

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 B.A in Political Science

Graduates from the Department of Economics B.A in Economics

Graduates from the Department of Global Political Economy B.A in Global Political Economy

The date of graduation for the School of Political Science will usually 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 "List of Number of Credits Required for Graduation by Category" (p. 2) and obtain the specified number of credits.

List of Number of Credits Required for Graduation by Category (by Department)

Category name	Required number of credits (by department)			Rules for enrollment
	Department of Political Science	Department of Economics	Department of Global Political Economy	
Japanese and Global Political Economies	28 credits or more			Required courses consist of “Introduction to Japanese Political Economy,” “Japan in World Politics,” “Contemporary Japanese Politics,” “Law & Politics in Contemporary Japan,” and “Japanese Economy.”
Political Science	32 credits or more	4 credits or more	18 credits or more	Required courses consist of “Introduction to Contemporary Political Analysis” and “Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory.”
Economics	4 credits or more	32 credits or more	18 credits or more	“Introduction to Economics” is a required course.
Quantitative Approaches to Political Economies	6 credits or more			“Introduction to Statistics” is a required course.
Workshops & Seminars	16 credits or more			Required courses consist of “Fresh-Start Seminar,” “Intermediate Seminar A,” “Intermediate Seminar B,” “Advanced Seminar 1,” “Advanced Seminar 2,” “Advanced Seminar 3” and “Thesis.”
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				
Total	124 credits or more			

Category name	Required number of credits	Remarks
Developmental 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. Course Categories and Classifications

This course 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 subjects 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 subjects 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 Language for Social Sciences, General Studies, Career Exploration and Experience, Elective Courses

General Studies provides interdisciplinary courses common to all departments. Foreign Language 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 specified by the School of Political Science and Economics as recognized courses by other schools/institutions/universities, students may count these courses toward the category of Elective Courses.