

## **Diploma Policy of the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies**

### **Master's Program**

The Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) aims to cultivate talented persons who are qualified for occupations that require a high degree of specialization and able to play an active role in the international community.

GSICS will award master's degrees in accordance with the policy as specified below.

### **Degree: Master of International Studies**

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will award the degree of Master of International Studies in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a master's thesis or research paper, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in international studies in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;
  - The ability to use international studies as a base to engage in logical analysis in order to provide appropriate responses to various social matters;
  - The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.

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

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will award the degree of Master of Economics in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a master's thesis or research paper, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in economics in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;
  - The ability to use economics as a base to engage in logical analysis in order to provide appropriate responses to various social matters;
  - The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.

**Degree: Master of Laws**

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will award the degree of Master of Laws in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a master's thesis or research paper, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in law in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;
  - The ability to use legal principles as a base to engage in logical analysis in order to provide appropriate responses to various social matters;
  - The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.

**Degree: Master of Political Science**

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will award the degree of Master of Political Science in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a master's thesis or research paper, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in political science in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;
  - The ability to use political science as a base to engage in logical analysis in order to provide appropriate responses to various social matters;
  - The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.

**Doctoral Program**

The Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) aims to cultivate talented persons able to carry out research with a high degree of specialization in an autonomous and independent manner, and by so doing make significant contributions to the international community.

GSICS will award degrees in accordance with the policy as specified below.

**Degree: Doctor of Philosophy**

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will

award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a doctoral dissertation, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in the interdisciplinary fields of international studies, economics, law, and political science in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;
  - The ability to discover highly creative research topics that surpass current research and carry out these projects independently;
  - The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.

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

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a doctoral dissertation, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in economics, especially development economics, in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;
  - The ability to discover highly creative research topics that surpass current research and carry out these projects independently;
  - The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.

#### **Degree: Doctor of Laws**

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will award the degree of Doctor of Laws in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a doctoral dissertation, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in theories and applications

of law and other social sciences in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;

- The ability to discover highly creative research topics that surpass current research and carry out these projects independently;
- The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.

### **Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science**

Based upon the degree awarding policy (diploma policy) of Kobe University, GSICS will award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science in accordance with the points below.

- Students shall study at GSICS for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, complete a doctoral dissertation, and pass a final examination.
- GSICS students will attain the following competencies in addition to those specified in the University's diploma policy:
  - Extensive intellectual understanding, knowledge and expertise in theories and applications of political and other social sciences in order to take on leadership roles in professional and academic fields;
  - The ability to discover highly creative research topics that surpass current research and carry out these projects independently;
  - The ability to respect diverse cultures and values and demonstrate a wide range of international communication skills.