



JICA-DSP



Master's Program for Economic Development (MPED), Graduate School of Economics, Ritsumeikan 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.

Master's Program for Economic Development (MPED)

At the MPED program at the Graduate School of Economics, Ritsumeikan University, students will acquire economic analysis skills, wide-ranging insights on growth strategies for developing countries and transitional economies, international communication skills, and a deep understanding of Japan's and Asia's socio-economic statuses. The program offers perspectives from the Kyoto and Shiga regions on historical changes, current status, and issues of economy, society, and culture. Through this course, students can deepen their understanding of regional Japan, learning to contribute to economic and social development in their countries with consideration of local characteristics and strengths as well, not only the perspective from the capital.

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COURSE SUBJECTS

Japanese Economy

- Overview of the history of Japanese economic development
- Existing Japanese economic theory and examples of economic development plans in local cities
- Outline of Official Development Assistance (ODA)
- Field trip to Shigaraki City to study the use of existing traditional economic activities for measures for promotion of regional economy

Socioeconomic Survey

- Social survey techniques
- Industrial development policies including promotion policies for small- and medium-sized enterprises
- Case studies of initiatives in Shiga Prefecture (Nagahama city, Otsu city, and Takashima city) and Oita Prefecture
- Role of the central government (Policies of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
- Efforts of local governments
- Field trip to Nagahama to learn how to revitalize the central city in Nagahama and share knowledge as a policy for local development in Japan

Development Economics

- Lectures on environmental policy and its progress in local cities in Japan
- Environmental response and development of environment-related technologies at companies founded in local cities in Japan
- Guest lecture by an environmental policy expert
- Field trip to an environmental measurement equipment manufacturer in Kyoto

The lectures were influential in shaping my thesis. The field trips, where we could see progress in environment-related technologies in different cities, were inspiring. During the past two years I have experienced exciting moments and the best study hours along with Japanese and international students. The time spent at the University was wonderful and filled with various activities. University life will let you learn Japanese language, culture, and traditions. New horizons and friendships were opened for me through the education at Ritsumeikan University.

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