

Program Overview (Development Studies Programs Offered by Various Universities)

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| Name of University | Toyo University |
| Name of School | Course of Regional Development Studies, Graduate School of Global and Regional Studies |
| Features of School | Please refer to the following link. https://www.toyo.ac.jp/en/academics/gs/ggrs/mrds/ |
| Program Outline | Based on the fields such as economics, sociology, engineering, political science, and anthropology, the course nurtures individuals with specialized knowledge and skills who are capable of solving various regional challenges on-site and bringing out and enhancing the attractiveness of the regions. Our students explore fields related to community development and regional development, aiming to pursue “regional development” that utilize the characteristics and resources of the regions while maintaining harmony with the natural environment. We hope that the research results of JICA international students studying at the University will lead to international cooperation and development of the country of their origin in various ways. |
| Outline of Subjects | <p>“Advanced theory on waterworks management” In this course, students will learn about the history of Japanese water supply business and its development from various perspectives, and discuss how to apply Japan's experiences to developing countries.</p> <p>“Advanced Theory of Disaster and Crisis Management” In this course, students will be able to understand the various aspects of disaster/crisis management for minimizing the damage of disasters through domestic and overseas cases including development experience of Japan.</p> <p>“Advanced Theory of Water Resources and Water Environment” In this course, Japan's development experience in a wide range of water problems such as the current state of water resources, flood and drought, water quality and environmental problems will be taken up to deepen students' understanding to grasp the world's water issues practically.</p> <p>“Advanced Theory of Environmental Sanitation” In this course, students will learn about waste management and pollution prevention policies taking as an example how to deal with the waste problems faced by Japanese municipalities from the 1950s to the 1970s.</p> <p>“Advanced Theory of International Economics”</p> |

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| | <p>In this course, students will learn about various issues related to economic development in developing countries.</p> <p>“Advanced Theory of Development Economics” In this course, students will learn the overview of development economics from the basics through case studies of support for developing countries in Japan.</p> <p>“Issues in Rural and Agricultural Development” In this course, students will acquire experience and knowledge of rural development in Japan and work on effective policies.</p> <p>“Advanced Theory of Urban and Transport Planning and Policy” In this course students will learn about transport planning and transport policy which are necessary for regional development and urban planning in Japan through lectures and presentations.</p> |
| Related URL | https://g-sys.toyo.ac.jp/syllabus/ |
| Program's appeal | <p>Aspire to knowledge while valuing the research field</p> <p>Modern society is literally full of information. If you have something that you don't know, you can look it up on the Internet quickly and easily, and then you may think that you understand the thing. However, it is not so easy to understand various things that are happening in the real world. You may see a very different image depending on the angle and approach you look at. Students of the Course of Regional Development Studies are offered an environment in which students can acquire the most appropriate approach to problems and develop practical problem-solving abilities while valuing the research subject (field.) Under such circumstances, we think that the significance of studying at the graduate school is to aim for new discoveries and the quest for knowledge.</p> <p>Chair of the Course of Regional Development Studies Ikuko Okamoto</p> <p>Message from Alumni</p> <p>Konnichiwa! I am Sotheavy from Cambodia. I successfully graduated with a Master's Degree in Regional Development Studies from Toyo University in 2020 under JDS Scholarship. This valuable scholarship does provide me the best opportunity to study in Japan. Therefore, I am thankful to JICA and JICE for having this scholarship. Through studying at the Course of Regional Development Studies, Toyo University, I have gained more confidence, competence, and changed my perspective from a practitioner to be an academic researcher. I strongly recommend this course to my friends, colleagues, or new students who look for an excellent opportunity to improve their knowledge and</p> |

research skill. Thank you!

Ms. Sotheavy,

Graduated in fall 2020.

My name is Petlisa Arata Jacob and I come from the tiny but beautiful and pleasant island of Nauru. As part of the JICA Pacific - LEADS program, I was enrolled into Toyo University's Regional Development Studies program. My studies focused on learning impacts of nutrition-oriented agriculture projects in Nauru, and being under the RDS program enabled me to achieve this goal. While studying, I learned many different subjects and took part in hands-on experiences. For example, as part of both the RDS program and JICA program, I was able to take part in an internship whereby I lived and worked in beautiful rural Japan to learn about sustainable agriculture. Learning about rural agricultural life in Japan allowed me to have a new found love and respect for sustainable farming. Furthermore, being a part of RDS put me in the path of meeting so many amazing people who guided me towards my goal; my amazing supervisor and co-supervisor, other professors who guided me through the two years of my Masters course, and with like-minded individuals who we each exchanged lessons and values learned that we could take back to our home countries. Two years of studying at Toyo University's Regional Development Studies program was an honour that I will always carry with me. To end, I would like to add a quote that I learned during my two years at Toyo University: "To truly understand people, we must see life through their eyes". My years as a student of the RDS program taught me that in order for me to truly understand if my studies would help people, I first needed to understand people and their needs. Therefore, I am humbled and honoured that I could achieve my goals with the help of the JICA Pacific - LEADS program and Toyo University.

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Thank you very much.

Ms. Lisa Jacob, Graduated in fall 2020