

Kyushu University

Graduate School of Law

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Program Name	LL.M. Program
Degree	Master of Laws (LL.M.)
Credits and years required to graduate	30 Credits (a 20 credit coursework component plus 10 credits earned by writing a master's thesis), 2 Years
Math Exam	Not Required
Admission Quota	2 students per batch

Web Links

- University
<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>
- Graduate School
<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>
- Course/Program
<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/jds/>
- List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS Fellows
<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/complete-listing.html>
- International Student Support
<https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en>

Features of the University

Kyushu University is one of the oldest and most prestigious national universities in Japan. The history of the university dates back to 1903, when Fukuoka Medical College was founded. The university offers undergraduate and graduate level education across a full range of academic disciplines. There are currently around 19,000 students enrolled and 2,000 faculty members. Kyushu University is particularly well known for the large number of international education programmes that are offered, and for the resulting diverse student body. In 2009, the university was selected by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology to participate in the "Global 30" project to further promote internationalization

of higher education in Japan. At present, there are around 2300 international students enrolled at Kyushu University from around one hundred different countries.

Kyushu University is located in Itoshima, close to the city of Fukuoka. Fukuoka is the largest city in Kyushu, the most southern of Japan's four main islands. Fukuoka is regularly featured in various international rankings of the "world's most liveable cities".

Features of the Graduate School

The Faculty of Law was established in September 1924 as the Department of the Faculty of Law and Humanities, and acquired independent status in 1949.

Annually, 200 students are admitted to the faculty as undergraduates. As of April 2017, over 17,000 students have completed the undergraduate programme. Occupational activities of these alumni are diverse, covering the legal profession, government service (both national and local), business, journalism, education, and academia. The graduate programme of the faculty, which was set up in 1949, has produced over 1,500 Master's degrees and 110 Doctoral degrees.

In 1994, the Faculty of Law launched Japan's first master's programme taught entirely in English; the LL.M. in International Economic and Business Law (IEBL). In 1999, a similar programme was established focusing on comparative politics and political administration (CSPA). In 2001, the faculty launched a special government funded programme for young legal professionals of designated Asian countries (YLP). The LL.M., YLP and CSPA programmes

have been accepting JDS Fellows since the inception of the programme.

Around 40% of students entering graduate programs at the Faculty are now coming from overseas. The faculty now has the experience of educating students from more than 50 different countries, and over 500 students have graduated from the various international programmes. As a result, the university has accumulated a great deal of experience in receiving foreign students and providing reliable support systems in education, research and living in Japan.

Features of the Programme

The LL.M. program offers a wide-ranging curriculum with a particular emphasis on the following topics: (i) Business and the law; (ii) Innovation and the Smart Society; (iii) Law and Development, and (iv) Cultural Heritage and the Law.

The program is intended to provide JDS Fellows with a variety of intellectual and practical skills required to confront the many challenges of international economic affairs and commercial transactions in a rapidly globalizing world.

Students who successfully complete the program will be conferred a master's degree in law (LL.M.).

Over the two years of study, JDS Fellows are required to complete a coursework component of approximately 10 semester length courses and write a 70+ pages master's thesis on a topic of their choosing.

Two professors will supervise students in writing their thesis. The supervisors will offer both practical and specialized help to ensure that the thesis meets the standards expected of master's level research.

Curriculum

All JDS fellows are expected to complete a 20-credit coursework curriculum and write a master's thesis of 70 pages (10 credits).

The JDS Programme uses a Quarter System. Each semester (Fall and Spring) is divided into two quarters. Students will normally have two classes of each subject per week over the course of the quarter for regular classes. In addition, intensive classes are organized during the semesters. Most classes award 2 credits.

The curriculum plan for the JDS Program is organized as follows. Students are required to take the Legal Research Methodology & Writing class. 4 credits are received from taking a special course for JDS students – the JDS Forum – taught over two years. The 16 remaining

credits from courses must be distributed as follows over the four semesters of study:

Semester I (Fall Year I):

2 credits in Quarter 1 & 2 credits in Quarter 2

Semester II (Spring Year I):

4 credits in Quarter 3 & 2 credits in Quarter 4.

Semester III (Fall Year II):

2 credits in Quarter 1 & 2 credits in Quarter 2.

Semester IV: (Spring Year II):

2 credits in Quarter 3 OR Quarter 4.

The following is an indicative list of courses offered in the last few years (this list is only indicative and is subject to change on a yearly basis):

Legal Research Methodology and Writing
JDS Forum
Fundamental Issues in IP Laws
Transnational Commercial Law and Foreign Investment Law
White Collar and Corporate Crime
International Law in Today's World
International Legal Framework on Policy to protect Cultural Heritage
IP and Private International Law
International Maritime Law
Contemporary Issues in Competition Law
Introduction to Japanese Law, Historical Perspective
Mediation and Other Conflict Management Approaches
Japanese Intellectual Property Law Practice
Creative Economy and Cultural Diversity
Introduction to EU Law
Social Science Research Methods
A Legal Studies Primer
International Commercial Arbitration
International Relations & Global Governance
Algorithms and the Law
Environmental & Energy Governance
Introduction to Roma Law and Civil Law Tradition
Comparative Corporate Law
Private International Law – Comparative Perspective
Science, Technology and Innovation Policy
Statistics – Data analysis and a Soft Introduction to Blockchain
Fintech and the Law
Platforms and the Law
IP/IT Dispute Resolutions in International Matters
Borders and Development in Asia
Political System in Asia
Japan's Development Context
Japanese Constitutional & Administrative Law
Law and Development: From the Perspective of Economic and Business History
AI & Robot Law
International Financial Law and Regulation
Foreign Investment Business Law in China
Law and Development: A Japanese Perspective and Experience
International Law of Foreign Investment
Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A): Deals and Transactions
World Trade Law
International Economic Law and Practice
Business Law in a Networked Age
Legal Negotiation
Introduction to European Information Technology Law
Resolution of Transnational Commercial Disputes