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Hiroshima City University



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広島平和研究所  
Hiroshima Peace Institute

**Hiroshima City University**

**Graduate School of Peace Studies**

**(Programs in Peace Studies)**





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## 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 (HPI) 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 at Hiroshima City University develops graduate students' understanding of the academic foundations of interdisciplinary peace studies such as International Relations, International Law, Constitution, Modern History, and other related research fields, while providing training in the specialized and comprehensive professional skills that are essential for next generation of professionals to build and maintain peace throughout the world.

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## Message from the President



**MAEDA, Kaori**  
President,  
Hiroshima City University

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

Based on HPI's record of academic achievements, the university established the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Peace Studies (GSPS) in April 2019 and the Doctoral Program in April 2021 to serve as a world-class hub for education and academic research on peace and peacebuilding. We train professionals such as researchers, journalists and public servants to actively contribute to world peace by applying specialized knowledge and insights.

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

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## Message from the Dean



**ISHIDA, Atsushi**  
Dean, Graduate School of  
Peace Studies,  
Hiroshima City University

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Researchers' identities are defined by the research questions that they choose. Rather than claiming a vague area of interest, find a well-specified and empirically verifiable question that you will be able to answer in a theoretically informed and logically consistent manner within a reasonable amount of time—and certainly by the deadline for submission. To find your research question, first analyze the existing literature and ascertain how previous studies have formulated their own research questions and made persuasive arguments based on evidence and data. With these examples in mind, give serious thought to what has generated variation and change in the social phenomenon about which you are enthusiastic about gaining deeper understanding.

Then, to make a persuasive argument of your own, imagine how those who are on the other end of academic communication would react to your claims, whether spoken or written. Obviously, not everyone is on the same wave length as you. As was pointed out to me long ago, there is no better way to improve the final product of your research than to imagine what a critical reader might say.

Finally, broaden the area of your firm understanding by connecting related questions together.

We welcome you to share in the deeply rewarding experience of the pursuit of knowledge in our graduate program of peace studies.

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## Our Vision

Today, the international community lacks both peace and security. After the end of the Cold War, we have seen failure to honor the commitment to Good Governance principles based on inclusion and democracy. Due to the widening north-south gap human security has also faced a new threat while global environmental issues such as climate change have become major challenges for the international community.

In Asia, the international security environment has deteriorated due to nuclear proliferation and growing arms race. Meanwhile, solid international peace and security mechanisms for stable regional governance have failed to materialize. Elucidating the structure of the international political crisis while simultaneously building systems that nurture peaceful coexistence are not simply urgent political needs, but also central tasks for academic scholarship.

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## Master's Program



## ● Career Paths after Completing the Master's 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 ○Provided in English without Japanese
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	◎
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	
			Media Studies on War and Peace	2	◎
			Pacifism and Peace Movements	2	◎
Global/Regional Governance	Regions and Peace	At least 2 credits	Conflict and Cooperation in Southeast Asia	2	
			International Relations in Southeast Asia	2	
			Korean Foreign Policies and Nuclear Issues	2	
			Politics and Foreign Policy in Contemporary China	2	
			Contemporary Russian Politics and Foreign Policy	2	◎
			Modern and Contemporary History of Japan	2	
	International Organizations and Peace	At least 2 credits	Peace and Security Policies of Japan	2	◎
			United Nations	2	◎
			International Environment	2	◎
			International Organizations and International Systems	2	◎
Special Seminar	8 credits	Peace Studies Special Seminar I · II · III · IV	2 for each		
			Peace Internship	1	

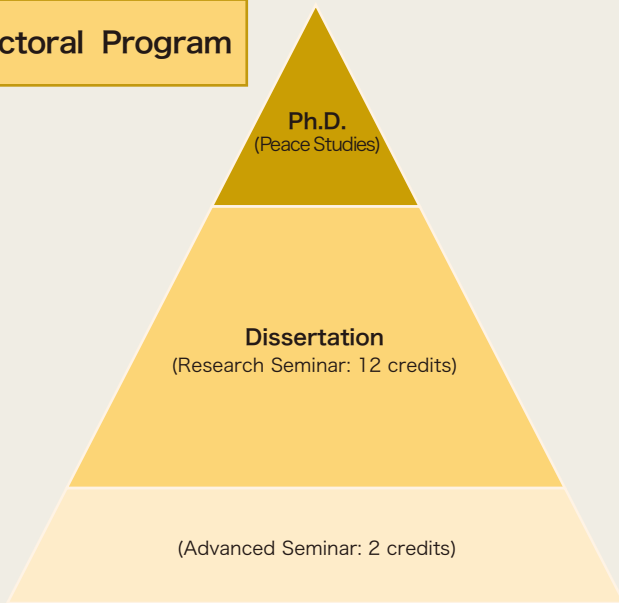
### <Course Completion Requirements>

- In addition to the above, students must earn at least 2 credits from HCU-wide Common Graduate Courses.
- Students must be enrolled for at least two years, satisfy prescribed conditions, and earn 30 credits.
- 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 Doctoral 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 disseminating 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: Peace and Security Policies of Japan	2
	Advanced Seminar: Constitution of Japan and Pacifism	2
	Advanced Seminar: Hiroshima's Reconstruction and International Society	2
	Advanced Seminar: Peace and International Security	2
	Advanced Seminar: Pacifism and Peace Movements	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
	Advanced Seminar: Norm and Media Discourses on Disarmament and Peace	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, Professor  
**ISHIDA, Atsushi**

Ph.D. in Political Science  
International Relations (Law and  
Politics of Resort to Force)



Vice-Dean, Professor  
**OKIMURA, Tadashi**

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



Professor  
**UMEHARA, Toshiya**

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



Professor  
**KAWAKAMI, Akihiro**

Doctor of Laws  
Constitutional Law, Peace Studies



Professor  
**SATO, Shiro**

Ph.D in International Relations  
International Relations, Security  
Studies, Peace Studies



Professor  
**NAGAI, Hitoshi**

Doctor of History  
Modern Japanese History,  
Japan-Philippines Relations



Professor  
**HYMANS, Jacques E. C.**

Ph.D. in Political Science  
International Relations Theory,  
International Security, National Identity



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



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



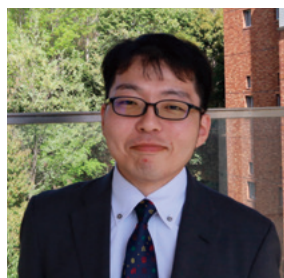
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Modern and Contemporary German  
History, The History of Peace Philoso-  
phies and Peace Movements



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Ph.D. in International Public Policy  
International Relations,  
Peacebuilding and Reconstruction



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.



### LEE, Eon Yong

Ph.D. in Peace Studies  
(Graduated March 2026)

#### Research theme

Japan and South Korea's Responses in the U.S. Semiconductor Supply Chain Restructuring: From the Perspective of the Interaction between Cooperation and Competition

#### Why I chose this theme

Through my professional experience in international cooperation, cultural policy, and advanced technology policy, I have closely observed the evolving dynamics of U.S.–China technological competition, particularly the "Huawei issue." This experience led me to recognize that global supply chains—especially in semiconductors—are increasingly intertwined with national security. I became particularly interested in how Japan and South Korea simultaneously engage in both cooperation and competition, and I chose this theme to analyze this complex interaction from a theoretical perspective.

#### The reason I enrolled in the Graduate School of Peace Studies

My research requires an interdisciplinary approach that integrates international political economy and economic security. The Graduate School of Peace Studies at Hiroshima City University provides an ideal academic environment with diverse faculty and international research networks, enabling me to connect theory with practical experience. Furthermore, studying in Hiroshima, a city with a profound legacy of peace, offers a unique perspective to examine issues of technology and security through the lens of peace.

## ■ ■ Career Paths after Graduation

### Employment

CLARK Memorial International High School  
Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation  
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)  
Japan Research Institute  
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, Hiroshima City University  
Simon Fraser University (Canada)

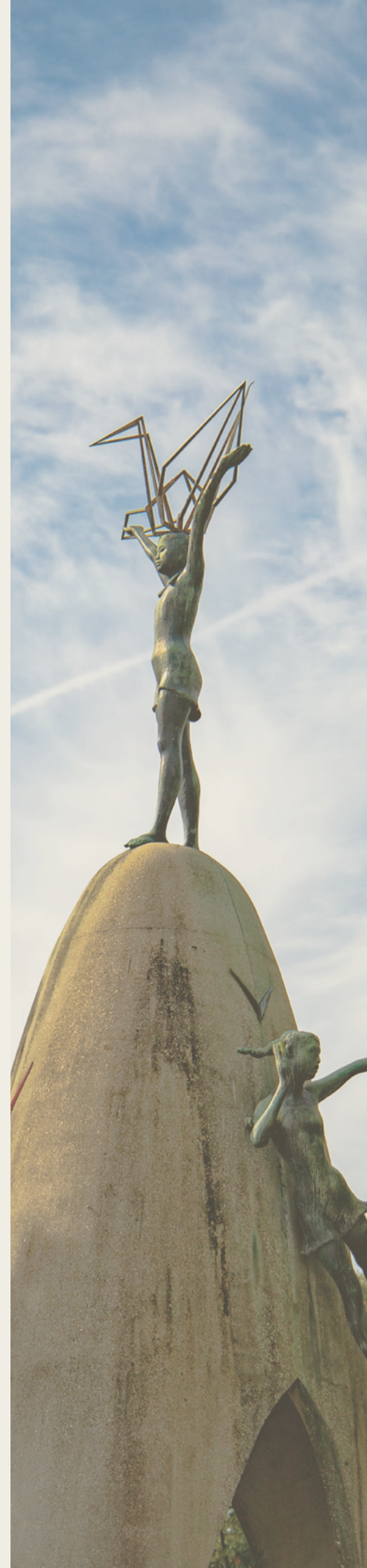
## ■ ■ Scholarships

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.



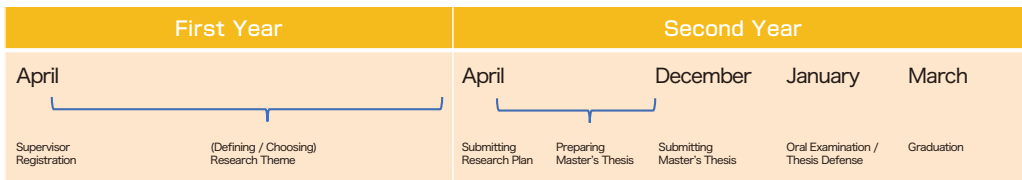
## Examinations

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

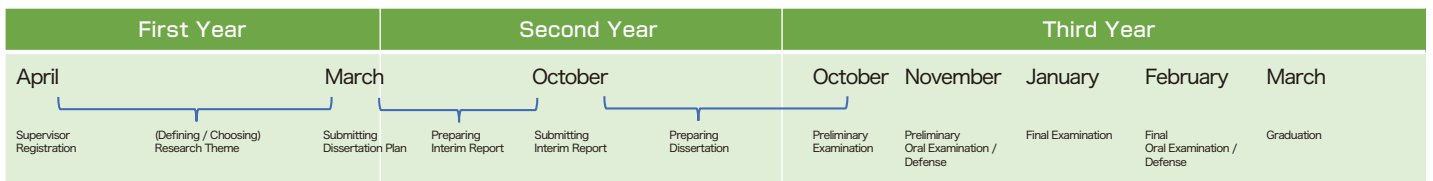
## Enrollment Term

\*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.

**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 (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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