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大学院社会文化科学研究科

OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

● Master Program

Socio-Cultural Basics Sciences

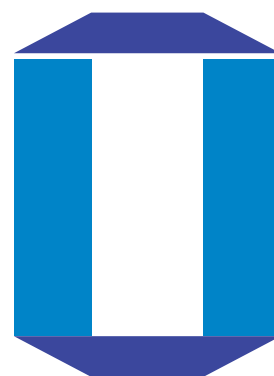
Comparative Socio-Cultural Sciences

Public Policy Sciences

Management Sciences in Organization

● Doctoral Program

Socio-Cultural Sciences



OKAYAMA UNIV.

GLOBAL GATE FOR LEARNING



Admission Policy

~ Policy of acceptance ~

Our Master Program provides interdisciplinary education covering a variety of academic fields. The goal is to train professionals and researchers to broaden knowledge in the fields of literature, law, and economics, so that they will eventually have excellent specialized knowledge in the field of their interest. Our graduates will develop their own perspectives and skills, and understand diversity in the context of global culture, and respond flexibly to our ever-changing society.

Our Doctoral Program is based upon the idea of “the creation of a symbiotic society.” We aim at advancing our research through various and interdisciplinary approaches.

We welcome applications from domestic and overseas individuals, who have achieved the basic knowledge in their field of interests, and who intend to conduct active research with strong senses of direction and enthusiasms to tackle the hitherto unknown of unsolved problems.

Organizational Management Sciences and Regional Public Policy Management in our Master Program particularly focus on applications from individuals who strive to acquire more advanced management skills to benefit organizations, such as enterprises, and national and local government offices.

Curriculum policy (curriculum organization and implementation)

Our Master Program offers a multidisciplinary, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary education. It presupposes that students coming to our program have been trained at undergraduate schools such as the Faculty of Letters, Law, and Economics. In particular, the Organizational Management Sciences and Regional Public Policy Management courses have been structured, as a part of their training, to include field experiences in the public sector and in local business.

In accordance with our “creation of a symbiotic society” mission, our Doctoral Program offers a variety of graduate education programs and also supports research taking a multidisciplinary approach, targeting cultures, organizations, individuals, communities, among others.

Entrance examination schedule/routine

From this year on, the screening for master's course will be held at each department and each course. Applicants may apply either for the “deep research studies program” or the “research program.” For our Master Program, applications are accepted in September and also in February according to the admission qualifications: general screening exams, special screening exams for full-time workers, special screening exam for professionals, and special screening exam for international students. We call for applications for our doctoral program (including those who proceed to the next level) in February. Detailed information on the entrance examination schedule, application guidelines and examination information are available on the humanities and social sciences home page. (<http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/hss/> "entrance examination information")

For those international students who have already finished (or are close to finish) undergraduate degree at universities that have agreement with Okayama university, a separate entrance examination will be held for both master and doctoral course.



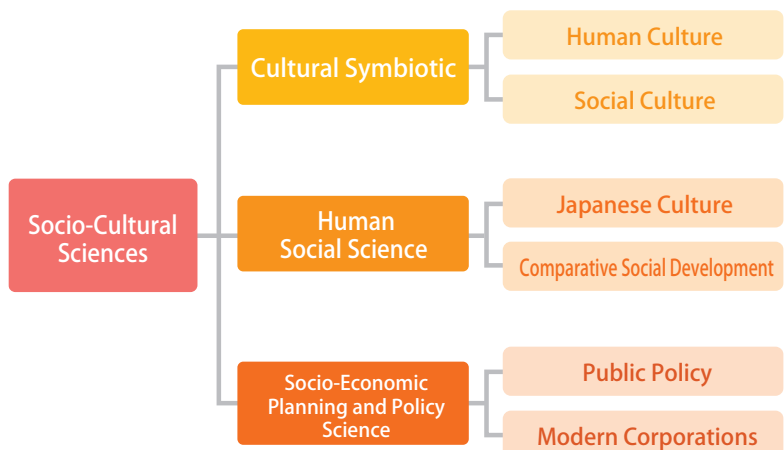
Master Program

Our Master Program consists of four departments: Basic Socio-Cultural Sciences, Comparative Socio-Cultural Sciences, Public Policy Sciences, and Organizational Management. These departments are serves as a continuation of undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Economics. Moreover, in response to the request for a new education today, we systematically provide comprehensive and multidisciplinary academic education.



Doctoral Program

Our Doctoral Program consists solely of a department of Socio-Cultural Sciences. This department itself consists of three programs: Cultural Symbiotics (Human culture and Socio-cultural theory), Human Social Sciences (Japanese culture and Comparative social development theory), and Socio-Economic Planning and Policy Science (Public policy and Modern Corporations theory). In accordance with our mission "Building a Harmonious Society", we promote multidisciplinary academic approaches to the research in cultures, individuals, organizations, and local societies.



Contents

~ The introduction of two new Master programs provides learning environments and detailed instructions ~

▶ Learn the basics of humanities and social sciences through the common core curriculum

- Social and Cultural Fundamental Theory 1 for all 1st year students; first half of the first semester; 1 credit
- Social and Cultural Fundamental Theory 2 (literature; law; economics) ... according to the field of study; 1 credit

▶ Research deepening program/ Profound research program?

This program is constituted of taking specialized courses and seminars, and writing original academic master thesis.

It is suitable for those students whose aim is to acquire advanced knowledge and skills, technology and judgment in their specialized fields of interest, and for those students whose final goal is to obtain doctoral degree in a doctoral program. Primarily, it aims at training future teachers and researchers.

▶ Research program

This program is completed upon creating a research report related to a specific topic, enrolling in numerous, extensive courses and seminars on a specialized topic. The program is suitable for students aiming to acquire specialized knowledge in their field, or for overseas students who wish to acquire knowledge in a variety of fields, starting with Japanese language and society. Primarily, it serves to train professionals with a high degree of expertise.

- A master's degree is obtainable in either of the programs of Master program.
- Our program is suitable for working professionals:

┌ Classes in the day-time and the evening hours (some classes are offered on weekend)
├ Part-time registration is possible
└ Parts of our course are delivered through WebClass system

◆ for detailed information, visit the homepage. <http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/hss/index.html>

Research Topics

~ Specific research contents ~

▶ Ikeda family collection:

Okayama University Library possesses various material and belongings of historic Okayama clans, from festive clothing of Marquis Ikeda to Ikeda family collection of books. Ever since 1632, when the feudal lord Ikeda Mitsumasa came to Okayama Castle on his way from Tottori, up until the abolition of feudal system, for 240 years, many of these treasures were kept in Okayama university library. There are only a handful of places in the whole country where the official documents about feudal clans' affairs, and ruling the local domains are preserved, and Okayama university library is one of them. These valuable academic information resources are actively used in teaching undergraduate and graduate students. These collections are enriched with various documents from Mimasaka region, Miura family of old Katsuyama clan, and we continue with our work on investigating these regional materials.

Why don't you try researching the living history of the region here, based on these original texts?



Okayama University Library Collection

▶ Geography:

Today, as the globalization advances, the importance of research on local biological topography (region) is more visible. Issues and phenomena in regions caused by globalization become clear when local regions are compared. The comparative study becomes therefore important not only with different regions of the world, but also with the daily lives of neighboring regions. So far, in the geography domain of human behavioral studies, there have been many researches focusing on the local industry and regional cities, located mainly in mountainous areas, and studying their societies, economics, and cultures. Furthermore, the research is also encouraged into diverse geographic phenomena, targeting different industrial regions, such as Canada, United States, China, India, and Australia.

In recent years, our research environment that allows great freedom has produced a number of researchers at various universities. This optimum research is guaranteed not only for those interested in the dynamics of regions but to all people striving towards becoming a researcher.



Urban landscape Vancouver- study area

Study abroad system

● Okayama University short-stay study program

30 universities in 11 countries have agreement with Okayama University on short-term study abroad program. Our students are exempt from the tuition fee at the host university.

● International exchange program based on inter department exchange agreements

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences has agreements on international exchange with various overseas universities and is conducting active exchange programs. We practice a dual way degree system in cooperation with a number of schools in China, Korea and Taiwan.

● International exchange program based on the inter-university exchange agreements

By engaging the international exchange agreements with universities and research centers overseas we are encouraging deployment and acceptance of students studying abroad in various fields/ disciplines.

● Overseas Exchange Student Support Project

We offer scholarships to support those students who are superior in both academic performance and personality, as they are sent to study at foreign universities.



Partner university: China Jilin University

The voice of international students

「The merits of experiencing Japan」

My major at university was Japanese language. Ever since, I've learned a lot about Japan but always felt it unfortunate not being able to experience life in Japan. This time, I was fortunate enough to come to Japan and feel the culture at close, while also studying about Japanese law. It was precisely the student life experience that made possible for me to understand the relationships with Japanese people. Unlike before, I now have to actively practice language, classes, part-time job, lifestyle, among others in my daily life, but this is also one of the biggest advantages of a studying abroad. Fortunately, thanks to the cooperation of teachers and friends, I enjoy every single day here. I have already passed the exam to become a lawyer in China, but in the future, taking advantage of this valuable experience, I will search for an even better job in China.

Short-term study program, Shao Tingting (East China University of Political Science and Law)

East Asia Studies Centre

The center for East Asian studies has been established for the purposes of promoting education, and academic exchange between East Asia and its neighboring countries. Another aim of the center is sharing and dispatching of research results, as well as creation and management of an international academic network. International symposiums, support for exchange students, and those who wish to study abroad are also the roles of the center. This support consists of helping students on writing their thesis, introducing a language partner/ tutor, holding international parties and so on. Personal counseling for those who wish to study abroad is also possible.



During "East Asia symbiosis program." fieldwork

Employment of our graduates (for the past three years)

Master course

【Civil servants and teachers】

Okayama Prefectural Office, Hyogo Prefectural Government, Okayama City Hall, Tsuyama City Hall, Kasaoka City Hall, City Hall Kishiwada, Okayama Prefecture Kibi Ancient Cultural Heritage Center, Kobe City Board of Education, Okayama university commercial college attached high school, Okayama University of Science attached High School, Macue East High School, Manado National University

【Companies】

Aida Engineering, KaiTak, Okayama Prefectural Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Okayama Information Processing Center, Sanyo newspaper company, Kasaoka Chikyo Museum, Koji Miyake tax counselor office, Kurashiki medical co-op, Chugoku bank, Softbank, Okayama Central Hospital, Japan Post

Doctoral course

【Civil servants and teachers】

Domestic : Izumo City Cultural Environment and cultural properties division, Doshisha Women's College, Nagoya Economics University, Kurashiki city College Kitakyushu National College of Technology, Fukuyama University

International : Economic department of Japanese diplomatic mission in Poland

【Companies】

Domestic : MIMOCA (Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art), Ritsumeikan University, Kinugasa Research Organization

International : Democratic Progressive Party Central International Secretariat section, China Law firm, Jiangsu Law firm



Messages from Graduates

Let's hear the voice of graduates,
active in various fields !

Five years at Okayama University Graduate School

IWASAKI Mariko [Hachinohe Institute of Technology]

Doctoral course/ socio-cultural sciences major/ human and social sciences course. Graduated in 2011.



I majored in Japanese language history, and did my research on the topic of transition in the usage of adjectives and affix "like" (childlike, girly etc.) and "seeming, typical" (ladylike, typical spring etc.) Even though I wasn't a high achieving student, my teacher advisor waited patiently for me to advance in my research on my own. Through trying

again and again, and deepening my research little by little, I was even able to present my research and thesis at conferences and meetings both on and off campus. Also, while continuing my research, I was able to meet many esteemed colleagues.

Looking back at it now, I can say I've lived these five years with my whole energy, and I've been blessed with these surroundings. I was fortunate enough to be given a position to work as a researcher around the time I graduated. This too could not have been possible without the support of the people around me. Including the painful times too, I feel that I was able to spend my time productively.

Let's open up the area to talk about areas in the wheel of industry, government and academia !

KAWANO Yutaka

[social welfare corporation Okayama City Council of Social Welfare Secretary General]
Master course/ Public Policy Science major/ Regional Public Policy course/ graduated in 2010.



I am currently involved in the promotion of community welfare in Okayama City Council of Social Welfare, after retiring from Okayama City Hall. During my tenure, I was responsible for urban development and civil cooperation, and similar pioneering fields, without fully understanding it, so it was all through trial and error.

And now, a course for researching regional public policy has been established.

Thinking "this is it" I entered the school, and for the next three years I was able to share the same thoughts as local government officials, prefectural assembly members, and regular students. Together with the course teachers, we held discussions from various angles like law, politics, economics, management etc., and by actually doing fieldwork, obtained many useful ideas. Also, I was able to build a social network of people outside off work too.

Even now, every three months, together with the regular students, OB and teachers, I take part in a seminar or an area's Agora. I am very grateful that in these discussions we can touch on the trends of regional public policy.

To the working people who aim for MBA

HASHIMOTO Taishi [Chugoku Bank]

Master course/ organizational management major/ organizational economics course/ graduated in 2010.



To enter the Business School for the sole purpose of obtaining an MBA is not something I would suggest working people should do. Even though the classes are mainly on working nights or Saturdays, you lose a lot of sleep for doing homework and beforehand preparation. Also, the time you can spend with your family is severely limited. Furthermore, with such an absence of purpose, it is extremely

difficult to find a topic and complete a thesis.

On the other hand, to me, who wanted to solve the problems of work through research, business school became irreplaceable for my studying. The knowledge obtained through classes, and the papers of our predecessors, discussions with students from different backgrounds, and advice from our teachers with advanced knowledge in each field, all of that helped me learn and become aware of things that are not possible through simple everyday actions.

For businesspeople seeking knowledge, two years of learning in a graduate school will definitely be meaningful/worthwhile.

Win the battle with yourself

MACHIDA Yoriko [Sugiyama Women's College full time lecturer]

Machida Yoriko [Sugiyama Women's College full time lecturer]; Doctoral course/ Social and Cultural Sciences / Policy Sciences course; graduated in 2010.



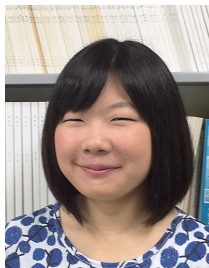
At the graduate school I majored in civil law, especially focusing on mortgage research. I would like to point out some of the benefits of this Graduate School: small number of students allows for a grater, more dedicated, friendly and collaborative mentors and staff; students enrolled here come from various different backgrounds and by studying with them your perspectives change and

widen. However, because many people gather here who have different purposes, it is necessary to really know yourself. When I was still in doctoral course, I received this advice from Dr. Henry A. Kissinger "go on by holding firmly onto your beliefs". This experience has proved very helpful in my current work as a university teacher. Research activities can sometimes be tough, but it's essential to keep on doing it. So, be ambitious and win the battle with yourself.

Rich academic life can be obtained through the relationship with people

SHINOMAEDA Sae

Master's course/ Socio-Cultural Basics Sciences / Culture and Representation Theory course/ enrolled in 2014



In my opinion, the Graduate School at Okayama University is a wonderful environment where one can gain necessary knowledge to advance in one's own research. First, you can of course gain immense knowledge through classes, and individual guidance from mentors, who are experts in their fields of study. You will also be free to choose in which way you will proceed with your research.

Furthermore, research centers and laboratories are places where you can work and study with other students, and even though your individual research topics may differ, by working together and exchanging opinions you create a warm atmosphere. You can meet exchange students and working people enrolled there, and through this exchange with them acquire valuable and versatile knowledge and information, that you would usually not be able to do on your own, and that is such a unique experience. Day by day, within the spacious green campus, I feel privileged to have become a part of such an environment and lead a meaningful academic life.

A great place for research

OGA Muneo

Master course/Public Policy Sciences, Legal Policies/ enrolled in 2013



I am currently a student enrolled in a special screening policy for working persons (judicial scribe). In my work, I often have a chance to meet and work with professionals and organizations such as lawyers, the court or regional affairs bureau. Most of the time, for this type of work a high level of legal knowledge is required. However, I have not studied law at university and do not possess such expertise. Besides that, I have

also felt the need to refine and improve my skills. At the moment, I am enrolled in a 3-year, long term program, and I must say that I have received guidance from my mentor more than I had expected, either individual or through practical courses with limited number of people. I believe that this is the best environment for one's research. It does not cover such a wide range that you would when studying for a license. Instead, it allows you to learn research methods, choose your topic and research slowly and deeply.

Fun and meaningful academic life

EKI Hodosan

Master's course/ Socio-Cultural Basic Sciences/ Economic Theory and Statistics course; enrolled in 2015



Being very interested in economics, after graduating from college, I have decided to continue my studies at a graduate school. I thought a lot about my future research topic, and upon deciding it, came to Okayama University. I must say that I was very anxious about my future life here; whether or not I would be able to live a fulfilling and meaningful life. Luckily, thanks to the teachers who are stern in pursue of truth, seminars with many fellow

students, and after reading many books from the library, I realized it would be possible to proceed with my research. Also, helpful staff, well equipped facilities, clean and comfortable library, provide a good learning environment. Furthermore, I can meet exchange students from all around the world and here their unique opinions. My academic life at Okayama University is fun and meaningful. From now on, I will continue studying hard without losing focus, and lead a student life with no regrets.

I am back !

TOMIOKA Fumiko

Doctoral course/ Social and Cultural Studies major/ human and social sciences course; enrolled in 2014



I graduated from Okayama University 35 years ago. At the Faculty of Law and Literature (now Faculty of Letters) I majored in psychology at the department of philosophy. Because I thought it logical to get a job after graduating, I did not think of proceeding to the master's course. But by working hard on my graduation thesis I was amused by the fact that I might one day join my predecessors, in new challenges, and while dreaming to

come back one day, I left Okayama. ... Time passed, and eight years ago, my husband's job brought us back to the neighborhood of Okayama University. During this time, while working as a Japanese language teacher, and raising 2 boys and 2 girls, questions piled up in me about the mystery of "language" and "humans". "Here is the chance, let's solve the mystery!" Okayama University is broadminded(?) and will accept such thoughts, unravel a bunch of curiosities and kindly lead, and watch over my contemplation (or stray?) which began with just the sticky notes of terminology. I am looking forward to our everlasting partnership...

Message from the Dean

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences was established for the purpose of succession and development of knowledge in the fields of humanities, and it also aims to return the knowledge to the region. The graduate school consists of two divisions, master's course (2 years) and doctoral course (3 years). If we go back to 1971, we will find the predecessor of this Graduate School: Graduate School of Letters and the Graduate School of Law. In April 2006, through the reorganization of the independent doctoral course of Graduate School of Cultural Sciences, became the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

At the basis of the graduate school stand the faculty of letters, the faculty of economics and the faculty of law, covering almost all the areas of humanities and social sciences.

In the graduate school, along with the deepening of the research in each of these fields of study, being comprehensive and interdisciplinary, we are conducting graduate education based on advanced research achievements. While enriching and deepening theoretical and fundamental academic concepts we are also working to create education with a deeper and meaningful relation to society.

Furthermore, being rooted in the region, this graduate school aims to nurture and train experts who would become the leaders of the community. We are aiming to train and develop, through master course's organizational management major (business school), human resources for companies and organizations in Okayama prefecture and neighboring regions. Also, with the course for Public Policy Sciences, we are heading for training of talented people experts who can plan and establish regional policy.

We have approached international exchange actively, signing contracts with many universities in Europe, America, and Asia, and by promoting international student and teaching staff exchange programs. In order to further promote exchanges with universities in East Asia, we opened the center for East Asia studies (international cooperation, education and research center) as an affiliate facility in April 2010.

The Graduate School, a home to a variety of disciplines, promoting international exchange and contribution to society, will most certainly respond to the demands and needs of those who aspire to do research in humanities and social sciences, those whose interests are closely connected to humanities and social sciences, and also, those who wish to improve their skills and acquire professional knowledge for their own work.

The Japanese society is now facing many difficulties: decreasing birthrate and aging society, regional depopulation, and the progress of globalization. It is certain the studying of humanities and social sciences, along with the acquisition of expertise, professional knowledge and skills is of a great significance to both the individual and the society. If you have will and motive to help society face these hardships, why don't you join our Graduate School? We will help you on your way of academic pursuit and ability improving.

Only you can open the doors to your future.

Dean of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences: Sano Hiroshi

Access



From Okayama Airport

- At the bus stop number 2, take Oka-den bus - Chutetsu bus, to the West Exit of Okayama Station (Okayama Eki Nishi Guchi yuki). Get off at the bus stop OKAYAMA EKI NISHI GUCHI. Take the public transportation from there (see below).

From JR Okayama station

- West Exit of Okayama Station: Take Oka-den bus number 47, "Okayama Rika Daigaku yuki". Get off at the bus stop OKADAI-NISHIMON (West Gate of Okayama University). Walk approximately 2 minutes to the university gate.
- East Exit of Okayama Station: Take Oka-den Myozenji bus line, "Myozenji - Okayama Daigaku yuki". Get off at bus stop OKADAI-NISHIMON (West Gate of Okayama University). Walk approximately 2 minutes to the university gate.
- East Exit of Okayama Station: Take Oka-den Higashiyama Bus Line, "Tsudaka Eigyou Shogyo yuki". Get off at the bus stop "OKAYAMA DAIGAKU SUJI". Walk approximately 9 minutes to the university west gate.

※ These buses you can also use from the JR "Hokuriku station", Tsuyama-line. (Get on the bus stop "Hokuriku Eki Mae")



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