

Messages from Current Graduate Students



Master's Student
NAKAHARA, Jiro

Research theme

Effective Reconstruction Support after Conflict

Why I chose this theme

My working and life experiences in countries enduring civil war or armed conflict, such as those in Middle East, reminded me how fragile and superficial peace can be.

Based on my job experiences and academic knowledge developed through the curriculum, I would like to find a way to more effectively support reconstruction.

The reason I enrolled in the Graduate School of Peace Studies

Although I have extensive working experience, I often felt stuck when in the field. I hope that learning the methodologies of peace studies will enable me to develop new options and help solve problems.

Career plan after the graduation

Currently I work in the field of international cooperation, but I am thinking of shifting towards work on peacebuilding and reconstruction assistance.



Master's Student
KOSUGI, Takumi

Research theme

My research focuses on international relations in the Russia / Eurasia region. Specifically, I am interested in issues concerning the sovereignty claims over the Crimea Peninsula.

Why I chose this theme

This project continues the research theme of my senior thesis. I would like to extend the questions that I previously explored, enhanced by the knowledge I gain in my master's program.

The reason I enrolled in the Graduate School of Peace Studies

I enrolled because it provides an environment in which I can study both international politics and international law, as well as upon the recommendation of my faculty advisor.

Since my research theme traverses international politics and international law, being able to learn from leading scholars in both fields was an attraction of the Graduate School of Peace Studies and was a decisive factor for my enrollment.

Career plan after the graduation

I am planning to work for a private company. I would like to promote international cooperation through my work on cross-border tourism and contribute to international cooperation at the grassroots level.



Research Room for Graduate Students

Examinations

| Program | Examination Category | Selection Method | Examination Schedule | Number of Students to be Admitted |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Master's Program | General Examination | Written Examination (Essay), Oral Examination | ① Late August ② Early February | 10 |
| | Special Examination for Adult Learners | Document Screening, Oral Examination | | |
| | Special Examination for International Students | Document Screening | ① May ② November | |
| Doctoral Program | General Examination | Document Screening, Oral Examination | Early February | 4 |

Enrollment Term

The Graduate School of Peace Studies provides entrance opportunities twice a year. (April and October)

April Enrollment (Master's Program)

| Spring Semester (First year) | Spring Semester (Second year) | Fall Semester (Second year) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April Submit Research Plan Supervisor Registration | July Midterm Presentation (Confirm Research Progress) | October-December Write Master's Thesis January Oral Examination |

October Enrollment (Master's Program)

| Fall Semester (First year) | Fall Semester (Second year) | Spring Semester (Second year) |
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| October Submit Research Plan Supervisor Registration | January Midterm Presentation (Confirm Research Progress) | April-June Write Master's Thesis August Oral Examination |

Support Systems for Adult Learners

The systems below are provided to encourage the enrollment of committed adult learners.

- Tuition Fee Exemptions: There is an admission and tuition fee exemption system aimed at people working for national and local governments, news media, and international organizations. (Applications will be screened.)
- Long-term Study System: Students who apply to be, and are accepted as "long-term study students" may, once they paid for two year's worth of courses (Master's Program) or three year's worth of courses (Doctor's Program) extend the course period.
※The maximum period: four years (Master's Program), six years (Doctor's Program)

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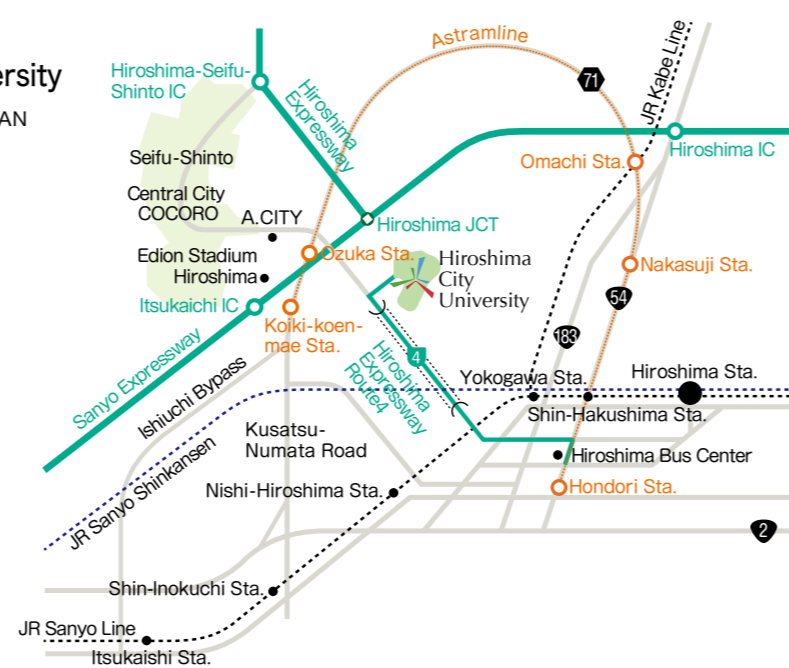
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Fees

| Application Fee | 30,000 yen | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Admission Fee | Residents of Hiroshima City | 282,000 yen |
| | Others | 423,000 yen |
| Tuition Fee | Spring Semester (Due date: End of April) | 267,900 yen |
| | Fall Semester (Due date: End of October) | 267,900 yen |



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広島市立大学
Hiroshima City University

Hiroshima City University Graduate School of Peace Studies (Programs in Peace Studies)



Principle and Purpose

As a university located in the city that experienced the first nuclear attack in human history, Hiroshima City University established the Hiroshima Peace Institute in April 1998 as an affiliated research institute. The Institute conducts peace-related education and academic research to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons, the establishment of world peace, and the strengthening of local communities.

The Graduate School of Peace Studies works towards the realization of world peace by providing a curriculum that trains graduates in: 1) analytical academic methodologies in specialized areas such as Peace Studies, international politics, international law and international relations, and 2) the specialized and wide-ranging skills needed to analyze a diversity of real-world problems.

Message from the President



WAKABAYASHI, Shin'ichi
President,
Hiroshima City University

Hiroshima City University has dedicated itself to peace education and research since its founding in 1994, and launching the Hiroshima Peace Institute four years later. As a public university in Hiroshima, the first city in history to experience an atomic bombing, we believe that developing professionals who will contribute to world peace -our founding principle- is a vital mission bestowed on the university.

Based on our previous academic achievements at the Hiroshima Peace Institute, we established a Graduate School of Peace Studies in April 2019 to serve as a world-class hub for education and academic research on peace and peacebuilding. We will train professionals such as researchers, journalists and public servants to actively contribute to world peace, applying specialized knowledge and insights.

We at Hiroshima City University will fulfill our mission with even greater vigor in the years to come.

Message from the Dean



OSHIBA, Ryo
Dean, Graduate School of
Peace Studies,
Hiroshima City University

The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the Graduate School of Peace Studies is in its second year after its establishment last year. Our graduate school aims to further the goals of the Hiroshima Peace Institute, which was established in 1998, through education in accordance with the research activities of the HPI.

We will develop the Hiroshima Approach to Peace Studies through dialogue with the graduate students. People in Hiroshima experienced the devastation of the atomic bombing and have confronted many problems and challenges while working to abolish nuclear weapons, to reconstruct Hiroshima, and to promote a peace-oriented administration and civil peace movements.

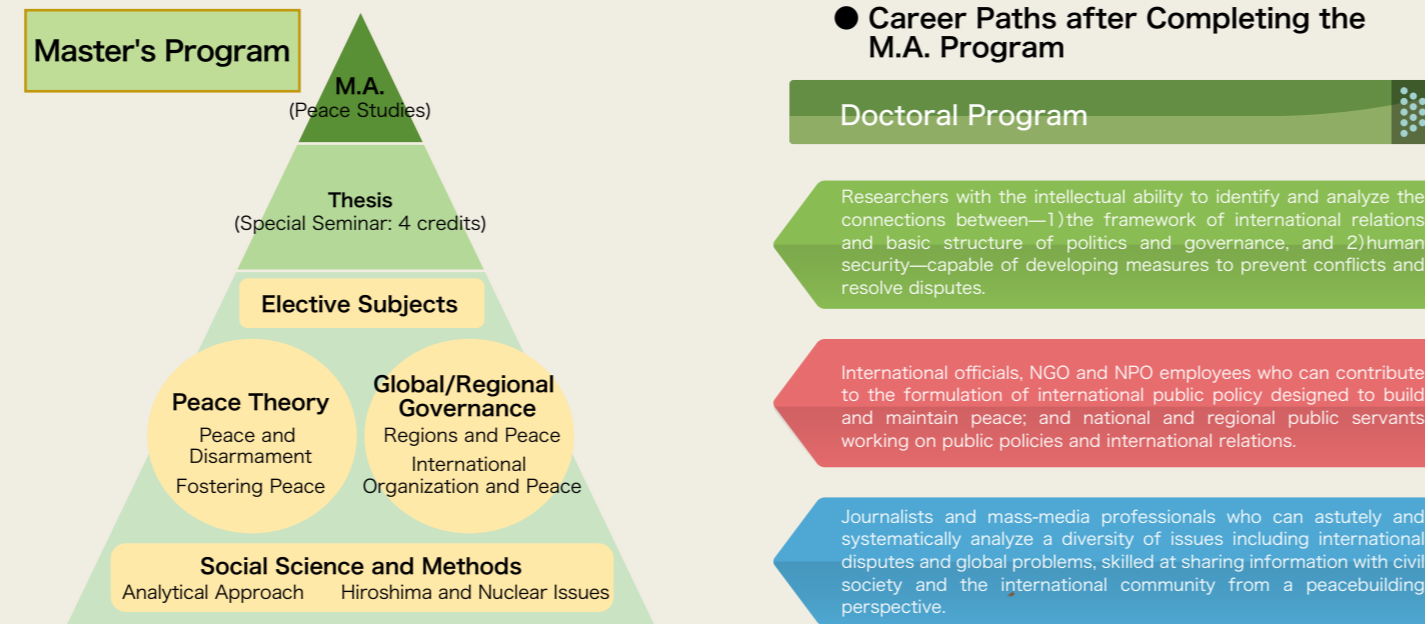
With the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as an important reminder, let us fully re-examine the legacies and challenges of the complex legacies involved. We must establish the "Hiroshima Approach to Peace Studies" and disseminate it to the world with "Cool Heads but Warm Hearts" as British economist Alfred Marshall put it, which serves as a core mission for those who study in Hiroshima.

Our Vision

Today, the international community lacks both peace and security. After the end of the Cold War there has been a stagnation in the implementation of Good Governance principles based on inclusion and democracy. Due to the deepening north-south gap human security has also stagnated while global environmental issues such as climate change have become major challenges for the international community.

In Asia, the security environment has deteriorated due to nuclear proliferation and the growing arms race. Additionally, we see no sign of the establishment of international peace and security mechanisms necessary for the stabilization of regional governance. Elucidating the structure of the international political crisis while simultaneously building systems that nurture peaceful coexistence are not simply a political issue, but also an urgent academic concern.

The Graduate School of Peace Studies at Hiroshima City University provides curricula for students to develop analytical methodologies in Peace Studies, International Politics, International Law, International Relations, and related research fields and to nurture professionals to acquire the specialized and comprehensive skills necessary to contribute to building and maintaining peace—regionally and globally.



Curriculum

The aim of Master's degree program is for students to study the dangers and human misery of nuclear war, the history of peace and war, and to acquire peacebuilding skills that have been developed in the global community. To systematically build these skills the curriculum is divided into three categories: Social Science Concepts and Methods, Peace Theory and Global/Regional Governance. These categories are further divided into groups of courses.

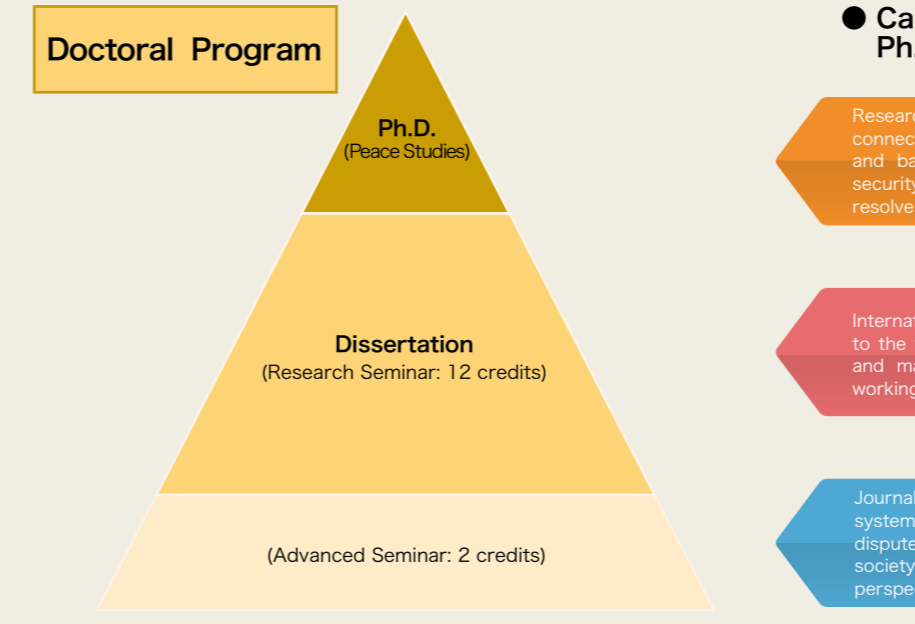
| Classification | Groups of Courses | Requirement | Course Name | Credit | ○: Provided in Japanese with English ○: Provided in English without Japanese |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Social Science Concepts and Methods | Analytical Approach | At least four credits | Peace Studies | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Global Governance | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Contemporary Society and Peace | 2 | |
| | | | Contemporary International Law and Peace | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Constitution of Japan and Pacifism | 2 | |
| | Hiroshima and Nuclear Issues | At least four credits | Nuclear History I | 2 | |
| | | | Nuclear History II | 2 | |
| | | | Memories of Atomic Bombings | 2 | |
| | | | Atomic Culture | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Global Hibakusha | 2 | ○ |
| Peace Theory | Peace and Disarmament (A) | At least eight credits: Including two from both (A) and (B) | International Disarmament Law | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Nuclear Disarmament and Nuclear Arms Control | 2 | |
| | | | International Humanitarian Law | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Science and Peace | 2 | ○ |
| | | | War Crimes Trials and International Criminal Tribunals | 2 | |
| | Fostering Peace (B) | | International Security | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Peace-building | 2 | |
| | | | Global Communication | 2 | |
| | | | Journalism Studies | 2 | |
| | | | Pacifism and Peace Movements | 2 | ○ |
| Global/Regional Governance | Regions and Peace (C) | At least eight credits: Including two from both (C) and (D) | Conflict and Cooperation in Southeast Asia | 2 | ○ |
| | | | Korean Foreign Policies and Nuclear Issues | 2 | |
| | | | Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary China | 2 | |
| | | | Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary Central Asia | 2 | |
| | | | Modern and Contemporary History of Japan | 2 | |
| | International Organizations and Peace (D) | | Peace and Security Policies of Japan | 2 | |
| | | | United Nations | 2 | ○ |
| | | | International Environment | 2 | ○ |
| | | | International Organizations and International Systems | 2 | |
| | | | Regional Organizations and their Peace and Security Policies | 2 | |
| Special Seminar | Four Credits | Peace Studies Special Seminar I・II・III・IV | 1 | | |
| | | Peace Internship | 1 | | |

<Course Completion Requirements>

- ①Students must be enrolled for at least two years, satisfy prescribed conditions, and acquire 32 credits.
②Students must submit a Master's thesis, and pass the thesis screening as well as final examination.

●Education Program in English/Students can complete the requirement for M.A. degree through courses conducted in English.

Degree M.A. (Peace Studies)



Curriculum

The Doctoral degree program is composed of the "Advanced Seminar" which enables students to acquire academic knowledge for developing their dissertation concept, and the "Research Seminar" which instructs students in research methodologies for their dissertation.

| Classification | Course Name | Credit |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Advanced Seminar | Advanced Seminar: Global Governance | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Contemporary Society and Peace | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Contemporary International Law and Peace | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Constitution of Japan and Pacifism | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Nuclear History | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Global Hibakusha | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: International Disarmament Law | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: International Security | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Global Communication | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Pacifism and Peace Movements | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Conflict and Cooperation in Southeast Asia | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Korean Foreign Policies and Nuclear Issues | 2 |
| | Advanced Seminar: Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary China | 2 |
| Advanced Seminar: Modern and Contemporary History of Japan | 2 | |
| Advanced Seminar: United Nations | 2 | |
| Research Seminar | Peace Studies Research Seminar I・II・III・IV・V・VI | 2 |

<Course Completion Requirements>

- ①Students must be enrolled for at least three years, satisfy prescribed conditions, and acquire 14 credits.
②Students must submit a Doctoral dissertation, and pass the dissertation screening as well as final examination.

Degree Ph.D. (Peace Studies)



FACULTY

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| Professor OSHIBA, Ryo International Relations (Global Governance Studies) | Professor OKIMURA, Tadashi International Relations, International Institution Studies, United Nations Studies | Professor GANESAN, Narayanan Southeast Asian Politics and Foreign Policy, International Relations |
| Professor KIKKAWA, Gen International Relations, Peace Studies, International Security, Preventive Diplomacy | Professor SATO, Tetsuo International Law, the Law of International Organizations | Professor JACOBS, Robert The History of Nuclear Technologies and Radiation Technopolitics |
| Professor MIZUMOTO, Kazumi International Relations, Nuclear Disarmament, Security Studies | Associate Professor KAWAKAMI, Akihiro Constitutional Law, Peace Studies | Associate Professor XU, Xianfen History of Japan-China Relations, International Relations in East Asia, International Cooperation Studies |
| Associate Professor TAKEMOTO, Makiko Modern and Contemporary German History, The History of Peace Philosophies and Peace Movements | Associate Professor HA, Kyung Jin History and Theory of Communication, Media Studies, Public Relations Studies | Professor NAGAI, Hitoshi Modern Japanese History, Japan-Philippines Relations |

