

## **Diploma Policy of the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences**

The Graduate School of Maritime Sciences of Kobe University aims to cultivate researchers, educators and specialists who can propel internationally outstanding research, education and practical expertise in the fields of maritime sciences, engineering and philosophy.

These graduates are able to use their advanced specialization and multifaceted approach to solve various problems, as well as possessing the qualities of international awareness, humanity, creativity and specialization enabling them to meet the demand for human resources who can take the lead in international maritime society.

To achieve these objectives, the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences awards the following degrees; “Master of Maritime Sciences”, “Doctor of Philosophy in Maritime Sciences”, “Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering” and “Doctor of Philosophy” in accordance with the policies below.

### **Master's Program**

#### **Degree: Master of Maritime Science and Technology**

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Master of Maritime Sciences qualification is awarded in accordance with the policy shown below.

- Students shall study the graduate school’s master’s program for at least two years, and obtain the required credits for graduation prescribed by the graduate course.
- Prior to graduation, students of the graduate school are expected to acquire the following abilities in addition to those set out in the Kobe University Diploma Policy:
  - Communication skills
  - Thinking abilities based on scientific logic
  - Develop specialized knowledge
  - The ability to write reports and make presentations
  - Specialized knowledge

### **Doctoral Program**

#### **Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Maritime Science and Technology**

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Doctor of Philosophy in Maritime Sciences qualification is awarded in accordance with the policy shown below.

- Students shall study the graduate school's doctoral program for at least three years, and obtain the required credits for graduation prescribed by the graduate course.
- Students shall conduct highly specialized research related to maritime sciences.
- In addition to the abilities stipulated in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, graduate students should acquire the following competences by the time they complete the program:
  - The ability to come up with highly original and creative research themes.
  - The ability to plan and execute research.
  - Thinking abilities based on scientific logic.
  - Development and application of specialized knowledge.
  - The ability to write reports and make presentations.
  - Specialized knowledge.

### **Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering**

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering qualification is awarded in accordance with the policy shown below.

- Students shall study at the graduate school's doctoral program for at least three years, and obtain the required credits for graduation prescribed by the graduate course.
- Acquire the ability to conduct highly specialized research related to engineering.
- In addition to the abilities stipulated in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, graduate students should acquire the following competences by the time they complete the program:
  - The ability to come up with highly original and creative research themes.
  - The ability to plan and execute research.
  - Thinking abilities based on scientific logic.
  - Development and application of specialized knowledge.
  - The ability to write reports and make presentations.
  - Specialized knowledge.

### **Degree: Doctor of Philosophy**

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Doctor of Philosophy qualification will be awarded in accordance with the policy shown below.

- Students shall study at the graduate school's doctoral program for at least three years, and obtain the required credits for graduation prescribed by the graduate course.
- Students shall conduct highly specialized research related to various specialized fields.

- In addition to the abilities stipulated in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, graduate students should acquire the following competences by the time they complete the program:
  - The ability to come up with highly original and creative research themes.
  - The ability to plan and execute research.
  - Thinking abilities based on scientific logic.
  - Development and application of specialized knowledge.
  - The ability to write reports and make presentations.
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