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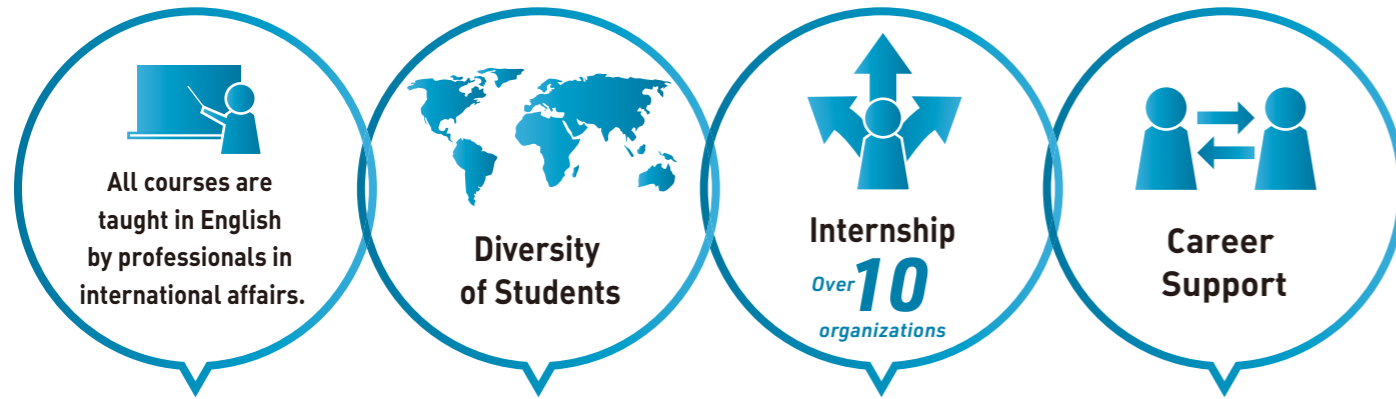
United Nations and Foreign Affairs Studies



The Graduate Course in United Nations and Foreign Affairs Studies

Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) has been in close relationship with United Nations and international organizations to nurture global leaders with practical skills and knowledge, under its mission, that is, to inspire and cultivate the Kwansei Gakuin members to embody its motto, "Mastery for Service". Having earned a global reputation for our educational achievement, we launched the Graduate Course in United Nations and Foreign Affairs Studies as a graduate minor which emphasizes to train young candidates to establish their careers at the United Nations and international organizations.

Feature



Offered as a graduate minor program, the UNFA course is designed to help students to acquire the United Nations competencies while they cultivate their skills and knowledge of expertise in their major. All courses are conducted in English by faculty members with experience of working in leadership roles in the UN and in the field of foreign affairs.

Japanese students and international students come from various places around the world with various backgrounds and fields of expertise. Their study environment is quite rich in diversity.



Students are required to complete a multiple-month internship at UN agencies, international organizations, NGOs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs or other government/public agencies. 19 students participated in internships inside/outside Japan from 2017 to 2019. Students gained the experience to tackle the global issues through this program.

KG Career Center for International Organizations carries continuous support for students through individual career counseling and coaching to facilitate their career development from enrollment of the course to after finishing their study.



Curriculum

The Graduate Course in UN and Foreign Affairs Studies × Major course

The study of the graduate major course, coupled with the minor program in the United Nations and Foreign Affairs Studies, allows students to develop enough expertise to work as professionals in international affairs.

	Course Title	Examples of graduate major course to be studied with the UNFA Course
Lecture	International Public Policy	Graduate School of Law and Politics
	Management of International Organizations	
	Global Sustainable Development	
Seminar 1	Seminar in Diplomacy, Peace and Security	Policy Studies
	Seminar in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Principles	
	Seminar in Global Communication	
	Seminar in Global Environmental Policy	
	Seminar in Global Diversity	
Seminar 2	Career Seminar for International Organizations	Human Welfare Studies
	Seminar in Multilateral Negotiation	
	Research Project in the United Nations	
	Research Project in Foreign Affairs	
Practical Training Course	Internship in the United Nations and Diplomatic Institutions	Education
		International Studies
		Institute of Business and Accounting

* For the Institute of Business and Accounting, the Graduate Course in UN and Foreign Affairs Studies is offered as a part of the Global Public Management Program (GPMP) of the IBA.

Highly-experienced faculty members



Former Under-Secretary-General of the UN
KGU Top Global University Visiting Professor
Yasushi Akashi



Former Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN, and Ambassador of Japan to Germany
Dean of Integrated Center for UN and Foreign Affairs Studies, KGU

Takahiro Shinyo



Former Deputy Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
KGU Professor in the School of Policy Studies,
Director of KG Career Center for International Organizations

Shun-ichi Murata



Former UNICEF Representative to Kazakhstan
KGU Top Global University Visiting Professor,
Chief Coordinator of KG Career Center for International Organizations

Jun Kukita



Former Recruitment & Staff Development Officer of UNICEF
KGU Professor in the School of Policy Studies,
Deputy Director of KG Career Center for International Organizations

Keiko Nishino



Former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF / Former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Secretariat and UNDP
KGU Top Global University Visiting Professor

Toshiyuki Niwa



Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan
KGU Professor

Mackenzie Clugston

Past Guest Speakers; diverse and professional

Lectures and seminars by professionals with extensive expertise in international fields are conducted to provide significant experience to students.

Yukiya Amano Former Director General of IAEA

Dirk Hebecker UNHCR Representative in Japan

Haoliang Xu UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support

Kae Ishikawa Director of UN Women Japan Liaison Office



Internship

Following the guidance of a mentor, students participate in internship inside/outside Japan at UN or international organizations for a few months to gain practical experience.



Through this course, I have acquired not only the knowledge but also different perspectives to approach and solve problems more efficiently and effectively. During internship, I deeply concerned about the children in Vietnam through the work and research in Integrated Early Childhood Development field. I would like to contribute in this field and bring a better life for children, especially in Vietnam.



Linh Thuy Vuong (Vietnam)

* Internship institution: UNICEF Vietnam

Messages from UNFA Course student and graduates

The classes are discussion-based and highly interactive. Students are from all over the world which leads to conducive discussions with diverse viewpoints. My future career goal is to hold an executive position at an international organization. GPMP* prepares me to reach this goal academically and practically by doing an internship.



Carolin Jonczyk (Germany)

The high-level classes conducted in English and the internship experience enabled me to build a human network and acquire expertise to progress my future career as a development professional. I am currently studying the potentials of community-led rural development at the University of Edinburgh. I hope to continue my study to undertake a doctoral program in Japan to become an international civil servant.



Sayuri Naito (Japan)
Completed the Graduate School of Policy Studies in March 2019

Having passed the YPP examination of the UN Secretariat, I am now working at the UNCTAD, and being responsible for supporting developing countries through science, technology, and innovation. I am proud of my mission and it is highly rewarding. Working at the UN requires an international mind set, and the KGU spirit of "Mastery for Service" in myself helped me a lot to cope with the hard work. I encourage you to deepen your studies in the UNFA Course and take the YPP or JPO exam for your next steps.



Daisuke Maruichi (Japan)
Working at UNCTAD headquarters in Geneva after graduating from the School of Humanities, KGU in 2012

The information is as of March 2020.

Career Support

Counseling

Support is provided by the faculty members to students on an individual basis to help them develop career paths.

Coaching

Coaching is offered over a long term from enrollment to completion of the course and job placement.

Guidance

Lectures and sessions are organized on topics relating to the United Nations and foreign affairs.

Career Information

Information is provided on careers in United Nations agencies and in the field of foreign affairs.

History of collaboration between the United Nations and Kwansei Gakuin University

1997

KGU launched the UN Seminar.

2004

KGU started dispatching student volunteers to various UN agencies in developing countries under a partnership agreement with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, the first of its kind in Asia.



2013

KGU established the UN Youth Volunteer Japan Training Center on its campus to dispatch students around the world as the hub university of the UN Youth Volunteer programme consortium in Japan.



2007

KGU introduced Japan's first admission scheme for refugees based on an agreement with UNHCR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) in Japan.

2016-2017

KGU signed a partnership agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).



2017

KGU launched the Graduate Course in United Nations and Foreign Affairs Studies as a graduate minor.



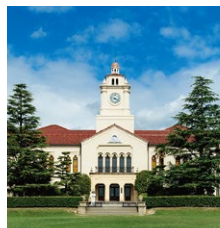
About Kwansei Gakuin

What is Kwansei Gakuin?

The history of Kwansei Gakuin dates back to 1889, when it was founded in Kobe as a small private school, and it has gradually grown in size and stature since moving to Uegahara in Nishinomiya in 1929. Kwansei Gakuin is now a comprehensive educational institution which offers an integrated education from kindergarten to graduate school, with eight campuses across Japan.

What is Kwansei Gakuin University?

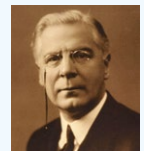
Kwansei Gakuin University - colloquially known as Kangaku - is a private nondenominational Christian university in the Kansai region of Japan. As one of Kansai's leading private universities, KGU offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to more than 24,000 students in 40 different disciplines across 11 undergraduate and 14 graduate programs.



Mastery for Service

As the school motto of Kwansei Gakuin, "Mastery for Service" reflects the ideal for all of its members to master their abundant God-given gifts in order to be of service to their communities, both locally and globally. In this Christian context, a "master" refers to someone who has achieved excellence in terms of their humanity, learning and daily life.

That base serves as a starting point for a life "in service to God," one which is dedicated to helping neighbors and society.



Dr. C.J.L. Bates
The first President of
Kwansei Gakuin University

Kwansei Gakuin at a Glance

*As of May 2019

 **1889**
founded in Kobe

 **Over 240**
partner institutions
worldwide

 **11**
undergraduate
schools

 **More than 24,000**
students

 **14**
graduate professional
schools

Integrated Center for UN and Foreign Affairs Studies

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