

## II. Curriculum

### 1. Basic Concepts

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The YLP in Law offers a diverse curriculum covering the major fields of law. The program has been designed to expose students to both theoretical and practical perspectives on a wide range of contemporary legal issues. As such, the program aims to provide students with the necessary skills for pursuing a law-related career in an increasingly complex global legal environment.

For an up-to-date curriculum:  
<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>

### 2. Courses & Thesis

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Students are obliged to complete a minimum of 10 courses and write a Master's thesis.

The following is an indicative list of courses offered in recent years within the framework of the YLP in Law:

- Legal Research Methodology and Writing
- Basic and Current Debates in Japanese Law
- Business Law in a Networked Age
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Comparative Perspectives on Corporate and Business Law
- Contemporary Issues in Competition Law
- Creative Economy and Cultural Diversity
- Creative Thinking
- Deals and Transactions
- EU Law
- Fundamental Issues in IP Law
- International Economic Law and Practice
- International Environmental Law
- International Financial Law and Regulation
- Information Technology Law
- International Law in Today's World
- International Maritime Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- IP and Private International Law
- IP Dispute Resolutions in International Matters
- Japanese Constitutional & Administrative Law

- Japanese Intellectual Property Law Practice
- Law and Development
- Legal Negotiation
- Mediation and Other Conflict Management Approaches
- Transnational Commercial Law and Foreign Investment Law
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- World Trade Law

### 3. Internship

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Each YLP student will be assigned to a Fukuoka-based law firm for around 2 weeks (in February - March) to experience legal practice in Japan. The interns will attend court hearings and accompany the lawyers for consultations with clients. During the internship students will visit other law-related institutions and will engage in discussions with serving judges.

Students are also provided with various summer internship opportunities at Tokyo based law firms and/or large corporations.

These internships provide students with the unique opportunity to experience international commerce and legal practice in Japan.

### 4. Additional Information

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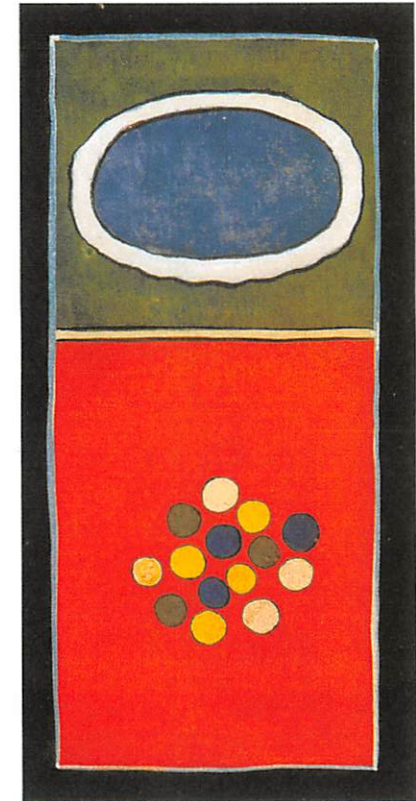
Further details on Kyushu University and the Graduate School of Law:

<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp>  
<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>

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## 2020 YOUNG LEADERS' PROGRAM IN LAW



Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science  
and Technology (MEXT)

# I . Overview

## 1. Objectives

The Young Leaders' Program (YLP) was established in 2001 as a one-year Master's program by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Currently, five different programs are offered in the fields of Government, Local Governance, Healthcare Administration, Business Administration, and the Law.

The YLP program aims to contribute to the fostering of future national leaders in Asian countries. In addition, while deepening the participants' understanding about Japan, it aims to form a network of national leaders who will play a key role in establishing friendly relations and improved policy planning among Asian countries, including Japan.

The Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University administers the "Young Leaders' Program in Law" under the framework of the MEXT's scholarship system.

In 2019, Kyushu University has invited 12 international students from 9 countries, namely Cambodia, China, India, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand.

## 2. Institution and Location

Kyushu University was founded in 1911 as one of the seven imperial universities in Japan. Today, Kyushu University consists of twelve Faculties with 19,255 students including 2,521 international students and 2,072 faculty members.

The Faculty of Law, with its outstanding staff and library, is one of the leading research and educational institutions of law and political science in Japan. The faculty is well known for the historical and comparative research in which its members have engaged, aided in part by one of the largest collections of international and foreign-language materials for political science and social science in Japan. It has also taken an active theoretical interest in legal or political problems appropriate to its geographical location: i.e., those of Western Japan, especially Kyushu, and of East and Southeast Asian countries.

In 1994, we established Japan's first Master's program taught entirely in English, the LL.M. Program in International Economic and Business Law. In 1999, the LL.D. Program in International Economic and Business Law and a MA Program in Comparative Studies of Politics and Administration in Asia (CSPA) were also started. As a result of the success of these programs and the prestige of the Faculty of Law, Kyushu University was selected to host the Young Leaders' Program in Law.

Kyushu University is located in Fukuoka, which is the major center of politics and commerce on the island of Kyushu in the southwestern part of Japan. Fukuoka is an international city with a long history of mutual relationships with other Asian countries.

## 3. Participants

**i. Number of Participants:** There will be about 15 students accepted by Kyushu University in 2020.

**ii. Nationalities:** Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Korea, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, India, South Africa, Turkey and Bangladesh.

**iii. Age:** Applicants must, in principle, be under 40 years of age as of October 1, 2020 (i.e. born on or after October 2, 1980)

**iv. Academic Background and Other Conditions of Eligibility:** Applicants must have obtained a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university, and at least 4 years of work experience from the time of graduating to the time of application. The work experience must be in the applicant's home country in a law office or in the legal section of a company or government department. The work experience must also be full-time and after graduation from university.

### Other conditions:

- 1) Military personnel and military civilian employees registered on the active list are not eligible to receive the YLP scholarship.
- 2) An applicant who is already enrolled at a Japanese university is not eligible to apply for admission.
- 3) The scholarship may be cancelled if the grantee fails to arrive in Japan by the appointed date.

**v. English Ability:** A minimum TOEFL-ITP score of 550, TOEFL-iBT score of 80 or equivalent. Applicants are required to have the ability to join discussions and write papers in English without any supplementary English lessons.

## 4. Scholarship

**i. Term of Scholarship:** One year from October 2020 to September 2021.

**ii. Monthly Allowance:** In 2019, ¥242,000 per month (this figure will be adjusted in 2020 according to the approved budget.)

**iii. Transportation:** A tourist class air ticket to/from Japan.

**iv. Tuition Fees:** Participants will be exempted from university fees for entrance, matriculation and tuition.

**v. Accommodation:** The above monthly allowance includes the accommodation fee.

**vi. Others:** Students receive medical insurance.

## 5. Selection Process

Based on the recommendation of our counterpart institutions in the participating countries, Kyushu University will select initial candidates from among applicants by means of a review of the submitted documents, a short essay and an interview.

Those who have been selected by Kyushu University will be put forward to a committee of experts, established by the MEXT, for the final selection.

## 6. Application

More detailed information on application procedures is available at the Embassy of Japan in those countries that participate in this program.