Graduate School of Economics,
KANAGAWA UNIVERSITY

2026

Invitation to the Graduate School of Economics

New ways of choosing a career to prepare for the future

Students study advanced-level specialized subjects at our graduate schools to master leading-edge knowledge in their specializations. Using such knowledge for their own research, they complete a thesis for the master's program or a dissertation for the doctoral program. Both challenging and fulfilling, these programs help students explore exciting new directions that lead to meaningful advancement in their careers.

Kanagawa University's Graduate School of Economics offers individualized instruction provided by outstanding faculty highly specialized in each student's area of study. This allows us to provide an ideal learning environment and total support that enables graduate students to achieve successful research results. We also offer fruitful instruction to a wide range of learners, including students from abroad and working adults.

The various paths that students embark on after completion of our graduate school programs include careers at private companies and accounting & tax account offices, in public service, enrollment in graduate schools at other universities, and faculty positions at a wide range of institutions. Having an environment that maximizes your ability to pursue your chosen career path is a major consideration in the selection of a graduate school. We offer a full range of support to ensure all students the fullest opportunity to master the highly-advanced specialized knowledge they need to advance in their career.

Dean of Graduate School of Economics　Shoichi Hisa

Features of the Graduate School of Economics

(1) Curricula focusing on specialty areas based on a five-course system
(2) Dual-instructor system combining major and sub-instructors
(3) Instruction in thesis writing with an academic writing system
(4) Instruction in expression in English through the "Japan in Global Society" subject
(5) Study rooms exclusive for graduate students complete with PCs and Internet access
(6) Guidance System for Foreign Students to Write a Thesis in Japanese

Master's Program: Introducing the Five-Course System

●Distribution, Marketing, and Business Management Course

The Distribution,Marketing and Business Management Course is designed for students interested in corporate management and for those who wish to become specialists in charge of advanced business administration. This course covers not only subjects in areas such as business administration, management strategy, management organization, and International Business but subjects involving distribution, logistics and marketing as well. By studying the wide range of theories involving corporate management and learning how they are put into practice, students can attain the highly specialized knowledge and abilities that are needed in the business world, which is experiencing rapid globalization.

Professor　Takuya Uragami

●Accounting and Public Finance Course

This course is designed to cultivate individuals who aspire to become corporate professionals with advanced expertise, accounting specialists, or public servants. In the accounting field, we develop students' knowledge and analytical skills in financial accounting, management accounting, and positive accounting, enabling them to understand corporate behavior. We also offer practical training for handling tax accounting matters. In the field of finance, we provide students with opportunities to acquire specialized knowledge with an emphasis on the importance of economic policies established by governments and their desirable effects on the current economy. In addition, we nurture in students the ability to engage in academically grounded discussions on policy challenges and possible directions for their solutions.

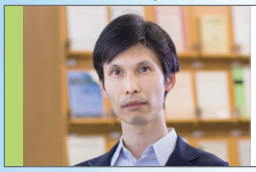
Associate professor　Jumpei Ogawa

●International Economics Course

The goal of the International Economics Course is to develop researchers who explore international economics and train personnel who will play a leading role in the international community. As the world is becoming more globalized, the importance to study international economics is on the rise. Transaction networks such as trade, international investments, and foreign currency exchange are becoming more complex, and the global economy heavily impacts every nation and region. This course gives graduate students specialized knowledge to cope with the diverse issues that the increasingly complex global society faces through the study of basic theories and actual data of international trade and international finances, developments in the global economy, and the history and current status of nations and regions around the world.

Associate professor　Satoko Okuyama

●Public Policy Course



The Public Policy course was created for students looking for a career as specialists in a public institution or as researchers. The course begins with classes in microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, and statistics that will give you mastery over the analytical tools necessary to understand public policy. The course then turns to the subjects of economic policy, financial theory, local economics, and environmental economics, which are also crucial to an understanding of actual public policy. The study of analytical tools requires a basic knowledge of mathematics and statistics, so you would also be required to study mathematical economics and economic statistics.

Professor　Satoshi Urasawa

●Economic Thought and Economic History Course

It is said that the three pillars of economics are theory, policy, and history. In that sense, this course is designed to study two of the three pillars. By studying the history and ideology of economics, we can develop the basic skills to find ways to solve the problems we are facing today. Since it is a fundamental field, as a matter of course, it is not going to be practical learning. Therefore, it may be considered an undesirable course for those who want to work in a company. Instead, it is probably a more suitable course for those who want to become a teacher or researcher.

Professor　Tomotaka Oshima

Enrollment Applications over the Past Five Years

Master's Program

Academic year	Capacity	General Students		International Students		Working Adults		Totals	
		Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted
2021	30	1	0	20	8	1	1	22	9
2022	10	3	1	14	6	0	0	17	7
2023	10	2	1	14	6	0	0	16	7
2024	10	3	2	12	3	0	0	15	5
2025	10	5	1	9	3	0	0	14	4

Doctoral Program

Academic year	Capacity	General Students		International Students		Working Adults		Totals	
		Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted
2021	4	0	0	1	0	-	-	1	0
2022	2	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
2023	2	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
2024	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	2
2025	2	1	1	0	0	-	-	1	1

Partial List of Graduates' Careers

Kanagawa Prefectural Board of Education/ Japan Foods Co., Ltd./ Hagoromo University of International Studies/ Hakuhodo Product's Inc./ Enrolled in Komazawa University Graduate School/ Enrolled in Aoyama Gakuin University Graduate School/ Panasonic Home Appliances Co., Ltd./ Japan Agency for Local Authority Information Systems/ Legacy Management Group/ Enrolled in Kanagawa University Graduate School/ Yamato Auto Works Co., Ltd./ Keiyo Distribution Warehouse, Inc./ Softusing Co., Ltd./ Tokyo Technical Consultant Co., Ltd

Curriculum

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Course	subject	instructor		
Accounting and Public Finance	Advanced Accunting Theory Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B			
	Public Finance Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Keisuke Morita
	Advanced Accunting Theory Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	professor		Shigeru Okuyama
	Advanced Accunting Theory Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Shu Inoue
	Advanced Accunting Theory Ⅳ A・Ⅳ B			
	Advanced Accunting Theory Ⅴ A・Ⅴ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Jumpei Ogawa
	Advanced Accunting Theory Ⅵ A・Ⅵ B	professor		Shigeru Okuyama ＊1
	Public Finance Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B			
	Public Finance Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Yoko Goto
Economic Thought and Economic History	History of political economy A・B			
	Economic History A・B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Tomohiko Takayanagi
	Economic History of the Western World Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B			
	Economic History of the Western World Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor		Mutsuo Sato
	History of Economics A・B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Naoki Matsuyama
	Social economics Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Tetsuya Kawamura
	Social economics Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B			
	Political economy A・B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Takumi Yamaguchi
	Special Lecture on Economic History of Japan Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Tomotaka Oshima
	Special Lecture on Economic History of Japan Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Hirotake Yazawa
Public Policy	Macroeconomic Dynamics Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor		Yoshihiro Tamai
	Intermediate Microeconomics Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor		Tadaaki Yoshioka
	Environmental Economics A・B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Masashi Yamamoto
	Special Lecture on Financial Theory Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Takashi Kazusaka
	Special Lecture on Financial Theory Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor	Doctor of Commerce	Hiromichi Iwaki
	Special Lecture on Financial Theory Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B			
	Special Lecture on Economic Policies Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Satoshi Urasawa
	Special Lecture on Economic Policies Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor		Toshihiro Shimizu
	Special Lecture on Economic Policies Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B	associate professor	Ph.D.	Shintaro Miura
	Economic Statistics Special Lecture A・B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Daisuke Sakata
	Econometrics Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Hiroshi Kurata
	Econometrics Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor	Doctor of Philosophy(Ph.D.)	Hayato Nakanishi
	Special Lecture on Mathematical Statistics Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B			
	Special Lectures on Public Economics Ⅰ・Ⅱ	professor	Ph.D.	Takashi Ui
	International Special Lecture on Financial Theory A・B			
	Japanese Economy Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor		Nobuo Iizuka
	Japanese Economy Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Shoichi Hisa
	Macroeconomic Dynamics Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Shunsuke Shinagawa
	Intermediate Microeconomics Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Eisei Ohtaki
	Intermediate Microeconomics Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Junichi Haraguchi
	Labor Economics A・B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Hiroshi Ogawa
	Special Lecture on Finance A・B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Hideharu Funahashi
	Urban economics Ⅰ・Ⅱ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Shinichiro Iwata
	Special Lecture on Social Security Theory Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	associate professor		Kuriko Watanabe
International Economics	International Economics Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Satoko Okuyama
	Special Lecture on Economies in Each Country Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Momoko Kawakami
	Special Lecture on Economies in Each Country Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Kazuho Yokogawa
	Special Lecture on Economies in Each Country Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B	professor	Doctor of Economics	Kazuya Yanagisawa
	Special Lecture on Economies in Each Country Ⅳ A・Ⅳ B	associate professor		Haruhiko Dohman
	Special Lecture on Development Economics A・B			
	International Economics Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B			
	Industrial Policy A・B			
	World Economy A・B			
Distribution, Marketing, and Business Management	Business Management Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor	Doctor of business administration	Tomofumi Tohara
	Distribution System Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor		Takuya Uragami
	Business Management Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Kazuma Edamura ＊2
	Business Management Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B	associate professor	Doctor of business administration	Etsushi Ogawa
	Business Management Ⅳ A・Ⅳ B	associate professor	Doctor of business administration	Munenori Mishima
	Marketing Special Lecture Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	associate professor		Kwon Soonho
	Marketing Special Lecture Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor		Makoto Fujii
	Marketing Special Lecture Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B			
	Marketing Special Lecture Ⅳ A・Ⅳ B	professor	Doctor of business administration	Masanao Terashima
	Distribution System Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B	associate professor		Jiro Yatsuhashi
	Logistics A・B	professor	Doctor of Philosophy(Ph.D.)	Takuma Matsuda
	History of Commerce A・B	associate professor	Doctor of Economics	Toshihiko Koba
	Special Lecture on International Business Ⅰ A・Ⅰ B	professor		Takao Yamamoto
	Special Lecture on International Business Ⅱ A・Ⅱ B			
	Special Lecture on International Business Ⅲ A・Ⅲ B			
All courses	Academic Japanese Writing	instructor		Tsutomu Ueno
	Japan in Global Society	instructor		Kaori Kobayashi

＊1 Collaborating teaching course ＊2 First semester only

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subject	instructor		
Western Economic History Studies Ⅰ			
Western Economic History Studies Ⅱ			
Accounting Studies Ⅰ			
Accounting Studies Ⅱ	professor		Shigeru Okuyama
Accounting Studies Ⅲ			
Accounting Studies Ⅳ			
Accounting Studies Ⅴ			
Economic Theory Studies			
Environmental Economics	professor	Doctor of Economics	Masashi Yamamoto
urban economics	professor	Doctor of Economics	Shinichiro Iwata
Finance theory Studies Ⅰ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Takashi Kazusaka
Finance theory Studies Ⅱ	associate professor	Doctor of Commerce	Hiromichi Iwaki
Finance theory Studies Ⅲ			
Business Administration Studies Ⅰ			
Business Administration Studies Ⅱ			
Business Administration Studies Ⅲ	professor	Doctor of business administration	Tomofumi Tohara
Business Administration Studies Ⅳ			
History of Economics			
History of Economic Thought			
Economic policy study Ⅰ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Satoshi Urasawa
Economic policy study Ⅱ			
Economic policy study Ⅲ			
Econometrics			
Public Economics	professor	Ph.D.	Takashi Ui
International Finance Theory Studies			
International Economics Studies Ⅰ			
International Economics Studies Ⅱ			
International Business Studies Ⅰ			
International Business Studies Ⅱ			
International Business Studies Ⅲ	professor		Takao Yamamoto
Finance Studies Ⅰ			
Finance Studies Ⅱ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Yoko Goto
Finance Studies Ⅲ			
Industrial policy Studies			
Social and Economic Studies Ⅰ			
Social and Economic Studies Ⅱ			
Mathematical Statistics Studies			
Political Economy Studies	professor	Doctor of Economics	Takumi Yamaguchi
World Economy Studies			
Countries Economic Studies Ⅰ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Momoko Kawakami
Countries Economic Studies Ⅱ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Kazuho Yokogawa
Countries Economic Studies Ⅲ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Kazuya Yanagisawa
Japanese Economic History Studies Ⅰ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Tomotaka Oshima
Japanese Economic History Studies Ⅱ			
Japanese Economic History Studies Ⅲ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Hirotake Yazawa
Japanese Economy Studies Ⅰ	professor		Nobuo Iizuka
Japanese Economy Studies Ⅱ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Shoichi Hisa
Financial Research	professor	Doctor of Economics	Hideharu Funahashi
Marketing Ⅰ			
Marketing Ⅱ	professor	Doctor of business administration	Masanao Terashima
Macroeconomics Studies Ⅰ	professor		Yoshihiro Tamai
Macroeconomics Studies Ⅱ			
Microeconomics Studies Ⅰ	professor		Tadaaki Yoshioka
Microeconomics Studies Ⅱ	professor	Doctor of Economics	Eisei Ohtaki
Microeconomics Studies Ⅲ			
Distribution Ⅰ	professor		Takuya Uragami
Distribution Ⅱ			
Labor economics Studies			
Logistics Studies	professor	Doctor of Philosophy(Ph.D.)	Takuma Matsuda

The Three Basic Policies of the Graduate School

Curriculum Policy (Policies for Curriculum Formation and Execution)

■Master's Program

The master's program has established the following curriculum policies to produce graduates with specialized knowledge and applied skills in various fields of economics who are able to expertly analyze various problems related to current socioeconomic conditions, and who are equipped with superior academic knowledge and capabilities that can be brought to bear in various spheres.

1. Formation and Execution of Curricula

(1) Five courses of study (Accounting and Public Finance; Economic Thought and Economic History; Public Policy; International Economics; and Distribution, Marketing, and Business Management) have been created for the purpose of instituting comprehensive graduate school education that addresses the various demands of modern society while meeting the individual career plans and research interests of graduate students. For each course, a curriculum has been devised that targets each academic specialty to ensure that graduate students acquire requisite knowledge and skills, and are able to make meaningful progress in their respective areas of research.
(2) The curriculum of each course is well balanced between theoretical and practical studies. The Accounting and Public Finance course, for example, is designed to foster functional skills with practical classes such as Accounting Special Lectures VI A/B, which is taught by practicing tax accountants. The International Economics course offers classes in trade, overseas investment, and multinational corporations designed to provide graduate students with theoretical and practical knowledge that is indispensable in international business.

2. Methods of Education and Evaluation of Progress

(1) A professor in the relevant course oversees each graduate student. The professor also guides the student through the composition of a master's thesis, assisted by an adjunct professor. The integrated system of instruction helps to advance research and develop student research ability by approaching research themes multi-directionally.
(2) An Academic Writing (AW) class was established to help students improve their writing skills and polish their ability to think logically and express themselves clearly.
(3) Graduate students must undergo two interim thesis defense sessions before completing their master's thesis. The defense of interim theses is administered by the graduate student's adviser as well as other concerned instructors. These interim defense sessions are designed to gauge the student's progress on the thesis and identify any problems that need to be addressed.
(4) Graduate students work as teaching assistants (TAs), which gives them the opportunity to gain experience and strengthen their abilities as educators.
(5) Each master's thesis is strictly screened through the implementation of a preliminary examination before final evaluation.

■Doctoral Program

The doctoral program has established the following curriculum policies to produce graduates with abilities required to become independent researchers in the field of economics, and foster advanced expertise required for professional work.

1. Formation and Execution of Curricula

(1) All professors in the Graduate School of Economics serve as thesis advisors and provide lectures with content specifically targeting each field of academic focus to offer a comprehensive graduate school education that addresses the various demands of modern society while also speaking to the individual research interests of graduate students.

2. Methods and Evaluation of Education

(1) All graduate students complete a doctoral thesis in their chosen specialty under the overall guidance of their advisors. Graduate students must deliver multiple presentations both within the graduate school and at open research conferences, while the supervisory committee checks, oversees and provides advice on the thesis.
(2) Graduate students work as teaching assistants (TAs), which gives them the opportunity to gain experience and strengthen their abilities as educators.
(3) Guidance and advice from the supervisory committee, which is made up of instructors other than the graduate students' advisors, provides an objective evaluation of student theses and helps foster research ability with the goal of improving the quality of theses by ensuring a review of topics from multidirectional viewpoints.

Diploma Policy

■Master's Program

In the master's program, graduate students who have acquired the prescribed number of academic credits and have submitted a master's thesis that has been evaluated based on the bylaws of their field of study and approved by their thesis committee are considered to have acquired the following competencies, and are, therefore, awarded a master's degree (in economics).

1. Decision Making and Practical Skills Demonstrated by Independent Individuals with Common Sense

(1) The ability to evaluate one's own capabilities and aptitude cultivated through research, which are essential to a career in accounting, particularly as a tax accountant, to a career as a researcher of national or local financial policy, to a specialized career in public institutions, or to a career as a private business operator as well as the ability to consistently evaluate the social significance of the individual's activities and the social contribution of activities carried out by the organization with which the individual is affiliated.

2. International Way of Thinking and Communication Capabilities

(1) Specialized knowledge and foreign language proficiency essential for international business persons or researchers, which allows the individual to work on international issues, and the issues of business, human rights, and the environment.

3. Specialized Knowledge and Abilities Responding to the Issues and Demands of Society

(1) Creativity that promotes recognition of the positive and negative aspects of globalization and the examination of measures that make globalization effective for society from the viewpoint of economic theories, thought, economic policies, history, business administration, and commercial science.

■Doctoral Program

In the doctoral program, graduate students who have submitted a doctoral thesis that has been evaluated based on the bylaws of their field of study and approved by their thesis committee are judged to have acquired the following competencies, and are, therefore, awarded a doctoral degree (in economics).

1. Decision Making and Practical Skills Demonstrated by Independent Individuals with Common Sense

(1) The ability to produce outstanding publications after conducting advanced research in the field of economics, business administration and commerce while reviewing the social significance of that research.

2. International Way of Thinking and Communication Capabilities

(1) Specialized knowledge on overseas countries and regions, foreign language proficiency, and the ability to analyze the economic state and history of the relevant countries and regions, which allows the individual to contribute to the cooperative relationship between Japan and other countries and regions.

3. Specialized Knowledge and Abilities Responding to the Issues and Demands of Society

(1) The ability to theorize current economic issues from the viewpoint of economic theories and thought, economic policies, history, business administration, and commercial science, and to verify the theories based on data and case studies.
(2) The ability to understand and explain various issues that the Japanese and international economy have encountered as well as the political measures necessary to address those problems.

Graduate Admission Policy

■Master's Program

1. Abilities to be Cultivated through Graduate School Education

(1) The Master's Program at the Graduate School of Economics sets the goal of fostering professionals and researchers capable of exercising their abilities in a wide range of fields at a time when corporate business fields have been expanding due to economic transition and deregulation, while understanding that the global economy has produced various problems, and working on effective solutions.

2. Desirable Students

(1) Individuals who have graduated from the Faculty of Economics, Business Administration, and Commerce or who have scholastic ability equivalent or superior thereto;
(2) Individuals who understand the globalization of the economy and business environment, and who wish to gain specialized knowledge and the ability to respond to such conditions;
(3) Individuals who understand multidisciplinary issues from the viewpoint of economy, business administration, and commerce, and who wish to find solutions for such issues;
(4) Individuals who wish to deepen their studies as researchers; and
(5) Individuals who wish to be educators.

3. Evaluation of Individual Capabilities (Methods of Selection)

(1) A general entrance examination takes place twice each year. The general examination includes both written and oral segments covering specialized knowledge
(2) A special examination takes place twice each year. Undergraduate, graduate (within five years after graduation) and research students at Kanagawa University who have excellent academic achievements are exempt from the written examination upon faculty recommendation or evaluation of the applicant's statement of qualification. Exempted students undergo a review of documentation and an interview.
(3) An examination for students from abroad takes place twice each year. The examination includes a written section on specialized knowledge, Japanese language proficiency, and an interview.
(4) A special examination for working adults takes place twice each year. The examination includes an essay and interview.

■Doctoral Program

1. Abilities to be Cultivated through Graduate School Education

(1) The Doctoral Program at the Graduate School of Economics sets the goal of fostering researchers capable of efficiently, freely and impartially conducting research on an increasingly globalized and complex economy utilizing methods based on economic theories and policies, historical analysis and international comparison, returning the results to the society, and working on the realization of a better society.

2. Desirable Students

(1) Individuals who have completed the master's program at the Graduate School of Economics, Business Administration, and Commerce or who have scholastic ability equivalent or superior thereto;
(2) Individuals who wish to become researchers at universities or research institutions; and
(3) Individuals who wish to become educators capable of passing along knowledge obtained through research in a clear and easy-to-understand manner.

3. Evaluation of Individual Capabilities (Methods of Selection)

(1) A general examination takes place once (spring) each year. The examination includes language proficiency and an interview.
(2) An examination for students from abroad takes place once (spring) each year. The examination includes language proficiency and an interview.

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