

Graduate School of Economics

Economics

Objective

The Graduate School of Economics aims to prepare researchers, professionals, and economists who have a wide perspective and advanced knowledge to deal with the changing needs of society.

Diploma Policy

Master's Program

- Master's degrees are awarded to students who have: (1) acquired specialized, analytical and forecasting skills, and (2) demonstrated achievement in the ability to detect and solve problems in the fields of economics, business administration, and accounting.
- In order to earn a master's degree, students must: (1) be in attendance for the period specified upon acceptance to the program, (2) complete at least 30 credits including 8 credits in the seminar conducted by their chosen academic advisor, and (3) complete a master's thesis or specific project with a satisfactory evaluation, as well as pass a final examination.

Doctoral Program

- Doctoral degrees are awarded to students who have: (1) acquired highly professional skills in the fields of economics, business administration, and accounting, and (2) demonstrated achievement in the ability to self-define their research projects, as well as to achieve results through those projects.
- In order to earn a doctoral degree, students must: (1) be in attendance for the period specified upon acceptance to the program, (2) complete at least 4 credits in the special seminar conducted by their chosen academic advisors, and (3) complete their dissertation with a satisfactory evaluation, as well as pass a final examination.

Curriculum Policy

Master's Program

The purpose of the Program is to enable students to:

- develop specialized abilities that can be applied to detect, analyze, and solve problems in the fields of economics, business management, and accounting
- cultivate a proactive attitude towards study.
- Subjects offered by the Graduate School's curriculum constitute two groups: subjects related to economics and subjects related to business administration/accounting. Students must enroll in the

advanced seminar conducted by their academic advisor. Beyond that, they may choose any subject regardless of their academic advisor's major field, or of the Course they have chosen at the time of admission.

Doctoral Program

- The objectives of the Doctoral Program are to enable students, based on highly theoretical perspectives in the fields of economics, business administration, and accounting:
 - to acquire analytical and logic-building abilities,
 - to develop their ability to substantiate their theory, and
 - to be able to correlate and apply a multi-viewpoint approach by using knowledge from the three fields.
- In addition to step-by-step advice for the completion of the student's dissertation, the Program provides students with systematic advice for them to achieve a high academic level of understanding in the fields of economics, business administration, and accounting.

Admission Policy

Master's Program

For the purpose of fostering human resources, the Master's Program offers three courses: the "Researcher Course", the "Certified Public Tax Accountant Course" (with two sub-courses: "Taxation" and "Accounting"), and the "Master's Degree Course for Working Adults." The followings are the types of applicants, by Course, the School seeks.

Researcher Course

Applicants who are eager to:

- develop proactive abilities to discover problems and solve them, by which they can contribute to society, through analyzing and forecasting the current and future situation of modern economies and enterprises,
- advance themselves further to the Doctoral Program level to enhance their analytical and forecasting abilities,
- with a careful eye on the globalizing economy.

Certified Public Tax Accountant Course

Applicants who are eager to:

- acquire the skills needed to become a Certified Public Tax Accountant,
- submit a master's thesis on either taxation or accounting during the Master's Program, in order to become a Certified Public Tax Accountant.

Master's Degree Course for Working Adults

Applicants who wish to:

- advance their analytical and forecasting skills to a higher level, based on awareness of issues they have come across in their working experience,
- return to study and/or conduct research, write a thesis, and obtain an advanced degree, in order to enrich their lives.

Doctoral Program

The Graduate School seeks the following types of applicants for its Doctoral Program.

Applicants who desire to:

- develop highly advanced researching abilities in the fields of economy, business administration, and accounting, and either
- wish to become a researcher that is able to self-define and solve their research projects, or
- wish to become a highly advanced professional, equipped with independent abilities in conducting research in the fields of economy, business administration, and accounting, and actively in the global society.

Note: Any applicant with a regular job who is admitted to the School will not be required to quit that job.