

Diploma policy of the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

Master's Program

The Master's program at Kobe University's Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, in response to the challenges that accompany modern society's globalization, aims to produce graduates who have a deep understanding of intercultural phenomena and flexible communication skills, as well as strong scholarship and creative research skills. In order to achieve these objectives, the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies awards master's degrees (Master of Arts) according to the following policy.

Degree: Master of Arts

The Graduate School of Intercultural Studies awards degrees as follows, based on Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students are enrolled in a master's program at the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies for a period of two years or more. They must obtain the prescribed credits required to complete the program, receive the required research guidance, and pass final examinations as well as a review of their master's thesis or the results of their specific research task. It may be possible for students with excellent results to complete their studies in a shorter period.
- Prior to completing postgraduate study, students are expected to acquire the following skills in addition to the capabilities set out in Kobe University Diploma Policy.

Department of Cultural Interaction

1. The ability to research relationships between different cultures from multiple angles while understanding that cultures are diverse and mutually affect one another, resulting in cultural transformation.
2. The ability to carry out interdisciplinary research informed by a high degree of specialization.

Department of Culture and Globalization

1. The ability to tackle various issues that today's global society is facing, with a deep understanding of the dynamics of linguistic communication and information technology.
2. The ability to carry out interdisciplinary research informed by a high degree of specialization.

Doctoral Program

The Doctoral programs at Kobe University's Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, in response to the challenges that accompany modern society's globalization, aim to produce graduates who have a deep understanding of intercultural phenomena and flexible communication skills, as well as strong scholarship and creative research skills. In order to achieve these objectives, the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies awards doctor's degrees (PhDs) according to the following policy.

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

The Graduate School of Intercultural Studies awards degrees as follows, based on Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students are enrolled in a doctoral program at the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies for a period of three years or more. They must obtain the prescribed credits required to complete the course, receive the required research guidance, and pass final examinations as well as a review of their doctoral thesis. It may be possible for students with excellent research results to complete their studies in a shorter period.
- Prior to completing postgraduate study, students are expected to acquire the following skills in addition to the capabilities set out in Kobe University Diploma Policy.

Department of Cultural Interaction

1. The ability to independently explore cutting-edge fields in cultural research, investigating the structure and dynamics of various cultures that are transformed as they mutually affect one another in diverse ways.
2. The ability to carry out cross-disciplinary research informed by a high degree of specialization.

Department of Culture and Globalization

1. The ability to research the globalized modern world from multiple angles, addressing various issues in linguistic communication and information technology.
2. The ability to carry out cross-disciplinary research informed by a high degree of specialization.