

Diploma Policy of the Graduate School of Law

Master's Program

We aim to offer students the following three programs that provide highly specialized knowledge in law and political science through a systematically designed educational curricula that reflects our university's diverse and international culture:

1. program for aspiring academics in the fields of law and political science,
2. program for prospective business people and public servants who seek advanced skills in solving a wide-array of problems in the today's highly complex world, and,
3. continuing education programs for individuals who face unique problems in this rapidly changing world.

To achieve these aims, we provide an internationally renowned education grounded in the ethics of social responsibility. We will confer degrees according to the following policies.

We offer the following three educational programs.

The aims of the three programs are as follows.

1.1. Aspiring Scholar Program

The educational aim of the Aspiring Scholar Program, is to train the next generation of academic researchers who will be active in their respective fields across Japan and the world.

1.2. Advanced Businessperson Program

The educational aim of the Advanced Businessperson Program is to train those who possess a specialized knowledge in the field of law and political science in order to solve the various complex social problems in the today's world.

1.3. Kobe University Interdisciplinary Master Program in Global Business Law (KIMAP in Global Business Law)

In the field of international business, the ability to be able to function in English is a prerequisite that goes hand in hand with possessing specialized knowledge. Therefore, the goals of this program are, in addition to providing interdisciplinary knowledge in business administration and economics as well as specialized skills and knowledge in law, to equip students with practical English skills and to produce talented individuals that can be successful as international legal business practitioners.

2. Degree: Master of Laws

Per the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, the degree of Master of Laws will be conferred to students who have fulfilled the following prerequisites:

1. the student should earn credits as prescribed during one's two academic years of residency, which may be less than two years for distinguished students.
2. the students should acquire the following abilities depending upon the programs.

2.1. Aspiring Scholar Program

The degree of Master of Laws for the Aspiring Scholar Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,
3. proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

2.2. Advanced Businessperson Program

The degree of Master of Laws for the Advanced Businessperson Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,
3. proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

2.3. Kobe University Interdisciplinary Master Program in Global Business Law (KIMAP in Global Business Law)

The degree of KIMAP in Global Business Law will be conferred on students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as ability to engage in legal and business practices in English, both home and abroad, including:

1. ability to practically collaborate with others,
2. ability to read legal documents in foreign languages and to communicate verbally in English,
3. proficiency in the field of law as well as interdisciplinary knowledge, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective methodology.

3. Degree: Master of Political Science

Per the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, the degree of Master of Political Science will be conferred to students who have fulfilled the following prerequisites:

1. the student should earn credits as prescribed during one's two academic years of residency, which may be less than two years for distinguished students.
2. the students should acquire the following abilities depending upon the programs.

3.1. Aspiring Scholar Program

The degree of Master of Laws for the Aspiring Scholar Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,
3. obtain proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

3.2. Advanced Businessperson Program

The degree of Master of Laws for the Advanced Businessperson Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,
3. obtain proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

Doctoral Program

We aim to offer students the following three programs that provide highly specialized knowledge in law and political science through a systematically designed educational curricula that reflects our university's diverse and international culture:

1. program for aspiring academics in the fields of law and political science,
2. program for prospective business people and public servants who seek advanced skills in solving a wide-array of problems in the today's highly complex world, and,
3. continuing education programs for individuals who face unique problems in this rapidly changing world.

To achieve these aims, we provide an internationally renowned education grounded in the ethics of social responsibility. We will confer degrees according to the following policies.

We offer the following three educational programs.

The aims of the three programs are as follows.

1.1. Aspiring Scholar Program

The educational aim of the Aspiring Scholar Program is to train the next generation of academic researchers who already possess a Master's or J.D. degree. The program emphasizes the pursuit advanced and original research by offering comprehensive knowledge of law and political sciences, as well as basic problem-solving skills.

1.2. Advanced Businessperson Program

The educational aim of the Advanced Businessperson Program is to train those who have already obtained a master's or a J.D. degree with a specialized knowledge of law and political sciences and who possess the skills and initiative to actively solve a wide range of complex social problems in the today's world.

1.3. Top Lawyers' Program

The educational aim of the Top Lawyers' Program is to train internationally prominent lawyers specializing in a field of business law by taking coursework taught by actual practitioners as well as tutorial sessions by our highly qualified faculty members.

2. Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Law

Per the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, the degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred to students who have fulfilled the following prerequisites:

1. the student should earn credits as prescribed during one's three academic years of residency, which may be less than three years for distinguished students.
2. the students should acquire the following abilities depending upon the programs.

2.1. Aspiring Scholar Program

The degree of Doctor of Laws for the Aspiring Scholar Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,

3. obtain proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

2.2. Advanced Businessperson Program

The degree of Doctor of Laws for the Advanced Businessperson Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,
3. obtain proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

2.3. Top Lawyers' Program

The degree of Doctor of Laws for the Top Lawyers' Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law around the world,
3. obtaining the necessary specialized and advanced knowledge required as a top legal professional, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

3. Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Per the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, the degree of Doctor of Political Science will be conferred to students who have fulfilled the following prerequisites:

1. the student should earn credits as prescribed during one's three academic years of residency, which may be less than three years for distinguished students.
2. the students should acquire the following abilities depending upon the programs.

3.1. Aspiring Scholar Program

The degree of Doctor of Political Science for the Aspiring Scholar Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social

sciences,

2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,
3. obtain proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

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The degree of Doctor of Political Science for the Advanced Businessperson Program will be conferred to students who have acquired all the abilities stipulated in the Diploma Policy of Kobe University, as well as has gained the basic knowledge in field of law and political science, including:

1. ability to grasp and solve various problems in our society through the perspective of social sciences,
2. ability to comprehend the research subjects in the field of law and political science around the world,
3. obtain proficiency in the field of law and political science, and,
4. ability to solve social problems through a logical and multi-perspective examinations.

Professional Degree Programs

Without a doubt, professional legal education in Japan not only needs quantitative expansion but also qualitative improvement. Our society requires many highly capable legal professionals, especially in the face of increasing diversity, technological advancements, rapid globalization and marketization. With this in mind, the Kobe University Graduate School Law's Professional Legal Studies Program sets forth the following two principle educational objectives.

The first objective of the program is to train legal professionals who will acquire the basic knowledge and advanced practical skills that all legal professionals must have. There is tremendous amount of fundamental knowledge that is sine qua non for all legal professionals. The Law School at Kobe University aims to cultivate such professionals so that they gain the required knowledge, along with the ability to appropriately apply it to an increasingly diversified society.

The second objective of the program is to train legal professionals that have, in addition to the knowledge on the basic legal fields described above, an in-depth knowledge as well as applicable skills in the advanced field of corporate transactions in the broadest sense (so-called "Business Law"). Business transactions are becoming increasingly complex as a result of technological advances and society's increased marketization. Consequently legal disputes have also become more complex and sophisticated. The Law School at Kobe University aims to train professionals with the skills necessary to settle such legal disputes, by offering high quality education on a wide range of legal fields.

In order to cultivate legal professionals with extensive professional skills and the know-how necessary to achieve these goals, the program offers an internationally competitive education based on advanced research and awards Doctor of Jurisprudence (Professional) / Juris Doctor (Professional) degrees according to the following policies.

Degree: Juris Doctor

Japan's society will require many more capable legal professionals as diversification, technological advances, internationalization, and society's rapid marketization progress. In order to meet this demand, the Graduate School Law's Professional Legal Studies Program will confer degrees in accordance with the following policies, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students will be enrolled in the program for a designated duration and obtain all the necessary credits required for graduation.
- Prior to completion of this program, students will achieve the following academic goals in order to become legal professionals, in addition to those required by the Kobe University Diploma Policy.
 - The necessary basic knowledge and practical skills for all legal professions.
 - Knowledge and practical skills in advanced legal fields that deal with business law.
 - The high ethical standards required as a legal professional.
 - Competency to solve new problems by examining as well as a critically and creatively advancing the approaches of legal thinking .
 - The ability to solve problems while respecting and acknowledging diverse ideas and different cultures in society.