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Bilingual LL.M. Program 2027-2028
バイリンガル　プログラム

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九州大学大学院法学府国際コース



OVERVIEW

The Bilingual Master's (LL.M.) degree program in Law (BiP) offers students the unique opportunity to engage in graduate level study of law in a "bilingual" environment at a law faculty in Japan.

The program is designed for students who already have a solid foundation in the Japanese language but wish to improve their Japanese language ability whilst at the same time engaging in classroom study and supervised research across a wide range of subjects in the fields of law and political science.

BiP is principally intended for lawyers and/or Japanologists interested in:

- Obtaining a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and society through the study of historical and contemporary issues in Japanese law & politics;
- Preparing for a legal career in Japan or connected to Japan by studying Japanese and international business law, and participating in an internship program at international law firms, companies and government agencies;
- Learning more about Japan's East Asian neighbours and locating Japan in the regional context;
- Improving Japanese language ability by studying law in Japanese, as well as attending regular language courses.

Please note BiP requires a high level of Japanese. Please check the following URL (Section 8 FAQ) for further information:

http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programsinenglish/html/programs-admissions/academic-programs/bip-ll-m/

概要

LL.M.バイリンガル・プログラム（BiPプログラム）は、日英二ヶ国語によって大学院レベルの法学研究に取り組める、他にはみられない機会を提供する。

このプログラムでは、法学および政治学の分野において、広範囲に渡る主題に関するクラスルーム学習と指導教員の下での研究に取り組むほか、既に日本語の基礎力を身につけているがその日本語能力の一層の向上を目指す学生には最適のプログラムである。

BiPプログラムは、主に次の点に興味がある法律家や日本学専攻者を対象とする。

- 日本の法学・政治学における歴史的・現代的諸問題の研究を通して、日本文化や社会についてのより深い理解を得ること。
- 日本の取引法や国際取引法などを学ぶことにより、日本との繋がりや、日本でのリーガルキャリアを積む準備をすること、そして、国際法律事務所、会社、政府系機関などのインターンシップに参加すること。
- 東アジアの近隣諸国に関する知識を深め、地域的背景に日本を位置づけること。
- 日本語で法学を学び、また日本語コースに出席することによって、専門性の高日本語能力を上達させること。

BiP KEY POINTS

Flexible curriculum comprising courses taught in Japanese and English

All students are expected to complete a 20-credit coursework requirement (approximately 5 semester length courses over one year/two semesters). Courses may be chosen from a wide selection offered by the Faculty of Law in both Japanese and English.

A full list of courses is available at:

Courses in Japanese: https://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/graduate/study/

Courses in English: : https://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programsinenglish/html/ programs-admissions/courses/

Master's thesis written in Japanese or English

In addition to coursework, all BiP students are also expected to complete a 50 pages Master's thesis under the supervision of two faculty members. The thesis may be on any topic within the fields of law, and written in English or Japanese. Students are also expected to complete a 20 pages summary of the thesis in the other language. As part of the thesis requirement, all BiP students are expected to participate in an undergraduate seminar class connected to the thesis topic. This class is taught entirely in Japanese.

Japanese language courses for all ability levels, as well as other languages

Kyushu University's International Student Center offers an extensive selection of Japanese language courses that are available at no extra cost to all BiP Students.

For more information, see: http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/center/f/japanese.html

Faculty of Languages and Cultures also offers classes.

For more information, see: http://www.flc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/cms5

Biannual admissions and option to extend period of study from 12 months to 18 or 24 months BiP is taught on a full time basis and takes a minimum of 12 months for completion. Students are admitted in April and October every year. Students have an option to extend the period of study for an additional 6 or 12 months (one or two semesters).



九州大学のBIPプログラムで過ごした日々は、私にとってとても豊かで心満たされる時間でした。英語プログラムを中心に学びながらも、学部の授業やゼミにも参加することで、多様な世界に触れることができました。

世界中から集まったクラスメートは、実務経験を持つ人も多く、それぞれの国や文化の背景を語ることで多様な価値観や視点に出会い、自分の世界が広がっていくのを実感しました。また、学部の学生たちと共に発表準備を行い、世界遺産関連のゼミ合宿に参加することで、日本の奥深さや日常生活に根付く伝統に触れ、貴重な体験を得ることができました。

先生方のあたたかなご指導を受け、学術会議のお手伝いや大手法律事務所でのインターンに参加する貴重なチャンスをいただくことができました。政府プロジェクトでは、英語プログラムの学生の通訳を務め、日本の裁判制度や弁護士会の仕組みを内側から学ぶことができました。

BIPプログラムは、海外留学や国際大会参加など、多くの貴重な機会を提供しています。現在、私は英語と日本語を活用しながら、国際案件やM&A業務に携わっており、学生時代に築いた経験が今の自分の基盤となっています。九州大学の卒業生であり、英日バイリンガルのBIPプログラムに参加できたことを心から誇りに思っています。

Linlin Wang / リンリン・ワン
(BiP 2016, Kyushu University, Faculty of Law)

BiPプログラムのキーポイント

日本語および英語で行われる講義科目から構成される柔軟なカリキュラム

学生は学習課程において20単位（1年/2学期制、学期毎に約5つの講義科目）を取得す る必要がある。受講科目は、日本語又は英語で行われている法学部の豊富なカリキュラ ムから選択することができる。

講義科目一覧は、次の URL から閲覧できる。

日本語による講義科目：https://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/graduate/study/

英語による講義科目：https://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programsinenglish/html/programs-admissions/courses/

日本語又は英語で執筆する修士論文

全てのBiPプログラム学生は、20単位分の講義科目の履修に加え、2名の指導教員の指 導の下に、50ページの修士論文を執筆しなければならない。修士論文は、英語又は日 本語で執筆し、法学の分野に関連するならばテーマ選択は自由にできる。これと並ん で、修士論文で用いた言語とは異なるもう一方の言語によって20ページの要旨を執筆 しなければならない。修士論文の要件を満たすために、論文のテーマに即した学部ゼ ミに参加しなければならない。そのゼミは完全に日本語で行われる。

レベルに応じた日本語講座、及びその他の言語

九州大学留学生センターは、BiPプログラム学生には追加料金なしで、幅広いさまざま な日本語講座を提供している。詳細は次のホームページの通り。

http://www.isc.Kyushu-u.ac.jp/center/f/japanese.html

また、九州大学大学院言語文化研究院もさまざまな言語学講座を提供している。詳細は次のホームページの通り。 http://www.flc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/cms5

年2回の入学選考、および12ヶ月間から18又は24ヶ月間への研究期間延期の選肢 BiPプログラムはフルタイムの課程の基に構成され、12ヶ月間で修了することを基本と する。入学時期は毎年4月および10月の2回。教員会議の議を経て、研究期間を6ヶ 月又は12ヶ月間（1又は2学期間）延長することも可能である。



九州大学を卒業後、私は新たに得た経験、友人や同僚との国際的なネットワーク、そして貴重な専門知識と知識を詰め込んだバッグパックを持って、母国ベルギーに帰国しました。

私はコンサルタントとしてプライスウォートハウスクーパース（PwC）のネットワークに参加し、主にトヨタ自動車やAGCといった日本の多国籍企業を担当しました。日本の経営陣と直接コミュニケーションをとり、彼らの文化や価値観を理解することで、キャリアアップを図ることができました。その後、徐々にサーベンス・オクスリー法（SOX法）に注力するようになり、オーストラリアのブリスベンに移りました。PwCとデロイトで10年間コンサルティング業務に携わった後（その間、日本でもさまざまなプロジェクトに共同して取り組みました）、商業用不動産会社に転職し、現在もSOX法、コンプライアンスや規制関連の業務に注力しています。

何年経っても、BiPプログラムに応募したことは、学生として唯一無二の最善の決断だったと確信しています。プロフェッショナルとしてのキャリアパスを加速させただけでなく、福岡（九州）での楽しい思い出は、私の一生の宝物です。

Tom Dhaene / トム・ダン
(BiP 2011, Kyushu University, Faculty of Law)



WHY FUKUOKA?
WHY KYUSHU UNIVERSITY?

Located in the heart of East Asia, midway between Tokyo, Shanghai and Seoul, Fukuoka is the largest city in Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's four main islands. It is a thriving modern metropolis that has not sacrificed its unique local character and charm. Historically known as Hakata, it has long been one of Japan's key ports for commerce with the rest of Asia, and today the spirit of Hakata lives on, for the growing continental ties of recent years have enabled the city to establish itself as a major regional center.

In 2006, Newsweek named Fukuoka as one of the “Ten Most Dynamic Cities” in the world, identifying an energetic regional economy, excellent infrastructure, and the proximity and openness to Asia as key features behind its continued growth. In 2017, Monocle magazine reported a survey of world cities that ranked Fukuoka as the 14th most livable city in the world. Finally, Nomura Research Institute ranked Fukuoka second amongst 100 Japanese cities in 2017.

Kyushu University is the largest university in Kyushu and one of the most prestigious national universities in Japan. Founded in 1911 as one of seven original Imperial Universities, it continues to be a focal point for academic and educational excellence. Graduate study in Kyushu University provides well-motivated students with the opportunity to study in a dynamic academic atmosphere and to enjoy life in one of Japan's fastest growing cities.

And yet, perhaps the most important feature of Fukuoka for the foreign resident is its people. Known throughout Japan for their friendliness, the people of Fukuoka have long enjoyed good relationships with visitors from abroad. For the foreigners living among Fukuoka's 1.6 million residents, life is both comfortable and stimulating.

TUITION

For the academic year 2027-2028, tuition fees total around ¥900,000. The final amount for 2027-28 is available upon request after it is confirmed in Jan. 2027.

FACULTY

The Faculty of Law has a large and diverse faculty, with wide ranging research interests in all major fields of law and political science. Moreover, faculty members have a wide range of experience in business, the legal profession, government service, international organizations, as well as academia. The following is an indicative list of faculty involved in BiP. A full list is available at: https://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/general/staff/

Professor VAN UYTSEL Steven (Director of International Programs)
LL.B. (Antwerp University), LL.M. & LL.D. (Kyushu University), specializing in Competition Law, Product Liability & Natural Resources Law.

Professor FENWICK Mark
LL.B. (University of London), M.Phil. & Ph.D. (University of Cambridge), specializing in Corporate Crime and Transnational Business Law.

Professor HAN Sang Hee
B.A. & LL.M. (Korea University), LL.D. (Keio University), Ph.D. (Beijing University), specializing in International Law and Politics.

Professor HAZUCHA Branislav
MJur (University of Oxford), LL.M. (Comenius University), Dr. jur. (Trnava University), LL.D. (Kyushu University), specializing in Intellectual Property Law, Regulation of Emerging Technologies and Cultural Industries, Comparative Law, Empirical Legal Studies.

Professor IGIMI Mariko
LL.B., LL.M. & LL.D. (Kyushu University), specializing in Roman Law

Professor IRIE Hideaki
BA (University of Tokyo), MS (University of Tokyo), MA (Hosei University), Ph.D. (University of Tokyo), specializing in Conflict Management.

Professor KOJIMA Ryu
LL.B. (University of Tokyo), LL.M. (Harvard University), specializing in Intellectual Property, Cultural Policy and the Law

Professor TERAMOTO Shinto
LL.B. (University of Tokyo), specializing in Intellectual Property Law.

Professor TOKUMOTO Minoru
LL.B., LL.M. & LL.D. (Kyushu University), LL.M. (Yale Law School), specializing in Commercial Law, Corporate Law & Business Law.

Associate Professor KAWASAKI Kunihiro
LL.M. (University of Chicago), J.D. (University of Tokyo), specializing in Corporate Law, Commercial Law and Securities Regulation.

Associate Professor NARIHARA Satoshi
B.A. (Waseda University), M.S.I. (University of Tokyo), specializing in Information Law.

Associate Professor NISHIMURA Tomoumi
LL.B. & LL.M. (Chuo University), specializing in Philosophy of Law and Legsl Informatics

Associate Professor YATSUNAMI Ren
LL.B., LL.M. & LL.D. (Kyushu University), specializing in Private International Law and International Business Law.

Assistant Professor LEE Peter
LL.B. (Pusan University), LL.M. & LL.D. (Kyushu University), specializing in Transport Law, Maritime Law and E-Commerce Law

Assistant Professor LI Xiaorong
LL.M. & LL.D. (Peking University), specializing in basic theories of international tax law and international tax dispute resolution mechanisms.

Emeritus Faculty

Emerirus Professor AKASHI Kinji
LL.B. & LL.M. (Keio University), Ph.D. (Utrecht University), specializing in Basic Theories of International Law and History of International Law.

Emeritus Professor KONO Toshiyuki
LL.B. & LL.M. (Kyoto University), specializing in Private International Law and Civil Litigation, and Law& Culture.

Emeritus Professor PEJOVIC Caslav
LL.B. (University of Montenegro), LL.M. (Belgrade University), LL.M. (Kyoto University), Ph.D. (Zagreb University), specializing in Maritime Law, International Business Law & E-Commerce.



CAMPUS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Campus

The Graduate School of Law moved from its traditional location in Hakozaki to the campus of Kyushu University in Ito in the summer of 2018. Further details on the new campus are available here: http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/campus/ito

Library

The Law Library of Kyushu University houses one of the largest collections in Japan with over 310,000 volumes. It is particularly well known for its collection of international and foreign-language materials, and provides an excellent research resource for all graduate students.

Technology

Kyushu University provides wireless access throughout the campus. International students enrolled on a program at the Graduate School of Law are given access to the LL.M. Study Room, which contains a number of computers and network hubs for laptops. Students are also given access to an extensive selection of on-line databases containing both English and Japanese materials, including LEXIS/NEXIS & WESTLAW.

Health Care

All international students are obliged to join a national health insurance scheme. For a nominal monthly charge, 70% of health costs are covered by insurance. Students are free to choose their health care provider.

Student Supporters

All international students enrolled on a course at the Graduate School of Law will be provided with a Supporter to assist with various practical matters upon arriving in Japan.

Kyushu University International Affairs Department

International Affairs Department, Kyushu University is responsible for providing a range of services for supporting incoming students and researchers from overseas.

The International Affairs Department web page can be found at: https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/

Housing

Kyushu University offers a number of housing options. Further information is available from: supportcenter-est@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

APPLICATION INFORMATION

When to Apply

Students may enroll on BiP in April 2027, October 2027 or April 2028.

For April 2027 admissions, the deadline for applications is November 2, 2026.
For October 2027 admissions, the deadline for applications is May 6, 2027.
For April 2028 admissions, the deadline for applications is November 2, 2027.

Requirements for Admission

For admission to BiP, students must have or expect to have by the time of enrolment:

(1) An undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in either Law OR Japanese/East Asian Studies.
(2) A good command of oral, written and reading Japanese. Although there is no formal Japanese language requirement, an interview will be conducted with all candidates to ensure that students have the ability to fully participate in courses taught in Japanese. In addition, students will be obliged to submit a personal statement written in Japanese as part of the application process.
(3) A good command of English. A TOEFL score of 79+ (internet-based) or equivalent is required for non-native English speakers.
(4) Sufficient financial support for the duration of the program.

Application Form

Application forms and guidelines are available from the Admission Office of the Bilingual Program or may be downloaded from:

http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programsinenglish/html/programs-admissions/academic-programs/bip-ll-m/

Please write to the following address to request hard copies of the necessary application materials:

Admissions Office of the Bilingual Program
Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, 744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka, 819-0395, Japan, Fax: 81 [Japan]- 92-802-5407
E-mail: admission@law.kyushu-u.ac.jp

Candidates will be interviewed either by Zoom or in person within 6 weeks of the relevant application deadline.

Further information on the program is available upon request from: admission@law.kyushu-u.ac.jp