skills of early-career professionals, mainly from developing nations. Our focus is on governance, public policy, and public management. Toward the goal, enrolled students are focusing on a broad spectrum of issues, such as administrative and fiscal reform, economic development, sustainable development, and community management. They are also encouraged to study varieties of policy-making

processes as well as issues in policy implementation and evaluation.

By offering a wide range of subjects for the students to choose from, our Governance Studies program encourages students to specialize further in the theory of public policy, such as governance and policy sciences, or in more pragmatic issues such as government business relationships and intergovernmental interfaces. Students are trained to evaluate the role and function of these policy matters from different perspectives. The program is highly interdisciplinary, enabling students to apply various approaches and concepts to political science, economics, and public management. By being exposed to these different fields, students will increase their knowledge of governance and skills for public management. The first year of the master's program will mainly be devoted to the introduction of certain concepts, theories, and methodologies in the fields of policy sciences and public management. This arrangement will help students to deepen their understanding of governance, public management, policymaking, policy implementation, and program valuation. In these courses, students are encouraged to participate vigorously in in-class discussions, while they are also expected to conduct their own preliminary research related to their specific policy interests.

In the second year, most students conduct their own research, in addition to attending a few seminar courses that are relevant to their research interests. Each student will have to write a master's thesis (research paper) by the end of the second year under the supervision of a designated academic advisor.

The theme of the thesis may vary according to their interests, such as governance, public management, international finance, urban policy, and social development.

### Features of the Program

#### **Courses and Three Areas**

The Graduate School of Public Policy offers courses in three concentration areas: Public Policy, International Development Policy, and Community Planning and Management. In each of these areas, major topics of immediate relevance to contemporary world issues - including decentralization, "good enough governance," citizen participation, sustainable development, economic development cooperation, regional development, and poverty reduction are discussed in a wide range of courses offered by our faculty members.

1) Public Policy:

This area is about public policy processes, from identifying issues to formulating, implementing, and evaluating policy options. The knowledge and expertise in policy processes, including theories in political science, public administration, and organizational management fields, are growing their importance in the field of public policy.

2) International Development Policy:

Drawing on disciplines concerned with international economics and the environment, this focal area encourages students to analyze global issues of sustainable development and poverty reduction from different perspectives on social systems. While market-driven development policies have achieved economic prosperity in many societies, they have also exacerbated global problems such as environmental degradation and income disparity.

3) Community Planning and Management:

Community is the field of practice where governance comes most closely in contact with people's lives. Community Planning and Management area is organized around the process of making, implementing, and evaluating policies for resolving global issues from local perspectives. It also focuses on crisis management and the role of the community in responding to natural disasters and terrorism, which have been increasing in recent years.

#### **Research Paper**

In order to obtain the Master's degree from Meiji's Graduate School of Governance Studies, students are required to submit a "research paper." Each international student is assigned to a "zemi" group supervised by one of the faculty members and receives hands-on guidance for conducting research and writing the paper.

##### **- Research Method**

In these seminar courses, first-year students choose a governance public administration-related topic and conduct their own research. Students will acquire skills for theoretical studies and policy analysis by reviewing the relevant literature. This process will guide the student toward the appropriateness of their definition of the topic.

##### **- Research Paper**

These seminar courses focus on writing academic papers. Each of the second-year students learns to construct a theoretical framework and employ research methods, data analysis techniques, and related skills for writing a research paper on his or her own research topics.

##### **- Thesis Workshop**

Thesis workshops are organized for all Graduate School of Governance Studies international students. This workshop provides students with an opportunity to critique one another's work and engage in an intellectual exchange on their approach to governance studies and their theoretical and research procedures.

##### **- English Language Academic Writing**

We offer a range of English academic communication and writing support courses, workshops and tutoring for international students whose first language is not English. These are taught by native speaking instructors, experienced in English academic support course development.

Curriculum	
Public Policy	Governance Studies Intergovernmental Relations Urban Planning and Design Policies Introduction to Policy-making Processes Comparative Local Government E-Government Evaluation Theory and Practice TQM in Public Sector Public Financial Management Public Finance and Social Welfare Economics A/B Econometrics A/B Current Development in Public Policy and Management Public Policy Policy Evaluation Cutting-edge Local Government Policies Citizen's Participation and Local Governance Japanese Economic Policy
International Development Policy	Global Topics and Issues Global Governance Japanese Foreign and Development Policy Political Economy of Development Theories and Experience of the Developmental State SDGs and International Peace Studies Private Sector Development Environmental Governance Environmental Management Environmental Assessment Global Cyber Governance
Community Planning and Management	NGO/NPO Policy NGO/NPO Management Public Employment and Personnel Management Contemporary Japanese Society QM in Japanese Public Sector Negotiation in the Public Sector Social Policy Social Development Consensus building and sustainability transition Human Resource Management Terrorism and Political Violence Crisis Management and International Politics National Security and Intelligence Community Engagement and Facilitation Community Welfare Service E-Participation Multicultural Society The Political economy of food and agriculture Local development in Japan Local responses to agricultural issues in Japan

**List of Courses:**

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/graduate/governance/curriculum.html>

**List of Faculty members:**

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/graduate/governance/faculty.html>