International Programs in Law - Fact Sheet

Doctoral & Master's Level Programs

LL.D. (Doctor of Laws)
- Doctoral Program: 3+ years, October entry, 300 pages+ doctoral thesis written in English in any field of law.
- JICA KCCP Doctoral Program: 3+ years, October entry, doctoral thesis in English whilst working in home country, supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

LL.M. (Master of Laws)
- LL.M. Program: established in 1994, 1-year program, October and April entry, taught entirely in English, dynamic curriculum plus 50+ pages thesis.
- Young Leaders’ Program (YLP) in Law: 1-year program for government officials & legal professionals from designated countries, October entry, taught in English, internship program with law firms, Japanese government scholarships.
- Bilingual Program in Law (BiP): 1-2 years program for Japanologists with non-legal background; April or October entry, thesis written in Japanese and English plus participation in undergraduate seminar.
- JDS Program: 2 years, October entry, coursework plus 70+ pages thesis, JICA sponsored for public officials from selected Asian countries.
- “Double Degree” Programs: Partnering with Master's programs at selected universities.
- Lifelong Learning Program: 1-2 years part-time program, April or October entry for Japanese nationals, taught entirely in English.

Global Vantage (GV) Program (Undergraduate Program in Law)
Japanese undergraduate (AO Entry) law program offering Japanese nationals the opportunity to enroll on LL.M.

Curriculum
Faculty
Diverse faculty of Japanese & international professors, including Ryu Kojima (Director of International Programs, specializing in intellectual property law); Toshiyuki Kono (Executive Vice President of Kyushu University, specializing in private international law), Kinji Akashi (public international law); Mark Fenwick (transnational business law); Han Sang Hee (public international law & international relations); Mariko Igimi (Roman law); Caslav Pejovic (transnational business law); Shinto Teramoto (intellectual property law); Minoru Tokumoto (company law); Kentaro Hirayama (competition law); Hideaki Irie (mediation & conflict management); Robert Lindner (international relations); Satoshi Narihara (information law); Steven Van Uytsel (competition law); Ren Yatsunami (private international law); Julia Yu (commercial arbitration and investment law); Edward Boyle (politics and border studies).

Visiting Professors
Recent visiting professors include Prof. Jurgen Basedow (Max Plank Institute for Comparative & Private International Law); Prof. Jane Ginsburg (Colombia University Law School); Prof. Nikolas Forgo (University of Vienna), Prof. Yeow Choy Choong (University of Malaya), Prof. Erik Vermeulen (Tilburg University & Philips Lighting).

Alumni Network
As of October 2020, there are a total of 693 graduates from 58 countries, including 42 LL.D. graduates from 18 countries; 413 LL.M. graduates from 58 countries; 211 YLP graduates from 15 countries; and 27 BiP graduates from 9 countries). Prominent alumni of international programs include: Pakistan’s Ambassador to Japan; Former Mongolian Minister of Mining; Ambassador to the UN Delegation (Mongolia); Vice Minister of Justice (Vietnam); Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; & an LL.D. graduate appointed as Associate Professor in Kyushu University, Faculty of Law.

Events & Publications
Recent workshops hosted on International Arbitration, Leniency in Competition Law, Fintech in Asia, & Autonomous Vehicles.

The faculty also has a publication series with Springer, Perspectives in Law, Business & Innovation:  

Further Information
Including contact details, full eligibility requirements, financial support, application materials, faculty information & course syllabuses:  
http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programsinenglish/