

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.

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.
- JICA KCCP Master Program: 2 years, October entry, coursework plus 70+ pages thesis, JICA sponsored for young people who will forge further development in their home countries by providing basic knowledge about technological expertise in Japan.
- "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

High level courses offered in all major fields of economic & business law and related fields, including Transnational Commercial & Foreign Investment Law, IP Law, WTO Law, Creative Economy & Law, Competition Law, Commercial Arbitration, Mediation, Private International Law, Heritage and the Law, Law and Development, Public International Law, Comparative Company Law, White-Collar & Corporate Criminal Law, Law & Risk Society, and various fields of Japanese law.

Faculty

Diverse faculty of Japanese & international professors, including Steven Van Uytsel (Director of International Programs, specializing in competition law); Ryu Kojima (Vice President of Kyushu University, specializing in intellectual property law); Mark Fenwick (transnational business law); Han Sang Hee (public international law & international relations); Mariko Igimi (Roman law); Shinto Teramoto (intellectual property law); Minoru Tokumoto (company law); Hideaki Irie (mediation & conflict management); Kunihiro Kawasaki (commercial law); Satoshi Narihara (information law); Tomoumi Nishimura (information law); Ren Yatsunami (private international law); Peter Lee (transport law); Xiaorong Li (international tax law). Emeritus Professors: Kinji Akashi (public international law); Toshiyuki Kono (private international law); Caslav Pejovic (transnational business law).

Visiting Professors

Recent visiting professors include Prof. Jan Blockx (University of Antwerp), Prof. Edward Boyle (International Research Center of Japanese Studies), Prof. Yeow Choy Choong (University of Malaya), Prof. Nikolas Forgo (University of Vienna), Ms. Jing Gu (International Swaps and Derivatives Association), Prof. Megumi Hara (Chuo University), Prof. Kuniko Ozaki (Chuo University, International Criminal Court), Prof. Takashi Shimizu (The University of Tokyo), Prof. Sornarajah Muthucumaraswamy (Professor Emeritus, National University of Singapore), Prof. Simon Van de Walle (The University of Tokyo), Prof. Erik Vermeulen (Tilburg University & Signify) and Prof. Kamil Zeidler (University of Gdansk).

Alumni Network

As of April 2024, there are a total of 809 graduates from 64 countries, including 47 LL.D. graduates from 22 countries; 484 LL.M. graduates from 62 countries; 246 YLP graduates from 17 countries; and 32 BiP graduates from 12 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*:

<https://www.springer.com/series/15440?detailsPage=titles>

Further Information

Including contact details, full eligibility requirements, financial support, application materials, faculty information & course syllabuses:

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