

## **Diploma Policy of the Graduate School of Economics**

### **●Master's Program**

The Graduate School of Economics of Kobe University is dedicated to education and research that fosters a richer humanity through the inheritance and creative development of human knowledge of the economy and society. The goal of the Graduate School of Economics is to cultivate individuals who can contribute to society by assuming professions that require advanced expertise in economics and an international perspective, which enables them to respond to various demands to identify and solve problems that arise in a globalized society.

In order to achieve these objectives, the graduate school awards master's degrees in accordance with the following principles.

### **Degree: Master of Economics**

The Graduate School of Economics awards this degree in accordance with the points below, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy and the spirit of "Sincerity, Freedom, and Cooperation" that has existed since the Kobe Higher Commercial School era.

- 1) Students must be enrolled in the Graduate School of Economics for the designated period of time and obtain the required credits.
- 2) Students must have attained the following abilities by the time they complete their studies:
  - Advanced logical and mathematical thinking skills.
  - The ability to accurately analyze and elucidate events in society at an advanced level.
  - The ability to synthesize and accurately express the results of analysis and elucidation at an advanced level.

### **●Doctoral Program**

The Graduate School of Economics of Kobe University is dedicated to education and research that fosters a richer humanity through the inheritance and creative development of human knowledge of the economy and society. The Graduate School is dedicated to cultivating individuals who can contribute to the development of economics through independent research and who can contribute to society by assuming professions that require advanced expertise in economics and an international perspective, which enables them to respond to various demands

to identify and solve problems that arise in a globalized society.

In order to achieve these objectives, the graduate school awards doctoral degrees in accordance with the following principles.

### **Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Economics**

The Graduate School of Economics awards this degree in accordance with the points below, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy and the spirit of "Sincerity, Freedom, and Cooperation" that has existed since the Kobe Higher Commercial School era.

- 1) Students must be enrolled in the Graduate School of Economics for at least the designated period, obtain the required credits, and pass the reviews and examinations prescribed by the Graduate School.
- 2) Students must have attained the following abilities by the time they complete their studies:
  - The logical and mathematical thinking skills required in order to independently formulate highly creative research questions.
  - The ability to accurately analyze and elucidate events in society at an advanced level, and to create new knowledge that surpasses existing research.
  - The ability to synthesize the results of high-level analysis and elucidation and to accurately express them as an original finding that surpasses existing research.