

Doctoral Program

Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo

-Program Length: 3 years

-Program Requirements: 20 credits & a doctoral thesis

-Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

Program Description

Doctoral program (International Public Policy) fosters students based on three pillars.

- 1) Advanced research skills and the ability to formulate original questions based on their research
- 2) The ability to combine a variety of expertise to develop and evaluate solutions
- 3) The ability to quickly implement such solutions from an international perspective, communicating with diverse stakeholders

Research Areas

The program focuses on the three areas where social demands are particularly strong and where there is a need for close international partnership.

International Finance and Development

The program covers several key areas such as monetary policy, exchange rate policy, fiscal policy, financial sector regulations and supervision, crisis prevention and recovery, economic development, inequality, trade and labor issues, and foreign investments. The program guides students to comprehend those policy issues and underlying causes, based primarily on the discipline of Economics, with possible applications of Law and Politics.

International Security

Globalization has highlighted the need to address complex interconnected risks, from pandemics, to global terrorism and cyber-attacks. Climate change and AI technologies also invite greater involvement of science and technology in policy making and risk assessment. Taking an international and interdisciplinary perspective, this program examines security challenges primarily grounded in the disciplines of Law and Politics with possible applications of Economics.

Science & Technology Policy

There are concerns that the progress of the digital society, the spread of the IoT, and other advances are not only changing the concept of competition that is the basis of the market economy and stimulating technological hegemonism by each country but could also be shaking the very foundations of democracy. Moreover, the areas where science and technology and public policy intersect are becoming increasingly important in such fields as energy policy, healthcare policy, space policy, maritime policy, and environmental policy.

This research area fosters the development of high-level science and technology policy doctoral students with interdisciplinary and practical international capabilities by covering such fields in conjunction with departments of natural science while still being based on economics, political science, and law.

Curriculum

The curriculum is made up primarily of applied research courses, practical research courses, and required research courses. Most of the courses are offered in English and can be completed in English only.

Applied research courses:

The foundation of the course is economics and law and politics. We also offer courses that interface with the sciences to ensure an interdisciplinary perspective.

Practical research courses:

The courses are taught by faculty members who are also practitioners, with the aim of improving practical skills.

Required research courses:

Undertaken in conjunction with economics and politics faculties, the emphasis is on improving skills in defining issues creatively, and on the design and implementation of real-world research projects. Courses include a supervised doctoral thesis, with participation by a collaborating supervisor under the direction of a main supervisor.

Faculty Members

ChiYuki Aoi



War and strategic studies; Peace and security

Naomi Aoki



Public administration; Public management; Civil service reforms

Stacey CHEN



Labor, development, education, and health economics; Applied econometrics

Yee Kuang HENG



International security; Strategic studies; Existential risks

Keisuke IIDA



International political economy

Toshiaki IIZUKA



Health economics; Industrial organization

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Health policy; Contemporary Chinese politics and governance

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International trade; International finance; Computational economics

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Macroeconomics; Monetary policy

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Macroeconomics

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Industrial organization; International trade; Policy analysis

Hitoshi SHIGEOKA



Applied microeconomics

Hideaki SHROYAMA



International public administration; Science, technology and public policy

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International political economy; Science and technology policy

Yoshito TAKASAKI



Development economics; Resource economics; Applied microeconomics

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Financial economics; Economic growth; International finance