

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.
- 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 "Political Science," "Economics," and "Methodology" categories combined.
- The student has registered and passed "Advanced Seminar 1".

(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.
- Students must take "Advanced Seminar 2, 3" and "Thesis".

(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 "Political Science," "Economics," and "Methodology" categories combined.
- The student has passed "Advanced Seminar 2, 3" and "Thesis".

(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 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.