



YNU
YOKOHAMA National University

INTERNATIONAL Ph.D. PROGRAM in Economics



Get your Ph.D. in Economics

... in Japan
... in English

The Graduate School of International Social Sciences at Yokohama National University, located in the second largest metropolis in Japan, offers a Ph.D. program in economics taught entirely in English.



All
English



The program provides students with academic knowledge and tools in economic theory and empirics of the highest global standards, and at the same time is well-grounded in policy-relevance. We seek motivated students from all over the world, who are eager to work as academic researchers, specialists or professionals in the international arena.

Small
Classes



About

Yokohama National University (YNU) was established in 1949 and now has five undergraduate colleges: Economics, Business Administration, Engineering Science, Education and Urban Sciences. There are six graduate schools, one of which is the Graduate School of International Social Sciences (GSISS), home to the International Ph.D. Program in Economics.

YNU is a leading national university in Japan, with a student population of over 9,000. Both YNU and the city of Yokohama are very cosmopolitan. YNU has almost 700 international students and has agreements with nearly 144 universities from 43 countries.



As the second largest metropolis in Japan, and only 30 minutes or so by train from the heart of Tokyo, Yokohama has much to offer. Also, Haneda International Airport is only 20 minutes from downtown Yokohama, and is a gateway to the rest of Asia. Since 2012, more international flights have been added, reinforcing its position as an international hub.

The campus itself is nestled in the hills surrounding Yokohama, approximately five kilometers from downtown. Situated in a tree-filled campus, YNU offers some seclusion from the hustle and bustle of dynamic Yokohama which is only a 15 minute bus or subway ride away.



Faculty Profile

Ph.D.s

from US and Japanese
graduate schools
in economics

Over 25 years of

experience in running
international programs

for the Joint Japan/World Bank
Graduate Scholarship Program
[JJWBGSP] among others

Publication in top academic journals

Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, International Economic Review, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, Games and Economic Behavior, etc.



10th

in the Tilburg University
Top Japanese Economics
Schools Research Ranking

based on research contributions
2016-2020.

Ph.D. in Economics Program Requirements

The Ph.D. in Economics requires successful completion of 20 credits or more from the courses listed below and the successful proposal, submission and oral defense of a doctoral dissertation. Entry into the Ph.D. program typically presumes the student already has a two-year Master's degree. As such, students ideally can finish their Ph.D. in three years at YNU. The Ph.D. program is organized around three areas of specialization: (A) International Economics; (B) Data Analytics; (C) International Political Economy. The table below gives a suggested series of courses the prospective student might take, depending on their path.

Category	Course Name	Credit	Path A	Path B	Path C
Lectures	Modern Macroeconomic Analysis	2			
	Game Theory with Applications to Economics	2			
	Mathematical Statistics	2		2	
	Advanced Econometrics	2		2	
	Monetary Economics	2			
	Market Design	2			
	Comparative Study of Public Finance	2			2
	Advanced Labor Economics	2			
	Economic Analysis of Organizations and Networks	2			
	Topics in Quantitative Macroeconomics	2	2	2	
	Applied Theory and Statistical Methods	2	2	2	
	Advanced Empirical Analysis of Economic Systems	2			2
	Structure and Dynamics of Developing Economies	2			2
	Statistical Systems	2			2
	Advanced International Finance	2	2		
	Advanced International Trade	2	2		

Category	Course Name	Credit	Path A	Path B	Path C
Non-Lectures	Seminar I a	2	2	2	2
	Seminar I b	2	2	2	2
	Seminar II a	2	2	2	2
	Seminar II b	2	2	2	2
	Workshop I	1	1	1	
	Workshop II	1	1	1	
	Workshop III	1			1
	Workshop IV	1			1
	Field Work I	1			
	Field Work II	1			
	Research Practicum I	2	2	2	2
	Research Practicum II	2	2	2	2
	Research Practicum III	2	2	2	2
	Research Practicum I	2	2	2	2
	Research Practicum II	2	2	2	2
Research Practicum III	2	2	2	2	
GSISS Joint Courses	Thesis Writing	2			
	Presentation and Discussion Skills	2			

Job Placement

23 Graduates from Ph.D. Program 2016-2022

1 employed by a university in Japan	1 employed by the World Bank
5 employed by universities in their home countries	1 employed by a think-tank in Japan
1 employed by a university in the US	5 employed by think-tanks in their home countries
2 employed in the private sector in Japan	2 preparing for job search
	5 other/unknown

Scholarships

The International Ph.D. Program in Economics was selected as one of the International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP) by MEXT. MEXT will allocate scholarships and international travel funding to Japan for three students admitted in Fall 2023 and onwards. In addition, the PGP scholarship recipients will receive a tuition waiver from YNU. The PGP scholarship provides a monthly stipend of 148,000 yen (subject to change) for three students for up to three years of study (contingent upon excellent academic performance). Students graduating from universities with academic exchange agreements with YNU will be given preferential treatment in the selection process. The PGP scholarship recipients will receive priority in their housing application for a furnished room with internet connection in the Ooka International Residence (about a 40-minute commute from YNU) or the Tokiwadai International Residence located on campus.



Application

It is easy to apply to our program and scholarships. You can apply via the Internet. In the first stage, we screen applicants based on documents submitted. We then conduct VoIP Phone interviews in the second and final stages. There is no minimum GPA required. We require a minimum score of one of the following: TOEFL iBT (79), PBT (550), IELTS academic (6.5), or Duolingo (105). The English language requirement will be waived if you have completed your bachelor study or master's degree study with English as the medium of instruction within the last 5 years in the following countries: US, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, or South Africa. Regarding the GRE, we look at the GRE Quantitative Reasoning scores only. There is no need for you to come to Japan for handling these procedures until enrollment.





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Visit the program's website for further details.

<https://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html>

