



# Kyushu University

Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Global Society

**Graduate School code : 23**

**Web site:** [<http://isgs.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>]

1. Graduate School code	<b>23</b>	
2. Maximum number of participants	Participants per year: 2	
3. Fields of Study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Science <input type="checkbox"/> Meteorology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Disaster/ Disaster Prevention Science <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Politics <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture (incl. Fisheries) <input type="checkbox"/> Geology <input type="checkbox"/> ICT <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others(Physical Geography, Coral Reef Geomorphology, Marine Environment, Tsunami Disaster Prevention )	
Sub Fields		
4. Program and Degree	<b>Program</b>	International Master's Program
	<b>Degree</b>	Master of Science
5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)	2 years	
6. Language of Program	English	
7. Desirable English level and Necessary Academic background	<b>Linguistic Ability</b>	TOEFL iBT:79 PBT: 550 IELTS:6
	<b>EJU, IELTS, GRE or else</b>	
8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)	Ideal	
9. Website	<a href="http://isgs.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/">http://isgs.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	
10. Professors and Associated Professors	<b>Name</b>	<b>Research Subject, Contact (e-mail), Special message for the Future students</b>
	Prof. Hironobu KAN	Research Subject: Physical Geography, Geomorphology Contact: <a href="mailto:kan@scs.kyushu-u.ac.jp">kan@scs.kyushu-u.ac.jp</a> Message: My research topics are coral reef geomorphology, reef development, and environmental change of the coastal area in the tropical regions (e.g., geomorphological studies of coral reefs and shallow coastal areas using multibeam echosounder and SCUBA diving surveys, reef coring by diver-operating hydraulic drill and reconstructing reef growth history using SEM-EDS, XRD and AMS dating, paleo-environmental studies using coral growth banding). More information at: <a href="http://scs.kyushu-u.ac.jp/kan/">http://scs.kyushu-u.ac.jp/kan/</a>

<p><b>11. Features of University</b></p>	<p>Kyushu University is located in Fukuoka which is Kyushu's largest city, and has 6 campuses (Ito, Hakozaki, Hospital, Chikushi, Ohashi and Beppu (Oita Prefecture)). Our university was established in 1911 as Japan's fourth imperial university. Since then we have developed as one of Japan's leading universities, and we are proud of many exceptional graduates of our university.</p> <p>Our university has been striding for internationalization and as a result, we were selected for inclusion in the Top Global University Project administered by MEXT. It is designated as a Type A(superior) grantee, the category for universities conducting world-class education and research that have the potential to be ranked in the top 100 institutions of the World University Rankings.</p> <p>For further information about the university, please refer to the website:  <a href="http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/">http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/</a></p>
<p><b>12. Features of Graduate School</b></p>	<p>The Graduate School of Integrates Sciences for Global Society (ISGS) was launched in 2014 on the previous Graduate School of Social and Cultural Studies (SCS), which was founded in 1994. ISGS is a unique interdisciplinary and international institution, offering a broad range of courses, which aims to break the barriers between the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Faculty from different fields routinely team-teach, creating a vibrant approach in knocking down disciplinary barriers. We aim to use this "integrative interdisciplinary approach" to analyze our earth as a planet and as the home for living organisms, and the society of humans who live upon it, by clarifying the past, approaching the urgent issues of contemporary society, and dedicating ourselves to the construction of a better future.</p> <p>Determined to follow the policy of diversification, the ISGS welcomes anyone who aims at a higher academic goal, regardless of age, sex, cultural and linguistic background, or nationality. Over 4000 students have studied in ISGS and SCS in the past 20 years. Currently, there are 129 students in the master program and 139 students in the doctoral program, and more than 50% of the students are from overseas. Our education goal is to foster professional experts and researchers who will support our society with a global prospective and possess high ethical standards. We hope our graduates have not only professional expertise but also a deep understanding and great awareness about society and the environment. Furthermore, while playing an active role in international society, our graduates should have a well-rounded education such as understanding different cultures and skills to communicate in various situations.</p>
<p><b>13. Features and Curriculum of Program</b></p>	<p>The "common subjects" that comprehensively cover various issues of global society and the academic research techniques to investigate those issues are compulsory for students of all courses. This is in order to resolve problems facing today's global society while critically scrutinizing and reconsidering the framework that has been the conventional basis of the academic field. In other words, by studying "Global Society Fieldwork Methods" and "Foreign Language Writing" subjects, students learn practical research techniques and acquire international communication skills enabling them to play an active role on the stage of global society. "Tutorials" and "Individual Research Supervision" will assist students in developing their unique research abilities. Furthermore, the course offers interdisciplinary introduction lectures as "foundation subjects" in line with the main themes of the six courses, in which students gain a new understanding of various problems of global society from more specific course themes, and also study foundational knowledge such as approach methods and theories and doctrines. Based on these common and foundational subjects, the study of "specialist subjects" will provide students with profound mastery</p>

	<p>in practical terms and in their respective fields of specialization.</p> <p>Students select at least three of the academic staff who will guide them in their research to form a supervising team. A supervising team usually comprises members with specializations in various fields, and research supervision is conducted from a broad-ranging perspective to support an integrated and interdisciplinary education.</p>
<b>14. Academic Schedule</b>	<p>(Autumn Entrance, 2017)</p> <p>Application Period: May 10 – May 16, 2017</p> <p>Interview: July 7, 2017</p> <p>Results Announced: July 31, 2017</p> <p>Registration: August 24 - 30, 2017</p> <p>Entrance Date: October 1, 2017</p> <p>Entrance Ceremony: . . . . October 2, 2017</p> <p>Autumn semester: October 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Classes Start: October 3, 2017</li> <li>- University Festival : October 6 - 9, 2017</li> <li>- Winter Holiday: December 26, 2017 – January 7, 2018</li> <li>- Spring Semester: April 1 – September 30, 2018</li> <li>- Summer Holiday: August 10– September 30, 2018</li> </ul>
<b>15. Supporting service to International Students</b>	
<b>International Students Support Center for Consulting or counseling about daily life, campus life, cross-cultural adjustment etc.</b>	<p>We have 'International Student and Researcher Support Center', which provides new incoming international students and researchers supports such as visa procedure, airport pickup, residential assistance (housing information), cooperation with international student support team and other assistance upon request.</p> <p>For further information, please refer to the website:  <a href="http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/">http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/</a></p>
<b>Provision of Student Dormitory</b>	<p>At Ito Campus, we have 4 dormitories for international students, which consist of several types of room like 1unit for 4 persons (international and Japanese students altogether). Each dormitory has a dormitory leader, who is in charge of supporting for daily life.</p> <p>For further information, please refer to the website:  <a href="http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/housing">http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/housing</a></p>
<b>Japanese Language Education Program for International Students</b>	<p>We have several Japanese Training Courses for international students, which can be offered at beginning and higher levels.</p> <p>For further information, please refer to the website:  <a href="http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/center/f/japanese.html">http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/center/f/japanese.html</a></p>
<b>Cultural Activities</b>	<p>Our International Student Support Center conducts cultural activities like tea ceremony, which can be provided to international students.</p>
<b>Any special attention to Religious Practice</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>facilities (Library etc)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Campus Shuttle Bus:</li> </ul> <p>Campus shuttle buses connect Ito campus with Hakozaki campus and Hospital campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Library:</li> </ul> <p>The library provides a variety of study spaces to accommodate diverse learning styles. It holds a variety of lectures and offers a full range of assistance in the form of study consultations provided by graduate students serving as library learning assistants-all to support students' active learning. With growing number of</p>

	<p>international students, the library also provides an array of services for them, from guidance for new students and lectures in English to abundant Japanese-language learning materials.</p> <p>-Counseling and Health Center: Counseling and Health Center seeks to maintain and promote the mental and physical health of students, staff, and faculty members at Kyushu University, to ensure that the campus is safe and comfortable for everyone, and to foster self-reliance and growth among students through the provision of counseling services. These services are provided by physicians, psychiatrists, counselors, and some faculty members.</p> <p>-International Student Center (ISC): ISC provides Japanese Language Courses for international students, counseling etc.</p> <p>-Sports Facilities: There are sports facilities on each campus, which are available except during the regular physical classes. There is also rental service of sporting goods and mountain climbing equipment.</p> <p>-Cafeterias and other stores: On each campus, we have student cafeterias, restaurants and food/book stores.</p>
<p><b>Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.</b></p>	<p>There is a support staff in ISGS who supports international students' school life, curriculum, daily life, etc.</p>
<p><b>16. Message to Prospective International Students</b></p>	
<p><b>Message from University</b></p>	<p>We hope that your academic activity and study at Kyushu University will be fruitful.</p>
<p><b>Voice of International Students</b></p>	<p>The study at the ISGS enabled to extend my Masters research studies done in the Micronesia to very similar environments in the subtropical area of the Japanese Nansei Islands. The priceless experience gathered during the research trips to several carbonate islands in the Ryukyus and Minami Daito island provided not only an excellent launchpad for my PhD research, but also a lifetime lesson about topics related to my specialty and beyond it.</p> <p>Alongside the research, ISGS provided invaluable workshops in English about public presentations, scientific writing, coexistence and synergy in a multicultural environment, and others related to general knowledge. Additionally, the vibrant international atmosphere within the school helps to make the daily life at the University very pleasant and nearly immerses you into a cultural experience through daily conversations and common lunch and tea time.</p> <p>I warmly, welcome to ISGS Blaž Miklavič</p>