

Graduate School of Public Policy The University of Tokyo

A stylized illustration in a warm, monochromatic color palette of reds, oranges, and yellows. It depicts a group of people in a meeting or classroom setting. In the foreground, a person is pointing at a document on a table. Behind them, several other individuals are shown in profile or three-quarter view, some holding papers or laptops. The background features a stylized building with a grid of windows. The overall style is flat and graphic.

GraSPP
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO





Dean's Message

Keisuke Iida



Not only Japan but the whole world has suffered tremendously under the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, other countries experienced several rounds of lockdowns, and in Japan, people were asked to refrain from going out unnecessarily and from enjoying leisure activities such as tourism and large-scale events. At the time of writing, there are no prospects for the end of the pandemic, but we can only hope that by the time you read this, we will have surely entered the post-COVID era.

Universities have also been hit with major challenges. Most classes have been taught online, and extracurricular activities have been greatly restricted. Important events such as entrance and graduation ceremonies had to be cancelled or scaled down. The Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) was no exception.

As it happens, GraSPP had been working on digital transformation (DX) for some time, and I believe that because of this fact, we were able to respond to the crisis relatively smoothly. As this DX experience illustrates, the University of Tokyo's GraSPP has been willing to take on new challenges. I am proud to say that the fact that the school was established in 2004 and is quite new has had a positive impact. This is why we have been able to boldly take on new challenges without sticking to past traditions.

In 2010, an international program called MPP/IP was launched, where classes are held in English and the majority of students are international. As a result, there are now more international students than Japanese students at GraSPP as a whole.

In 2016, an English-based doctoral program was established. In this program, courses are taught in English, and students are required to write their doctoral dissertations in English. This is very rare for a graduate school in Japan. A number of students from the doctoral program are already making great contributions to society.

I think that the pandemic has made it clear how important public policy is and what a great impact it has on society and the economy. Far from decreasing, the importance of public policy schools, which train public policy professionals to take on such a heavy responsibility, will surely continue to increase.

Join us, and together we can take on the challenges for a new future.

Professional Degree Program (Public Policy)

Overview

The Professional Degree Program (Public Policy) produces three superior skills.

- 1) Identifying the challenges facing modern society and formulating the policies and systems needed to overcome them with an international perspective
- 2) Communication and consensus-building
- 3) Meeting the needs of the modern world in various roles, as public policy professionals

Students will belong to one of the five programs and acquire a wide range of skills necessary for policy formation as well as specialized skills in their particular field.

- Legal Policy Program
- Public Management Program
- International Public Policy Program
- Economic Policy Program
- Master of Public Policy, International Program (MPP/IP)*

* MPP/IP is entirely conducted in English.

Completion Period: Two years

Degree: Master of Public Policy, Professional Degree Program

Capacity: 135 students, each year

Admission

Admission is based on an overall evaluation and follows the selection process below.

- 1) Written application
- 2) TOEFL score
- 3) Written examination
- 4) Oral examination

Selection process for the professional category and MPP/IP is based on the assessment of the written application and oral examination.

Curriculum

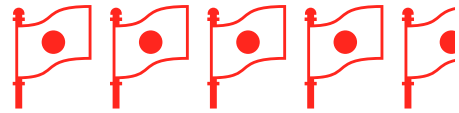
The curriculum offers a well-balanced study of three academic fields.

- Law: Knowledge related to the planning and operation of social systems
- Political Science: Knowledge related to the dynamics of running the social systems
- Economics: Knowledge needed to derive and evaluate policy proposals

Five distinctive features

- Our curriculum is centered on “case studies” that use specific policies as material, fostering original and innovative solutions.
- We provide opportunities to collaborate with policy practitioners and receive feedback based on practitioners’ experiences.
- Faculty with practical experience teach courses closely related to policy practice, and seminars are held with people at the center of policy making and those in charge of corporate management.
- We emphasize oral presentations and the publication of policy papers in order to improve communication skills.
- We encourage the submission of research papers and theses.

International students **53%** | Japanese students **47%**



Faculty members
236



Total of GraSPPers’
nationality
65



※ As of March 2022

Professional Degree Program (Public Policy)

Courses

Legal Policy Program

OBJECTIVE

This program provides students with the opportunity to study the theory and practice of law in public administration, and acquire advanced and practical skills. By analyzing socioeconomic issues from a legal perspective and gaining the knowledge and planning skills necessary to solve them, students acquire the ability to create and apply specific laws and regulations.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is designed to help students understand the legal systems involved in various administrative fields and acquire the legislative skills necessary to draft laws and regulations. It is also designed to help students learn how to make balanced legal judgments in the administrative field through specific case studies.

MESSAGE

Haruka Kuwabara
Class of 2012



My biggest motivation for entering GraSPP was that I wanted to become a legislator involved in policymaking, and at GraSPP there are many faculty members who are experienced practitioners in their fields. There were various opportunities to gain valuable information and knowledge, and GraSPP provided an excellent environment to enhance my skills.

Another significant aspect was that I was able to encounter new and different ways of thinking and take in diverse perspectives. The chance to gain such experiences is perhaps the most attractive aspect of GraSPP. I was so inspired by the high level and ambitions of my fellow students that I was able to run for and actually win a seat on my local town council while still studying.

Public Management Program

OBJECTIVE

This program helps students acquire the ability to analyze and plan issues related to public policy from the perspective of political science and public administration. Students also gain the knowledge necessary for organizational and policy management as well as business management skills, thereby helping them to acquire public management skills.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is designed to develop students who can identify issues and construct appropriate measures through specific cases. Students learn to understand various theories and systems related to public management, construct a new public management system, and acquire the ability to manage them.

MESSAGE

Hiroaki Nawa
Class of 2024



I am studying while working at a consulting firm. I enrolled at GraSPP because I wanted to learn how to solve problems from the dual perspectives of practitioners and policy makers, in relation to reforming cultural facilities such as museums, which is an area that I have been exploring since my undergraduate days. Also, whichever the course, whether it is politics, economy or law, the faculty members here are all leaders in their respective fields.

Something that I have come to feel since enrolling is that it has been a real asset to be able to meet other business professionals who are all working hard in their own areas of study and are aware of their own challenges. Encounters like these are only possible at a place like GraSPP.



Professional Degree Program (Public Policy)

Courses

International Public Policy Program

OBJECTIVE

This program equips students with the knowledge, negotiation skills, planning skills, and communication methods to deal with international policy issues such as diplomacy and development aid. Students aim to acquire the ability to formulate policies on international issues such as global warming and security problems.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is designed to teach students to understand regional issues and their political and economic context, as well as equip them with the skills to formulate measures to solve issues in an international context. Through case studies, students can also deepen their understanding of the context of a development, using specific international conflicts and other examples.

MESSAGE

Kunikazu Akao
Class of 2013



After completing GraSPP, I worked for JICA and then for IOM. At GraSPP, there are many classes offered by public sector practitioners. It was very refreshing to be exposed to the idea of public sector work, which I had only a vague understanding of before enrolling. Studying with international students, many of whom working in important jobs in their home countries, was very valuable for someone like me who is interested in international development. For those of you who wish to work in the field of international cooperation and diplomacy, I hope that you will gain experience at GraSPP that will be a turning point for your future and make your dreams come true.

Economic Policy Program

OBJECTIVE

This program aims to foster competencies in the use of economic analysis in public policy. Students will acquire the knowledge and ability to analyze and evaluate primarily from an economic perspective.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is structured with the intention of learning the basic of microeconomics and macroeconomics, acquiring the econometric and cost-benefit analysis methods necessary for quantitative evaluation, and developing applied skills through case studies.

MESSAGE

Manami Takai
Class of 2022



I decided to enroll at GraSPP because I wanted to engage in in-depth research on health care policy, utilizing econometric methods. The diverse range of case studies has been very appealing, as I was looking for practical learning opportunities that combine both theory and fieldwork. The deeply engaging lectures by faculty members and practitioners, as well as discussions with students from diverse backgrounds, have helped us all to develop multifaceted perspectives. Having the opportunity to use these perspectives to conduct cost-benefit analyses and specific policy formulation focusing on a particular region has been a valuable experience. I truly appreciate the fact that my student life at GraSPP has been enriched by an environment that empowers me to identify issues for myself and pursue them to my heart's content.

**Master of Public Policy,
International Program
(MPP/IP)**

OBJECTIVE

This program is designed to produce public policy professionals who possess a global perspective and can perform effectively in international policy environments.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum strives to fuse the uniqueness of Japan with international perspectives, and to ensure compatibility with the leading global universities with which we have academic exchange agreements. We intend to develop an environment that supports the introduction of double degree programs. At the same time, we will offer highly specialized subjects which emphasize the Asian perspective.

MESSAGE

Bagas Adhika Putra
Class of 2022



At GraSPP, I have had the privilege of studying from the best instructors in their respective fields, collaborate with students from different nationalities and backgrounds in various competitions and activities, and participate in prestigious internships. I have had tremendous helps from both my professors and GraSPP's vast alumni networks to conduct advanced research works and do rounds of job-hunting.

There are many paths to pursue your experience at the University of Tokyo. As an aspiring security policy practitioner, I chose to study international relations and security studies: two fields GraSPP is excellent for. But no matter what you're aiming, I have no doubt that GraSPP's faculty, student body, and staff will take you for a ride of your life!

Main Employment Opportunities (AY 2020)

Civil service (Japan – central government)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Police Agency, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Ministry of Defense, etc.
Civil service (foreign)	U.S. Department of State, Ministry of Finance of Indonesia, Singapore Economic Development Board, etc.
Civil service (Japan – local government)	Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Kumamoto Prefectural Government
Financial service (Japan)	The Norinchukin Bank, Nomura Securities, Mizuho Securities, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, etc.
Financial service (foreign)	Reserve Bank of India, People's Bank of China, Bangladesh Bank, Central Bank of Brazil, etc.
Consulting	Accenture, EY Strategy and Consulting, KPMG, etc.
Think tank	Asian Development Bank Institute, Japan Research Institute
Independent administrative agency	Japan International Cooperation Agency

Doctoral Program (International Public Policy)

Overview

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

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

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 field-based research projects. Courses include a supervised doctoral thesis, with participation by a collaborating supervisor under the direction of a main supervisor.



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 application 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 application of economics.

Science & Technology Policy

There are concerns that the continued digitalization of society, the spread of 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 high-level science and technology policy doctoral students with interdisciplinary and practical international capabilities by covering such fields in conjunction with natural science departments, while still being based on economics, political science, and law.

MESSAGE

Quentin Verspieren
Class of 2020



The GraSPP doctoral program has been a turning point in my life, allowing me to bridge my initial expertise in sciences and engineering with my desire to pursue a career in space policy. Rather than seeing it as an obstacle, my non-traditional background was always considered valuable by GraSPP faculty members. The value given by GraSPP to practical experience has been extremely valuable. While I always strived for academic excellence, I felt the need to stay grounded, in connection with the 'real' world: civil society, government, industry, and others.









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大学院経済学研究科・経済学部

Graduate School of Economics, Faculty of Economics

大学院公共政策学連携研究部・教育部

Graduate School of Public Policy

大学院人文社会系研究科・文学部

Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, Faculty of Letters

International Activities

Master's Program

Study Abroad **Double Degree Program** In the program, students fulfill the requirements for completing the courses of two graduate schools within a specific period and receive degrees from the two graduate schools.

MESSAGE

Saki Kikuchi
Class of 2021



I majored in international security policy and enjoyed a broad range of learning opportunities, from the fundamentals of international relations theory to methods for analyzing and assessing defense policies. Students majoring in security policy included not only those from the private sector, such as myself, but also those dispatched from the military and government intelligence departments, so we were able to discuss security issues from many different perspectives. The COVID-19 pandemic brought about almost all classes and projects conducting online, but working together, the students and faculty were able to successfully complete the program, and I believe it ultimately turned into a unique experience.

Exchange Program Students study at partner universities overseas for typically one term and the credits earned there are recognized by the University of Tokyo.

Networks **Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)** In 2012, GraSPP joined GPPN, the prestigious global network of top public policy schools, which has been holding international conferences and intensive programs for the students of the member schools.

CAMPUS Asia + (CA+) Students of four partner schools - GraSPP, School of International Studies at the Peking University, Graduate School of International Studies at the Seoul National University, and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore - build strong network by participating in a four-way, double degree and exchange programs.

Doctoral Program GraSPP has a student exchange with the Department of War Studies at King's College London, and the Department of Political Science at the University of Copenhagen. In addition, GraSPP faculty members conduct research exchange with the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk (CSER) at the University of Cambridge.

Partner Schools

	Partner Schools	Ex.	D.D	Network
Master Program	School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (SIPA)	—	○	GPPN
	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (LKY)	○	○	GPPN CA+
	School of Public Affairs, SciencesPo.	○	○	GPPN
	Hertie School	○	○	GPPN
	Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV) – EAESP	○	—	GPPN
	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	—	○	GPPN
	Heidelberg University	○	—	
	HEC Paris	○	—	
	IAS, United Nations University	○	—	
	Crawford School of Public Policy, Australia National University (ANU)	—	○	
	University of California, Luskin School of Public Affairs (UCLA-Luskin)	○	—	
	Department of War Studies, King’s College London	—	○	
	Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University	○	○	CA+
School of International Studies, Peking University	○	○	CA+	
Doctoral Program	Department of War Studies, King’s College London	○		
	Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen	○		

Research Activities

Combining practical work with cutting-edge education and research is also the important mission of GraSPP. The research units' activities are reported on the GraSPP website, and research outcomes are widely disseminated to society through symposiums and seminars.

Transport and Tourism Policy Research Unit TTPU

TTPU conducts higher quality education and research activities in the fields of transportation, which are expected to play an extremely important role in ensuring Japan's sustainable growth and affluent lives, and tourism, which is closely related to transportation.

Science Technology and Public Policy SciTePP

SciTePP addresses the nexus between science technology and public policy. Specialists from various fields such as political science, law, economics, and engineering come together to examine and structure issues, and to contribute to the discussion on policy selection in society.

Technology Transfer under Sustainable Economy TECUSE

TECUSE is researching policies to transfer and spread global warming countermeasures technologies in Asia and other developing countries, and to also maintain and boost Japan's industrial competitiveness.

Science, Technology, and Innovation Governance STIG

STIG is an interdisciplinary educational program to train personnel who will be responsible for science and technology governance, with the acquired knowledge concerning the policy process and evidence-building methods required to formulate and implement science and technology innovation policy.

Health Policy & Technology Assessment Research Unit HPTA

HPTA plays a role as a platform for industry, government, and academia for medical evaluation and policy-related research. HTA executive program is offered to train professionals who possess expertise and practical skills of this field.

Renewable Energy & Public Policy Research Unit

This project will cultivate balanced expertise and policy mindset for the potential and challenges of renewable energy, and will foster next-generation leaders who will lead Japan's energy strategy. In addition, through research activities, it will disseminate useful information on Japan's renewable energy policy in the future.

Executive Programs

GraSPP offers three executive programs for professionals.

HTA Expert Program

As part of the Health Policy and Technology Assessment Research Project, this program is aimed at working professionals and young researchers, etc., and seeks to nurture the next generation of health and technology assessment experts with advanced and practical abilities in health policy and assessment.

Innovation Governance Expert Program

This program gives participants an opportunity to work practically on governance design conducive to implementing innovation in society. The program combines lectures on the latest trends in related fields such as law, management, philosophy, systems engineering, and risk management from some of the world's leading experts, and group projects where participants take up real-life cases and come up with their proposal on systems of governance that would suit the particular cases. This is a practical and experimental program that brings together participants from various backgrounds (private sector, public sector, and civil society) to engage in discussions oriented toward coalescing their diverse perspectives in search of holistic (as opposed to partial) optimization, thereby fostering ways of thinking conducive to implementing innovation and organizational reform in a sustainable manner.

Economic Security and Corporate Risk Management Executive Program

This program is targeted mainly for executives in the private sector, aiming to provide knowledge necessary to respond to changes in the international situation and manage risk as a business decision. The course will introduce a wide-range of up-to-date knowledge on international situations concerning economic security and risk management challenges in companies, and deepen participants' understanding of such issues through practical discussions based on their own hands-on experiences in management.



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