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Creating New Values for a Sustainable and Peaceful World

Division of Humanities and Social Sciences



Humanities Program



We seek to understand humanity and culture in both fundamental and holistic ways while constantly pursuing and pioneering new realms of knowledge. By exploring human cultures across time and space with both breadth and depth, we aim to foster individuals with advanced research capabilities and profound scholarship who can contribute to the inheritance and co-existence of human culture.



Psychology Program



In the Advanced Psychology Research Course, students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct specialized research in cognitive and social psychology, educational and learning psychology, developmental and early childhood psychology, and clinical psychology. In the Clinical Psychology Practice and Research Course, students gain specialized and practical expertise in clinical psychology and become eligible to take the national examinations for certified public and clinical psychologists.



Law and Politics Program



To cultivate cutting-edge knowledge in law, political science, international relations, and sociology, along with practical problem-solving skills, we offer education and conduct research in areas such as new public management, corporate governance and compliance, global publicness, and medical social science.



Economics Program



We foster the ability to approach economic and social issues with solutions grounded in empirical evidence by developing both theoretical and historical perspectives on economics and equipping students with quantitative analytical skills. Additionally, we aim to cultivate individuals who can apply their specialized knowledge effectively in real-world societal contexts.



Social Data Science Program



We foster individuals who possess both expertise and practical experience in economics and business, as well as a solid foundation in mathematics, data science, and AI—enabling them to contribute to the advancement of economic activities, business innovation, and solving social issues through data analysis.



Management Sciences Program



This program addresses a wide range of management challenges faced by organizations through three key perspectives: organization and management, accounting and information, and regional development and collaboration. A distinctive feature of the program is its emphasis on integrating theory with practice by bridging cutting-edge academic theories and their real-world applications.



International Peace and Co-existence Program



The International Peace and Co-existence Program aims to equip students with foundational knowledge and critical perspectives across various academic fields—including peace studies, cultural anthropology, political science, law, area studies, and memory studies—united under the common theme of “peace and co-existence.”



International Economic Development Program



The International Economic Development Program equips students with the knowledge and methodologies essential for evidence-based social science grounded in international perspectives and causal inference. It aims to train advanced professionals and researchers who can contribute creatively and collaboratively to the design, implementation, evaluation, and improvement of development policies that promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program



The Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program offers an interdisciplinary education that enables students to acquire knowledge and methodologies beyond the confines of individual research fields. It aims to foster professionals and researchers who can address contemporary social issues through collaboration with experts from diverse disciplines.

Acquiring comprehensive and profound knowledge through interdisciplinary education and research

By bringing together faculty members working in the fields of education and research across multiple graduate schools into a unified framework, we have established an academic environment that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. This structure encourages students to cultivate interests beyond their own specializations, to share values with experts from other fields, and to engage in collaborative efforts toward shared goals. Through this approach, we strive to foster individuals who can take the lead in interdisciplinary initiatives and contribute to solving complex real-world problems.

A global learning community that brings together diverse students from around the world

By learning together in a shared environment, students from diverse academic backgrounds—not limited to conventional graduate school frameworks—as well as those enrolled in disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and professional degree programs, including both international and Japanese students of different cultures, religions, and challenges that they seek to address, may broaden their perspectives and develop the motivation and ability to communicate across differences in specialization, nationality, and more.

Division of Educational Sciences



Educational Design for Teacher Educators Program



We aim to train teacher educators capable of designing forward-looking educational visions for the future society to accommodate the increasing complexity of educational issues and the growing demand for advanced professionalism in teaching. Moreover, we strive to create an international hub for education and research in teacher education.



Education Data Science Program



In today's educational settings, there is a growing demand for professionals who can leverage data and digital technologies to drive digital transformation and address various challenges in education. Why not explore the field of education data science to help shape better educational practices?



Educational Studies Program



We conduct both foundational and theoretical research on education ranging from early childhood to higher and lifelong learning, as well as applied research aimed at solving contemporary educational issues from multiple perspectives. Our goal is to train individuals who can contribute to research, teaching, and solving increasingly complex and serious educational challenges worldwide.

Division of Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders



Professional Development Program for Teachers and School Leaders



This program is designed to foster teachers who can become leaders in creating new forms of schooling as “more comprehensive and practice-oriented professionals.” Through a curriculum that bridges theory and practice, students deepen their research and professional expertise.

Division of Law School



Program for Law Practice Professionals



The Program for Law Practice Professionals is a law school dedicated to training legal professionals. Located on the Higashi-Senda Campus in the City of Peace, Hiroshima, the program emphasizes the development of “good neighbor” legal practitioners through small-group instruction tailored to each student's abilities and characteristics.



Teaching Japanese as a Second Language Program



This program cultivates advanced expertise and practical teaching skills in Japanese-language education, as well as in-depth knowledge of Japanese language and culture, along with strong research capabilities. Graduates go on to play active roles as researchers and professionals in Japanese-language education and research institutions worldwide.



International Education Development Program



This program is designed to develop human resources who have collaborative problem solving abilities in education from a global perspective, by learning together across different nationalities and generations. We have experienced faculty members who can offer education and research opportunities on a variety of themes related to education development in developing countries and regions.

Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University and University of Graz)



This program is a two-year master's program in collaboration with the University of Graz, Austria, which aims to develop human resources who are committed to research and practice based on the fundamental principles of international cooperation in development studies through social science approaches to solve pressing regional and global issues related to the SDGs.

