



**Toyo University**  
**Graduate School of**  
**Global and Regional Studies**  
**Graduate School code : 50**

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<b>1. Graduate School code</b>	50	
<b>2. Maximum number of participants</b>	3 participants per year	
<b>3. Fields of Study</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science <input type="checkbox"/> Meteorology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Disaster/ Disaster Prevention Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Politics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sociology <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture (incl. Fisheries) <input type="checkbox"/> Geology <input type="checkbox"/> ICT <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others(Regional Development, Urban Development, Social Development )	
<b>Sub Fields</b>	[Engineering] Environmental Engineering, Urban Engineering [Agriculture] Agricultural Economics, Resource Management, Other Agricultural Fields [Others]Regional Development, Development Planning, Urban and Regional Planning, Energy, Sociology, Community Development, Rural Development	
<b>4. Program and Degree</b>	<b>Program</b>	Regional Development Studies / Master's Degree in Regional Development Studies
	<b>Degree</b>	Master's Degree in Regional Development Studies
<b>5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)</b>	Two years as a Master's Student or starting as a Research Student up to 6 months, then 2 years as a Master's Student after passing the exam.(Depend on the capacity of the applicants)	
<b>6. Language of Program</b>	(1) Lecture: All lectures in English (2) Text: English (3) Seminar: English	
<b>7. Desirable English level and Necessary Academic background</b>	<b>Linguistic Ability</b>	TOEFL IBT:68, PBT:520 or equivalent
	<b>EJU, IELTS, GRE or else</b>	At least 16 years of academic background or equivalent. You are to be Preliminary Screened for qualification in case you have less than 15 years academic career.
<b>8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)</b>	Before submitting application documents, you are recommended to inquire about your research theme/ plan in order to select an appropriate university academic supervisor matched with your research area.	
<b>9. Website</b>	(1) Graduate School of Global and Regional Studies <a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/gs-a/departement/global-and-regional-studies.html">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/gs-a/departement/global-and-regional-studies.html</a> (2) Toyo University <a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/</a>	
<b>10. Professors and Associated Professors</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Research Subject 、 Contact (e-mail) 、 Special message for the Future students</b>
	<b>AN, Sang Kyung</b> (M.Sc., Mr.) Professor	Urban Studies and Planning, Land and Housing Policy, Community Development and Planning  <b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> ask@toyo.jp

		<p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b></p> <p>My current research interests include community-led development process in informal communities in developing countries and issues in the area of inclusive urban development.</p>
	<p><b>ARAMAKI, Toshiya</b> (Dr. Eng., Mr.) Professor</p>	<p>Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Management, Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate change, Urban Environmental Management</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> aramaki@toyo.jp <a href="http://www2.toyo.ac.jp/~aramaki/">http://www2.toyo.ac.jp/~aramaki/</a></p>
	<p><b>FUJIMOTO, Noritsugu</b> (Ph. D in Economics, Mr.) Professor</p>	<p>Urban and economic geography, paying attention to a range of issues relating to global and national urban system, office location theory, city economies and national land structure.</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> fujimoto012@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b></p> <p>Urban form such as population, industry and landscape is the outcome of a complex mix of socio-economic and cultural forces and the behavior and intention of a great variety of actors. Let's study a key factor of dynamics and change of city, learning it with the theory of urban and economic geography.</p>
	<p><b>KITAWAKI, Hidetoshi</b> (Dr. Eng., Mr.) Professor</p>	<p>Water supply and sanitation in developing countries Solid waste management Appropriate technology in environmental management</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> kitawaki@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b></p> <p>I have working experiences in Africa, Asia and Latin America regarding environmental management. Students interested in solid waste management, water supply and sanitation are welcome.</p> <p><a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/orc/center.html">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/orc/center.html</a></p>
	<p><b>MATSUMARU, Ryo</b> (Dr. Eng., Mr.) Professor</p>	<p>As both natural and manmade disasters hinder the development process, "Disaster Risk Management" is one of main issues for development in developing countries to create the base of economic and industrial development. To provide practical solution for minimizing the damages of disasters, various and combined approaches from engineering to social science and policy planning to community development will be applied in my research.</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> matsumaru@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b></p> <p>The 2011 Thailand Flood greatly affects the global economy and industry as well as domestic ones, and this shows the necessity of considering managing disasters to avoid the negative impact to the industry and economy your country. Let's study and research together to create a country that would be a base of the development of industry and the economy.</p>

	<p><b>NUMAO, Namiko</b> (Master of Economics, Ms.) Professor</p>	<p>Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations, Local Public Finance</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> numao@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> My research field is local public finance, which includes local public policy, local taxation, and fiscal relationships between central and local governments in Japan. I am looking forward to discussing the roles and performances of local government in various countries with you.</p>
	<p><b>NAKAJIMA, Akiko</b> (Ph.D., Ms.) Associate Professor</p>	<p>Comparative politics, European and European Union studies, Welfare states, Third sector</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> nakajima@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> My current research interest includes social capital and Japanese studies from comparative perspective. I hope discussion on these topics make your research more interesting.</p>
	<p><b>OKAMOTO, Ikuko</b> (Ph. D, Ms.) Professor</p>	<p>Agricultural and rural development, poverty alleviation, resource management, Southeast Asian studies</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> okamoto025@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> In order to plan and design an effective rural development program, one needs to know and understand the social institutions and their mechanisms in each local society. I would like to encourage students to have a broad and deep understanding of the society that you plan to conduct research. <a href="https://ikukookamoto.wixsite.com/mysite">https://ikukookamoto.wixsite.com/mysite</a></p>
	<p><b>OKAMURA, Toshiyuki</b> (Dr. Eng., Mr.) Professor</p>	<p>Urban transport planning and policy, Public transport planning and operation, Environmental sustainable transport (EST), Travel behavior analysis based on behavioral and preference survey</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> okamura@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> Deep understanding and insight of people's trip behavior, activity, preferences and intentions are the key for planning urban transportation. I strongly request students to brush up a sense of planners and engineers as well as learning specific knowledge and methodologies.</p>
	<p><b>SHIMA, Norihisa</b> (Dr. Eng., Mr.) Associate Professor</p>	<p>How can we address the challenge of urbanization? Rapidly urbanization of most Asian, African and Latin American cities imposes complex issues on us all, yet conventional urban and regional planning seldom works to show the solution. Though field surveys recently in Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Zambia and Senegal as well as theoretical reviews, I am trying to answer the question.</p>

		<p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> n-shima@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> Have a strong motivation to upgrade the communities/cities/regions/countries you are living in. This is the first step for your successful research. Let's think about complex spatial issues together.</p>
	<p><b>YAMAZAKI, Yoshito</b> (Ph.D., Mr.) Professor</p>	<p>Community Design and Planning, "Machizukuri"</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> yamazakioo2@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> In Japan which the population and the birthrate decline, how will it be possible for local communities to raise the continuity without declining? I'm studying the theme.</p>
	<p><b>TAKAHASHI, Kazuo</b> (M.A., Mr.) Professor</p>	<p>Urban and Regional Sociology, Visual Sociology</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> k-takahashi@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> Sociological research on community development in Asian mega-cities has conducted in the fields of the urban poor communities focusing on the structure of community and the community networks. And also, "visual sociology" using visual representation has been constructing as methodology of sociological research.</p>
	<p><b>YABUNAGA, Chino</b> (M.A., Ms.) Professor</p>	<p>Social welfare issues are my main research themes which I try to examine from the perspective of social sciences and policy analysis. Design of institutional arrangements and cross-national comparison of welfare states are also my area of concern. I often conduct fieldwork in Nordic countries.</p> <p><b>[Contact (e-mail)]</b> yabunaga@toyo.jp</p> <p><b>[Special message for the Future Students]</b> I hope that I can share my knowledge and skills that I got from my ten years of experience at Tokyo Metropolitan Government with students. I was involved with the regional development plan-making, administrative management (in public health and sanitation), hospital administration and financial affairs between central and local governments in Japan.</p>
<p><b>11. Features of University</b></p>	<p><u>"One of the biggest-scale universities in Japan, situated in the heart of Tokyo"</u></p> <p>Toyo University is one of the largest private universities in Japan. It was founded in 1887 as "TETSUGAKU-KAN (School of Philosophy)" by one of Japan's most eminent philosophers Dr.Enryo INOUE. It was reorganized in 1906 and has since been known as Toyo University. In 2017, the University celebrates its 130th anniversary. Through this long history of academic contribution, the university has grown and currently, there are over 30,000 students in 11 undergraduate programs and 12 graduate school programs.</p> <p>Toyo University was selected as one of the "TOP GLOBAL UNIVERSITY PROJECT" by the Japanese government in 2014. Internationalization is one of the focuses of Toyo University, and currently there</p>	

	<p>are 592 international students from 31 countries. <a href="https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-tgu/selection.html">https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-tgu/selection.html</a></p> <p>The University has five campuses with the main campus located in HAKUSAN, Bunkyo-ward, in Central Tokyo. The Graduate School of Regional Development Studies is located in the HAKUSAN Campus.</p> <p>[Location]</p> <p>The University has five campuses with the main campus located in Hakusan, Bunkyo-ward, in central Tokyo. The Graduate School of Regional Development Studies is located at the Hakusan campus. This location is much appreciated by international students as it is convenient for research and immersing themselves into life in Tokyo.</p>
<p><b>12. Features of Graduate School</b></p>	<p><u>“Sustainable Development for Now and Tomorrow”</u></p> <p>To help resolve the increasingly complex issues on the international scene, the Graduate School of Global and Regional Studies is extended to prospective experts and leaders interested in planning sustainable regional development and community participation. The Graduate School devotes its efforts to field research activities and the education of students from all over the world within a passionate learning atmosphere where some of the classes are taught entirely in English.</p>
<p><b>13. Features and Curriculum of Program</b></p>	<p><u>“Over 30 Multi-national Students are getting together in a passionate learning environment”</u></p> <p>The Master Course of the Regional Development Studies Program has its academic basis in the Faculty of Global and Regional Studies, one of the leading educational bodies in Asia in the field of international cooperation and regional development. Currently 32 international students (out of 40 in total) from various regions of the world are attending the Graduate School of Global and Regional Studies. This multi-national student composition creates a stimulating learning environment to foster true global human resources.</p> <p>The teaching staff of the program are from various backgrounds: engineering, economics, sociology, anthropology, international relations, political science, regional and urban planning, geography, agriculture, etc., and their research fields cover a variety of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Many faculty members have practical working experiences in and with international organizations, local governments and private companies.</p> <p><u>“Privileged Learning Environment in English”</u></p> <p>Our program aims to contribute to the capacity building of foreign students who will lead their countries in terms of sustainable development. As the program wishes to accept distinguished students from as many countries as possible, it created a special course for the convenience of English-speaking students. As the research work in the course may involve field-work, students with prior work experience are most welcome. Our special course is the English track of the program, in which all the required credits can be obtained through attending lectures offered in English. Foreign students with no knowledge of Japanese language can get master degrees from the graduate school under the supervision of the teaching staff.</p> <p><u>“Our Target Region is over the Seven Seas”</u></p> <p>We are aiming at fostering specialists with expert knowledge to engage in regional development both in Japan and abroad, and with a global perspective. As we enter the 21st Century, the necessity for people with a high degree of expertise who can engage in a variety of issues such as globalization-driven development, economics, political science and the environment is growing. This program was established with the goal of nurturing human resources that can perform excellently in international organizations, international business development and in domestic fields. The program is seeking students with abundance of curiosity who have the courage and energy to enthusiastically tackle new societal development problems, and we warmly welcomes those who answer the call.</p>

14. Academic Schedule	Graduate students in Regional Development Studies will be guided by their main supervisor and a co-supervisor. Advice is given privately or in a small group. Twice a semester, all students give a presentation of their research progress at an internal session, which enables them to learn and get feedback from other graduate students. All faculty members attend this meeting also and provide critique and advice on the students' research.
15. Supporting service to International Students	
International Students Support Center for Consulting or counseling about daily life, campus life, cross-cultural adjustment etc.	<p><b>Consultation Service</b> If you have any concerns or worries, consult the Student Consultation Office at your campus. Professional counselors are there to help you. For further information, please visit : <a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english-ss/consultation.html">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english-ss/consultation.html</a></p> <p><b>Infirmary</b> There is an infirmary on each campus that can apply first-aid for sudden illnesses or injuries. For further information, please visit : <a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english-ss/infirmery.html">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english-ss/infirmery.html</a></p>
Provision of Student Dormitory	There is no dormitory available for full-time students.
Japanese Language Education Program for International Students	The graduate school can arrange a basic Japanese language course for Pacific-LEADS students. Basic Japanese acquired through the language program enables the students to communicate with the people of the visiting organizations and collect useful information.
Cultural Activities	<p>The graduate school will make a special arrangement for the students to go on a field trip within Japan to learn Japan culture. In the past, various tours were organized for discovering Japan culture by the professors:</p> <p><b>NIKKO CITY</b> NIKKO is one of the World Heritage Site. We visited NIKKO to observe the touristic sites, and also conducted interviews on how the tourism industry is integrated into Nikko's regional development.</p> <p><b>FUKUOKA AND KITAKYUSHU CITY</b> Both cities are located on the Kyushu Island, the western part of Japan. They have a unique characteristic of their urban development, and we learned the Eco-town development in Kitakyushu, and urban regeneration in Fukuoka City.</p>
Any special attention to Religious Practice	The graduate school has a space arranged as prayer's room for Muslim students.
facilities (Library etc)	<p><b>Library:</b> Currently, the university has libraries at Hakusan (Main) and other campuses with more than 1,260,000 volumes and periodicals, as well as various English journal databases and on-line journals. For further information, please visit: <a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english-campuslife/libraries.html">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english-campuslife/libraries.html</a> Please refer to the Toyo university website <a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english/">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/site/english/</a> for details.</p>
Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.	<p>All students in this program can use the Graduate Students' Room equipped with PCs. They have free access to the Internet with WIFI inside the campus.</p> <p>-To adjust with campus life, they can be assisted by student tutors.</p> <p>-They can have a great opportunity to receive special lectures by Japanese success entrepreneurs and high-ranked government officers as extra class.</p> <p>-Toyo University offers a space called ECZ (English Community Zone) for all students who are interested in international communication. Only English is allowed to speak in this space. The ECZ provides a great opportunity not only to enhance English language for Japanese students but also to make Japanese and multinational friends.</p> <p>-TOKYO has various faces from traditional view to cutting-edge technology. By virtue of the campus' good location, international students can have many great exciting experience to enrich their practical</p>

	<p>knowledge; e.g. visiting active commerce areas, easy access to real Japanese business scenes, at the same time observing Japan's long traditional rituals from local people can allow for reflection of their native regional culture.</p>
<p><b>16. Message to Prospective International Students</b></p>	
<p><b>Message from University</b></p>	<p>In order to become leaders who can contribute to sustainable regional development, it is necessary to consider international perspectives, to have research capability required to actually solve regional problems, and to understand the context and issues on a region with a wider perspective. Our Graduate School provides a curriculum to prepare you to become such leaders. Faculty members in various fields are looking forward to seeing you.</p> <p>Toshiyuki OKAMURA (Dean of Regional Development Studies)</p> <p>Please refer to the website <a href="http://www.toyo.ac.jp/gs-a/department/global-and-regional-studies.html">http://www.toyo.ac.jp/gs-a/department/global-and-regional-studies.html</a></p>
<p><b>Voice of International Students</b></p>	<p>It is a wonderful journey and has a good experience at Toyo University as an international student, I found myself very comfortable and satisfied because of the friendly environment, well-equipped infrastructure and all facilities of the university. During the study, all professors showed us not only as an instructor but very good guider and consultant with amazing technique of teaching which really helping me for my career development. I feel it is an excellent opportunity to enter this university; this is the one of the finest and well-known university for international students in Japan.</p> <p>Sakhila THAPA, PhD candidate, from Nepal, Regional Development Studies</p>

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**Features and Curriculum of Program**

This is the lineup of English lectures. We hope you can find many interesting lectures.

Note: This list is for 2017. Some more professors will join our English special course in 2018.

Lecture name	Professor	What you can learn
Urban Development	Prof. AN	This course is designed to introduce some of key issues surrounding the challenges of urban planning and development in the 21st century and a deeper understanding of the urban planning process and new planning approaches in a global context.
Urban Environmental Management	Prof. ARAMAKI	This seminar will offer you the opportunity to understand and discuss the true nature of environmental issues in urban area, through lectures, discussions and field visit.
Urban Geography	Prof. FUJIMOTO	This lecture focus on urban and economic geography, paying attention to a range of issues relating to global and national urban system, office location theory, city economies and national land structure.
Environmental Sanitation	Prof. KITAWAKI (Vice President of TOYO University)	Comprehensive discussion is made on health related problems, hygiene practices and appropriate technology for water supply and sanitation (WS/S) including solid waste management. Planning methodology for WS/S development projects is also discussed.
Disaster and Crisis Management	Prof. MATSUMARU	This lecture aims to understand the theory of disaster and crisis management through practical examples from engineering measure to social level that have been implemented both in Japan and developing countries.
Comparative Politics	Assoc.Prof. NAKAJIMA	Analysis of types of governments, political party systems, relationship between states and societies from historical perspectives.
Public Finance	Prof. NUMAO	This seminar focuses on the performances of local government finances, considering the relationship between national and local governments in Japan and various countries.



Rural and Agricultural Development	Prof. OKAMOTO	The course emphasizes on understanding on the mechanism of rural economy, while identifying prescriptions for improving the livelihood of rural people on empirical basis.
Urban Transport Planning and Policies	Prof. OKAMURA	Experiences of infrastructure development and management both in Japan and in developing countries are examined in the course. Case studies in transport and urban sectors are discussed in the context of sustainable area development. Lessons for futures are also drawn.
Comparative Cultural Studies	Lecturer SASAKI	This course will be 1. an introduction to postmodern (or post-postmodern) theories (of French speaking countries, in particular) 2. a starting point to set out your approach to literary and other cultural materials.
Urban and Regional Planning	Assoc. Prof. SHIMA	This lecture aims to learn about the theories of urban and regional planning and the relevant practices in Japan as well as in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and to understand the situation of your country. Students are expected to actively join the discussion at class.
Urban and Regional Sociology	Prof. TAKAHASHI	The aim of this seminar is to comprehend basic frame of urban and regional community. The topic of discussion focuses on human relationship in urban society, role of groups, consciousness of norm, and so on.
Social Policy	Prof. YABUNAGA	Through theories and principals on social policy, we examine social welfare issues in the modern society in this course. Welfare states and their future will be discussed with case studies in Japan and in the world.
Spatial Planning	Prof. YAMAZAKI	This class focuses on Japanese Machizukuri 'community making' as improving the quality of local environment and of environmental management processes.

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**Academic schedule**

This is a tentative annual academic schedule for 2018 autumn students. (Sep. 2018– Sep.2019)

EVENT	START (YY.MM.DD)	END (YY.MM.DD)
Entrance Ceremony	2018.9.15	
Autumn Semester	2018.9.18	2019.1.31
Autumn Midterm Research Presentation	2018.11.24	
Winter Holidays	2018.12.25	2019.1.6
Autumn Final Research Presentation	2019.1.26	
Spring Holidays	2019.2.5	2019.4.7
Application period for admission* (for Research Students)	2019.1.8	2019.1.17
Admission Examination (for Research Students)	2019.2.16	
Announcement of application results (for Research Students)	2019.2.27	
Spring Semester	2019.4.8	2019.7.31
Spring Midterm Research Presentation	2019.5.25	
Spring Final Research Presentation	2019.7.20	
Summer Holidays	2019.8.1	2019.9.18

\* Entrance Examination for Master Course Students. You are taking the admission exam for master course if you entered the graduate school as research student. You can stay at the graduate school for 6 months as research student before entering master course.

NOTE: This schedule is provisional and is subject to change due to the University's circumstances.