AY2025 Waseda University Graduate School of Human Sciences Research Guidance Information (English-based Master's Program)

The following information is current **as of December 25, 2024**. Please note that the information may be subject to change.

<Attention>

In order to facilitate your application, before applying to the program we strongly recommend that you contact one of the following faculty members to share the details of your intended research and to request that they agree to serve as your academic advisor (although your application maybe accepted without following this process).

To contact your prospective academic advisor, please check their details in the research guidance section of this document and e-mail them at the address listed there.

Research Guidance Information

Research Domain	Bioethics and Philosophy of Life	Subject Code	315
Supervisor's Name	Masahiro Morioka	Degree	Ph.D. (Osaka Prefecture University)
Research Topics	Philosophy of the meaning of life, philosophy of education, phenomenology, and bioethics		
Description	The discipline of the philosophy of the meaning of life is an emerging field of research in the 21st century. I will encourage graduate students to study not only an analytical approach to the topic, but also educational, phenomenological, and cross-cultural approaches. I have studied philosophical issues related to this topic from the perspective of an affirmation-based approach and a critique of contemporary civilization (painless civilization), so students can broaden their scope through philosophical discussion with me and fellow researchers.		
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Research Domain	Multimodal Communication	Subject Code	513
Supervisor's Name	Kazuki Sekine	Degree	Ph.D. (Shirayuri University)
Research Topics	Multimodal communication, development of communication, co-speech gestures, embodied cognition.		
Description	Communication is a phenomenon where language, body, cognition, and culture meet. In daily face-to-face interactions, messages are exchanged through multiple modalities, including speech, gestures, eye contact, facial expressions, and posture. In my lab, by particularly focusing on gestures, we aim to empirically uncover the complexities of these communication processes and the underlying cognitive mechanisms and developmental changes. According to the individual research topic, we provide support and guidance for reviewing previous research, designing experiments, preparing for experiments, collecting and analyzing data, and writing papers. Through this process, we consistently encourage discussion centered on the question, "Why is it important to conduct this research?"		
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Research Domain	Educational System Development	Subject Code	578
Supervisor's Name	**Noriyuki Inoue**	Degree	Ph.D. (Columbia University)
Research Topics	Educational psychology, educational innovation, learner agency, action research, lesson study, cultural epistemology and other relevant topics		
Description	Students will be advised to design and conduct their own research projects based on their interests as they consider key theoretical and methodological frameworks for actualizing educational innovation that meets the needs of contemporary society. Throughout the process, students will be advised to critically examine theoretical and methodological frameworks of their research, ways to overcome the theory-and-practice gap, their assumptions and educational epistemology associated with the research topic. (This research guidance is also open to students interested in other relevant areas.)		
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Research Domain	Sociolinguistics of Education and Communication	Subject Code	588
Supervisor's Name	**Theron Muller**	Degree	PhD in Applied Linguistics from The Open University, MA in TEFL/TESL from the University of Birmingham
Research Topics	Sociolinguistics, Applied Linguistics, TESOL, Language Teaching and Learning, Language and Society, Academic Literacies, Translanguaging, Writing for Publication, Intercultural Communication		
Description	I am interested in supervising projects that explore the intersection of language and society through a variety of empirical means. These can include classroom-based language teaching or learning investigations as well as broader investigations into how language is embedded in and interacts within situated social contexts. TESOL themes for possible exploration include issues of motivation, identity, and autonomy as well as more traditional TESOL research into, for example, writing instruction. Sociolinguistic themes can include academic literacies, literacy histories, and examination of the language of public discourse, such as job advertisements.		
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Research Domain	Networked Information Systems	Subject Code	615
Supervisor's Name	**Qun Jin**	Degree	Ph.D.（Nihon University）
Research Topics	AI, machine learning, multimodal models, big data, learning analytics, metaverse, HCI, personalization, smart services, and other relevant research topics		
Description	With the basic research concept of creating and innovating "technology for the common good" and "computing for human well-being", we pursue to understand and support humans through convergent research across multiple academic disciplines. Our approach emphasizes solving real-world problems through interdisciplinary collaboration. Under this research supervising, students will conceive and conduct their own research for a master's degree in the extensively related areas of Educational Innovation and Communication Studies (EDICS). Research themes include, but are not limited to, technology-enhanced education, learning and communication support, artificial intelligence (e.g., generative AI, large-scale language models, multimodal models, machine learning, deep learning, ChatGPT), big data, metaverse, and human-computer interaction (HCI) for innovative learning and communication (such as personalization, educational agents, metaverse-based platforms for learning and communication, active learning, learning content and educational resources, and smart educational services, etc.).		
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