



HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Hiroshima University  
School of Integrated Arts and Sciences  
Department of Integrated Global Studies (IGS)  
First-Year Student Guidance 2024



# IGS Curriculum Overview

<p>1<sup>st</sup> year</p> <p>Liberal Arts Education</p>	<p>Basic Courses in University Education, Foreign Languages, Common Subjects etc.</p>
	<p>IGS Core Subjects</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> year</p> <p>Specialized Subjects</p>	<p>Multidisciplinary Subjects, IGS subjects, IGS Core Subjects, Study Abroad, Elective Subjects</p>
<p>3<sup>rd</sup> year</p>	<p>IGS Subjects, IGS Core Subjects, Elective subjects, Internship, Project-type Problem-solving Research</p>
<p>4<sup>th</sup> year</p>	<p>Graduation Thesis</p>

# IGS Graduation Requirements for First-year Students (Course Registration List)

- Peace Science Courses → take “Visualization of War” or “Global Issues Towards Peace” offered in English
- Basic Courses in University Education → pre-registered
- Area Courses
- Foreign Languages → pre-registered (except Level 5 Japanese Courses)
- Information and Data Science Courses  
“Introduction to Information and Data Sciences” → pre-registered
- Health & Sports Courses
- Social Cooperation Courses
- Foundation Courses

# Area and Foundation Courses

- Area Courses in Arts and Humanities/Social Sciences (4 credits)
- Area Courses in Natural Sciences (4 credits)
- 14 more credits chosen freely from Area and Foundation Courses offered in English (You can include up to 8 credits from Area Courses instructed in Japanese. You can include Foundation Courses instructed in Japanese freely. Check Note 3)
- Courses marked “B” (=Both: English and Japanese) will be counted as “instructed in Japanese”

# IGS Standard Case

Area Courses in Arts and Humanities/Social Sciences  
(4 credits, register yourself)

- Contemporary Issues of Japan (Term 1)
- The Introduction to Statistics and Quantitative Sociology (Term 3)

Area Courses in Natural Sciences (4 credits, register yourself):

- Introduction to Physical Mathematics (Term 1)

※Take 2 more credits according to your interesting.

+ some other courses in Area and Foundation Courses (14 credits)

- Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science

# Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science



Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science A: Biology and Geology  
Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science B: Chemistry and Physics

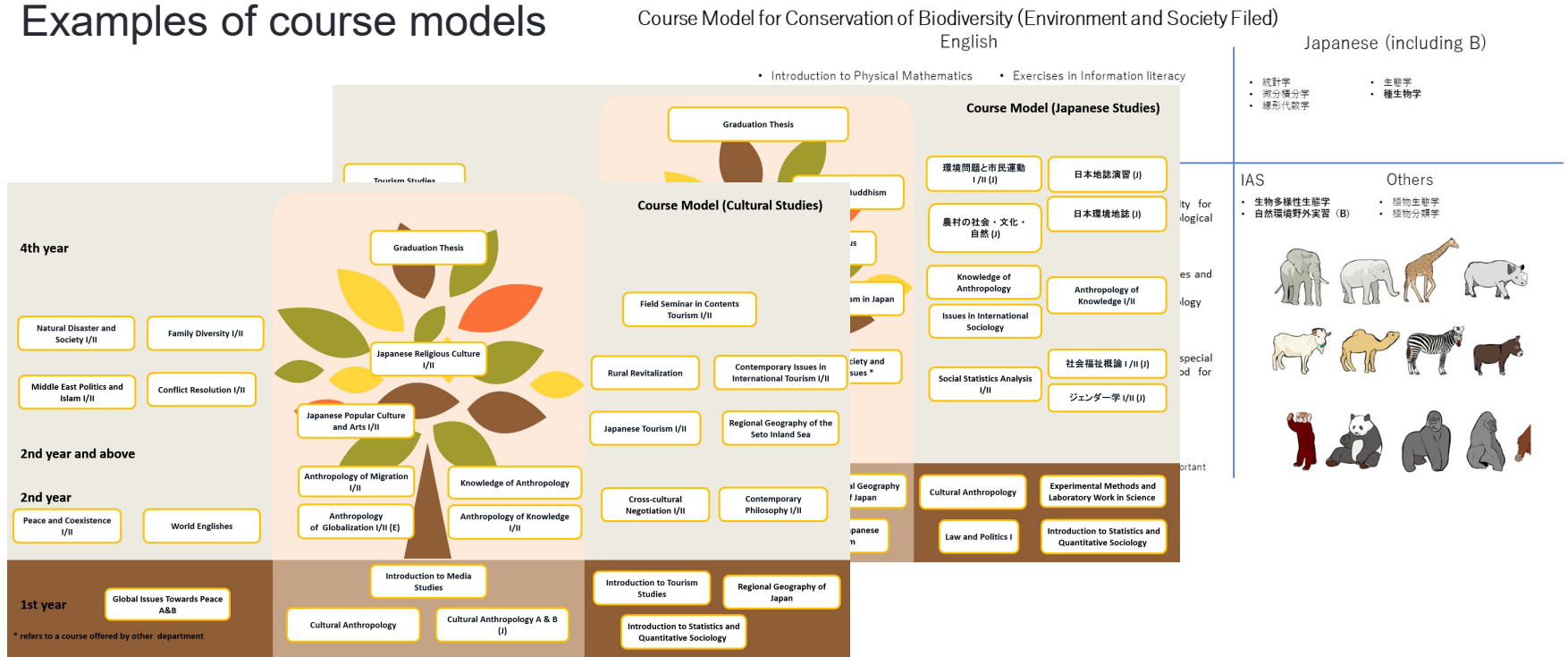
# “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science” Courses

- All students should take at least one of the “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science” courses. The number of students is limited due to the laboratory size.
- If you are interested in Natural Sciences (Environment and Society): Take both “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science A” and “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science B”. The number of students is limited due to the laboratory size, but you will have priority.
- For registration for “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science A” and “Experimental Methods and Laboratory Work in Science B”, we need to know which courses you want to take. **We will survey your preference through Microsoft Forms.**
- 日本語母語学生は、日本語による自然科学実験( Semester科目、後期)を履修することでもよい。

# Course models

Check the course models according to your interest. They include recommended Area and Foundation Courses.

## Examples of course models



For each field of IGS, we recommend some courses.

Note: these courses are “recommended”, not “required”. You are free to choose a field at the end of your first year.



# For registration

- To prepare for the “Course Registration Consultations by Tutor” (April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 14:00): please check the distributed Liberal Arts Education Courses Timetable and list of courses taught in English and choose the courses you are interested in.

# IGS Core Subjects in the 1st year

All IGS students are **pre-registered** for the following two required courses:

- **Invitation to Integrated Global Studies I**

Term 2

Learn how to research from an interdisciplinary point of view and know about the three fields in IGS

- **Invitation to Integrated Global Studies II**

Term 3

Meet the IGS teachers from our three fields and learn about their research

# Foreign Languages in IGS

- All students have to take 8 credits in Foreign Languages
- Type 1: students who are native Japanese speakers
- Type 2: Students who are not native Japanese speakers
- Type 3: Students who are admitted to be fluent in both English and Japanese

# Type 1: English courses for the first-year IGS students

## English Communication Courses

- IA = Speaking
- IB = Reading
- IIA = Writing
- IIB = Listening

## English Courses specially for IGS students

- Academic Reading I · II , Special English Training for Studying Abroad (IGS Core Subjects)

## English courses for the first year

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> Term	Academic Reading I			Academic Reading II
	Communication I A/B			Communication I A/B
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	Communication I A/B			Communication I A/B
	Special English Training for Studying Abroad + Intensive Classes in September			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	Communication II A/B			Communication II A/B
4 <sup>th</sup> Term	Communication II A/B			Communication II A/B

Strongly recommended!

## Academic Reading I & II



- Reading academic materials  $\neq$  Reading for pleasure
- What is academic reading?

‘Active process that goes beyond merely reading and highlighting your text. You need to interact with the text by taking notes, making connections between the text and what you already know or have experienced, and asking critical questions about the material you are reading.’ [Academic Reading and Writing | Centre for Teaching and Learning \(utoronto.ca\)](#)

- Need to learn academic reading skills (e.g., online search, paper structure)
- Research papers published in international journals

# Special English Training for Studying Abroad

**Special English Training for Studying Abroad** is provided in term 2. It is an elective course for students who are interested in **studying abroad** and want **to improve their English abilities** to be accepted by universities overseas. In particular, you will learn what **IELTS** is like and work on a lot of examples and exercises, using a textbook. If your TOEIC® score is higher than 800, you do not have to take this course. Please brush up on your English by yourself. This is a course **for intermediate students of English**.

## Approval of credits for English communication subjects

- You can receive credit approval depending on your TOEIC score etc. obtained **after being enrolled to HU.**
- Practical English Proficiency Test (*Eiken*) **Pre-1 Grade** or above
- TOEFL iBT **68** or above
- TOEIC® L&R **730** or above
- IELTS **5.5** or above

Make sure that you consult your tutor before starting the application process.



# Type 2: Japanese Language Courses

IGS recommends to improve your Japanese skills as high as you can.

That will help you

- communicating with other people
- understanding Japan
- finding a job after graduation (if you want to stay in Japan).

The course level you can take will be decided according to your online placement test score.

# Level 1 ~ Level 4

All courses are pre-registered based on the OJPT result.

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Term	Course Name	No. of credit
1 <sup>st</sup> Term	Basic Japanese I	1 credit
	Basic Japanese I	1 credit
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	Basic Japanese II	1 credit
	Basic Japanese II	1 credit
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	Basic Japanese III	1 credit
	Basic Japanese III	1 credit
4 <sup>th</sup> Term	Basic Japanese IV	1 credit
	Basic Japanese IV	1 credit
TOTAL		8 credits

# Level 5

- An email should have reached you, which informs you of the placement test result and procedures for course registration from the Morito Institute of Global Higher Education
- Registration period is from April 1st to 12th.
- You need to submit course registration form to the office of the Morito Institute of Global Higher Education by April 12th.  
(not on Momiji!).

## Level 5 (Spring semester)

Subjects	No. of credits
Advanced Japanese Vocabulary A	1
Advanced Japanese Listening A	1
Advanced Japanese Analysis A	1
Advanced Japanese Cinema A	1
Academic Writing A	1
Business Japanese A	1
Advanced Japanese Reading Comprehension A	1

## Level 5 (Fall semester)

Subjects	No. of credits
Advanced Japanese Vocabulary B	1
Advanced Japanese Listening B	1
Advanced Japanese Analysis B	1
Advanced Japanese Cinema B	1
Academic Writing B	1
Business Japanese B	1
Advanced Japanese Reading Comprehension B	1

# Approval of credits for Japanese Language Courses

Level	Target courses	Number of credits to be granted
N1	Basic Japanese I · II · III · IV	Up to 8
N2	Basic Japanese I · II · III · IV	Up to 4

- Check: Handling of Credit Approval for Foreign Language Proficiency Tests, etc. **Make sure that you consult your tutor before starting the application process.**
- **We recommend that you take all 8 credits to improve your Japanese. You can choose courses on a higher level.**

- If you have any difficulty in registering subjects, please feel free to ask the IGS Office.
- If you want to study other foreign language(s) such as Chinese, Korean, French, German, Spanish, etc., please consult your tutor and the IGS Office in your **second** year.

## Type 3

- 8 credits: Non-English foreign language (8 credits)
- The first Non-English foreign language that you will study is decided by Hiroshima University based on your choices.
- The first Non-English foreign language that you will study has already been registered. Access “Momiji” web site to confirm.



# Type 1, 3: Other Foreign Language Courses

- Type 1, Type 3 students: you are already registered for the language you chose (basic and intensive courses)
- If you have not yet registered for an intensive course but would like to do so, please contact the IGS Office immediately.
- If you register for an intensive course, please take the course **through all four terms.**

The number of students in each course is limited. So if you register but then drop out, you take some other students' chance to study!

# Trilingual Program

Chinese, Korean, Spanish, French, German

Eligible Students	As a general rule, registered students for the program, who have basic knowledge of the target language (CEFR: A1)
Language of Instruction	<b>Japanese</b> and/or the target language
Semester/Term	From <b>2<sup>nd</sup> year to 4<sup>th</sup> year</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> -Term

1<sup>st</sup> year:  
Intensive Course (4 classes/week)  
Notice: language of Instruction is Japanese.



2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year:  
Trilingual Program  
Registration: Jan 2025

If you want to join the Trilingual Program, **you are required to take the Intensive Course in the 1<sup>st</sup> year!**

# Information, Health& Sports

## Information and Data Science Courses 4 credits:

- IGS students will be pre-registered for "Introduction to Information and Data Sciences" (Wed.1~4, Term 2)
- Recommended as 2nd course: "Fundamental Data Science" (in English) or "Starting Programming from Scratch"

## Health& Sports courses 2 credits:

- Choose one or two Health& Sports courses.
- In T3, Sports Theory and Exercise: **Aikido (Code 70060009) will be taught in English**
- Those courses indicated in the Liberal Arts Education Time Table will be open to non-Japanese speakers.
- You can take other courses marked J (taught in Japanese) if you speak Japanese.

# IGS Specialized Education

## Subjects: 3 fields of study



Culture and Tourism



Peace and Communication



Environment and Society

# Steps to selecting a field

1. Introductory Seminar for First-Year Students:  
Interviews with IGS faculty
2. Term 2: “Invitation to Integrated Global Studies I” ,  
Term 3: “Invitation to Integrated Global Studies II” :  
Learn about the three fields.  
Learn to associate various global issues and events with the three fields.

# Steps to selecting a field

## 3. Final Decision on the Selection of a field:

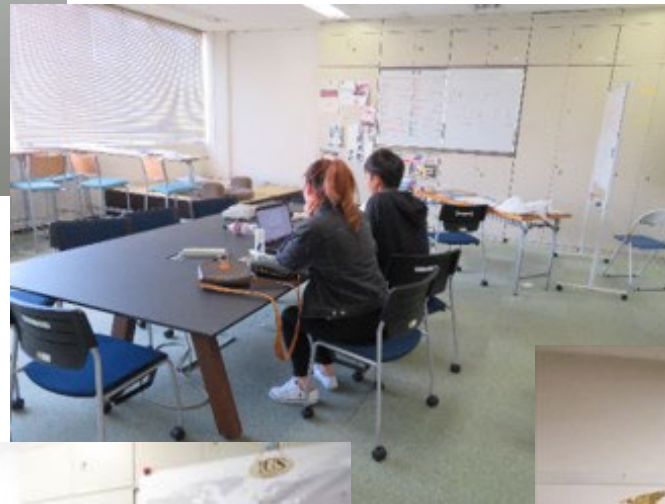
- Consult with both your tutor and a faculty member of your desired field in December. Submit the “Field Request Form” until mid-January.
- The tutor will confirm each student’s request by the end of January, and a committee will make the final decision in February.
- The Department aims to have a good balance of the number of students in each field. In the event that many students have a strong interest in one particular field, it is possible that adjustments will be made based on the Field Request Form and student’s GPA.

# IGS Student Ambassador

- IGS student ambassadors will represent the IGS students.
- Students can voice their ideas, concerns, or opinions regarding the program, school, or daily life to the ambassadors.
- Regular Ambassador Meeting with IGS professors and staff once a semester or whenever necessary.
- The ambassadors plan social events for the IGS students, staff, and professors.
- New ambassadors will start their activities in May each year.

→ If you are interested in becoming an IGS Student Ambassador, please talk to your tutor!

# IGS Student Common Room





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You can use the IGS Room to leave your bag, rest, study, meet other students or talk to our UEA.

- Opening hours: 8.00-21.00 (No out-of-hours use)  
Permitted user: IGS 1st year students only
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- Rules for users:  
No garbage and no rubbish bin in the room.
- No fire
- No smoking
- No use outside the regular room hour setting.
- Do not take out any equipment of the room.
- Clean after use
- Do not leave your valuables in the room.

# Important Dates

- First-year Students' Orientation Schedule
- April 8<sup>th</sup> : Classes start. “Introductory Seminar for First-Year Students” starts.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> : “Introduction to University Education” starts at 8.45, Room **K106** (Check Moodle for course material and **task!**)
- April 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat.): First-year Students' Orientation Event (Part of the “Introductory Seminar for First-Year Students”)
- May : TOEIC Test for all First-Year Students
- June 1<sup>st</sup> : One day internship at Tadanoumi/ Okunoshima
- July 20<sup>th</sup> : Symposium to Celebrate 50 Years of School of Integrated Arts and Sciences

# Have a good start!

- And whenever there is a problem, please don't hesitate to ask! We are here to help you.
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