

# International Graduate Programme, Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University

## East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies

[For the Application for the Course Starting from October 2014: Master's Programme]

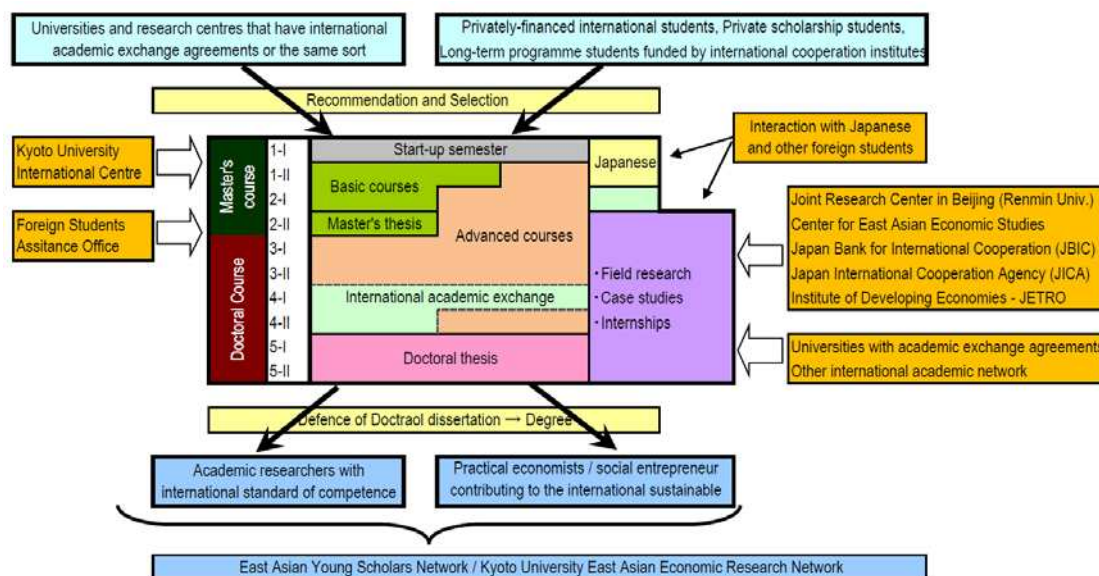
**Degrees to be granted:** Master's degree in Economics, Doctor's degree in Economics

**Duration:** 2 years for Master's programme, followed by 3 years Doctoral programme

### Aim and General Outline of the Course:

- There are a number of challenges that East Asia (including both Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia) must address if it is to maintain its economic role as one of the leaders of the world. They include challenges relating to environmental stability, food and energy supplies, uneven development between agricultural and industrial sectors, widening income disparities and aging populations, and accountability of government and business sectors. Human resource development is crucial in meeting these developmental challenges.
- The course is designed to provide international students with both advanced academic knowledge and practical skills. The master's programme offers both basic and advanced subjects through which students can enjoy a comprehensive curriculum. In addition to classes designed specifically for this programme, students will participate in selected subjects at the Graduate School of Economics as well as other graduate schools. In an international setting, students will develop the academic knowledge and practical skills. Students will have many opportunities to conduct field research at diverse sites such as large manufacturing plants and small factories, cutting-edge businesses and rural farming communities throughout East Asia so that students can develop a multidisciplinary and critical sense of reality. These are all needed to contribute to sustainable development in East Asia as academic researchers, government officials, or social entrepreneurs.
- Teaching and supervision will be conducted in English. However, to enhance their understanding of the East Asian region, as well as so that they may take full advantage of the academic resources available at Kyoto University, students are strongly encouraged to study Japanese and other East Asian languages.
- On completion of the course, we anticipate that students will become academic researchers, government officials, or social entrepreneurs with the practical expertise to contribute to the sustainable development of the East Asian economy.

### Course Structure:



### Number of Applicants to be Admitted:

- Approximately 8 international students are admitted to the course.
- The top 4 students of them selected through the application and selection procedure [A] are eligible to receive the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education and Science, or MEXT) scholarship.
- Other successful applicants beyond these 4 need to be privately funded or apply for other scholarship by themselves. Those who still have the will to enrol the course are required to go through another procedure [B].

### Eligibility for Application:

- In order for applicants to be selected to be a MEXT Scholarship candidate (i.e. the top 4 successful applicants), they must be citizens of countries that have official diplomatic relations with Japan.
- Applicants must be preferably, but not exclusively, graduates of universities that have international academic exchange agreements with Kyoto University or the Graduate School of Economics.
- Those who are currently studying in Japan are not eligible for application.
- Applicants who are enrolled or were enrolled at universities in China, Hong Kong or Taiwan are required to go through the screening process by Admissions Assistance Office (AAO). Please see following web page for more detail ([http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/cn/c\\_notice/ku-aa0.htm](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/cn/c_notice/ku-aa0.htm)) .

### Application and Selection Procedure [A]: **The dates below are still tentative**

- The application period for the preliminary round is from 1st to 30th November 2013. A set of application documents must be sent to the course e-mail address ([eac@econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:eac@econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp)). Those applicants who are required to go through the AAO screening process have to make a contact with the course e-mail address.
- After examining the submitted documents early in the December 2013, the shortlisted applicants will be contacted by the course committee and asked to submit a hard copy of the submitted documents to the Student Affairs Office of the Graduate School of Economics (Yoshida-Honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, 606-8501, JAPAN) by 13th December 2013 (date as postmarked).
- In the meantime, the applicants are required to communicate with and get an approval from their prospective supervisor(s), who must be chosen from the faculty and collaborative members of the Graduate School of Economics (<http://www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/faculty-members/>). The applicants can be advised by the course committee on possible and appropriate supervisor(s) based on the research plan submitted by the applicants. Only those applicants who successfully get an approval from their prospective supervisor(s) by 17th January 2014 can go on to the next stage of the selection procedures.
- A team of faculty staff will interview each candidate via Skype in the beginning of February. Those successfully selected will be informed of the decision on 14th February 2014.
- All procedures will be done in English.
- Four students out of those admitted to the course are eligible to receive the MEXT Scholarship. The eligibility includes a minimum level of GPA set by the Ministry of Education (see Note). Those successfully selected will be recommended to the Japanese Government as candidates for the Scholarship. For that procedure, the candidates have to submit additional documents (to be informed). The Japanese Government examines the documents of the applicants recommended by Kyoto University and selects the recipients of the MEXT Scholarship. Those finally selected will be informed of this decision around the end of June.
- **Application documents to be submitted:**
  - (1) Application Form (see below)
  - (2) Curriculum Vitae
  - (3) Reasons for Application, Research Plan at Kyoto University, and Plan after Completion, written in English. Maximum five A4 pages, including three A4 pages (about 1,500 words) of Research Plan.
  - (4) Transcript of Academic Record of the previous two-year undergraduate (or graduate) study from the

institute attended. In case the original transcript is in languages other than Japanese and English, a translated document in Japanese or English must be attached. See also Note.

- (5) Applicants whose first language is other than English are required to submit a photocopy of official notice of TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS scores taken within two years before the application deadline.
- (6) Certificate of graduation from the institute previously attended. If you are a currently enrolled student, please include a certificate of expected graduation. In case the original certificate is in languages other than English and Japanese, a translated document in English or Japanese must be attached.
- (7) Letter of recommendation from an applicant's supervisor, the Dean, or the head of the institute attended.
- (8) Reference paper such as graduation thesis or an equivalent paper (3 photocopies). If the paper is written in languages other than Japanese and English, a translated summary in English must be attached.

**Application and Selection Procedure [B]:**

- Those who achieve a passing score on the documentary/interview examination but left out of the selection for the MEXT Scholarship will be exempted from taking additional examinations to enrol the course. However, examination fee (JPY30,000), admission fee (JPY282,000), and tuition fee (JPY535,800/year) need to be paid.
- Only after the examination fee is paid by the due date, those successful applicants can request a letter of acceptance in case of need to apply for other scholarships. Examination fee is not refundable in any case.
- Any students can apply for the tuition fee waiver scheme, a JASSO's Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students, and/or other scholarships by private foundations.
- Detailed instructions will be given to those successful applicants in the middle of February.

Note:

- The Ministry of Education and Science (MEXT) has introduced a new criterion to select excellent and competent students. All students eligible to be recommended to the Japanese Government as candidates for the Scholarship are required to have a minimum level of GPA of the latest two years.
- The calculation method is as follows:

4-level grading		A	B	C	Failed
		100-80	79-70	69-60	59-
5-level grading	S	A	B	C	Failed
	A	B	C	D	Failed
	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-
Points	3	3	2	1	0

- The GPA calculation formula = {(Total credits of subjects with point 3) × 3 + (Total credits of subjects with point 2) × 2 + (Total credits of subjects with point 1) × 1 + (Total credits of subjects with point 0) × 0} / Total credits registered
- The required GPA ≥ 2.30 \*cut off at the three decimal place (i.e. 2.298 → 2.29)
- Example

Subjects	Credits	Marks	Points
Introduction to Microeconomics	2	73/B	2
Introduction to Macroeconomics	2	82/A	3
Introduction to Political Economy	2	78/B	2
Economics Theory	4	80/A	3
Economic History	4	75/B	2
Accounting	2	69/C	1
Human Resource Management	3	86/A	3
Business Strategy	3	90/A	3

$$\text{GPA} = \{(2+4+3+3) \times 3 + (2+2+4) \times 2 + 2 \times 1\} / (2+2+2+4+4+2+3+3) = 2.45 > 2.30$$

- For more details or questions, please ask your contact person(s) at the Graduate School of Economics.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

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1. NAME

(FAMILY) , (first) (middle)

☐ male ☐ female

2. NATIONALITY

3. DATE OF BIRTH (year) / (month) / (day)

4. NAMES OF UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT ATTENDED

University

Department

Graduated in (year) or Expected to graduate in (year)

5. NAMES OF GRADUATE SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT ATTENDED (IF ANY)

University

Department

Graduated in (year) or Expected to graduate in (year)

6. PRESENT EDUCATIONAL / ACADEMIC OR WORK STATUS

7. PRESENT (MAILING) ADDRESS

Address

E-mail address

Tel / Fax

8. RESEARCH THEME / MAIN FIELD OF RESEARCH

Research Theme

Main Field of Research

9. PROFESSOR(S), IF ANY, WHOM YOU WANT TO BECOME YOUR SUPERVISOR(S)

Name(s) /

10. IF YOU WILL NOT BE SELECTED FOR THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP, DO YOU STILL HAVE THE WILL TO COME TO JAPAN AND STUDY IN THE COURSE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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(Signature)

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(Date)

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