


Waseda University

Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS)

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	Programme Name
	International Studies
	Degree
	MA in International Relations
	Credits and years required to graduate
	30 Credits, 2 years
	Math Exam
	Required but scores are used only as a guide
	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.waseda.jp/fire/gsap/en/academics/registration>

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. Waseda University is now known around the world as one of the top universities in Japan. It has produced seven 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 programme for training students in three specializations.

Features of the Programme

In the Programme 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 Nepal. GSAPS provides guidance to JDS fellows from Nepal 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 Nepal'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	8 credits
Project research / Master's thesis	
Total	30 credits

Project Research / 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.

Course Name	Instructor	Credits
Area Studies		
Politics and International Relations of China	AOYAMA, Rumi	8
Popular Culture in Asia	NAKAJIMA, Seio	8
Japan in Asia	HAYASE, Shinzo	8
Globalization and Socio-Cultural Change	FARRER, Gracia Liu	8
Politics of Religion, Culture, and Gender, Politics in Southeast Asia	MIICHI, Ken	8
Everyday Life in the Asia-Pacific	ROBERTS, Glenda S.	8
International Relations		
International Relations and Security in East Asia	UEKI, Chikako	8
Pacific Settlement of International Disputes	KAWANO, Mariko	8
Financial Integration in Asia	KIKUCHI, Tomoo	8
East Asian Economies and Industries	NABESHIMA, Kaoru	8
East Asia and America, Foreign Policy	SHINOHARA, Hatsue	8
Europe and Asia: Inter-regional Relations	BACON, Paul Martyn	8
Culture and Politics in the Asia-Pacific	LEHENY, David	8
International Development/ Policy Studies		
Peace, Human Rights and Social Development in Less Developed Countries	KATSUMA, Yasushi	8
Economic Development and Policy in Asia	KATO, Atsushi	8
International Education Policy in the Globalizing World	KURODA, Kazuo	8
Global Sustainability and International Development Cooperation Studies	MATSUOKA, Shunji	8
ICT and Media Studies	MITOMO, Hitoshi	8

Academic Schedule

Academic Calendar 2021

Academic Orientation	April 1
Spring Term	1. Spring Semester April 5-July 21
	2. Spring Quarter April 5-June 2 (2 lectures in one week)
	3. Summer Quarter June 3-July 21 (2 lectures in one week)
Summer Break	July 31-September 20
Summer Intensive Term	August 2-20 1 st Block: August 2-6 2 nd Block: August 17-20
Academic Orientation	September 15
Fall Term	1. Fall Semester September 24-February 1
	2. Fall Quarter September 24-November 20 (2 lectures in one week)
	3. Winter Quarter November 21-February 1 (2 lectures in one week)
Winter Break	December 23-January 5
Make-up Lectures	January 26-February 1
Spring Break	February 2-March 31
Winter Intensive Term	February 7 - 18 1 st Block: February 7-10 2 nd Block: February 14-18

Facilities

GSAPS Library	Mon.-Fri. (9:10-21:00)
Student Dormitories	Not available for graduate students and students with families. JDS fellows usually rent an apartment. Please refer to the following website and contact the "Residence Life Center", 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.