

# Graduate School of Law and Policy

## Objective

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In order to build sound economic growth in the global market, the Graduate School of Law and Policy aims to encourage students to take a diverse approach, from the perspectives of legal reform and global standardization, to the fundamental rules, which are indispensable for establishing the international economic legal system, and to produce professionals who are highly knowledgeable in international political economies and able to make intellectual contributions to the world based upon the principle of international cooperation.

## Diploma Policy (Requirements for Master's and Doctoral Degrees)

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### Master's Degree

A Master's degree is awarded to students who:

1. have a basic knowledge of a specialized area and the ability to conduct original research on a specific topic that meets appropriate standards of the related area.
2. complete a minimum of two years of study in the Master's Program, earn at least 30 credits according to the guidelines, receive research instructions from their supervisor, submit their Master's thesis, and successfully pass the thesis evaluation and final examination.

### Doctoral Degree

A Doctoral degree is awarded to students who:

1. have a broad academic knowledge in a specialized area, an advanced knowledge in the area of their research, and an ability to conduct research independently as a researcher or to be engaged in a highly specialized occupation.
2. complete the prescribed period of study, earn at least 4 credits according to the guidelines, receive research instructions from their supervisor, submit their dissertation, and successfully pass the dissertation evaluation and final examination.

## Curriculum Policy

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With the aim of reconstructing the global market economic system, instead of following its previous educational principle that placed emphasis on conducting education/research through statutory interpretation, the Graduate School of Law and Policy features studying the structural components, such as politics, economies, industries, and administrations, which lie behind the law, whereby students identify the problem and proactively propose what legal action should be taken. Another characteristic of the School is its faculty, made up of members from different backgrounds, including researchers, practical

professionals with rich experiences, and teaching professionals from other countries, such as China, Korea, and Australia.

The School offers three research courses, “Legal System of Intellectual Property Course,” “International Contract Law Course,” and “Civil Legal Order Course,” all of which, from the standpoint of seeking Japanese legal reform and global standardization, explore the fundamental rules that are indispensable for establishing the international economic legal system in order to build sound economic growth in the global market.

### **Master's Degree Curriculum**

The Master's Program offers Seminar subjects, Lecture subjects, and Common Specialized subjects.

- Seminar subjects are:
  - “Seminar on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights” for the Legal System of Intellectual Property Course, “Seminar on International Contract Law” for the International Contract Law Course, and “Seminar on Local Autonomy System and Appraisal for Public Administration” and “Seminar on Redress for Grievances and Remedy for Victim” for the Civil Legal Order Course.
- Lecture subjects are:
  - “Introduction to the Legal System of Intellectual Property,” “Administration of Intellectual Property Rights,” “Legal Framework of International Economic Competition,” “Case Study on Intellectual Property,” “International Intellectual Property Law,” and “Intellectual Property Practices” for the Legal System of Intellectual Property Course, “Basic Theory of International Contract Law” and “International Transactional Dispute Resolution” for the International Contract Law Course, and “Theory of Consumer Law Systems,” “Civil Liability and Consumer Protection” and “Procedural Law of Administrative Remedy” for the Civil Legal Order Course.
- Common Specialized subjects are the following nine subjects:
  - “International Law of Human Right,” “International Conflict of Laws,” “Urban Policy,” “International Civil Procedure,” “Electronic Transactional System,” “Japanese Legal System,” “Japanese Political and Diplomatic History,” “Corporation Law,” and “Advanced Experts Internship I.”

### **Doctoral Degree Curriculum**

The Doctoral Program offers Research Instruction subjects and Lecture subjects.

- Research Instruction subjects are:
  - “Advanced Seminar on Case Study on Intellectual Property” for the Legal System of Intellectual Property Course, “Advanced Seminar on International Intellectual Property Law” for the International Contract Law Course, and “Advanced Seminar on International Transactional Law” and “Advanced Seminar on Redress for Civil Grievances” for the Civil Legal Order Course.
- Lecture subjects are:
  - “Advanced Studies on Administration of Intellectual Property,” “Advanced Studies on Compliance

Program,” “Advanced Studies on Classic Legal Doctrines,” “Advanced Studies on Diversity in Local Governance,” and “Advanced Experts Internship II ” for all Courses.

## **Admission Policy**

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The purpose of the School is to develop students to become highly knowledgeable in the field of international economic law and capable of making intellectual contributions to the world based on the principle of international cooperation. The establishment of the international economic legal system is essential to further develop the global economic system and is unlikely to be accomplished without international cooperation. Therefore, the School seeks applicants (including international students and adult students) who thoroughly understand the School's objective as well as have a strong interest in the research of the international economic legal system and an eagerness to contribute to the world.

Specific requirements are:

1. an aspiration to become a researcher, knowledge and skills appropriate for pursuing their own specialized area of study, and a high willingness to further their study.
2. an aspiration to become a highly specialized professional and strong awareness, knowledge, and skills necessary to conduct research in the specialized area.