

Diploma policy of the Graduate School of Humanities

Master's Program

The Master's program in the Graduate School of Humanities at Kobe University aims to foster human resources who, in their pursuit of attaining high level expertise in the humanities and enhancing their comprehensive capacities, participate in modern society while ensuring the continuation of the classical role of the humanities. To realize the above objectives, Master's degrees are awarded in accordance with the following policies.

Degree: Master of Arts

The Graduate School of Humanities awards the relevant degree as follows, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students shall be enrolled in the program for two or more years and must obtain the specified credits in the common courses of the School, elective courses, and Master's thesis seminars, and receive the necessary research guidance. Students shall then pass a review of their Master's thesis or the results of their specific research themes, as well as the final examinations.
- In addition to those stipulated in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, students are expected to have acquired the following abilities upon completion of their program.

o *Humanity, Creativity, and International Awareness*

- Ability to understand the intrinsic meaning of the humanities and to contribute to their development, ability to collaboratively find solutions for issues relating to the humanities, and ability to accept the diversity originating from different cultures and to communicate in foreign languages.

o *Specialization*

- Ability to inquire into the contemporary meaning of individual cultural phenomena while ensuring the continuation of the basic methodology of the humanities, which entails the fundamental theoretical study of classical texts on humans and society that have been accumulated by humankind up until the present day.
- Ability to contribute towards the formation of new social norms and cultures by conducting dynamic analyses of social cultures with an emphasis on fieldwork based on classical research.
- Ability to attain the fundamental skills required as a researcher and to utilize the humanities in a knowledge-based society.

Doctoral Program

The doctoral program in the Graduate School of Humanities at Kobe University aims to foster human resources who, by pursuing a high level of expertise in the humanities and enhancing their comprehensive capacities, participate in modern society while ensuring the continuation of the classical role of the humanities. To realize the above objectives, doctoral degrees are awarded in accordance with the following policies.

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

The Graduate School of Humanities awards the relevant degree as follows, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students shall be enrolled in the program for three or more years and must obtain the specified credits in the common courses of the School, and Doctoral seminars, and receive the necessary research guidance. Students shall then pass the doctoral dissertation review as well as the final examinations.
- In addition to those stipulated in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, students are expected to have acquired the following abilities upon completion of their program.

o *Humanity, Creativity, and International Awareness*

- Ability to understand the intrinsic meaning of the humanities and to contribute to their development, ability to collaboratively find solutions for issues related to the humanities, and ability to accept the diversity originating from different cultures and to communicate in foreign languages.

o *Specialization*

- Ability to participate in modern society while pursuing a high level of expertise in the humanities and ensuring the continuation of the classical role of the humanities.
- Ability to inquire into the contemporary meaning of individual cultural phenomena while ensuring the continuation of the basic methodology of the humanities, which entails the fundamental theoretical study of classical texts on humans and society that have been accumulated by humankind up until the present day.
- Ability to contribute towards the formation of new social norms and cultures by conducting dynamic analyses of social cultures with an emphasis on fieldwork based on classical research.
- Ability to plan and organize research as an independent researcher.

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

The Graduate School of Humanities awards the relevant degree as follows, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students shall be enrolled in the program for three or more years and must obtain the specified credits in the common courses of the School, and Doctoral seminars, and receive the necessary research guidance. Students shall then pass the doctoral dissertation review as well as the final examinations.
- In addition to those stipulated in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, students are expected to have acquired the following abilities upon completion of their program.

o ***Humanity, Creativity, and International Awareness***

- Ability to understand the intrinsic meaning of the humanities and to contribute to their development, ability to collaboratively find solutions for issues relating to the humanities, and ability to accept the diversity originating from different cultures and to communicate in foreign languages.

o ***Specialization***

- Ability to participate in modern society while ensuring the continuation of the classical role of the humanities. Students will achieve this by using their specialization as a basis for increasing their interdisciplinary outlook.
- Ability to inquire into the contemporary meaning of individual cultural phenomena while ensuring the continuation of the basic methodology of the humanities, which entails the fundamental theoretical study of classical texts on humans and society that have been accumulated by humankind up until the present day.
- Ability to contribute towards the formation of new social norms and cultures by conducting dynamic analyses of social cultures with an emphasis on fieldwork based on classical research.
- Ability to plan and organize research as an independent researcher.