



Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University
Application Guidelines for the Double Degree Program with Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) at the Master Level (2025 Entrance)

GSAPS calls for applications for the Double Degree Program (International Relations and Regionalism) with Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) at the Master Level. GSAPS students who participate in this program are eligible to earn Master Degrees awarded by both GSAPS and ULB by completing the designated requirements for graduation at each University.

Description of the DDP ("International Relations and Regionalism")

The Double Degree Program (International Relations and Regionalism) was established in 2020 to respond to an increasing need to study regional integration in a globalizing world at an advanced level. It offers a unique learning experience by offering participants the exceptional opportunity to study at two prestigious higher learning institutions at Waseda University and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB, Brussels, Belgium). The Program is a selective, career-focused course aimed at students with an outstanding academic track record who are interested in European and East Asian international and regional affairs in a comparative perspective.

Schedule

(1) Students who entered in September 2025

Timeline table for students entering in September 2025, showing semesters (1st to 4th), credit requirements for GSAPS and ULB, and a total of 120 ECTS.

\*Screening and entrance procedures at ULB

(2) Students who entered in April 2025 (must be enrolled at least 2.5 years)

Timeline table for students entering in April 2025, showing semesters (1st to 5th, with 5th as an extended period), credit requirements for GSAPS and ULB, and a total of 120 ECTS.

\*Screening and entrance procedures at ULB



## Application Guidelines (AY2025)

Name of the Program	International Relations and Regionalism
Number of Place Available	5 students
Degrees Conferred	1) GSAPS: MA in International Relations 2) ScPo/IEE-ULB: MA in European Studies
Expected Time for Completion	2 years (1 year at GSAPS, and 1 year at ULB) for September 2025 enrollees 2.5 years (1.5 years at GSAPS, and 1 year at ULB) for April 2025 enrollees
Duration	2025/9/21 ~ 2026/9/20 (2025/4/1 ~ 2026/9/20 for April 2025 enrollees) at GSAPS 2026/9/21 ~ 2027/7 at ULB *2027/7 ~ 2027/9/15 at GSAPS (Oral examination)
Application Requirements	Applicants must meet all of the following criteria: (1) Must have entered the GSAPS MA Program in AY2025 and be currently enrolled. *Those who are taking a leave of absence in fall semester AY 2025 cannot apply. (2) MEXT and JICA students cannot apply. *Those who are receiving any scholarship must check with the foundation/organization if they are allowed to participate in the program. (3) Proficiency in English (a minimum of TOEFL Score of iBT86, or IELTS 6.5 or equivalent).
Application Documents	(1) Application Form (MyWaseda) (2) Essays (3) Certificate of English Language Proficiency *Required only for applicants who selected Japanese as the language of thesis writing at the time of GSAPS admissions screening. *Scanned copy can be accepted. (4) Supervisor Approval Form
Application Deadline	<b>November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b> *Please submit the documents via MyWaseda. <a href="https://my.waseda.jp/application/detail/application-detail?communityContentLinkId=480683745">【https://my.waseda.jp/application/detail/application-detail?communityContentLinkId=480683745】</a>
Tuition	Students participating in this program shall pay the tuition and fees at GSAPS, and shall be exempted from paying such fees at ULB. In addition to the regular GSAPS tuition and fees, students will need to pay <b>150,000 yen</b> as “Waseda Double Degree participation fee.”
Screening Process	First Screening: November 17th – November 24th (Tentative) Second Screening (Interview): November 25th – December 2th (Tentative)
Announcements of Result	Mid – End of February
Important Notes	(1) If you are an April 2025 enrollee, you will become an extended student (graduation period will be extended for one or more semester) and be required pay the tuition and fees for the extended semester. (2) A DDP candidate must fulfill the GSAPS portion of the requirements (12 credits from the GSAPS course list) by September 2026 before being able to begin the ULB phase (second year) of the program. (3) The MA thesis must be written in English. (4) Please make sure to check the CIE information for how to deal with your VISA well in advance. <a href="#">Current Students   WASEDA University   Status of Residence and Visa (cie-waseda.jp)</a>
Course List *Tentative	◆GSAPS Course Lists for AY2025~2026 (*Tentative) <a href="https://waseda.box.com/s/b45jqzn16cmyw6j7y4rx4oqcv4v0wtlm">https://waseda.box.com/s/b45jqzn16cmyw6j7y4rx4oqcv4v0wtlm</a> ◆ULB Course List(*Tentative) Please make sure to confirm the course list with ULB since the below list and information is tentative. <a href="https://www.ulb.be/en/programme/ma-eteu-1#programme">https://www.ulb.be/en/programme/ma-eteu-1#programme</a>
Contact Information	Email: <a href="mailto:gsaps-ac@list.waseda.jp">gsaps-ac@list.waseda.jp</a> Phone number: 03-5286-3877

When preparing your application, we highly recommend referring to [this video](#) as well.



## Details of the DDP Program

### 1. Degree requirements

GSAPS students need to earn a total of 30 credits at GSAPS and 120ETCS at ULB for the graduation.

- **At GSAPS:** Earn 12 credits from the course list (**by September 2026**) and 8 credits for MA thesis.
  - Up to 60ECTS will be transferred to fulfill ULB graduation requirements
- **At ULB:** Earn 60ECTS from the course list.
  - Up to 30ECTS (= 10 credits) taken at ULB will be transferred to GSAPS graduation requirements

Students of GSAPS pursuing the Degree at ULB

- (1) must register for 60ECTS towards the total of 120ECTS credits needed for a ULB's degree. The acquired 30 out of 60 ECTS are converted into 10 credits and counted towards GSAPS graduation requirements.
- (2) 12 credits the students acquire at GSAPS are converted into 36 ECTS and counted towards ULB graduation requirements.
- (3) **are required to complete a graduation thesis (in English)** according to the GSAPS rules which is to be written under co-supervision involving GSAPS and ULB faculty members..
- (4) The Master's Thesis is worth 8 credits, which are converted into 24 ECTS and counted towards ULB graduation requirements.

*\*Credits Transfer Conversion Ratio : 3 ECTS = 1 GSAPS Credit*

### 2. MA Thesis

The DDP student will write a single thesis (**in English**) according to the GSAPS rules. The thesis is to be written under the joint supervision of two faculty members: one from GSAPS and another from ScPo/IEE-ULB and students can transfer 8 credits to 24ECTS for their completion.

### 3. Curriculum

Refer to the course lists in the following pages.

\***At GSAPS:** Please make sure to take at least 6 courses (12 credits) from the GSAPS course list before September 2026.

\***At ULB :** Take courses from the ULB course list. However, if you wish to choose other courses that are taught at the same MA level at the ULB this is possible but will be limited by two factors:

- (1) There is a limit of 25% of the total number of ULB credits that can be selected outside of the program
- (2) Any choice from outside of the list is possible but must be pre-approved by the academic coordinators of the program - i.e. Pr. Jeandesboz at the ULB.

### 4. Important Notes

- (1) The requirements above and the information of the courses are subject to change.
- (2) It will cost about 1200€ per month including the rent at Brussels.
- (3) When applying, please make sure to check your own schedule, including job-hunting activities, before applying.  
(Please do not apply easily, as you will not be allowed to withdraw your application after it has been submitted.)



## Supervisor Approval Form

- (1) Please make sure to consult with your supervisor before you apply for this program.
- (2) Please ask you supervisor to sign the form.
- (3) Please first submit us the scanned copy via MyWaseda, and then submit us the original copy.

### プログラム参加承認書

学生氏名 (Student Name) :

- ・本プログラムの趣旨及び以下指導教員の義務を理解し、上記学生がプログラムに参加することを承認する。

**【指導教員の義務】**

- ・ ULB の指導教員と共同で研究指導を実施する必要がある。
- ・ 修士論文執筆言語は英語となる。
- ・ 留学期間中も、研究指導を実施する必要がある。

指導教員サイン欄

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