

April 2024 Admission

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Doctoral Course)

Application Guidebook

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Admission Policy of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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① A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, an exceptional level of knowledge and research skills in the humanities, social sciences, educational sciences and other related fields and to develop a better understanding of diversity and international communication skills, and who thereby eventually aims to contribute to creating a “peace science that can lead to sustainable development” from diversified perspectives

② A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, an exceptional level of knowledge and research skills in the humanities, social sciences and other related fields and to develop a better understanding of diversity and international communication skills, and who has a willingness to address challenges currently, or potentially in the future, confronting human society in order to contribute to building a global society of diversity, freedom and peace

In order to admit such individuals, the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using interviews, academic tests, and external examinations.

Admission Policy of Division of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Admission Policy of Division of Educational Sciences

The Division of Educational Sciences is seeking students who have a strong motivation and passion to pursue the following objectives and who have the fundamental academic abilities required to achieve them.

① A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, an exceptional level of knowledge and research skills in educational sciences and related fields, and develop a better understanding of diversity and international communication skills; and who eventually aims to contribute to creating a “peace science that can lead to sustainable development” from diversified perspectives

② A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, an exceptional level of knowledge and research skills in educational sciences and related fields, and develop a better understanding of diversity and international communication skills; and who has a strong motivation and passion to addressing challenges currently, or potentially in the future, confronting human society in order to contribute to building a global society of diversity, freedom and peace

In order to admit such individuals, the Division of Educational Sciences selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using interviews, academic tests, and external examinations.

Admission Policy of International Peace and Co-existence Program

The International Peace and Co-existence Program is seeking students who have a strong motivation and passion to pursue the following objectives and who have the fundamental academic abilities required to achieve them.

① A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, specialized knowledge and outstanding research skills in an academic field related to peace studies, politics, law, cultural anthropology, or regional studies, or in interdisciplinary fields related to those disciplines; who has an international perspective and the ability to communicate with people from different countries; and who is willing to work with others to tackle issues confronting human society today in order to realize a global society of diversity, freedom and peace

② A person who has a desire to play a more active role not only in his/her home country but also on the global stage; and who seeks to enhance the qualities and abilities required for advanced researchers or exceptionally specialized professionals, based on his/her experience in companies, international organizations, international agencies or non-governmental organizations for international cooperation, or local communities, and through learning and research activities at graduate school

In order to admit such individuals, the International Peace and Co-existence Program selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using interviews, academic tests, and external examinations.

Admission Policy of International Economic Development Program

The International Economic Development Program is seeking students who have a strong motivation and passion to pursue the following objectives and who have the fundamental academic abilities required to achieve them.

- ① A person who follows a range of interests and is motivated to tackle diverse global issues confronting developing countries
- ② A person who has the desire to pursue social science research that can lead the way in healthy economic development
- ③ A person who has the international perspective required to play an active role on the global stage and is willing to work with a diversity of people

In order to admit such individuals, the International Economic Development Program selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using interviews, academic tests, and external examinations.

Admission Policy of International Education Development Program

The International Education Development Program is seeking students who have a strong motivation and passion to pursue the following objectives and who have the fundamental academic abilities required to achieve them.

- ① A person who is eager to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, highly specialized knowledge and high-level research skills in disciplines related to educational studies or in interdisciplinary fields related to those disciplines; who has an international perspective and the ability to communicate with people from different countries; and who is willing to work with others to tackle issues confronting human society today in order to realize a global society of diversity, freedom and peace
- ② A person who has a desire to play a more active role not only in his/her home country but also on the global stage; and who seeks to enhance the qualities and abilities required for advanced researchers or highly specialized professionals, based on his/her experience in companies, international organizations, international agencies or non-governmental organizations for international cooperation, or local communities, and through learning and research activities at graduate school

In order to admit such individuals, the International Education Development Program selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using interviews, academic tests, and external examinations.

※Smoking has been prohibited entirely in all HU campuses from January, 2020.

The Kasumi Campus has been smoke-free since April, 2018.

※Hiroshima University has established the university's Rules on Security Export Control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and conducts strict examinations for acceptance of international students, etc. Therefore, please be advised that International applicants may be unable to receive their desired education or conduct their desired research due to the restriction by the above regulations.

I. Programs and Number of Students to be Admitted

This student application guidebook describes the schedule of the entrance examination and the method for selecting students for International Peace and Co-existence, International Economic Development, International Education Development and the number of students to be admitted by this student application guidebook are listed below.

The examination date and method of selection may be changed due to the effects of infectious diseases, etc.

The changes will be announced on the website of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University.

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Division	Program	Number of Students	Inquiries, Submission
Humanities and Social Sciences	International Peace and Co-existence	Several	Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation 1-5-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima 739-8529, Japan Tel: +81-(0)82-424-5902 E-mail:koku-gaku@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp
	International Economic Development		
Educational Sciences	International Education Development		

II. Admission Requirements

In order to be considered for admission, applicants must fall under one of the following selection categories.

◆ General Selection

- ◇ The applicant must meet one of the following stipulations or expected to acquire one of the following stipulations by March 31, 2024.
- ◇ The applicant falls under stipulation 7 or 8 must refer to “Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements” and undergo a preliminary evaluation of admission requirements.

1. A graduate of a Master’s program or Professional program.
2. A person who has received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree or a Professional Degree in a foreign country.
3. A person who has received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree or a Professional Degree in a foreign country, by earning the credit(s) of correspondence course(s) in the schooling program in Japan.
4. A person who has taken courses from a foreign university in Japan thereby completing the required number of years of schooling, of which is recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “MEXT”), and hold a Master’s degree or a Professional Degree.
5. A person who has completed the course(s) provided by the United Nations University and received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree.
6. A person who has completed the curricula of a foreign school, an educational facility as designated in stipulation 4, or the United Nations University; passed a test and review as specified in Article 16 Section 2 of the Standards for the Establishment of the Graduate Schools; and is deemed to have academic ability greater than or equal to a Master's degree.
7. A person who has been specially approved by the Minister of MEXT according to the stipulations of the September 1, 1989, Ministry of Education’s Notification No. 118.
 - ① has been engaged in research activities in a university or a research institute for two years or more after graduating from a Japanese university, and has been approved by the Graduate School as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those of master's degree holders according to the results of the concerned research activities or
 - ② has been engaged in research activities in a university or a research institute for two years or more after completing a 16-year school education course in a foreign country or studying the class subjects provided by a foreign school as a correspondence course in Japan to complete the 16-year school education course in the concerned foreign country, and has been approved by the Graduate School as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those of master's degree holders according to the results of the concerned research activities
8. A person who is 24 years old or more, recognized as having academic ability equivalent to that of a graduate of a Master’s program or Professional program by individual qualification screening at Graduate School.

♦ **Special Selection for Working Citizens**

- ◇ The applicant must meet one of the following stipulations or expected to acquire one of the following stipulations by March 31, 2024, the applicant must be working in a research organization, educational organization or private company at the time of application, continuing to hold the position after entrance into Graduate School, and be approved to take the entrance examination by the organization.
- ◇ The applicant falls under stipulation 7 or 8 must refer to “Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements” and undergo a preliminary evaluation of admission requirements.
 1. A graduate of a Master’s program or Professional program.
 2. A person who has received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree or a Professional Degree in a foreign country.
 3. A person who has received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree or a Professional Degree in a foreign country, by earning the credit(s) of correspondence course(s) in the schooling program in Japan.
 4. A person who has taken courses from a foreign university in Japan thereby completing the required number of years of schooling, of which is recognized by the Minister of MEXT, and hold a Master’s degree or a Professional Degree.
 5. A person who has completed the course(s) provided by the United Nations University and received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree.
 6. A person who has completed the curricula of a foreign school, an educational facility as designated in stipulation 4, or the United Nations University; passed a test and review as specified in Article 16 Section 2 of the Standards for the Establishment of the Graduate Schools; and is deemed to have academic ability greater than or equal to a master's degree.
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 - ① has been engaged in research activities in a university or a research institute for two years or more after graduating from a Japanese university, and has been approved by the Graduate School as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those of master's degree holders according to the results of the concerned research activities or
 - ② has been engaged in research activities in a university or a research institute for two years or more after completing a 16-year school education course in a foreign country or studying the class subjects provided by a foreign school as a correspondence course in Japan to complete the 16-year school education course in the concerned foreign country, and has been approved by the Graduate School as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those of master's degree holders according to the results of the concerned research activities
 8. A person who is 24 years old or more, recognized as having academic ability equivalent to that of a graduate of a Master’s program or Professional program by individual qualification screening at Graduate School.

♦ **Special Selection for Senior Citizens**

- ◇ A person, approximately 60 years old or more, who aims to obtain a degree and meets one of the following stipulations or expected to acquire one of the following stipulations by March 31, 2024.
- ◇ The applicant must refer to “Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements” and undergo a preliminary evaluation of admission requirements.
 1. A graduate of a Master’s program or Professional program.
 2. A person who has received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree or a Professional Degree in a foreign country.
 3. A person who has received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree or a Professional Degree in a foreign country, by earning the credit(s) of correspondence course(s) in the schooling program in Japan.
 4. A person who has taken courses from a foreign university in Japan thereby completing the required number of years of schooling, of which is recognized by the Minister of MEXT, and hold a Master’s degree or a Professional Degree.
 5. A person who has completed the course(s) provided by the United Nations University and received a Degree Certificate equivalent to a Master’s Degree.

6. A person who has completed the curricula of a foreign school, an educational facility as designated in stipulation 4, or the United Nations University; passed a test and review as specified in Article 16 Section 2 of the Standards for the Establishment of the Graduate Schools; and is deemed to have academic ability greater than or equal to a master's degree.
7. A person who has been specially approved by the Minister of MEXT according to the stipulations of the September 1, 1989, Ministry of Education's Notification No. 118.
 - ① has been engaged in research activities in a university or a research institute for two years or more after graduating from a Japanese university, and has been approved by the Graduate School as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those of master's degree holders according to the results of the concerned research activities or
 - ② has been engaged in research activities in a university or a research institute for two years or more after completing a 16-year school education course in a foreign country or studying the class subjects provided by a foreign school as a correspondence course in Japan to complete the 16-year school education course in the concerned foreign country, and has been approved by the Graduate School as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those of master's degree holders according to the results of the concerned research activities
8. A person who has been recognized as having academic ability equivalent to that of a graduate of a Master's program or Professional program by individual qualification screening at Graduate School.

Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements

Applicants who fall under the selection categories of General Selection (stipulation 7 or 8), Special Selection for Working Citizens (stipulation 7 or 8) and Special Selection for Senior Citizens are required to undergo a preliminary evaluation of admission requirements. The procedures are outlined below.

For those who need to undergo a preliminary evaluation, please obtain the necessary application forms from Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation).

(1) Submission period

All materials must arrive between December 4 and December 8, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

(2) Documents to be submitted

- ◇ Each certificate must be the original. However, if a new certificate is not issued, a certified copy of the original (certified by the official organization (preferably the issuing organization) as being the same as the original) will be accepted.
- ◇ Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/ or academic fraud would result in cancellation of acceptance even after passing examination and/ or completing enrollment procedure.

Categories, Stipulation		Document Type
General Selection	Stipulation 7 or 8	1. Preliminary evaluation application form (use the prescribed form) 2. Personal History (use the prescribed form) 3. Statement by applicant demonstrating that he/she has an academic ability equivalent to that of a person who has received a Master's degree or a professional degree (use the prescribed form) 4. Academic Transcript 5. Certificate of Graduation (a certificate showing the last degree obtained)
Special Selection for Working Citizens	Stipulation 7 or 8	1. Preliminary evaluation application form (use the prescribed form) 2. Personal History (use the prescribed form) 3. Statement by applicant demonstrating that he/she has academic ability equivalent to that of a person who has received a Master's degree or a professional degree (use the prescribed form) 4. Academic Transcript 5. Certificate of Graduation (a certificate showing the last degree obtained)

Categories, Stipulation		Document Type
Special Selection for Senior Citizens	Stipulation 7 or 8	1. Preliminary evaluation application form (use the prescribed form) 2. Curriculum Vitae and Motivation for Application/Activities Report (use the prescribed form) 3. Statement by applicant demonstrating that he/she has academic ability equivalent to that of a person who has received a Master's degree or a professional degree (use the prescribed form) 4. Certificate of Graduation (a certificate showing the last degree obtained)
	Excluding stipulation 7 or 8	1. Preliminary evaluation application form (use the prescribed form) 2. Curriculum Vitae and Motivation for Application/Activities Report (use the prescribed form)

※If the applicant is a graduate or a current student of any university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please see the Notes (1) on page 7.

(3) Address for submission

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation), Hiroshima University
1-5-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima, 739-8529 JAPAN
Mail submittals must be sent to Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation) by registered mail with the following text clearly written in red on the envelope: "Application for Preliminary Evaluation Enclosed".

(4) Notification of preliminary evaluation results

The applicant shall be notified of the results of the preliminary evaluation on December 14, 2023.

III. Application Procedure

1. Application method

Apply via internet and submit the application documents.

- ① Input the information regarding the application on the web site.
- ② Pay the entrance examination fee of 30,000 yen. (MEXT Scholarship student, the applicant who is expected to graduate from Graduate School of Hiroshima University (Master's Course) in March 2024 and who applies to the category for which the entrance examination fee is exempted are excluded)
- ③ Deliver or mail the application documents.

(Note)

The application via internet will not be completed when only the input of the information on the web site and the payment of the entrance examination fee are done. It is required to deliver or mail the application documents to be received before the deadline. The application will not be accepted when the applicant only sends the application documents.

2. Application period

The applicant must complete all the processes ①, ② and ③ described under the above item 1. during the application period.

January 5, 2024 to January 12, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.
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Mail submittals must arrive in our office by registered mail by 5:00 p.m. January 12, 2024.

If the application documents sent from within Japan arrive after January 12, 2024, envelopes postmarked on or before January 10 will only be accepted.

3. Application via internet

◆ Inquiry regarding the system

Internet application help desk (only Japanese language available) Opened: 10:00 - 18:00 (Excepted Saturday, Sunday, national holidays from April to the end of July and December 30 to January 3) Tel: 03-5952-3902
UCARO Office (only Japanese language available) Opened: 10:00 - 18:00 (Except from December 30 to January 3) Tel: 03-5952-2114

- About unclear points regarding the entrance examination, ask the inquiry contact indicated under the section "I. Programs and Number of Students to be Admitted" in Page 1.

Opened: 8:30 - 17:00 (closed in Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays)

* Please note that it is required to include the area code to dial if you call from the following areas, even when you call from an area of the same area code as that of the inquiry contact.

(Areas in Hiroshima City, Fuchu Town, Kaita Town, and Saka Town)

Complete the following 8 steps during the application period.

Step 1: Access the Internet Application System.

Access the following web page:

Hiroshima University's Admission Information
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/nyugaku>

Step 2: Select the item "Registration for UCARO" on the login screen of UCARO.

Account registration for UCARO (free for charge) is required for application.

Refer to the following URL for UCARO:

<https://www.ucaro.net/>

Step 3: Input your account information (applicable to the admission examination category for which the entrance examination fee is exempted).

MEXT Scholarship student, the applicant who is expected to graduate from Graduate School of Hiroshima University (Master's Course) in March ,2024 and who applies to the category for which the entrance examination fee is exempted must ask the inquiry contact indicated under the section "I. Programs and Number of Students to be Admitted" in Page 1 to obtain over the 8 digits of alphanumeric characters and input them.

Step 4: Input the information regarding the application in the Internet Application System.

Follow the instruction on the screen and enter your name, address, telephone number, email address etc.

* Your personal information registered through the online application system will be used for the following purposes. Therefore, please enter accurate information.

1. Carry out entrance examinations and screening.
2. Notify and send the screening results.
3. Send documents for enrollment procedures to successful applicants.
4. Send information before and after admission.
5. Create statistical data on entrance examinations.
6. Create student registration data and Student ID-Cards.
7. Receive application fees.
8. Check the access status to the Service.

Step 5: Upload your photograph.

Follow the instruction shown on the screen to upload the digital data of your photograph (File format: JPEG).

* The uploaded photo, which will be used for identification at the examination, will be also used for your student ID card after enrollment and will be maintained in the university's educational system until graduation. Therefore, please upload an appropriate photo for use after enrollment as well. Once uploaded, your photo will not be allowed to be replaced. A fee of JPY 1,000 will be charged for changing the content of your student ID card (photo and your name) after enrollment.

Step 6: Pay the entrance examination fee of 30,000 yen.

Select either of the following payment method on the "Input Payment Information" screen:

1. Credit card: VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club
2. Convenience store: 7-ELEVEN, Lawson, MINISTOP, Family Mart, Daily Yamazaki, and Seicomart
3. ATM of a financial institution [Pay-easy]
4. Net banking

(Caution)

- The applicant have to pay the charge for use of the Internet Application System in addition to the entrance examination fee. (The amount of Processing Fee will be notified at the time of online application).
- The entrance examination fee once paid will not be returned for any reason after the application is accepted. In either case of the following items (1) and (2), the entrance examination fee once paid will be returned after deducting the transfer fee. We will mail the form of the "Refund Claim" for refund of the examination fee. Fill in the required information such as the "application number," "name in kana letters," "name," "phone number," "address," "payee account information," and "reason of refund claim," imprint your seal on the form, and mail the form to the inquiry contact indicated in the section "I. Programs and Number of Students to be Admitted" (Page 1) before February 29, 2024.

The charge for use of the Internet Application System will not be repaid for any case.

- (1) The applicant does not submit the application documents or the application documents are not received.
- (2) The payment of the examination fee is duplicated.

Step 7: Complete the registration of the application information.

Write down **the application number of 6 digits** that is shown on the screen.

Step 8: Deliver or mail the application documents.

For the submission address, refer to the inquiry contact described in the section "I. Programs and Number of Students to be Admitted" (Page 1).

The contact desk is opened from 8:30 to 17:00 during the application period for the applicant who delivers the application documents.

The contact desk is closed in Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays.

In the case of submission via mail, the documents must be sent in a registered mail and reach us no later than January 12.

The documents that will be received after the date shall be accepted only when it is postmarked no later than January 10.

Indicate the phrase "Application documents for ○○○ Program of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences are enclosed." in red on the front surface of the envelope.

4. Application Documents

- ◇ After making the application via internet, submit all the documents listed below at once during the application period to the address indicated in the "Submission address for application documents" in the page 1. **Documents that have already been submitted in the "Preliminary Evaluation of Admission Requirements" do not need to be resubmitted.**
- ◇ Each certificate (except "Language Test Score Certificate") must be the original. However, if a new certificate is not issued, a certified copy of the original (certified by the official organization (preferably the issuing organization) as being the same as the original) will be accepted.
- ◇ Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/ or academic fraud would result in cancellation of acceptance even after passing examination and/ or completing enrollment procedure.

Document Type	Applicants	Details
Personal History	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) A4 page • Use the prescribed form
Notification of subjects	Applicants for "International Peace and Co-existence Program" and "International Education Development Program" (Except those applying for Special Selection for Senior Citizens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the prescribed form
Research Proposal	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed research proposal written in either Japanese or English • Use the prescribed form.
Copy of Master's thesis	Applicants who have completed Master's course	One Copy *If the master's thesis is written in language other than English or Japanese, a summary in English or Japanese must be additionally submitted.

Document Type	Applicants	Details
Summary of Master's thesis	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four(4) A4 pages • Three copies • Use the prescribed form • Applicants who have scholarly achievements after acquiring the Master's degree can submit reports on research progress instead of a summary of Master's thesis. • Applicants who have not received a Master's degree must submit reports on research progress.
Publications	Applicants who have publications	<p>List of publications and reprints of major research papers</p> <p>*If the article is written in language other than English or Japanese, a summary in English or Japanese must be additionally submitted.</p>
Academic Transcripts	All (Except those applying for Special Selection for Senior Citizens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially sealed document issued by university or graduate school. *If there is no explanation about grading system on the transcript, separate official document explaining the grading system must be attached.
Certificate of Degree Awarded or Certificate of Expected Graduation	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official documents issued by university or graduate school. *Please make sure that the certificate includes the degree information. *If the applicant is a graduate or a current student of any university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please see the Notes (1) on page 7.
Letter of Approval for Taking the Entrance Examination	Doctoral Students enrolled at other graduate school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official documents provided by the current university or graduate school. *If the applicant currently enrolls in a graduate school, letter of approval for taking the entrance examination must be submitted.
	Applicants who work in private company, international organization, government organization, local government or educational institution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official documents provided by the organization. *If the applicant currently works in private company, international organization, government organization, local government or educational institution and wishes to enroll in our graduate school while working, letter of approval for taking the entrance examination must be submitted.
Certificate of Japanese Government Scholar	Monbukagakusyo Scholars	Japanese Government (Monbukagakusyo: MEXT) Scholars need to submit the certificate.
Language Test Score Certificate	All (Except those applying for Special Selection for Senior Citizens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL® or other equivalent English language test, or Japanese Language Proficiency Test or other equivalent Japanese language test. (Applicants whose first language is English are not required to submit this certificate.)
Residence Card (copy)	International Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All international applicants who are residing in Japan at the time of application must submit (double side)
Self-addressed Stamped Envelope	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For sending the examination card. • Standard envelope (12cm × 23.5cm in size) with stamps (94-yen) attached.

*Download the prescribed forms from the website.
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/gshs/d-kokusainyuushi%20>

Notes:

- (1) If the applicant is a graduate or a current student of any university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please submit all the following documents.
- Graduates:
 - (a) Certificate of Graduation (毕业证书) and Master's Diploma (硕士学位证书)
 - (b) Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表)
 - Expected Graduates:
 - (a) Certificate of Expected Graduation
 - (b) Online Verification Report of Student Record (教育部学籍在线验证报告)

The document (b) above must be obtained through“中国高等教育学生信息网(CHSI)” (<https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp>). Please note that applicants must pay the issuing fee for the Online Verification Report by themselves. Also be sure that there are 15 or more days left until the expiration date of the online verification at the time of its submission.

- (2) If an applicant is unable to submit “Language Test Score Certificate”, an official document made by the university which certifies that the medium of instruction in the institution which the applicant has attended/is attending is English will be accepted.
- (3) Documents written in languages other than Japanese or English must be translated into Japanese or English. Submit both the original and translated documents.
- (4) Submit a GRE General Test Official Score, if available. (The submission of the GRE score is optional.) The Official Score Report must be sent by ETS directly to Hiroshima University (Institution Code: 2358) no later than the submission period. (The Examinee Score Report sent to applicants from ETS is acceptable as well.)

5. Others

- (1) Documents may neither be altered nor amended after submission.
- (2) In principle, application materials will not be returned.
- (3) Application fee is non-refundable for any reason after the application forms have been accepted.
- (4) Personal information (name, date of birth, gender, etc) recorded on application forms will be used in the selection of entrants, notification of passing of entrance examinations, and also entrance procedures. Once successful applicants have entered the university, the university will manage the data for use in matters relating to student support (scholarship applications, tuition fee exemption applications etc). This data will not be used for any other purpose or be seen by anyone except staff of this university.
However, after an agreement has been made regarding the appropriate use of personal information, there may be cases whereby related business is entrusted to companies outside the university for purposes of computer management.
- (5) **It is preferred that applicants consult with a professor in their desired field prior to application. If you are unable to receive a reply from a professor, please contact “Inquiries” on page 1.**
- (6) If you have any questions about the subjects, you can consult with the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation) in advance.
- (7) “Examination Card” will be sent to the applicants by mail. In case you have not received it by January 31, 2024, please consult with the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation).

IV. Application for persons who require special arrangements

It is the responsibility of any applicant with a disability or for any other reason who requires special arrangements to submit an application form (no prescribed form) as follows:

1. Application period: December 4 to December 8, 2023 (5:00 p.m.)

Early application is advised since in some cases it will be necessary to consider how Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation) can meet your needs.

2. Contents of the application form

- a. Applicant’s name, address, and telephone number
- b. Name of the university that applicant graduated from, Program for which the applicant will apply
- c. Description of the disability and/or symptoms (if under treatment, attach a medical certificate)
- d. Special arrangements the applicant desires in the entrance examination
- e. Special arrangements the applicant desires for school life
- f. Special arrangements that was provided at the university the applicant graduated from
- g. Conditions of everyday life

V. Selection Procedure

The selection of successful applicants is based on an entrance examination (Written and Oral Examinations). However, applicants falling under the Special Selection for Senior Citizens category are exempted from the Written Examination.

1. Entrance Examination

(1) Written Examination (Specialized subjects)

Program	General Selection	Special Selection for Working Citizens	Special Selection for Senior Citizens
International Peace and Co-existence, International Education Development	Two Subjects	One Subject	Exempt
International Economic Development	The research proposal, as a part of the application form, submitted to the admission office will be evaluated as a substitute for the Written Examination.		

*Applicants must follow the directions of Academic Advisor and choose to answer questions from the following subjects.

Division of Humanities and Social Sciences
<p><International Peace and Co-existence Program></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peacebuilding (M. KATAYANAGI) • Peace Studies (N. KAWANO) • Anthropology of Development (K. SEKI) • Anthropology of Migration (I. NAGASAKA) • International Politics (O. YOSHIDA) • Conflict Resolution (T. KAKEE) • International Relations (SIMANGAN DAHLIA COLLADO) • International Security (S. TOMOTSUGU) • Peace and Memory Studies (VAN DER DOES LULI) • Peace and Conflict Research (T. YAMANE) • Contemporary Anthropology (M. NAKAZORA) <p>*In principle, the written examination for the International Peace and Co-existence Program may be answered in either Japanese or English; however, the Subject “International Relations” must be answered in English.</p>
<p><International Economic Development Program></p> <p>The research proposal, as a part of the application form, submitted to the admission office will be evaluated as a substitute for the Written Examination.</p>

Division of Educational Sciences
<p><International Education Development Program></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Education and Development (K. SAITO) • Education for Ethno-languages (N. SATO) • Science Education Development (K. SHIMIZU) • Mathematics Education Development (T. BABA) • Development of Higher Education (T. HOTTA) • Study on International Cooperation in Education (K. YOSHIDA) • Comparative Education in Developing Countries (T. KUSAKABE) • Advanced Research in Diversity and Inclusion in Education (R. SAKURAI) • Citizenship Education Development (A. NAKAYA) • Human Resource Development for Education (T. MAKI) • Development of Early Childhood Care and Education (C. MIWA) • Planning for Educational Development (K. TANIGUCHI)

(2) Oral Examination

Graduates of Master’s Course will be interviewed about his/her Master’s thesis, results of previous studies and his/her proposed plan of study in the Doctoral Course. Others will be interviewed about the results of his/her previous studies and proposed plan of study in the Doctoral Course.

Detailed schedule will be posted after the Written Examination.

2. Date of Entrance Examination

[General Selection]

February 14, 2024 Written Examination (Specialized subjects)	(International Peace and Co-existence Program, International Education Development Program) 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
February 15, 2024 Oral Examination	(International Peace and Co-existence Program, International Economic Development Program, International Education Development Program) 9:30 a.m.-

[Special Selection for Working Citizens]

February 14, 2024 Written Examination (Specialized subjects)	(International Peace and Co-existence Program, International Education Development Program) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
February 15, 2024 Oral Examination	(International Peace and Co-existence Program, International Economic Development Program, International Education Development Program) 9:30 a.m.-

[Special Selection for Senior Citizens]

February 15, 2024 Oral Examination	(International Peace and Co-existence Program, International Economic Development Program, International Education Development Program) 9:30 a.m.-
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Notes on Written Examination

- (1) Writing materials(pencil, mechanical pencil, pen, and eraser) and watch with timing function can be used during Written Examination. Any electronic devices such as cell phone and alarm watch must be turned off and put away (in the bag) before entering the examination room. If examinees have any other belongings on the desk or electronic devices are not put away, it can be regarded as cheating.
- (2) Examinees must be seated in the examination room 15 minutes prior to the start of the examination and follow the instruction of the proctor.

3. Applicant Assessment

(1) Evaluating Examinations

- Applicants falling under the General Selection and Special Selection for Working Citizens will be assessed comprehensively based on the results of an entrance examination (Written and Oral examinations) by (2)Evaluation Criteria.
- Applicants falling under the Special Selection for Senior Citizens category will be evaluated by the results of an Oral Examination.

(2) Evaluation Criteria

i) Written Examination

As a general rule, the pass/fail borderline score is 60% of the total score. Mark allocation for each subject is as follows:

International Peace and Co-existence Program, International Education Development Program		
Subjects \ Categories	General Selection	Special Selection for Working Citizens
Specialized Subject	100 points × 2 subjects	100 points × 1 subject
Total	200 points	100 points

※ International Economic Development Program

The research proposal, as a part of the application form, submitted to the admission office will be evaluated as a substitute for the Written Examination.

Mark allocation: 100 (General Selection, Special Selection for Working Citizens)

ii) Oral Examination

Oral examinees are graded according to the following table and the grade of C is considered “fail”. The Oral Examination includes the evaluation of the applicant’s application documents.

A	Excellent (Most Appropriate for Enrollment)
B	Good (Appropriate for Enrollment)
C	Poor (Inappropriate for Enrollment)

iii) General Judgement

Those who have passed both the Written Examination (Except those applying for Special Selection for Senior Citizens) and Oral Examination will be successful applicants.

4. Announcement of Admission:

12:00 p.m. on February 26, 2024.(tentative schedule).

The acceptance certificate and the admission guide will be sent to the successful applicants by mail. An announcement will also be made on the website of the Graduate School (<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/gshs>). Please note, however, that the announcement on the website is made as part of information provision and does not grant admission officially in any way. Only mailing of the acceptance certificate should be regarded as an official announcement of admission. Please also note that we will not announce the results through posting on the bulletin board on campus.

(Telephone/E-mail inquiries will not be answered)

VI. Enrollment Procedure

1. Period

The period will be in the beginning of March. More details will be informed in the end of February.

2. Fees

Enrollment Fee: ¥282,000

Tuition Fee: ¥535,800 (for one year)

- (1) The above amount is as of April 2023. In case of the revision of the amount at the time of enrollment or during the period of enrollment, the most recent tuition fees will always apply.
- (2) Enrollment fee must be paid at the time of enrollment and tuition fee must be paid after the enrollment. Exact amount, detailed payment methods, and information on enrollment/tuition fee exemption or deferment application will be announced later.
- (3) Enrollment fee, once paid, will not be reimbursed under any circumstances.

3. Notes

- (1) Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/ or academic fraud would result in cancellation of acceptance even after passing examination and/ or completing enrollment procedure.
- (2) For applicants accepted on the condition of graduation from currently enrolled university, admission will be cancelled if he/she cannot graduate by the time of enrollment.

VII. An explanation of the “special exception” educational path presented in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Criteria

The purpose of Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Criteria is to supply more convenient study plans for incoming Working Student. Measures for the special exception prescribed by Article 14 are as follows:

Courses will be held on weekday evenings, as well as in the middle of long vacation periods, such as the summer recess, on a short-term basis (intensive courses).

VIII. Extended Study Program

Students who have a job or meet the criteria of the program or adult recurrent students who enter the University under the “Phoenix System” can benefit from this program. It enables them to complete their curriculum in a period exceeding the standard duration of studies, in accordance with the prearranged schedule.

Tuition fees for students in this program must be paid in installments by dividing the total tuition fee amount for the standard period of their curriculum by the approved number of years of study. The maximum period is 4 years for Master’s Course and 6 years for Doctoral Course.

Students wishing to enter this program are required to contact Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation) without fail before their tuition fee payment.

Disclosure of Personal Information on the Results of the Hiroshima University Entrance Examination in 2023

Personal information on the results of the entrance examination (herein after referred to as “personal information”) will be disclosed **only to applicants for Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (General Selection, Special Selection for Working Citizens)** in 2023.

Item	Information to be Disclosed
Examination Result	Score of each subject of Written Examination(s) Evaluation of Oral Examination (Letter Grade)

Procedure to request for disclosure of personal information

(1) Obtain the “Application Form for Disclosure of Personal Information of the Entrance Examination for Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University” by one of the following ways:

- ① Make an inquiry by email for electronic data of the application form.
(koku-gaku@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp)
- ② Make an inquiry by mail. Write “Request for Application Form for Disclosure of Personal Information” on the envelope, enclose a return-envelope (standard size, 120mm×235mm) with the applicant’s name, address, and 84 yen stamp affixed, and send it to Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation).

(2) Bring or send the following documents to Preparatory Office for the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation) .

- ① Completed Application Form for Disclosure of Personal Information of the Entrance Examination for Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University.
- ② Examination Card for Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Copy of the card is not accepted. It will be returned to the applicant when the Notice of Determination is sent. If the examination card cannot be submitted for some reason, please send a copy of another identification document such as driver’s license.)
- ③ A return-envelope (standard size, 120mm×235mm) with the applicant’s name, address, and 404 yen stamp affixed.

Please note that applicant may be asked for corrections if any of these are incomplete.

(3) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University sends the “Notice of Determination for Disclosure of Personal Information of the Entrance Examination for Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University” to the applicant by registered mail within 30 days after the acceptance of the application.

Period for request of disclosure of personal information

From April 1 to May 31, 2024 for the February 2024 examination applicants

Applications and Inquiries about the Disclosure of (Personal Information on) the Result of Entrance Examination	
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation) Hiroshima University	739-8529 1-5-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima Tel: 082-424-5902 E-mail: koku-gaku@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp

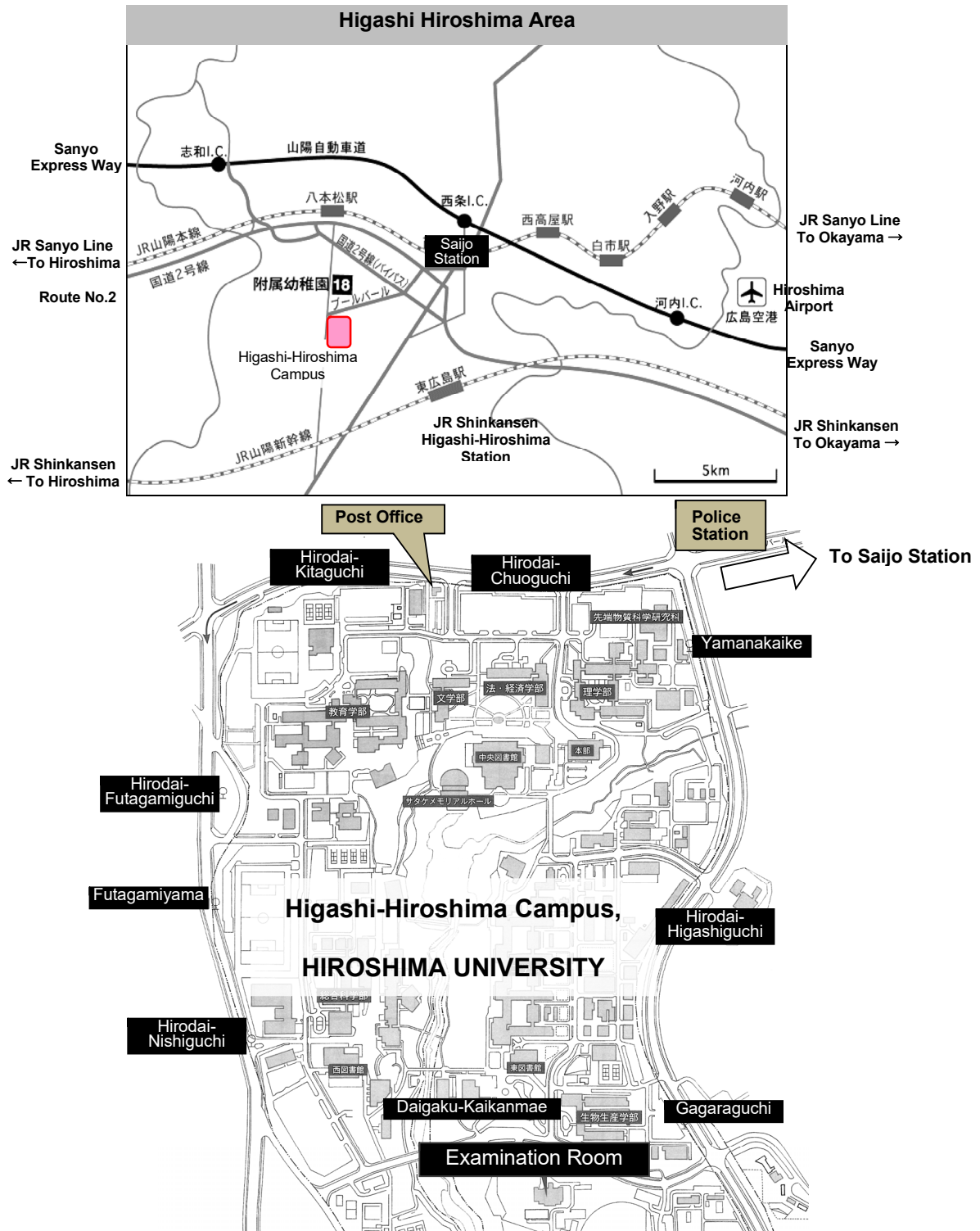
**Inquiries about Disclosure Requests
based on the Law for Protection of Personal Information
Held by Incorporated Administrative Agencies, etc.**

Aside from the above procedure for disclosure of personal information on the result of entrance examination, there is also a “Disclosure Request System” based on the law for protection of personal information held by incorporated administrative agencies, etc. For details of this system, visit Hiroshima University’s homepage, 「トップページ」 → 「法人情報」 → 「個人情報保護」 → 「個人情報の開示請求制度」 (Japanese page)

(https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/about/information_disclosure/personal_info)

< Disclosure Request and Inquiries >	
General Affairs Group, Hiroshima University	739-8511 1-3-2 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima Tel: 082-424-5014

Where you take the examination



[Transportation to IDEC (Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation)]

1-5-1, Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima

- From JR Saijo Station: Take the bus bound for “Hiroshima-Daigaku”
- From Shinkansen Higashi-Hiroshima Station: Take the bus bound for “Hiroshima-Daigaku”

Get off at “Daigaku-Kaikanmae” (about 20 minutes)

List of Members

Division of Humanities and Social Sciences 【International Peace and Co-existence Program】

Position	Name	Research Theme
Professor	KATAYANAGI, Mari	Conflict resolution, Peacebuilding, Peacekeeping, Conflict prevention, and International human rights law
Professor	KAWANO, Noriyuki	Peace Studies, Studies on A-Bomb and Global Nuclear Disasters
Professor	SEKI, Koki	Cultural Anthropology of Development, Social Policy, and Peace, Area Studies of the Philippines and Southeast Asia
Professor	NAGASAKA, Itaru	Social and cultural anthropology, Migration studies, Southeast Asian Studies
Professor	△YOSHIDA, Osamu	Analyzing the interaction between the present international order established through the historical dominance of Western Powers on the one hand, and the foreign policies of developing nations to restore their strength in international society on the other.
Associate Professor	KAKEE, Tomoko	Studies on Conflict Resolution and International Law
Associate Professor	SIMANGAN DAHLIA COLLADO	International Relations Theory, Peacebuilding Theory, United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, Peace-Sustainability Nexus, Anthropocene
Associate Professor	TOMOTSUGU, Shinsuke	Proliferation of latent nuclear capacity, Weapons of Mass Destruction(WMD), terrorism, and non-traditional security issues
Associate Professor	VAN DER DOES, Luli	Interdisciplinary Empirical Study of Discourse and Representations, Memory Studies (Conflict and Peace), Heritage of the Atomic-Bomb Experiences, Applied Risk Theory
Associate Professor	YAMANE, Tatsuo	Peace and Security, Armed Conflict, Peacebuilding, and Global Governance
Associate Professor	NAKAZORA, Moe	Anthropology of the Environment and Development, Science and Technology Studies, Area Studies of South Asia (particularly India)

【International Economic Development Program】

Position	Name	Research Theme
Professor	ICHIHASHI, Masaru	Quantitative Comparison for Asian Economy, International and Regional Studies of Economy, Analysis for Industrial Development, Japanese Economic System, Economics Statistics Analysis
Professor	KANEKO, Shinji	Study on Sustainable Development for Developing Countries Environmental Policy Studies in Asia
Professor	△MAHARJAN, Keshav Lall	Rural Economics; issues related to agricultural economy and rural dynamics South Asian Studies; issues related to socio-economy of South Asia
Professor	YOSHIDA, Yuichiro	Study on the Optimal Social Capital and the Public Policy towards the Economic Growth and Development Comparative Macroeconomic Analysis in Developing Countries
Professor	GOTO, Daisaku	Applied Microeconomics for Development and Environmental Policy Studies Lab and Field Experiments in Development and Environmental Economics
Professor	SHARIFI Ayyoob	Urban Planning and Policy Development, Environmental Planning and Management, Climate Policy, Sustainable Cities
Professor	TAKAHASHI, Yoshi	Human Resource Development / Management, Management of Technology, Management of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
Associate Professor	JOSHI, Niraj Prakash	Climate change, agricultural technology adoption, agriculture production economics, poverty and rural development in developing country
Associate Professor	KONDO Masayuki	Evaluation of climate change countermeasures, analysis of greenhouse gas dynamics, land use change research in tropical regions, and theoretical research on Earth's climate regulation.

Division of Educational Sciences

【International Education Development Program】

Position	Name	Research Theme
Professor	SAITO, Kazuhiko	International Development through Sport Education, International Comparison of Sport Education
Professor	SATO, Nobuharu	Ethno- linguistic studies on the Mongolian languages of Gansu and Qinghai Provinces, China
Professor	SHIMIZU, Kinya	Science education, principles of science curriculum, and development and analysis of lessons in other subjects
Professor	BABA, Takuya	Research on mathematics education development in international perspective, and development and analysis of lessons in other subjects
Professor	△HOTTA, Taiji	Comparative policy studies of educational development in developing countries, and the study of global educational exchanges in higher education

Position	Name	Research Theme
Professor	YOSHIDA, Kazuhiro	Practical researches on Promoting International Cooperation in Educational Development
Professor	NAKAYA, Ayami	Comparative Studies of Local Curriculum Development, Management and Evaluation, Comparative Education
Professor	KUSAKABE, Tatsuya	Comparative study of relationship between social, economic structure fluctuation and education in developing countries
Associate Professor	SAKURAI, Riho	Comparative and International Education • Education policy • Inclusive education • Diversity inclusion studies
Associate Professor	MAKI, Takayoshi	Studies on Human Resource Development for Education (teacher education) in Asian countries, Comparative Education
Associate Professor	MIWA, Chiaki	Studies on the effects of early childhood education in developing countries, International cooperation in early childhood care and education
Associate Professor	TANIGUCHI, Kyoko	Studies on Educational Planning and Education Policy in Low- and Middle-income Countries (Africa and Asia)

注) △Professors who will cease regular teaching within the standard completion period of the thesis. Applicants are allowed to select him/her as supervisor, but need to inquire of the staff in Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Support Office for the fields of International Development and Cooperation).

注) Note that “List of Members” is subject to change due to personnel changes. In this case, you will be informed via the HP of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Therefore, please confirm the HP before consulting with a professor.

Global Environmental Leaders Special Education Program

BACKGROUND

In recent years, broader knowledge and analytical skills to cope with global environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity losses, desertification, pollution in developing countries, and so on that threaten the existence of humans have become necessary fundamental expertise for any areas related to global sustainability and international cooperation. In order to offer an additional educational opportunity for having such expertise, The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences(International Peace and Co-existence Program, International Economic Development Program, International Education Development Program) ,the Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering(Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering Program) and Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society of Hiroshima University (hereinafter "HU") have been implementing the Global Environmental Leaders Special Education Program (GELs Program).

OBJECTIVES

The GELs Program is to nurture global environmental leaders who are capable of identifying problems and formulating strategic solutions at the national and local level through interdisciplinary and international perspectives.

ADVANTAGES

- ✓ GELs students can obtain necessary knowledge and skills to create a sustainable society based on students' individual specializations as well as interdisciplinary knowledge from experts in various fields.
- ✓ GELs students can acquire communication skills by studying with peers with diverse backgrounds and areas of experience.
- ✓ GELs program offers various educational opportunities. (ex. special seminar, internship, and fieldwork)
- ✓ Certificate of completion is conferred upon satisfying the requirements of the program.

HOW TO REGISTER THE PROGRAM

Any HU students, regardless of nationality, are welcome to register. Students who wish to participate in GELs program are required to submit the registration form by the designated deadline in April and October.

CONTACTS

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University

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Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society, Hiroshima University

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