

Establishing a Certificate for **Proficiency in Japanese for Political Science and Economics**

Through mutual exchanges between the Japanese-Based Degree Program (JDP) and the English-Based Degree Program (EDP), the SPSE itself is becoming a place of global education, with its undergraduate education intended to nurture leaders who will pioneer the future of global society. Since we would like to encourage EDP students to take more JDP courses, we are now establishing a Certificate for Proficiency in Japanese for Political Science and Economics for EDP students.

The measures aim to further improve the Japanese proficiency of EDP students and help them acquire specialized knowledge of politics and economics in JDP courses. We hope that by taking classes with regular JDP students in the School, they will acquire experience learning substantive topics in their chosen area of specialization where the language of instruction is Japanese. This experience would increase their full-fledged Japanese skills which will benefit them professionally.

◆Details of the program

A certificate exclusive to this program will be issued to the EDP students enrolled as of AY2023 or later and the graduates from AY2023 or later who have obtained 8 or more credits in the following eligible courses.

- JDP courses offered by SPSE in which the language used is Japanese.
 - * JDP Language Courses are not eligible (e.g., 中国語（初級）I / Basic Chinese I).
- Students will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements if they obtain credits, whether they count toward graduation or not.

◆Certificate issuance method

- Current students can use the automatic certificate-issuing machine, while certificates for graduates will be issued at the office. The certificate is scheduled to be issued in March 2024.
- The certificate issuance fee is the same as other certificates.
- No prior application from the student is required for issuance, and the certificate can be issued at any time after grades are announced.
 - *Announcement of grades: Around March 1 and September 1 every year.

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