

## Program Overview (Development Studies Programs Offered by Various Universities)

Name of University	Rikkyo University
Name of School	Master of Public Management and Administration, Graduate School of Business
Features of School	<p>Master of Public Management and Administration Course (hereinafter referred to as MPMA) is a new program launched in September 2016. It is designed particularly for mid-career public officers to nurture and develop their capacities to review, formulate, manage, and evaluate policies and programs effectively to become leaders in the governmental and the non-governmental sectors. Our course is managed by the Graduate School of Business, which has been offering a successful English-medium master's program (Master of International Business, MIB) since 2011. Our course consists of two components to fulfill the master's degree requirement: coursework and thesis writing.</p>
Program Outline	<p>MPMA offers the two-year graduate-level education that develops the mid-career government officials who plan to study theories and quantitative analytical skills. We train competent, enthusiastic and responsible leaders in the government sectors, who can formulate development plans and policies, under the following principle teaching policy. We require our student to complete coursework and a master's thesis to fulfil the graduation requirement. More detailed outline is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the first year, our students are required to take at least five courses from the following eight courses: Mathematics, Statistics, Econometrics, Research Methodology, Microeconomics, Public Management, Public Administration and Public Finance and Budgeting. By taking these courses, the students can acquire fundamental knowledge in Public Management and Economics as well as data analytical skills. We also offer workshops on the widely used statistical software Stata regularly.</li> <li>2. In the second year, our students will take elective courses in the areas of public management, economics and business management. In these courses, they will acquire advanced knowledge and analytical skills necessary to analyze policy issues and formulate, implement and evaluate development policies and programs. We suggest the students pursuing this development issue to take several courses, such as Local Government and Public Services, Public Policy, Environmental Economics, Regional Economics, and Development Economics, jointly with the courses for quantitative analysis courses, Development Planning and Advanced Econometrics.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. In the elective course, the students can take courses such as Human Resource Management, Corporate Finance, and Marketing in the field of Business from MIB course, another course of our graduate school. These courses equip the students with the insights from the private sector. We believe that the students could more effectively communicate with, monitor, and learn from the private sector upon returning to their organizations after graduation. Besides, we invite the practitioners from the public sectors to deliver the lectures of Project Cycle Management and Public Private Partnership.</p> <p>4. Working on the master's thesis is one of the core components of our curriculum. The students work closely with their supervisor and advisor from the early to the final phases in their research work. Through the supervision, student can acknowledge research plan, literature review, academic presentation, and academic writing and obtain basic skills necessary for academic research (analytical methods and result interpretation). Our faculty members also encourage the students to publish their master's theses in peer-reviewed academic journals after graduation.</p>
<p>Outline of Subjects</p>	<p>“Development Planning”</p> <p>This course introduces several fundamental quantitative techniques and econometric models, essential for development planning and policy analysis in developing as well as developed economies. Topics covered in this course include the development planning process in Japan, the simple aggregate growth models, the multi-sector model (national and regional input-output models), non-parametric frontier analysis model (Data Envelopment Analysis).</p> <p>“Japanese Economy”</p> <p>This course presents a picture of how theory in economics relates to the problems, reviewing its development process in Japan, fundamental policy issues, and contemporary business environment in Japan. The ultimate goal of this course is to expand the student's analytical frameworks for the master's thesis.</p>
<p>related URL</p>	<p><a href="https://mpma.rikkyo.ac.jp/program.html">https://mpma.rikkyo.ac.jp/program.html</a></p>

Program's  
appeal



<Graduation ceremony>



<Field trip>



<Company visit>



<Class by Professor Kataoka>



<MPMA Study Room>



<Joint Seminar with the associated university>

Voice from student



**MUSUSU LINDA MWIMBA (Class of 2019)**

There we were, all 3 of us, from Africa- JICA sponsored. Every bit as lost and scared walking through the gates of Rikkyo University as vivid and real as the picture on internet. An amazingly beautiful place, so immaculate and organized. Hardly had we concluded pondering where to go than a heartfelt lady walked towards us asking if we needed help. Right on! Surprisingly, that is how systematic the university system itself is. Everything from orientation, registration, facilities and class is that organized and planned. No surprises at all, course outlines, expectations and lectures are delivered as advertised. Warm, helpful and accommodating staff all the way, surrounded by staff to help and guide you through. My campus environment and life has been so motivating. It flows right into class and helps me network and learn from both colleagues and the institution. My student life has never been better with an astounding library linked to internet systems that would have one access more than they could ever read, that is Rikkyo University, an academic world of excellence.