# The Joint Degree Program

◆The Joint Degree program can provide distinctive intellectual training for students, through developing a curriculum shared by Hiroshima University (HU) and the partner university, by means of academic supervision involving close collaboration with faculty members from both HU and thepartner university.
In addition, from following the two-year curriculum, including study abroad for one year, students can develop a broad perspective, multi-view thinking and skills, to cope with various issues, through joint collaboration with other students who have different cultures and various backgrounds.
Our program offers a two-year master's course in collaboration with the University of Graz (UG) and students study at both HU and UG for one year each. Graduates are awarded a Master's degree (Master of Science), which is jointly awarded by both universities.

## Mobility Schedule Image

### Enrollment October 2026

◆Enrolling in Classes at the Entrance (Home) University and Partner University
Students will be admitted in October and study for one year at the partner university abroad during the two-year curriculum. Based on which university that students choose as their entrance (home) university, the students are scheduled to enroll in classes at the location as shown below.

**Students Mobility (If they choose Hiroshima University as their entrance university)**

| ENTRANCE (HOME) UNIVERSITY | LOCATION OF STUDY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st semester (winter) ***Basic Module*** | 2nd semester (summer) ***Specialization*** | 3rd emester (winter) ***Integration*** | 4th semester (summer) ***Master Thesis*** |
| HiroshimaUniversity (HU) | Hiroshima | Graz | Graz | Hiroshima |
| Length of stay | October 2026<br>Mid of Feb. 2027 | End of Feb. 2027<br>Early July 2027 | October 2027<br>February 2028 | April 2028<br>September 2028 |
| Academic Calendar (Period of classes) | October 2 2026<br>February 9 2027 | March 1 2027<br>June 30 2027 | Early October 2027<br>End of January 2028 | April 1 2028<br>*End of September 2028 |

***Degree will be awarded in only September (or March).**

**Students Mobility (If they choose University of Graz as their entrance university)**

| ENTRANCE (HOME) UNIVERSITY | LOCATION OF STUDY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st semester (winter) ***Basic Module*** | 2nd semester (summer) ***Specialization*** | 3rd semester (winter) ***Integration*** | 4th semester (summer) ***Master Thesis*** |
| University of Graz (UG) | Graz | Hiroshima | Hiroshima | Graz |
| Length of stay | October 2026<br>End of Feb. 2027 | April 2027<br>September 2027 | October 2027<br>Mid of Feb 2028 | March 2028<br>September 2028 |
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🎓Please note that the graduation process of the JDP is different from the other regular courses. Students need to write their theses (one thesis) and submit it to the both entrance and partner university, before presenting the defense at the entrance university.
Graduation period is set twice a year (20 September or 23 March) and the deadline for submitting thesis to HU is the end of July or the end of January respectively.