

Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

The objective of the Kobe University Graduate School of Intercultural Studies is to nurture individuals who have deep intercultural understanding and flexible communication skills, as well as profound scholarship and creative research skills. In order to achieve these educational purposes, the curricula shall be organized with the following policies.

Master's Program

Department of Cultural-Interaction

Students are encouraged to acquire broader knowledge and understanding of region-specific cultural characteristics and intercultural correlation, and to nourish the ability to pursue multifaceted culture as a complex entity with Special Lectures and Seminars offered by the Divisions of Area Studies and Intercultural Communication.

Department of Culture and Globalization

Students are encouraged to acquire broader knowledge and understanding of current social and cultural situations, language and information communication and foreign language teaching and learning, and to address various problems confronting the contemporary global society with Special Lectures and Seminars offered by the Divisions of Contemporary Culture and Society, Human Communication and Information Science and Second Language Education.

Students in both departments are also encouraged to acquire skills in information processing, foreign language and research methods through Academic Skills Subjects, and to nourish the ability to carry out interdisciplinary research on high standards of expertise with Research Guidance Seminars.

Doctoral Program

Department of Cultural-Interaction

Students will investigate the structure and dynamics of culture as a complex entity and to explore an advanced field of cultural research with Advanced Seminars offered by the Divisions of Area Studies and Intercultural Communication.

Department of Culture and Globalization

Students will pursue various language and information communications and foreign language education issues, and conduct multifaceted studies into globalization and contemporary world with Advanced Seminars offered by the Divisions of Contemporary Culture and Society, Human Communication and Information Science, Second Language Education, and Advanced Communication (Joint Research Group).

Students in both departments are also encouraged to develop the ability to carry out cross-disciplinary research on superior expertise with Seminars/Project Seminars for Dissertation and Colloquium I, II, III, as well as tutorials by the supervisor.