

Doshisha University

Graduate School of Global Studies

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	Program Name
	Major in Global Studies
	Degree
	• Master of Arts in American Studies • Master of Arts in Contemporary Asian Studies • Master of Arts in Global Society Studies
	Credits and years required to graduate
	Minimum 30 Credits and Master's Thesis, or 38 Credits and Seminar Paper, at minimum of 2 years
	Math Exam
	Not Required
	Admission Quota
	3 students per batch

Web Links

- University
<https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/index.html>
- Program:
https://global-studies.doshisha.ac.jp/gs/en/education/master_course.html
- Syllabus:
<https://syllabus.doshisha.ac.jp>
- List of Graduate Schools:
https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/academics/undergrad_list/index.html
- Campus Facilities
https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/student_life/facilities/index.html

Features of the University

Doshisha University, founded in 1875, is a private university located in Kyoto, Japan. Under the educational principles of "Christianity", "Liberalism" and "Internationalism", the University offers various courses with 14 faculties and 16 graduate schools. The University has 26,514 undergraduate students, 2,210 graduate students and 781 full-time faculties in Imadegawa and Kyotanabe campus in Kyoto. There are more than 213 exchange agreements with universities and colleges in 46 countries that stretch across the world.

Inheriting the passion for education of its founder, Jo Nijima, for 150 years, the University

has continued to cultivate "those who use their abilities as conscience dictates" based on the founding spirit of "education of conscience" and to send out into society people who are active in various fields, including economics, politics, religion, education, and social services.

Features of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of Doshisha University

Doshisha University has been continuously engaged in education and research activities from the Meiji Era to the present in Kyoto, a city where history, tradition, and novelty are fused. With its roots in Doshisha Eigakko (Academy) founded by Jo Nijima, Doshisha University features the founding spirit of "education of conscience." It underlies the educational and research activities of all faculties, graduate schools, institutes, and other organizations comprising Doshisha University and serves as a guide for education, although the academic fields and specialties of each are different.

Undergraduate studies at Doshisha University are offered at 14 faculties and 34 departments with different academic fields. Taking advantage of the scale of a university with multiple faculties, the University offers a rich learning environment in which students can freely study subjects from other faculties according to their own interests.

A well-developed, state-of-the-art research environment

The 16 graduate schools, support advanced and specialized educational and research activities in state-of-the-art research facilities and

environments. In addition to acquiring knowledge in the academic field of their major, students are encouraged to take courses outside their own graduate school or department, subjects are offered to provide the practical research skills required of graduate students and for them to acquire knowledge in adjacent fields.

Features of the Program

Doshisha University's Graduate School of Global Studies (GSGS) in an independent graduate school launched in April 2010 in response to the pressing urgency of issues such as transnational migration, refugee flows, regional conflict and the environment. Solving such large-scale problems requires a combination of regional and global perspectives, and a willingness to use multiple perspectives from the humanities and social sciences. Consequently, the GSGS brings to bear both regional and global expertise ranging across an array of disciplines to address pressing issues in the world today.

Rather than pursuing vague generalizations, GSGS encourages students to pursue focused research projects that investigate how individual case studies help illuminate broader global trends. GSGS particularly promotes studies that cross disciplines and national boundaries and that search for larger connections. As a result, GSGS seeks students with a clear focus, research agenda, and willingness to challenge the limits of any one discipline or approach. Master's and doctoral students belong to one of the following three clusters:

- American Studies Cluster
- Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster
- Global Society Studies Cluster

*** Special Intensive Courses**

In addition to the existing curriculum mentioned in this section, the School provides intensive non-degree classes to supplement the course in order to meet the demand of the JDS program students' specific interests of the time (by guest lecturers and Doshisha faculty staff). For example, the following subjects, among others have been covered in the past years:

- "Legal, Socio-economic Institutionalization of the Bureaucracy in the Countries of Transition to Market Economy"
- "Democratic Governance and Development"
- "Transparency and Accountability of Government in Developing Countries"
- "Revitalization of Japanese Local Governance"
- "Japan's Path to Democratization"
- "Countermeasures of Corruption in Developing Countries"

*** Requirement for completing the Master's Degree Program**

To complete the Master's Degree Program through submission of a Thesis, students are required to complete a minimum total of 30 credits including 6 credits from Required Global Studies Common Courses and 8 credits from the Global Society Studies Cluster's own Required Courses. To complete the Master's Degree Program through submission of a Seminar Paper, students are required to complete a minimum total of 38 credits including 6 credits from Required Global Studies Common Courses and 8 credits from the Global Society Studies Cluster's own Required Courses.

Faculty

Faculty members who can supervise JDS fellow are listed below:

https://global-studies.doshisha.ac.jp/gs/en/faculty_members/list/index.html

Academic Schedule

The academic Calendar from 2024 is as follows:

https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/students/curriculum/new_calendar/index.html

The new academic calendar introduced in 2024, basically, students are required to take 13 times of classroom instruction and twice on-demand instruction. During the first week of the semester, an orientation period for registration and the first on-demand class will run concurrently.

This week is called "Doshisha Opening Week (DO Week)"

Under the new academic calendar, summer and spring vacations will be longer than before, giving students the opportunity to learn independently through fieldwork, various practical training, internships, and volunteer activities.

We hope you will realize a new kind of learning that is unique to you at Doshisha University.

Facilities

Student Support

The University provides a wide variety of support for daily campus life, including support for students with disabilities, volunteer support, awareness-raising activities, and special programs, as well as support for athletic and cultural club activities, in which many students participate.

Education & Library

<https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/education/index.html>

Doshisha University has educational facilities with state-of-the-art equipment, and organizes many university-wide initiatives and educational programs across the boundaries of faculties and graduate schools.

Restaurants & Stores

<https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/information/restaurant/index.html>

The Imadegawa, Shimachi, Muromachi & Kyotanabe Campus dining, café and shopping outlets operate on Doshisha University campuses.

Counselling:

https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/student_life/counseling/index.html

To lead a fulfilling student life, it is important to be physically and mentally healthy. However, there are many challenges students encounter which may generate various concerns and may affect students' health. Students who are new to university, new to Kyoto, or even new to Japan will experience significant changes in environment. It is common that these situations can make students feel stressed and overwhelmed. We have "Counseling Center" at both Imadegawa and Kyotanabe campuses to provide assistance in dealing with concerns regarding academics, studying overseas, future career paths, interpersonal relationships, health, etc. By discussing and working together, we will support students to be able to deal with their concerns and make their own decisions. If necessary, we can also introduce other departments on campus or organizations outside the university. Confidentiality will be strictly maintained, so please feel free to contact us. Counseling is available in both Japanese and English. In addition to individual counseling, we also hold workshop to help you lead a richer student life.

Student Life and Healthcare

https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/student_life/healthcare/index.html

The Student Health Center, with premises situated on both on the Imadegawa and Kyotanabe campuses, provides support and assistance to students to help them maintain good physical and mental health throughout their time at Doshisha University.

International Community Lounge

<https://ois.doshisha.ac.jp/ois/en/facilities/lounge.html>

International Community Lounge is a place for students from different backgrounds to interact with each other beyond nationality. If you are interested in international exchange or want to learn about different cultures, improve your language skills or make friends with students from around the world, feel free to stop by at the lounge. A whole new world will open up for you.

Meditation Room

<https://ois.doshisha.ac.jp/ois/en/facilities/meditation.html>

Anyone who are studying or working at Doshisha University, of any religious belief, can use the Meditation Room located on Shikokan 2nd floor, Karasuma Campus and Chishokan North Laboratory (Engineering) 1st floor, Kyotanabe Campus as a place for prayer.

Also, multipurpose toilets at Shikokan 2nd floor, Karasuma Campus and Divinity Hall 1st floor (Imadegawa Campus) have a place for Wudu available.

Global Village

<https://ois.doshisha.ac.jp/ois/en/facilities/village.html>

Global Village is a place for international exchange located on the 2nd floor of Ryoshinkan Learning Commons. There are many ways to use the space, including consultation with the study abroad coordinator, watching international broadcasts and conversation with international students in the no-Japanese-speaking area.

Message for the Applicants

Our institution provides an international environment with over 51% of the students coming from more than 28 countries, mostly developing and emerging countries, namely Afghanistan, Algeria, Carbo Verde, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Nepal, Palestine,

Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, among many other countries.

Over fifty percent of students at our graduate school are foreign nationals, coming from diverse backgrounds with various research objectives, making a very friendly and international atmosphere, and providing an exciting opportunity for all students to share thoughts and ideas among each other through daily interaction. Furthermore, all students can fully benefit from the optimal learning environment at the fully equipped new university facilities for effective studies and research. In addition, being located in the heart of Kyoto, the old capital, all students will be in an excellent atmosphere to learn and understand the Japanese culture, people and language.

Some research topics of JICA funded students who graduated over the last few years include "Saffron as an Alternative to Opium Poppy Cultivation in Afghanistan", "Understanding the

Complex Nature of Public Procurement Corruption and Redress Policies in South Africa", and "Evaluation of Anticorruption Commission". Their major point of interest is to understand how the Japanese experience (good governance, democratization, human rights, etc.) can be adapted to their own country, and confirm what needs to be promoted in establishing a better public administration. To actively support students to answer some of their questions, guest lecturers (practitioners such as government officials, civil society, etc.) are invited to share their views and experience, and a number of field studies such as visits to the central and local governments, international organizations, civil societies and other institutions are arranged.

We look forward to welcoming you and supporting your studies for further advancement of your government and ultimately your country.