

Program Overview (Development Studies Programs Offered by Various Universities)

Name of University	Ritsumeikan University
Name of School	Master's Program for Economic Development
Features of School	http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsec/mped/about/
Program Outline	<p>With an awareness of the perspective from Kansai region other than Tokyo and unique geographical conditions of our campuses located in Kyoto and Shiga, we offer lectures about historical changes, current status and issues of economy, society and culture of this region in this program while considering them as a part of Japan's development process. As a result of this program, we expect international students to deepen their understanding of Japan and also to become individuals who can contribute to economic and social development with not only from the perspective from center (capital) of their home countries but also in consideration of local characteristics and strengths after returning to their home countries.</p>
Outline of Subjects	<p>1. "Japanese economy"</p> <p>This course covers various topics on Japanese economy. The course takes the forms of the combination of lectures and presentations. The topics include economic growth, business cycles, financial markets, monetary policy, public finance and so forth.</p> <p>2. "Applied Economics (Socio-Economic Survey) "</p> <p>In this course, students will acquire social survey techniques and will understand industrial development policies including small and medium - sized enterprises promotion policies with specific examples. This course examines the basic techniques of social surveys, including case studies of initiatives in Shiga Prefecture (Nagahama city, Otsu city, and Takashima city) and Oita Prefecture. The focus of this course will be on the role of the central government, such as the policies of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and the efforts of local governments. As a field trip, a visit to Nagahama is scheduled to learn how to revitalize the central city in Nagahama (held once after June) and share knowledge as a policy for local development in Japan.</p> <p>The students will also learn how to analyze categorical data using SPSS as an analytical method, as well as path analysis as a method for quantitatively expressing the interrelationships of observed variables.</p>

	<p>3. “Development Economics”</p> <p>The purpose of this course is to introduce students to issues and problems related to international economic development. Specifically, the course will discuss the characteristics of developing countries as well as alternative theories of economic growth. Next, the course will examine some of the dominant domestic problems faced by developing countries, such as poverty and inequality, low levels of human capital, environmental challenges, and government corruption, as well as different policies to resolve them. Finally, attention will be turned to macroeconomic issues such as international trade, foreign investment and aid, fiscal policy, and the financial sector, focusing again on policies that will promote growth. Within this framework a strong emphasis will be placed on empirical evidence that demonstrates what has worked and what has not worked in the past in terms of economic development. The students will have field trip and a guest speaker on the subject,</p>
<p>Related URL</p>	<p>【Syllabus】</p> <p>Japanese Economy https://ct.ritsumei.ac.jp/syllabuspage/a2/ed/58/00_pc_ja.html</p> <p>Applied Economics (Socio-Economic Survey) https://ct.ritsumei.ac.jp/syllabuspage/ae/ed/58/00_pc_ja.html</p> <p>Development Economics https://ct.ritsumei.ac.jp/syllabuspage/c0/ed/58/00_pc_ja.html</p>
<p>Program’s appeal</p>	<p>Last year (2018) I have chosen elective courses Japanese economy, Applied economics and Development economics. Before taking those courses I had some suggestions on their contents, but I did not know the full content of the courses. However, during the process of studying, I have realized how deep and interesting those courses are. I think it helped me to understand the processes and ways of development of JDS Scholar: Japan and other developed countries. I would suggest to all JICA scholars to join this excellent program to become a part of a big family beyond borders!</p> <div data-bbox="1129 1267 1449 1612" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>ABDUBALIEV Ernek (enrolled in September, 2018)</p>