

## **Purpose of Cultivation of Human Resources and Educational Research**

### **School of Political Science and Economics**

The educational goal of the School of Political Science and Economics is “to cultivate human resources that can participate proactively in society with a broad perspective and deep problem-consciousness.” In addition to acquiring specialized knowledge in the fields of political science and economics and cultivating insight, students are able to develop the ability to discover problems on their own and think about such problems in a multifaceted and critical manner from a wide perspective, based on acquiring a broad education and solid language abilities. This “anti-elitist philosophy” in the modern sense is, of course, associated with practice. Waseda University has always served as a place for liberal and vibrant encounters and friendly competition among various people. Based on this tradition, by further promoting communication that is broadly open to the world, human qualities that allow for understanding and respect of the human mind can be cultivated, and a foundation for appropriate action formed. The School is confident that it is precisely these kinds of human resources that will serve as the driving force of society and contribute to regional and global development, and that they are linked to a realization of the goals of the human race, namely to pave the way for a sustainable future. The educational and research activities of faculty members are organically linked to this goal.

### **Department of Political Science**

The Department of Political Science embodies the spirit of school-building that consists of the independence of learning and the establishment of an autonomous civic society. This spirit is reflected in the high ideals of analyzing current political phenomena based on close ties with economics and aiming for learning that can be transmitted from Japan to the world. A phased and systematic curriculum that is suited to political science as a complex academic field that covers many realms, including systems, theories, history, thought, local regions, and international relations, has been prepared; by combining this curriculum with small-group education such as seminars, etc., human resources that can think about political phenomena in a specialized and independent manner can be successfully cultivated. The Department aims to develop leaders who have constructive critical faculties, and who can be globally active in a calm and devoted manner in various fields such as the international field, political science, economics, the media, and the civil service. Our full-time faculty members play an important role at the leading edge of wide-ranging political science research while making use of their extensive experience abroad, and are putting into practice interdisciplinary coordination with fields such as economics.

### **Department of Economics**

The Department of Economics produces human resources that possess specialized knowledge in economics and can contribute to the development of society. Economic phenomena are a representation of the activities of individual people and, by extension, the activities that support society as a whole, consisting of producing and providing what is necessary to human existence. The clear-cut tool for understanding such actions is the study of economics. The study of economics is evolving together with societies and economies, which are becoming more complex and diverse. As a result, in order to adopt the study of economics as a tool, it is desired for students to thoroughly learn their field, starting with the basics, and to apply these basics to an area in which they have a particular interest. In accordance with a phased course enrollment system and a wealth of courses in applied areas, the Department of Economics has arranged curricula that follow students’ purposes. In addition, human resources that possess the ability to carry out proactive discussions and summarize their thoughts are also developed through seminars. The educational and research activities of faculty members focus on this goal as the faculty members work at the leading edge of economics and aim for interdisciplinary coordination with fields such as political science.



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### **Department of Global Political Economy**

The Department of Global Political Economy cultivates human resources that, based on systematic knowledge of political science and economics, can contribute to the development of human society, and provide policy recommendations for renovation and improvements to political and economic systems with a global vision in the sense of transcending national borders. The problems that our society is faced with cannot be accurately understood without reference to the connection between modern times and international mutual interdependence, including the relevant historical context. In addition, the ideals of international society are ever-changing, and a new viewpoint regarding the ideals of society is becoming necessary. Human resources with the ability to analyze real problems based on the fundamentals of public philosophy, political science, and economics, and that have the capability to propose countermeasures and take action to realize these countermeasures are exactly what is most sought after by modern-day society in these troubled times. Faculty members focus on this goal in their educational and research activities, participating in the leading edge of academia and constructing new academic fields through interdisciplinary activities.

## The Three Policies of the School of Political Science and Economics

### 1. Diploma Policy

#### School of Political Science and Economics

The School of Political Science and Economics makes full use of Waseda University's inclusiveness and unique and innovative characteristics to encourage diverse interactions among academic fields, cultures, languages, and values. The School fosters individuals capable of making an independent contribution to global society through the School's systematic curriculum, the University's wider educational environment, and the broader attributes of an enriched student life. Students gain specialized knowledge in the fields of political science and economics, the robust foreign language skills needed for cross-cultural communication, and a broad liberal arts education capable of facilitating a multifaceted awareness of the students themselves and others. Accordingly, graduates of the School of Political Science and Economics are capable of engaging in global society, particularly in Japan and other societies in the region of Asia, and contributing to the advancement of international organizations and other national organizations. To ensure that students graduate in possession of these capabilities and to ensure the quality of graduates, the curriculum is structured using measures such as comparative assessment and GPA so that the acquisition of credits in itself is sufficient evidence that a student has acquired the requisite capabilities.

The School of Political Science and Economics offers a Japanese-based Degree Program (JDP) and an English-based Degree Program (EDP), which started in 2010, and each has three degree programs—B.A. in Political Science, B.A. in Economics, and B.A. in Global Political Economy. These three degree programs share in the common educational principles and traditions of “Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).” PPE in the School's pedagogy refers to having the ability to analyze and make decisions about issues related to philosophical, political, and economic phenomena through logical and critical thinking. In the first year, students acquire basic knowledge of PPE through introductory courses. Based on such knowledge, in their second year and thereafter, they are expected to acquire specialized knowledge of philosophy, political science and economics. Furthermore, students are strongly encouraged to take seminar courses in a consistent sequence from the first year to the fourth year, and they are expected to master a certain level of skill in problem-identification, presentation, communication, and academic writing.

#### B.A. in Political Science

For the degree to be conferred, students are required to have taken a balance of foreign language courses, general studies global literacy courses, methods and methodologies of analysis courses, and economics courses, alongside a core set of political science courses. Particular emphasis is given to the acquisition of an advanced comprehension of political science so that students are able to understand the globalized and complex political phenomena of modern times. In response to recent developments in political science, students are recommended to acquire mathematical and quantitative methods.. They are also obliged to study the norms and thinking of political philosophy as well as its history to develop an understanding of the subject. In addition to systematically taking political science courses including introductory, intermediate, and advanced and specialized courses, students are required to develop a basic understanding of economics to foster an approach that seeks to understand political science in terms of its relationship with economic phenomena, rather than in isolation. The degree program seeks to develop individuals with the drive and expertise required to analyze complex policy issues and become global leaders. The educational program is dedicated to producing critical and constructive thinkers with the composure and dedication necessary to excel in a wide range of professional fields, including in the arenas of international political organizations and private economic corporations, the mass media, and the civil service.

#### B.A. in Economics

The degree program aims to develop individuals capable of taking independent action with a view to overcoming the challenges faced by modern society as it undergoes rapid globalization, by providing diverse but systematic courses with the study of economics at its core. Accordingly, in addition to the required courses and required elective courses, students in the B.A. in Economics are offered systematically organized economics courses, analytical methods courses, and seminar courses so that they graduate with a firm understanding of the basics of economic theory and statistics, as well as advanced skills in the application of economic theory, data analysis, and communication. Students are strongly encouraged to cultivate a broad liberal arts education and interdisciplinary perspectives by taking courses such as political science courses and global literacy courses. Graduates of the B.A. in Economics are expected to continue to advance the skills acquired at the School of Political Science and Economics and to become outstanding leaders in a variety of fields in society, such as private companies and public organizations in Japan and internationally.



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### **B.A. in Global Political Economy**

The B.A. in Global Political Economy provides comprehensive knowledge and applied skills through its unique curriculum in which political science and economics are closely integrated. In order to equip individuals with a thorough understanding of historical contexts and current conditions in an increasingly interdependent world, students are introduced to the analysis of real-world problems from multiple perspectives, both global and local, past and present. Moreover, they are given experience in proposing and executing solutions to actual policy problems. Additionally, the program places value on respect for others and collaboration. This is cultivated through its small-class-size seminars and interaction with international students. The program seeks to build an academic community of students capable of considering diverse perspectives, analyzing problems in a flexible and level-headed manner, and proposing solutions without over-reliance on any single set of theories or forms of knowledge. Furthermore, it seeks to produce graduates with the patience to tackle problems with the self-confidence that comes with a broad range of learning. By offering specialized courses in the EDP, which allows students to acquire analytical and communication skills founded on solid methodologies in both Japanese and English, the degree program fosters graduates' ability to make a lasting contribution to human development and societal flourishing at the international level.

## **2. Curriculum Policy**

### **School of Political Science and Economics**

To encourage the progressive development of the skills described under its Diploma Policy, the School of Political Science and Economics has traditionally offered a core curriculum composed of systematically designed politics and economics courses, a well-developed range of foreign language courses, and a wide choice of liberal arts courses (global literacy courses). In recent years, the School has also implemented measures such as the following to improve its educational program: establishing small class sizes centered on a seminar format that include all enrolled students from the first year through to the fourth year; arranging classes by ability in order to ensure acquisition of English language skills; integrating the JDP and EDP curricula to offer JDP students opportunities to take specialized courses in English; systematizing a second-foreign-language curriculum with established milestones; and promoting the sending and acceptance of international exchange students through a double-degree program. The School also offers a rich selection of opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, including internships and interaction with its alumni association, in preparation for students' lives after graduation. Through this comprehensive curriculum, students of the School of Political Science and Economics are expected to acquire the multifaceted skills set out under the Diploma Policy. In particular, the small-class-size seminar courses provide opportunities for active learning, and there are foundational seminars, academic literacy seminars, and specialized seminars (on politics, economics, global political economy, interdisciplinary seminars, and journalism and media). Separate credits are given for a specialized thesis that the student prepares in the course of a seminar and submits before graduation.

### **B.A. in Political Science**

Political science is a multifaceted field that cuts across many disciplines and employs diverse methods. This academic field covers traditional research that is closely related to philosophy, law, and history to current research that strives to use knowledge and methods of economics. It involves research that digs deep into specific regions and systems as well as research that involves global comparisons and holistic perspectives. Some political science research aims to grasp phenomena systematically and in terms of their cause and effect, while other research seeks to review and set out the cultural norms of systems and polities. The degree program features a phased and systematic curriculum relevant to these characteristics of political science. Students are required to first take two required subjects, Introduction to Political Analysis and Public Philosophy as introductory courses, and either Introduction to Japanese Politics or Introduction to International Relations as a selective required course. These courses enable a smooth transition to specialized study at the university-level after graduation from high school. In addition, students must take three out of five intermediate level courses—Political Analysis, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Public Policy, and History of Political Thought—as selective required courses to build the foundation for an in-depth study of specific areas within political science. Apart from these selective required courses, various basic and intermediate-level courses as well as advanced and specialized courses are offered in a systematic manner in each of the five subfields. Seminars, with a focus on politics, are important opportunities to discuss specialized themes in a small group. Furthermore, the required courses of Statistics, Introduction to Microeconomics, and Introduction to Macroeconomics provide students with the foundation to grasp political phenomena using rigorous scientific methods and to analyze political phenomena in relation to economic phenomena.



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### **B.A. in Economics**

The basic philosophy of the B.A. in Economics curriculum is premised on the idea that theoretical foundations and the ability to analyze data objectively are necessary to understand and resolve the range of problems facing today's global society. A curriculum is offered that allows students to learn economic theory and statistics in stages, from the basics to the first-year graduate level in both English and Japanese, with seminar classes for theory-related courses and practical training classes using statistical software for statistics-related courses. Moreover, from a wide range of courses in Economic Thought and Economic History, students learn about the effectiveness and limitations of economic approaches and also about alternative approaches. Additionally, in the area of economic policy and international economics, courses are arranged in a way that enables students to learn in detail about specific fields, while also studying a broad range of different fields. By taking courses from these groups in accordance with their individual areas of interest, students deepen their knowledge of specific issues while improving their skills in the application of economic theory and data analysis. The aim of having a small group of students in seminar classes, with a focus on economics, is to provide students with numerous opportunities for group work, presentations, and discussion, thereby improving their analytical and communication skills.

### **B.A. in Global Political Economy**

The curriculum of the B.A. in Global Political Economy was designed with the goal of fostering the ability to analyze political and economic mechanisms in Japanese and international society, and the complex interrelationships between politics and economics from a broad, global perspective, which goes beyond the experiences of individual countries or historical eras. The degree program is characterized by its well-balanced combination of required basic courses—Public Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics—based on the pedagogical traditions of PPE. In addition, a common foundation to study these specialized fields is provided through required courses on analytical methods—Statistics, Introduction to Game Theory, and Introduction to Mathematics for Economics. Similarly, students are offered a broad range of foreign language courses and global literacy courses, including required courses to improve communication skills and broaden cross-cultural perspectives.

The required political science courses are Introduction to Political Analysis, Public Philosophy (Politics), and Introduction to International Relations, and students must take one of the following five selective required courses: Political Analysis, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Public Policy, and History of Political Thought. The required economics courses include not only Introduction to Microeconomics and Introduction to Macroeconomics, but also Economic Policy, Japanese Economy, and Public Philosophy (Economics). By progressively acquiring the basics of both politics and economics and by taking a well-balanced combination of intermediate and advanced courses on politics and economics, students are able to develop a broad set of theoretical perspectives, as well as analytical and applied methodological skills. Furthermore, in the small-class-sized seminars, such as Global Political Economy seminars, students can identify their own topics of interest, develop their ability to carry out independent research, and learn how to effectively report on the results of such inquiries.

## **3. Admissions Policy**

### **School of Political Science and Economics**

The School of Political Science and Economics welcomes students from Japan and around the world under an educational philosophy of “Independence of Learning,” which is one of Waseda University’s stated missions. Students must possess a high level of academic skill, strong intellectual curiosity, a bold and enterprising spirit (one of the principles of Waseda University), and a passion for study. In order to ensure the highest quality and diversity of its students, the School of Political Science and Economics holds the following four types of entrance examinations: a general entrance examination, an entrance examination using the National Center for University Entrance Examinations, a recommended admissions entrance examination, and a global entrance examination. The recommended admissions entrance examination and the global entrance examination, in particular, are open to international students and provide the opportunity for students from both Japan and overseas to sit for an entrance examination. Applicants are expected to possess language abilities, particularly in either Japanese and/or English, as well as logical thinking skills. Historical and cultural knowledge are required so that students are able to understand their own background, and dynamism is needed to tackle a variety of problems through interaction with different people from around the world. The above entrance examinations test these areas of knowledge and the skills of candidates from a variety of perspectives.



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### **B.A. in Political Science**

The B.A. in Political Science continues to uphold the University's founding spirit of independence of learning and establishing an autonomous civil society. This spirit is reflected in its high aspiration to analyze real political phenomena through close collaboration with economics and to produce academic results that can be communicated from Japan to the world. Successful candidates should be able to take on the mantle of these academic traditions in a progressive manner. The degree program is for students with the desire to pursue academic depth and maturity as a person through a spirit of friendly rivalry in the pursuit of political science as an academic discipline. Candidates will be from diverse backgrounds and possess the full range of basic academic skills that high school graduates should possess. Potential candidates include those with a strong interest in social phenomena, such as modern politics and economics. They will acquire the ability to understand, analyze, and act in a way that suits the needs of modern times, and have the communication skills needed in a modern globalized society. They must be capable of expressing their opinions in a way that is highly creative and supported by accurate knowledge, and possess the desire to contribute to the creative development of their region, Japan, and the world.

### **B.A. in Economics**

The basic philosophy for the selection of students in the B.A. in Economics is that students possess a strong interest and grounding in theoretically understanding and explaining social phenomena, with a focus on economics. This means that students should have a broad interest in current social conditions and history, in addition to politics and economics, and value logical thinking. A certain level of mathematical ability is essential to understand economics and apply it to the comprehension of social phenomena. Even if a student is not particularly confident in mathematics, an attitude of pursuing mathematical logic with perseverance is necessary. The ideal student body includes a mix of students with vast knowledge about current and past politics and economics, outstanding mathematical thinking, or strong interest in international relations to make the most of their respective strengths in a spirit of friendly rivalry as they set about acquiring the ability to carry out logical analyses of socioeconomic phenomena. For this reason, every effort is made to attract students with a variety of strengths through multiple entrance examinations.

### **B.A. in Global Political Economy**

The B.A. in Global Political Economy welcomes students with a strong interest in the political and economic phenomena shaping today's global society and the links between these phenomena, possessing the determination to identify practical methods to solve global problems proactively, and seeking to make a contribution to the development of their region and the world. Students should have the communication and logical thinking skills needed to succeed in a globalized society, an attuned sensitivity that allows them to consider the positions of a variety of different people, and an ability to act both proactively and introspectively. The degree program is designed for students with a sense of curiosity about a broad range of pursuits in the research fields of politics and economics and a desire to absorb new knowledge and diverse ways of thinking without being constrained by existing frameworks. At the same time, students should possess the motivation to take specialized courses offered in both Japanese and English, and the willingness to diligently acquire analytical and critical thinking skills as they work toward achieving their goals.