



**Yamaguchi University**  
**Graduate School of Economics**  
**Graduate School code : 63**

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<b>1. Graduate School code</b>	<b>63</b>	
<b>2. Maximum number of participants</b>	TWO Participants per year	
<b>3. Fields of Study</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science <input type="checkbox"/> Meteorology <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Disaster/ Disaster Prevention Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Politics <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Others (                                )	
<b>Sub Fields</b>	【Economics】 Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Public Economics, Public Finance, Local Government Finance, Development Economics, International Economics	
<b>4. Program and Degree</b>	<b>Program</b>	Public Administration Course
	<b>Degree</b>	Master of Economics (with certificate of completion of Public Administration Course)
<b>5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)</b>	Starting as a research student for 6 months, then becoming as a Master's Student for two years depending upon passing the exam.	
<b>6. Language of Program</b>	(1) Lectures: English only (2) Textbooks: English only (3) Seminars: English only	
<b>7. Desirable English level and Necessary Academic background</b>	<b>Linguistic Ability</b>	It is desirable that applications to regular master's program have English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL IBT: 90, PBT: 574.
	<b>EJU, IELTS, GRE or else</b>	
<b>8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)</b>	Before submitting application documents, applicants are recommended to inquire about their research theme / plan in order to select an appropriate university supervisor matched with their research area.	
<b>9. Website</b>	<a href="http://www.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/english.html">http://www.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/english.html</a>	
<b>10. Professors and Associated Professors</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Research Subject, Contact (e-mail), Special Message to Future Students</b>	
Prof. UMADA Tetsuji (Mr.)	Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Policy Evaluation and Public Policy	

Prof. NAKAMA Mizuki (Mr.)	Public Finance, Public Economics, Local Government Finance
Associate Prof. NISHIYAMA Keiji (Mr.)	Public Administration and Public Management
Associate Prof. TAKEMOTO Timothy (Mr.)	Cultural Psychology of Public Administration, and contemporary Japanese culture. Academic Writing (APA journal and citation style, academic search, and citation management tools). takemoto@nihonbunka.com
Associate Prof. ASAMIZU Munehiko (Mr.)	Sustainable tourism, International tourism policy, Globalization of higher education and student mobility.
Associate Prof. YAMAMOTO Katsuya (Mr.)	Development Studies, especially Development Thought, and Development program for poverty reduction and conservation of nature resource (specially, water)
Associate Prof. HATTORI Mariko (Ms.)	Public Law. Comparative Study between Japanese and French Legal Systems. Focusing on Discretionary Powers of Administrative Agencies.
<b>11 . Features of Yamaguchi University</b>	<p><b>A Brief History of Yamaguchi University</b> Yamaguchi University is the third oldest national university in Japan and traces its origins back to Yamaguchi Kodo, a private school, founded by Ueda Hoyo, a feudal clansman of Choshu Province in the late Edo Period (1815). In 1949 it was reorganized to become a national university consisting of five faculties. Throughout the years the university has expanded into a comprehensive university which boasts nine faculties and eight graduate schools. The year 2015 marked the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Yamaguchi Kodo.</p> <p><b>Access to Yamaguchi University</b> Yamaguchi Prefecture can be accessed in 1.5 hours by airplane from Tokyo, 2 hours by bullet train from Osaka, or 35 minutes by bullet train from Fukuoka. The university has three campuses: Kogushi campus and Tokiwa campus in Ube city, and Yoshida campus in Yamaguchi city.</p> <p><b>Faculties and Schools</b> Yamaguchi University has the faculties of Humanities, Education, Economics, Science, Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine and Global and Science Studies at Yoshida campus, the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at Kogushi campus and the Faculty of Engineering at Tokiwa campus. It also has Graduate Schools of Humanities, Education, Economics, Medicine, Science and Technology for Innovation, Agriculture, East Asian Studies, Innovation and Technology Management, The United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences and The United Graduate School of Agricultural Science.</p> <p><b>International Students</b> More than 403 international students from 32 countries are studying at Yamaguchi University as of May 1, 2017. Most are students from Asian countries, but they are joined by several students from Africa, Europe and America.</p> <p><b>Support Systems</b> Graduate students can as a general rule use the tutor system for up to one year. Under this system, Japanese senior undergraduate students help international students with their studies. Each international student will be matched with one supporting Japanese senior student.</p>

	<p><b>Strengthening International Student Support</b></p> <p>The following goals surrounding the acceptance of international students have been established as part of our university's medium term objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance guidance for international students</li> <li>• To provide support systems involving the local community and municipality to secure provision of reasonably priced, good quality accommodation</li> <li>• Appointing professors to guide international students.</li> <li>• To strengthen follow up after providing academic and daily life support to ensure the main objective of supporting international students is achieved</li> </ul> <p><b>Research Guidance Policy</b></p> <p>The research guidance policy of the Public Administration Course at the Graduate School of Economics is as follows:</p> <p>1) A research supervisor for each student is appointed beforehand depending on the research proposal, so that students may start to work immediately after their arrival. Thesis instruction is conducted in a multidisciplinary manner by appointing one main supervisor and two sub-supervisors for each student. The main supervisor guides the students throughout the years, providing practical, face-to-face research advice.</p> <p>2) Informal gatherings for discussion with graduate students are held every year concerning topics ranging from the curriculum and research support system to academic and extra-curricular support in order to improve course management and education quality. Parties and gatherings are planned with consideration to any religious restrictions. Attention is also given to students' accompanying family in regards to everyday life, social life, and health, in close coordination with volunteers from the local community.</p> <p>3) Most supervising professors hold periodical tea parties or lunch sessions to encourage interaction with Japanese students to build friendships and allow international students to expand their personal networks.</p> <p>4) A short visit of about one week to local and central public administration offices is conducted yearly, based on the research needs of each student. This experience allows students to acquire a practical understanding of effective public administration and serves as a basis for comparative study of various aspects of public administration. Past years have included visits to Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Ministry of Foreign affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, United Nations University Library, Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific, National Tax College, National Diet Building and Embassy of Bangladesh in Japan.</p>
<p><b>12 . Features of Graduate School</b></p>	<p>The Public Administration Course at the Graduate School of Economics employs experienced professors in the field of policy development projects in various Asian developing countries as well as experts in East Asian studies. Specialized professors designated to work with Pacific-LEADS Fellows also provide practical guidance and supervision to meet fellows' specific needs. The course is specifically and carefully designed to be implemented systematically and consistently to develop the academic capabilities and experience of Pacific-LEADS Fellows. If a research proposal requires interdisciplinary guidance, multiple professors can be available for joint instruction</p>

	<p>specific to the student's needs.</p> <p>In developing countries, in the field of public administration, effective and practical implementation of policies is often hindered by ineffective administrative systems and other issues such as disorganization, corruption, defective law and order, or a failed judicial system. Efforts to deliver administrative services that meet community needs, and reforms in public servant systems and government organizations are conducted, however, due to lack of practical experience; countries face several difficulties. In addition, under conditions imposed by International Organizations, decentralization of the government is proceeding, requiring capacity building of local governments in the financial and administrative sections and social management at a local level including administration of ODA projects.</p> <p>Our Graduate School has two professors in public administration related disciplines with experience providing their knowledge for several ODA projects for more than 20 years, including projects funded by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, JBIC and JICA. Such experience is used to its full extent to guide Pacific-LEADS Fellows to find solutions to their specific issues.</p> <p>Our Graduate School understands that human resource development in 1) management of public policy, 2) decentralization of public administration and 3) improvement of governance and anticorruption is crucial to build a stable nation, and aims to train students to be talented professionals who will be able to lead in their fields, exhibiting expertise in solving various problems from a broad range of perspectives related to public administration.</p>
<p><b>13 . Program Features and Curriculum</b></p>	<p>The public administration course is offered entirely in English, thus providing an environment in which to pursue academic research, supported by a strong, judicious supervisory program. In order to obtain the skills required for the creation of a master's thesis in the field of social science, an academic writing course is provided as a compulsory component of the program.</p> <p>Compulsory courses such as Public Administration, Principles of Administrative Law, and Program Evaluation are offered in order to allow students to acquire the knowledge and ability for public administration, policy making and administrative evaluation. Compulsory courses such as Economics, Public Economics, Development Economics and Public Finance are offered in order to allow students to acquire the knowledge of economics needed for public administrators. A comprehensive range of elective courses is offered to allow students to learn basic and applied research in the field of public administration, economic analysis of development challenges, and analysis of and solutions for specific development issues.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to pursue a deeper understanding of their research theme through regular thesis instruction. An instruction course is offered before coming to Japan so that students can have a smooth start to their research. Special programs are offered to improve students' abilities in mathematics and English. Other ad hoc programs such as discussion with relevant government officials invited from various government sectors are conducted depending on the needs of individual research proposals.</p> <p>Visiting programs at central government bodies and other relevant Japanese public</p>

institutions are also conducted to learn from practical experience in the field. Students make interim thesis presentations in Bangladesh to improve the content of their Master's study by inviting questions and comments related to their thesis from fellow officials in ministries or institutions.

<b>14 . Academic Schedule</b>	<b>First Year</b>	
	October	Entrance, Enrollment Ceremony
		Orientation of Graduate School of Economics
		Beginning of 1st. Semester
		Training Workshop for New Foreign Students
	Mid November	The International Student Gathering
	Late December	Winter Break (~beginning of January)
	Early February	Study tour to Tokyo
	April	Beginning of 2nd Semester
	July	Study tour to Okinawa
	Early August	Summer Break (~end of September)
	<b>Second Year</b>	
	October	Beginning of 1st. Semester
	Mid November	The International Student Gathering
	Late December	Winter Break (~beginning of January)
	Early February	Study tour to Tokyo
	April	Beginning of 2nd Semester
	End of June	Submission of Master's Thesis
	Early August	Summer Break (~end of September)
September	End of Graduate Program, Commencement Ceremony	

### 15. Supporting Services to International Students

<b>International Students Support Center for consulting or counseling about daily life, campus life, cross-cultural adjustment etc.</b>	<p>International Student Center (ISC)</p> <p>The university's International Student Center provides international students with systematic language instruction, and advice and information on academic and everyday life. The center helps international students with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Academic issues</li> <li>-Issues arising in daily life (visa issues, personal issues, etc.)</li> <li>-Financial issues</li> <li>-Advice on psychological and health issues. The advisory staff maintain close contact with their counterparts in the Student Health Center, especially concerning psychological issues.</li> <li>-Advisory services are available in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean. In the advisory room, international students can consult with advisors in their native language.</li> <li>-Acts as a liaison with the local community, helping international students get involved in local festivals, community activities and more, so that they can interact with local people and traditions.</li> </ul>
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<b>Provision of Student Dormitories</b>	<p>Yamaguchi University has 2 International Houses as dormitories for international students, 1 in Yoshida campus, the other in Tokiwa campus.</p> <p>The maximum length to be an occupant of an International House is basically 6 months, but if the International Student Center (ISC) allows the extension of</p>
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	<p>the stay, students can stay longer. When students start to live there, a deposit fee is required.</p> <p>The room is classified into single, couple and family type equipped with refrigerator, washing machine, air-conditioning, bed and study desk.</p> <p>The ISC selects the residents of the International Houses in January for the residents supposed to move in between April and September; in July for the residents supposed to move in between October and May next year. Every year, the number of the students who want to live in the International Houses exceeds that of the rooms we can supply. So ISC casts lots for the residents and considers the students' length of stay in Japan, their status of international students, etc..</p>
<p><b>Japanese Language Education Program for International Students</b></p>	<p>Japanese language courses are offered to international students on an optional basis. There are courses for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. International students can take any of the courses free of charge according to their Japanese ability. All of the courses are accepted as credits for undergraduates. Moreover, students who do not need credits but are still interested in the classes can audit courses with permission from the lecturer.</p>
<p><b>Cultural Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>Yamaguchi University aims to enrich your social opportunities with a range of year-round events. Organized by Yoshida's on-campus residents, the Tanabata-sai (Star Festival) is held in summer. In fall, the student-run University Festival takes place on each campus. The festival is called "Himeyama Festival" on Yoshida Campus, "Medical Festival" on Kogushi Campus, and "Tokiwa Festival" on Tokiwa Campus. Students can complement their academic activities by participating in the festivals providing them with a great opportunity to mingle with not only Japanese students but also with local residents. In addition, the university has invited alumni back to campus for Homecoming celebrations since 2012. Former international students are also welcome to attend this event.</p> <p><b>Incoming International Student Orientation (April/October)</b></p> <p>Yamaguchi University offers orientation for incoming international students twice a year. It covers topics such as the outline of Yamaguchi University, procedures at the Immigration Office, trash separation, anti-crime measures, and traffic rules. It also aims to enable international students to forge new friendships with each other through recreational activities, etc.</p> <p><b>International Student Gathering (November)</b></p> <p>We host the International Student Gathering on an annual basis to give international students encouragement and promote cross-cultural understanding. The gathering consists of two parts. In the first part, a panel discussion is conducted and international students make presentations on their countries/regions and experiences in Japan. The second part features a social gathering with the participation of over 300 people including international students, international researchers, Japanese students, local supporters of international students, faculty and staff at Yamaguchi University including President. Playing of traditional musical instruments, singing and dancing by international students always liven up the gathering.</p>



<p><b>Any Special Attention to Religious Practice</b></p>	<p>See the sample on the web site below:  <a href="http://www.econo.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/files/yuge_bpac.pdf">http://www.econo.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/files/yuge_bpac.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Facilities (Library etc.)</b></p>	<p><b>Research Rooms</b>  Four-storied research building was inaugurated in April 2010 for graduate students. Research rooms are allocated, each room with up to eight students. The study desks and room numbers at Graduate School of Economics are designated at the time of registration so as to be able to start immediately after the enrollment ceremony. Each room is equipped with air conditioning, washing stand, printer, etc..</p> <p><b>Library</b>  The central library was renovated and build an extension in April 2014. Additionally, the library of East Asian Study Institute is available at the Faculty of Economics where students can find more than 780 series of specialized journals and periodicals. Special collection for Pacific-LEADS students is also available equipped with study desks. Trained staff are on standby to give advice and support to students looking for specific data or academic information needed for research works.</p> <p><b>Copy Facility</b>  Students are allowed to make up to 1,200 copies per year free of charge, and thereafter for a small fee.</p>
<p><b>Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.</b></p>	<p>See the sample on the web site below:  <a href="http://www.econo.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/files/yuge_bpac.pdf">http://www.econo.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/files/yuge_bpac.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>16. Message to Prospective International Students</b></p>	
<p><b>Message from University</b></p>	<p>The Public Administration Course at the Graduate School of Economics is awaiting students who have a deep understanding of Asian developing countries. We have an intimate knowledge of the situation in developing Asian countries, their historical evolution and governance structures. Professors having working experience as advisors to those governments through JICA projects are available to instruct students on their research themes. Students have opportunities to experience Japanese culture and traditional events through interaction with a warm-hearted volunteer group for the support of international students. International students form a team and enjoy playing games in a local sports festivals. Yamaguchi is a region endowed with a rich natural environment and living costs are low. Yamaguchi University is an excellent choice for students wishing to engage in research and enjoy Japanese culture and extra-curricular activities.</p>
<p><b>Voice of International Students</b></p>	<p>ANNA COSTANTINI KIMARO</p>