



JICA-DSP



Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University



JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

Various universities, in collaboration with JICA, have established JICA-DSP among the graduate school degree courses they offer. JICA-DSP consists of class subjects pertaining to the development experience of modern Japan (including the experience of Japan's own development and of its cooperation with other countries through ODA). This program offers JICA scholars a chance to deepen their understanding of Japan's development experience in the respective academic fields.

Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS)

The Asia-Pacific region is increasing in significance in the fields of international politics, economy, society, and culture in the current global climate. Over the years, the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) has endeavored to build a curriculum that promotes comprehensive, cross-disciplinary research and education to address the diversity, potential, and challenges of the Asia-Pacific region beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries. The mission of the GSAPS is based on two principles: 1) to pursue academic research that balances global and regional perspectives in addressing the range of historical, political, economic, business management, industrial, social, and cultural issues arising among and across the nations of the Asia-Pacific region; and 2) to cultivate future professionals who are experts in their fields and who can apply their advanced training and knowledge to contribute broadly to improving the living standards and social conditions of individuals around the world.

Waseda University offers the JICA-DSP

<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/en/>

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

This program is designed to offer an understanding of 150 years of Japanese history. “Experiences in International Cooperation” and “Development Experiences” from “Meiji Restoration” will be taught to all students. GSAPS offers an interdisciplinary International Relations program that trains students in three areas of specialization: Area Studies, International Relations, and International Development/Policy Studies.



COURSE SUBJECTS

Japanese Experiences in International Cooperation: In Support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- History of Japanese international cooperation
- Assessment of Japan's development assistance in a number of sectors
- Critical analysis of Japan's contributions to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Discussion on potentials and challenges for Japan in supporting developing countries' efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Brief history and experiences in the development of related research fields in Japan

Japanese Development Experiences in the International Context: In Support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Examination of Japanese development and modernization experiences in various sectors focusing on international relationships
- Analysis of this theme by instructors from different policy sectors including industry, trade, ICT, education, health, and politics
- History of Japanese development
- Discussion on potentials and challenges of utilizing Japan's development experience in supporting developing countries' efforts to achieve the SDGs



JICA-DSP at Waseda GSAPS allows me to know more about Japan's development experiences and it was useful for me as one of the JICA scholars in Japan. Having work experience with JICA before moving to Japan was key in making my experience smooth.

The most interesting part of the course was the education lecture as it is my area of focus in my graduate research on one of the JICA projects on education in developing countries.

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