



DURATION AND LOCATION

Duration: 24 months

Location: My Dinh Campus of Vietnam Japan University

DEGREE AND QUALIFICATION

The degree of Master in Area Studies (Vietnamese Studies/Japanese Studies)

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Admission capacity: 20 students per intake

Admission requirements

- University graduation with GPA \geq 2.5/4.0 in majors specified in the program
- English proficiency requirements:
 - For enrollment: Level 3/6 (IELTS 4.0-4.5) in Vietnamese reference framework for foreign language (Circular No. 01/2014/TT-BGDĐT) or equivalent;
 - After the first year: Level 4/6 (IELTS 5.0-5.5) in Vietnamese reference framework for foreign language (Circular No. 01/2014/TT-BGDĐT) or equivalent;
- For students enrolled in the Japanese Studies: Level N2 of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or above;

- For foreign students or Vietnamese students who reside in foreign countries enrolled in the Vietnamese Studies: The Vietnamese Language Proficiency Test is required.

Entrance exam

- Open admission
- Entrance exam: application screening and oral test

Application documents

Visit the VJU website at www.vju.vnu.edu.vn or www.vju.ac.vn for admission guidelines and to download application documents



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"The master's program in Area Studies at Vietnam Japan University, which consists of Vietnamese Studies and Japanese Studies, shall equip graduate students with general, up-to-date and specialized knowledge to work in research environment or involve in practical activities associated with Japan and Vietnam."

The program shall provide high-quality human resources for policy-making, policy-managing and policy-implementing agencies. Students graduated from the program can also work at universities, research institutes, diplomatic agencies, international organizations, governmental agencies as well as national and international enterprises operated in the fields of culture, cooperation and development in Vietnam, Japan and the world"

*Prof. Dr. Sc. Vu Minh Giang, Vietnam National University, Hanoi
Director
Master's Program in Area Studies*



"With the tradition of more than 100 years of training and research in the fields of Vietnamese Studies and Japanese Studies, lecturers from Vietnam National University, Hanoi and The University of Tokyo will introduce the latest academic accomplishments in Area studies, which will help you to improve your work quality

and also contribute to disseminate the knowledge to the society, whether you are in Vietnam or Japan.

We assure you that the knowledge we have accumulated will contribute to the development of Vietnam and Japan. We welcome applicants from all over the world to join us."

*Associate Prof. Junichi Iwatsuki, The University of Tokyo
Co-Director
Master's Program in Area Studies*



Delegates attending the 4th International Conference on Vietnamese Studies at Vietnam National Convention Centre, Hanoi, Vietnam in November 2012



MASTER'S PROGRAM IN AREA STUDIES

The program is endorsed by:





EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The master's program in Area Studies at Vietnam Japan University (VJU) aims to:

- Equip students with an advanced knowledge of Area Studies (Japanese Studies/Vietnamese Studies) based on modern theories, an interdisciplinary approach and research methodologies which are used at leading Japanese and Vietnamese universities and institutes;
- Equip students with general, up-to-date and comprehensive knowledge on Japanese and Vietnamese issues (including the issues of social science - humanities and natural science, especially geography, environmental resources, sustainable development);
- Equip students with skills to use the interdisciplinary approach and the capacity to conduct survey, research, explicate the problems or/and phenomena arising during the sustainable development in Japan, Vietnam, and other areas.

After graduation, students will have the ability to undertake such positions which require synthetic and interdisciplinary research skills at international organizations, diplomatic agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, universities, research institutes, services and trading companies, especially Japanese companies. Students can also pursue PhD degrees at leading universities in Japan and around the world.

ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM

- High quality program; based on the curriculum of The University of Tokyo; modified to meet the requirements of Vietnam context;
- International academic environment with a minimum 50 percent of lecturers from Japan; modern facilities; participation in projects with well-known professors;
- Substantially subsidized tuition fees; full scholarships for outstanding students based on performance;
- Cost of four-month internship in Japan fully covered for 50 percent of students;
- Modern knowledge and skills in a multicultural context, especially Japanese;
- Opportunities to work in Japanese companies or further study at doctorate level at Japanese partner universities.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum consists of a total of 64 credits, including core courses of fundamental and professional knowledge, as well as elective courses in each specified field.

COURSES	CREDITS
General knowledge	
Philosophy	4
Japanese Language	6
Fundamental and specific knowledge	
Compulsory courses	13
Basic Sustainability Science	3
Methodology and Informatics for Sustainable Science	3
Academic English	4
Theory and Methodology of Area studies	3
Elective courses	20/40
Fundamental courses for Area Studies (elective)	4/8
Vietnam and Japan in the World I	2
Vietnam and Japan in the World II	2
Vietnam in Asia	2
Japan in Asia	2
Specialized courses for Vietnamese Studies (elective)	16/32
Diachronic approach	6/8
Vietnamese Language and Literature	2
Vietnamese Culture and Religion	2
Vietnamese History and Geography	2
Vietnam: Tradition and modernity	2
Contemporary approach	6/8
Politics and diplomacy of contemporary Vietnam	2
Economy and business management of contemporary Vietnam	2
Law and administration of contemporary Vietnam	2
Society and culture of contemporary Vietnam	2
Special lecture	2/10
Special Lecture on Vietnamese Studies I	2
Special Lecture on Vietnamese Studies II	2
Special Lecture on Vietnamese Studies III	2
Special Lecture on Vietnamese Studies IV	2

Special Lecture on Vietnamese Studies V	2
Integrated research seminar	2/6
Seminar on traditional Vietnam	2
Seminar on modern Vietnam	2
Seminar on contemporary Vietnam	2
Specialized courses for Japanese Studies (elective)	16/32
Diachronic approach	6/8
Japanese Language and Literature	2
Japanese Thought and Religion	2
Japanese History and Geography	2
Japan: Tradition and modernity	2
Contemporary approach	6/8
Politics and diplomacy of contemporary Japan	2
Economy and business management of contemporary Japan	2
Law and administration of contemporary Japan	2
Society and culture of contemporary Japan	2
Special lecture	2/10
Special Lecture on Japanese Studies I	2
Special Lecture on Japanese Studies II	2
Special Lecture on Japanese Studies III	2
Special Lecture on Japanese Studies IV	2
Special Lecture on Japanese Studies V	2
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Seminar on traditional Japan	2
Seminar on modern Japan	2
Seminar on contemporary Japan	2
Internship	6
Master Thesis	15

TEACHING LANGUAGES

Vietnamese Studies: Vietnamese and English

Japanese Studies: Japanese, English and Vietnamese