

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



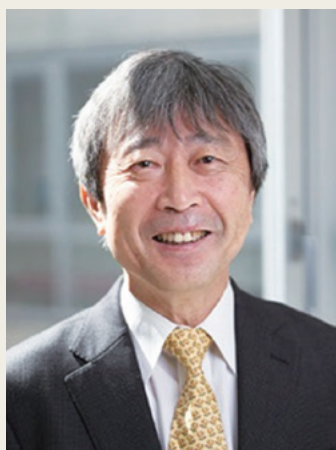
MAEDA, Kaori
President,
Hiroshima City University

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

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 Hiroshima Peace Institute.

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. 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.



Master's Program

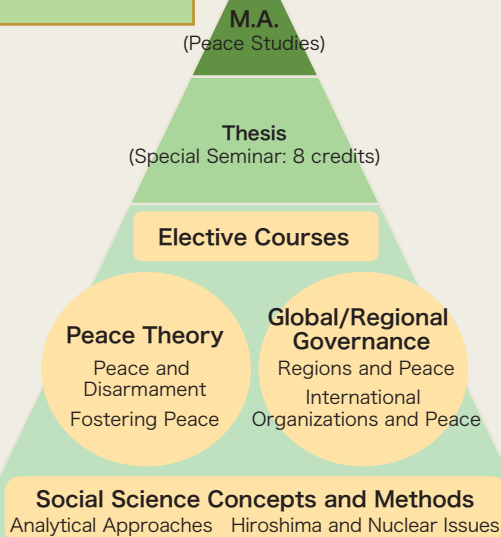
● Career Paths after Completing the M.A. Program

Advancement to Doctoral Program

Researchers who have intellectual ability to identify and analyze the connections between 1) the framework of international relations and basic structure of politics and governance, and 2) human security, while at the same time capable of proposing effective preventive measures aimed at avoiding and solving disputes.

International officials, NGO and NPO employees who can contribute to the formulation of international public policy designed to build and maintain peace; and national and regional public servants working on public policies and international relations.

Journalists and media specialists who can astutely and scientifically analyze a diversity of issues including international disputes and global problems, skilled at disseminating information with civil society and the international community from a peacebuilding perspective.



Curriculum

The aim of the Master's Program is for students to study the dangers and human misery of nuclear war, the history of peace and war, and to acquire peace-building skills that have been developed by 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
Social Science Concepts and Methods	Analytical Approaches	At least 4 credits	Peace Studies	2	
			Global Governance	2	◎
			Contemporary Society and Peace	2	
			Contemporary International Law and Peace	2	◎
			Constitution of Japan and Pacifism	2	
			Local Governance and Peace	2	
	Hiroshima and Nuclear Issues	At least 4 credits	Japan's Non-nuclear Weapons Policy	2	◎
			History of the Reconstruction of Hiroshima	2	◎
			Memories of Atomic Bombings	2	
			Atomic Culture	2	
			Global Hibakusha	2	
			History of Antinuclear Movements	2	◎
Peace Theory	Peace and Disarmament	At least 2 credits	International Disarmament Law	2	◎
			Nuclear Disarmament and Nuclear Arms Control	2	
			International Humanitarian Law	2	
			Science and Peace	2	
			Norms on Disarmament and Peace in International Politics	2	◎
	Fostering Peace	At least 2 credits	War Crimes Trials and International Criminal Tribunals	2	
			Peace and International Security	2	◎
			Peacebuilding and International Society	2	◎
			Global Communication	2	
			Media Studies on War and Peace	2	◎
Global/Regional Governance	Regions and Peace	At least 2 credits	International Relations in Southeast Asia	2	
			Conflict and Cooperation in Southeast Asia	2	
			Korean Foreign Policies and Nuclear Issues	2	
			Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary China	2	
			Contempory Russian Politics and Foreign Policy	2	◎
			Modern and Contemporary History of Japan	2	
			Peace and Security Policies of Japan	2	
	International Organizations and Peace	At least 2 credits	United Nations	2	◎
			International Environment	2	◎
			International Organizations and International Systems	2	◎
			Regional Organizations and their Peace and Security Policies	2	◎
			Preventive Diplomacy	2	
Special Seminar		8 credits	Peace Studies Special Seminar I・II・III・IV	2 for each	
Internship		—	Peace Internship	1	

<Course Completion Requirements>

① In addition to the above, students must earn at least 2 credits from HCU-wide Common Graduate Courses.

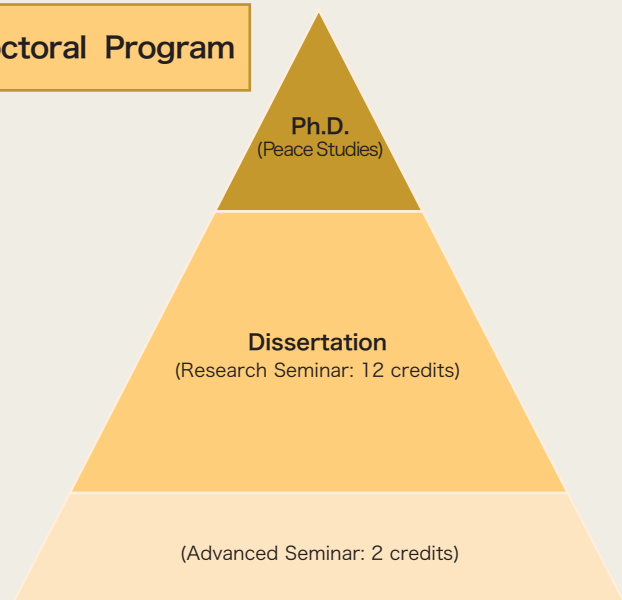
② Students must be enrolled for at least two years, satisfy prescribed conditions, and earn 30 credits.

③ Students must submit a Master's thesis, and pass the thesis screening as well as final examination.

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

Degree M.A. (Peace Studies)

Doctoral Program



● Career Paths after Completing the Ph.D. Program

Researchers who have intellectual ability to identify and analyze connections between the structure of global/regional governance and human security, while at the same time capable of developing effective peace policies for human security and building institutions for international peace.

International officials, NGO and NPO employees who can contribute to the formulation of international public policy designed to build and maintain peace with highly advanced knowledge; and national and regional public servants working on public policies and international relations with expertise.

Journalists and media specialists who can scientifically and systematically analyze a diversity of issues including international disputes and global problems, skilled at sharing information with civil society and the international community from a peacebuilding perspective.

Curriculum

The Doctoral 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: Norm and Media Discourses on Disarmament and Peace	2
	Advanced Seminar: Peace and International Security	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: Contemporary Russian Politics and Foreign Policy	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 for each

<Course Completion Requirements>

① Students must be enrolled for at least three years, satisfy prescribed conditions, and earn 14 credits.

② Students must submit a Doctoral dissertation, and pass the dissertation screening as well as final examination.

Degree

Ph.D. (Peace Studies)



FACULTY



Dean, Specially Appointed Professor
OSHIBA, Ryo

Ph.D. in Political Science
International Relations
(Global Governance Studies)



Vice-Dean, Professor
NAGAI, Hitoshi

Doctor of History
Modern Japanese History,
Japan-Philippines Relations



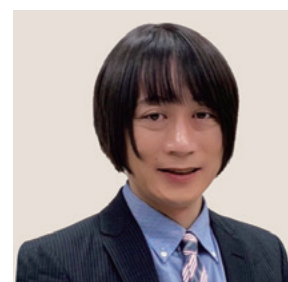
Professor
UMEHARA, Toshiya

Doctor of Peace Studies
International Relations (Security and
Norms), Conflict Journalism and Peace
Journalism



Professor
OKIMURA, Tadashi

Doctor of Laws
International Relations, International
Institution Studies, United Nations
Studies



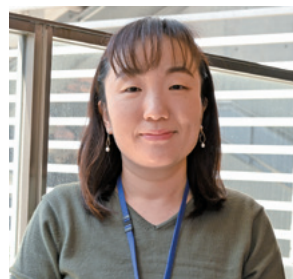
Professor
KAWAKAMI, Akihiro

Doctor of Laws
Constitutional Law, Peace Studies



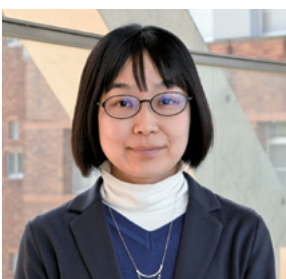
Professor
SATO, Shiro

Ph.D(International Relations)
International Relations, Security
Studies, Peace Studies



Associate Professor
KATO, Mihoko

Ph.D. in History and Area Studies
International Relations, Russia's
Foreign Policy, International Order in
East Asia



Associate Professor
SHIJO, Chie

Doctor of Philosophy
Historical Sociology, Memories and
Representations of the Atomic Bombings



Associate Professor
XU, Xianfen

Ph.D. in History, Doctor of Political Science
History of Japan-China Relations,
International Relations in East Asia,
International Cooperation Studies



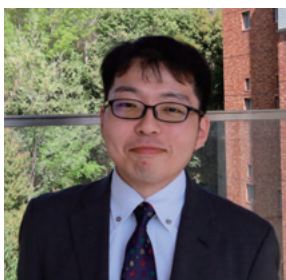
Associate Professor
SON, Hyun Jin

Doctor of Laws
International Law, North Korean Issue,
Situation on the Korean Peninsula



Associate Professor
TAKEMOTO, Makiko

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Modern and Contemporary German
History, The History of Peace Philo-
sophies and Peace Movements



Lecturer
OSHITA, Shun

Doctor of Laws
International Law, Law of
Disarmament and Non-Proliferation,
Export Control



Lecturer
MORIUE, Shota

Doctor of Peace Studies
History of the Revival of Hiroshima,
Peace Administration

Messages from Alumni



HOSOYA, Yuki

M.A. in Peace Studies
(Graduated March 2024)

Research theme

European Integration and Cultural Policies in the Council of Europe

Why I chose this theme

Since my undergraduate days, I have been interested in the theme of "cultural exchange and peace." As my interest deepened, I learned about the Council of Europe, an international organization that has been working to build cooperative European international relations with cultural policy as a pillar of its activities since the early phase, and I decided to focus my research on it.

The reason I enrolled in the Graduate School of Peace Studies

Since it has professors from various academic fields, I thought that I would be able to not only deepen my research theme but also gain opportunities to consider the research theme and "peace" from multiple perspectives. I was also attracted by the fact that I could study peace in Hiroshima, the site of the atomic bombing.



KOSUGI, Takumi

M.A. in Peace Studies
(Graduated March 2021)

Research theme

International Relations in Russia / Eurasia region focusing on the issues concerning the sovereignty claims over the Crimea Peninsula

Why I chose this theme

This project furthers 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 Paths after Graduation

Employment

CLARK Memorial International High School
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
Public Interest Foundation International Manpower Development Organization, Japan (IM Japan)

Further-Education

Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Peace Studies
Simon Fraser University (Canada)

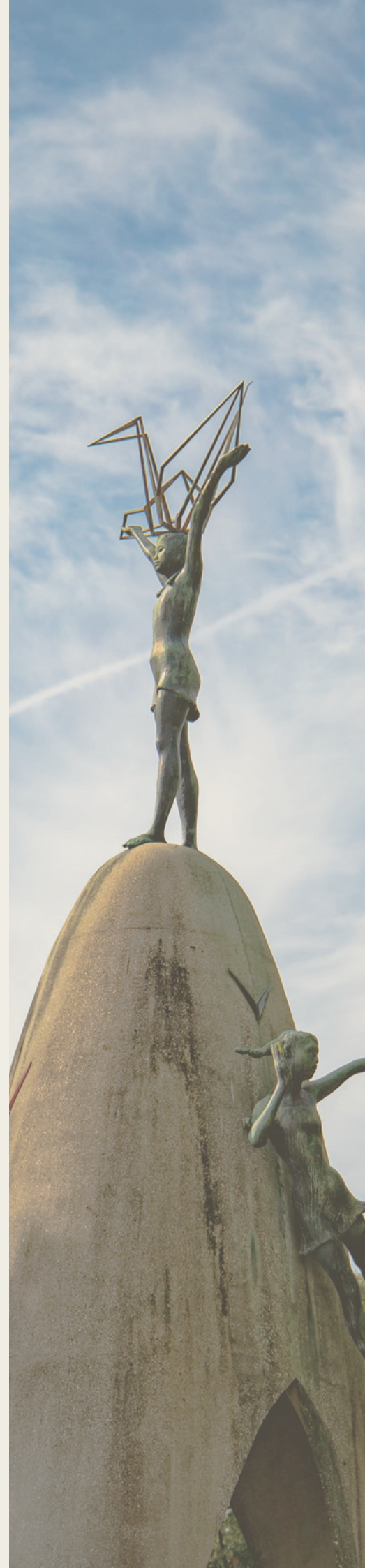
■ Scholarships

In addition to scholarships from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and others, the GSPS has its own scholarships available.



■ Dormitory

International dormitory "SAKURA" is available.

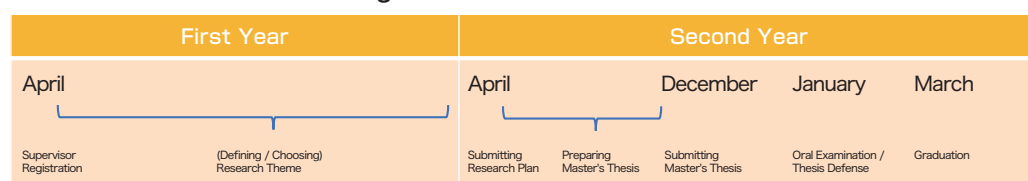


■ Examinations

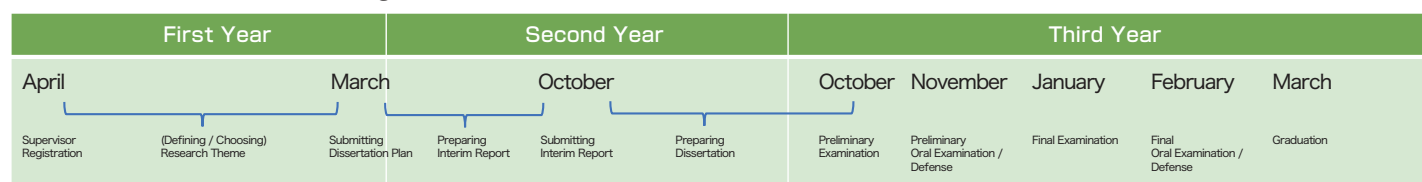
Program	Examination Category	Selection Method	Examination Schedule	Enrollment Period	Number of Students to be Admitted
Master's Program	General Examination	Online Oral Examination, Online Interview	① Late August	① October of the same year or April of the next year	10
			② Early February	② April of the same year	
	Special Examination for Adult Learners	Online Interview	① Late August	① October of the same year or April of the next year	
			② Early February	② April of the same year	
	Special Examination for International Students	Document Screening	① June	① October of the same year	
			② Late November - Early December	② April of the next year	
Doctoral Program	General Examination	Online Interview	① Late August	① October of the same year	4
			② Early February	② April of the same year	

■ Enrollment Term *The schedules below are for April enrollment.

Schedule for the Master's Program



Schedule for the Doctoral Program



■ Support Systems for Adult Learners

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

- ① 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.)
- ② 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 (Doctoral Program), extend the course period.

※The maximum period: four years (Master's Program), six years (Doctoral Program)

■ 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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