# **Rikkyo University** Graduate School of Business

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Program Name
Master of International Business Program
Degrees
(i) Master of Public Management and Administration
(MPMA)
Credits and years required to graduate
30 Credits, 2 Years
Math Exam
 Required
Acceptance Quota
2 students per batch

## Web Links

- University: <u>https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/index.html</u>
- Graduate School: <u>https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/academics/grad</u> <u>uate/business.html</u>
- Course/Program: <u>https://mpma.rikkyo.ac.jp/index.html</u>
  Syllabus:
- https://ry.rikkyo.ac.jp/syllabus/pdf/2023/ke n keiei e.pdf
- International Student Support: <u>https://en.admission.rikkyo.ac.jp/explore/s</u> <u>upport-int-students/</u>

# Features of the University

Rikkyo was founded in 1874 by an American Bishop, Channing Moore Williams, and has a long history of excellence in education and research, which, combined with substantial investment in state-of-the-art information technology and teaching facilities, has earned a reputation as an outstanding educational institution and one of the most sought-after universities in Japan. Today, Rikkyo enrolls over 19,000 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students in its ten colleges and fourteen graduate schools. Rikkyo usually has over 700 overseas students from various parts of the worlds.

Rikkyo University has two campuses: one in Ikebukuro, Tokyo and the other in Shiki, Saitama-prefecture which borders on northwest Tokyo. The main campus is located in Ikebukuro, one of the largest commercial and transportation hubs in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo.

In recognition of the Rikkyo's unique educational initiatives, achievements and potential, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan launched the Top Global University Project and selected Rikkyo as one of the 37 universities for special funding in 2014. The project lasts for 10 years.

# Features of the Graduate School

What is the significance of researching business studies at Rikkyo University? The answer is in the researching of a kind of business studies that is both new and also grounded in history and tradition. The Graduate School of Business at Rikkyo University has only recently been established. However, research of business studies at Rikkyo University has a history of over one hundred years. The mission of the Rikkyo University Graduate School of Business is to study the new, modern shape of business studies with an active, enterprising spirit that is based on our history, our tradition, and the principles of Rikkyo University. This is a form of business studies that can only be researched at Rikkyo University. Organizations, let alone companies, can only thrive if they can respond to society's expectations. As such, organizations must contribute to society, and bring happiness to the people who work there. Our students develop knowledge about what needed is for organizations in this new age.

Business studies is a practical science that seeks theories that will be truly useful in society. The Graduate School of Business focuses on business studies that will serve in real business contexts, and we develop leaders that can individually practice and implement business theories in the real world. Many kinds of people exist in this globalized world, with various values and ways of thinking. We conduct our program with a stance that values diversity, from a global point of view. If people can recognize differences and mutually respect each other, without denying or attempting to assimilate that which is different, not only business, but all people can benefit from the diverse, positive aspects of global society.

### Features of the Program

To achieve sustainable economic development, the Nepal government promotes the private sector, improves the business environment, enhances the capacity development in the local governments, reduces the urban-rural income gaps and poverty, and attracts foreign direct investment, associated with the Japanese government's aid programs. Although these joint programs attain a certain level of achievement, the number of government officials who can cope with the above tasks remains far below the target level. It is thus essential for the nation to nurture such human resources systematically in the academic institution.

Given such constraints, the Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) Course, offers a two-year graduate-level education that develops the mid-career government officials who plan to study theories and hands-on analytical skills. It is designed particularly for mid-career government officers to nurture and develop their capacities to effectively review, formulate, manage, and evaluate policies and programs to become leaders in the governmental and nongovernmental sectors. The MPMA course is managed by the Graduate School of Business, which has been offering a successful Englishmedium master's program (Master of International Business, MIB) since 2011.

# Curriculum

In the first year, MPMA students will take required courses and build up their knowledge, theories, and skills by choosing at least five courses from the following eight: Mathematics, Statistics, Econometrics, Research Methodology, Microeconomics, Public Management, Public Administration, and Public Finance and Budgeting. Students also learn to utilize various computer software and databases used commonly by economists and various international organizations.

From the second semester on, students take a variety of elective courses in the areas of public management, economics and business management. For JDS students pursuing the corresponding development issues in Nepal, the university offers courses in Local Government and Public Services, Public Policy, International Finance, Agricultural Economics, Regional Economics, Development Economics, and Natural Disaster Management jointly with the courses for quantitative analysis courses, Advanced Econometrics and Development Planning.

In the second year, students will also write a master's thesis under close supervision of a supervisor. Through the supervision, the student can acknowledge the research plan, literature review, academic presentation, and academic writing and obtain basic skills necessary for academic research (analytical methods and result interpretation). Our faculty members also encourage the students to publish their master's theses in peer-reviewed academic journals after graduation.

### List of Courses:

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#### List of Program members: https://mpma.rikkvo.ac.ip/id

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### Student Support System

Rikkyo provides the following support to international students:

- The International Office organizes several activities to help foreign students join the cultural events and excursions in Japan. The office also introduces Japanese mentors to foreign students.
- Japanese class lessons for regular program students. The class is formed according to students' levels of academic achievement.
- The university organizes overnight inspection trips for infrastructure development twice a year.
- The campus clinic provides medical services for students.
- Students can use facilities such as the Olympic size swimming pool and athletic gymnasium for work-outs.
- The campus provides an acceptable prayer space on campus and "Muslimfriendly restaurant" Halal restaurant.