

## Chapter 1: Degrees and Graduation

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This chapter explains the system that serves as the basis for obtaining a bachelor's degree.

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### I. Degrees and Graduation

The School of Political Science and Economics consists of three departments: the Department of Political Science, the Department of Economics, and the Department of Global Political Economy. Students who have enrolled in any of these departments for four years or more (but not more than eight years) and who have obtained the prescribed number of credits can graduate and obtain a bachelor's degree as shown below.

Graduates from the Department of Political Science                      Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Graduates from the Department of Economics                              Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Graduates from the Department of Global Political Economy      Bachelor of Arts in Global Political  
Economy

The date of graduation will be September 15. For March graduates, the date of graduation will be March 15.

### II. Requirements for Graduation

It is necessary for students to obtain 124 or more credits in order to graduate. Students must enroll in the academic courses required for graduation in accordance with the standards prescribed in the "Number of Credits Required for Graduation by Category and Department" (p. 8) and obtain the specified number of credits.

## Number of Credits Required for Graduation by Category and Department

Category name	Required number of credits			Required courses and Rules for enrollment
	Department of Political Science	Department of Economics	Department of Global Political Economy	
Japanese and Global Political Economies	28 credits or more			<p><u>[For students in the Department of Political Science]</u> Introduction to Japanese Political Economy, Japan in World Politics, Contemporary Japanese Politics, Law &amp; Politics in Contemporary Japan</p> <p><u>[For students in the Department of Economics]</u> Introduction to Japanese Political Economy, Japanese Economy</p> <p><u>[For students in the Department of Global Political Economy]</u> Introduction to Japanese Political Economy, Japan in World Politics</p>
Political Science	32 credits or more	4 credits or more	18 credits or more	<p><u>[For students in the Department of Political Science and the Department of Global Political Economy]</u> Introduction to Contemporary Political Analysis, Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory, Introduction to International Relations</p>
Economics	4 credits or more	32 credits or more	18 credits or more	<p><u>[For students in the Department of Economics]</u> Introduction to Economics, Microeconomics A, Macroeconomics A</p> <p><u>[For students in the Department of Global Political Economy]</u> Introduction to Economics</p>
Quantitative Approaches to Political Economies	6 credits or more			<p><u>[For students in the Department of Political Science and the Department of Global Political Economy]</u> Introduction to Statistics</p> <p><u>[For students in the Department of Economics]</u> Introduction to Statistics, Mathematics for Political Economy</p>
Workshops & Seminars	8 credits or more			<p><u>[For all students]</u> Fresh-Start Seminar, <i>and</i> at least one of the following two seminars: Intermediate Seminar A, Intermediate Seminar B</p>
Foreign Language for Social Sciences	6 credits or more			It is possible to have up to 24 credits of Japanese Language courses counted toward graduation.
General Studies				
Career Exploration and Experience				
Elective Courses				
<b>Total</b>	<b>124 credits or more</b>			

Category name	Required number of credits	Remarks
Voluntary courses (Credits not counted toward graduation)	none	Though not a requirement for graduation, if credits are obtained from such courses they will be indicated on the student's transcript.

### III. System for Graduating in Three Years

In the School of Political Science and Economics, there is a system whereby students with outstanding grades and who meet prescribed requirements can graduate in three years if they wish to do so.

#### (1) Application period

- At the end of the student's second year

#### (2) Conditions for filing an application

- The student has obtained 80 or more credits (excluding voluntary courses).
- The student has obtained all the credits of required courses (excluding Advanced Seminars and Thesis).
- The student has a GPA of 3.0 or higher for all courses obtained (excluding voluntary courses).
- The student has a GPA of 3.0 or higher for courses in the "Japanese and Global Political Economies," "Political Science," and "Economics" categories combined.

#### (3) Course registration after application

- Students who have been judged as eligible to graduate in three years will be able to register for 24 credits in the spring semester of their third year.

#### (4) Judgment regarding graduation

- The student has obtained 124 or more credits, and has a GPA of 3.0 or higher for all courses obtained (excluding voluntary courses).
- The student has a GPA of 3.0 or higher for courses in the "Japanese and Global Political Economies," "Political Science," and "Economics" categories combined.

#### (5) Handling of academic fees

- If a student graduates in three years, academic fees for the fourth year and afterwards will not be collected.

#### (6) Withdrawal

- It is possible for a student to decide not to graduate in three years even after applying to do so.
- If it is determined that a student has not fulfilled the prescribed requirements at the end of the third year, the courses that were registered for over 20 credits (excluding Advanced Seminars and Thesis) will be changed to voluntary courses so as not to be included in the credits counted toward graduation.

#### (7) Higher Education and Employment

- Currently, the number of graduate schools and companies in Japan that regard three-year graduates with favor is very limited. It is therefore important for students to research this matter well when considering a future career plan.

## IV. Course Categories and Classifications

This program will provide a basic knowledge in Japanese politics, economics, and society, and build on this knowledge to pursue an understanding of Asian and global society, developing the ability to propose new strategies and solutions.

### A) Japanese and Global Political Economies

This cluster of courses not only explores the history, systems, and theories of Japanese politics and economics but also examines political and economic development from a broader Asian and global standpoint, and provides students with means and methods for global political and economic analysis.

### B) Political Science and Economics

In addition to supplying an academic foundation for understanding Japan in the global political economy through required first-year fundamental theory classes in various subjects, this cluster offers a wide range of applied subjects to meet the needs of students seeking more advanced study.

### C) Quantitative Approaches to Political Economies

These courses include statistics, mathematical analysis, game theory, and other quantitative methods essential for the objective analysis of political and economic systems, information processing, and experimental political science and economics, which involves practical evaluations of real-world political and economic behavior.

### D) Workshops & Seminars

By completing required seminars in small classes, students gain an understanding of both the Japanese university education style and the specifics of their area of academic specialization.

### E) Foreign Languages for Social Sciences, General Studies, Career Exploration and Experience, Elective Courses

General Studies provides interdisciplinary courses common to all departments. Foreign Languages for Social Sciences includes Japanese courses, provided by the Center for Japanese Language, along with German, French, Chinese, Spanish and Russian. Career exploration and experience provides international students with externships across a wide spectrum of companies and other institutions, and numerous opportunities to experience first-hand the realities of Japanese society. By enrolling in courses established by other schools and affiliated institutions, students may count these courses toward the category of Elective Courses.