

Rikkyo University (Private) Graduate School of Business

◆ Program name

Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA)
Course

◆ Degrees:

Master of Public Management and Administration

◆ Credit and years needed for graduation:

30 credits, 2 years

◆ Address:

3-34-1 Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo 171-8501, Japan



Main Gate at Ikebukuro campus

Features of University <https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/academics/graduate/business.html>

Rikkyo University has two campuses: one in Ikebukuro, Tokyo and the other in Niiza, Saitama-prefecture which borders on Tokyo in the south. The main campus is located in Ikebukuro, one of the largest commercial and transportation hubs in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo. And our Ikebukuro campus where JDS fellows will study is only a few minute-walk from the Ikebukuro-Station.

Rikkyo was founded in 1874 by an American Bishop, and has a long history of excellence in education and research, which, combined with substantial investment in state of the art information technology and teaching facilities, has earned a reputation as an outstanding educational institution and one of the most sought-after universities in Japan.

Today, Rikkyo enrolls over 19,000 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students in its thirteen colleges (Arts, Business, Community and Human Services, Economics, Intercultural Communication, Law and Politics, Contemporary Psychology, Science, Sociology, Tourism, Global Liberal Arts Program, Sport and Wellness, Environmental Studies) and fifteen graduate schools (Business, Economics, Arts, Tourism, Science, Sociology, Law and Politics, Community and Human Services, Contemporary Psychology, Christian Studies, Business Administration, Intercultural Communication, Law, Social Design Studies, Artificial Intelligence and Science, Sport and Wellness).

Rikkyo, from its inception, has valued international exchange with esteemed institutions abroad. Rikkyo has exchange agreements with over 100 universities in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, North and South America. Rikkyo believes our campus life, both academic and social, will be greatly enriched by diversity.

Features of Graduate School <http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/academics/graduate/buisiness/>

The Graduate School of Business (GSB) was established upon the foundations of the former Graduate Program in Business Administration of the Graduate School of Economics and the Graduate Degree Program in Applied Sociology of the Graduate School of Sociology. It conducts specialized interdisciplinary studies in the field of business administration based on the traditions of these two programs. The Graduate Program in Business Administration conducted business management-related education and research based on business administration and accounting, while the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology places its theoretical basis in industrial relations. Industrial relations were originally a field that focused on labor issues, but in recent years it has come to cover other aspects of corporate activities, including marketing and consumer behavior, the relationship between industry and the local community in terms of corporate social responsibility, and business strategies for responding to the rapidly changing values of industrial society. The GSB has incorporated these studies in industrial relations into business management studies to nurture a wide range of professionals, from researchers to highly-trained experts, who can approach the dynamically changing modern business environment from an international perspective.

The GSB faculty members have been conducting the Business Leadership Program (BLP) and the Bilingual Business Leader Program (BBL) for their undergraduate students. Between 2008 and 2010, the BLP had been supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT).

Features of the Programs <https://mpma.rikkyo.ac.jp>

There are two English-medium courses in the Master of International Business Program of the Graduate School of Business: **Master of Public Management and Administration (hereafter referred to as MPMA) Course** and Master of International Business (MIB) Course. JDS fellows will enroll in the MPMA Course.

The MPMA Course is designed particularly for mid-career public officers to nurture and develop their capacities to review, formulate, manage, and evaluate policies and programs effectively. The Course is strategically kept small to ensure intensive but congenial interactions amongst its students and faculty members. In addition, both MPMA and MIB students study together in the same classrooms through the cross-registration.

As a JDS student from Kyrgyz Republic, you will have the opportunity to study with other young government officials from Asian countries too.

MPMA requires every student, including JDS fellows, to complete coursework and a master's thesis. Specifically, in the first year, the students will take required courses in order to acquire basic knowledge and become familiar with theories in public management and economics. They will also learn analytical skills as well as obtain proficiency with computer software commonly used by economists and public management scholars, so that they can collect data and conduct the quantitative analyses competently. Workshops on statistical software (Stata, etc.) are offered occasionally, through which the students can further develop their analytical skills. These basic knowledge, skills, and tools would be applicable to analyzing and solving a wide range of problems. In their second year, the students will take variety of elective courses from three categories – Public Management, Economics, and Business.

In addition to the coursework, each student is required to complete a master's thesis – an independent research project in which the student focuses on a specific research question, investigates related theories, collects and analyze data, and derives policy recommendations. A supervisor will be assigned to each student at the beginning of the first year. From the second semester of the first year and onward, the students will work on each major step in completing the master's thesis, from narrowing down the research question and situating it into a broader academic debate, to analyzing data and completing the final draft, under the close supervision of the supervisor.

To promote our students to complete master's theses of high quality, we will provide students with opportunities to present their master's theses at international academic conferences, either in the last semester of the second year or after graduation. We also support the publication of the master's thesis if it is of publishable quality.



In the classroom



Field Trip

Necessary Curriculum to Obtain the Degrees

MPMA Course : <https://mpma.rikkyo.ac.jp/program.html>

MIB Course (as electives) : <https://rikkyo-mib.jp/>

Upon successful completion of the MPMA course requirements and a master's thesis, a Master of Public Management and Administration degree will be awarded.

Course Type	Credits Required for Graduation
Required courses	4 credits or more
Elective courses 1	10 or more credits
Elective courses 2	16 or more credits
Total	30 or more credits

Minimum course requirements for the MPMA students

Required Courses (4 credits)	credit
Master's Thesis Supervision 1	2
Master's Thesis Supervision 2	2
Master's Thesis Supervision 3	2
Master's Thesis Supervision 4	2
Elective Courses 1 (10 credits)	
Research Methodology	2
Applied Microeconomics	2
Statistics for Economics and Management	2
Applied Econometrics	2
Mathematics for Economics and Management	2
Public Administration	2
Public Management	2
Public Finance and Budgeting	2
Elective Courses 2 (16 credits)	
Public Management	
Project Cycle Management (PCM)	2
Public Private Partnership (PPP)	2
Local Government and Public Services	2
Public Policy	2
Japanese Politics	2
Public Policy Development in Asia	2
Environmental Policy and Disaster Management	2
Inequality and Poverty	2
Development Planning and Policy Evaluation	2
Natural Resource Management and Environmental Policy	2
Business	
Social Network Theory and Analysis	2
Human Resource Management	2
Investment and Asset Pricing	2
Financial Accounting and Reporting	2
Economics	
Agricultural Economics and Policy Analysis	2
International Finance	2
Urban and Regional Economics	2
Japanese Economy	2
Development Economics	2
Asian Economic Development	2
Applied Macroeconomics	2
Cross Section and Panel Data Analysis	2
Special topics	
Special Topics in MPMA:	2
Total:	30

List of MIB elective courses JDS fellows may take

Advanced Topics in Accounting
Business and Society in Asia
Business Environment: Political Economy of Asia
Cases in General Management
Cases in Marketing Strategy and Operations
Corporate Social Responsibility: A Japanese Perspective
Good Business Initiative Workshop
Human Resource Management in Japan
International Financial Management
International Sports Business

International Sports Finance
International Sports Marketing
Japanese Economy
Leadership in Global Organization
Marketing in Japan
Multinational Enterprises and Strategy in Asia
Strategic Communication in Global Business
Strategic Financial Management
Strategic Technological Innovation in Asia
Sustainability

Each course carries two (2) credits.

Various Japanese language courses are also available to JDS fellows.

List of past Master's Thesis (Title)

- An Analysis on the Gender Wage Gap in Cambodia's Labor Market: A Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition
- Agricultural financing and its barriers in Cambodia
- Bank Credit Risk and Income Diversification in the Bangladesh Banking Industry: Any Difference Between Listed and Non-Listed Banks?
- HOW DO CLIMATE CONCERNS AND VALUE ORIENTATION AMONG BANKERS INFLUENCE AGRICULTURAL FINANCING
- DOES SOCIAL MEDIA INCREASE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIVENESS? A CONJOINT EXPERIMENT OF VIETNAMESE CITIZENS
- ENGINEERING WORK-LIFE INTEGRATION PROGRAMS: INSIGHTS FROM SURVEY AND CONJOINT ANALYSIS OF DPWH, PHILIPPINES
- MISSIONARY ROUTES IN THE PHILIPPINE NAUTICAL HIGHWAY BY USING CAPITAL BUDGETING ANALYSIS: BASIS FOR INVESTMENT DECISION
- WILLINGNESS OF STREET-LEVEL TAX OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT VALUE ADDED TAX POLICY ON E-COMMERCE IN CAMBODIA
- THE IMPACTS OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON JOB SATISFACTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL JUSTICE IN THE JOB CENTERS OF CAMBODIA NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
- Growth under pressure: How does trade diversification shape responses to US trade sanctions in developing countries?
- Credit growth in turmoil: Does international integration mitigate or amplify banking and currency crises in developing countries?
- THE IMPACT OF REGIONALISM ON MANAGEMENT POLICY: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
- Crop Diversification and its Determinants in the Kyrgyz Republic
- SPATIAL ANALYSIS OF POVERTY AND EXTREME POVERTY INCIDENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES (2018-2023): PROVINCIAL TRENDS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER COVID-19
- Investors' Willingness to Invest and the Determinants of Private Investment in Philippine Healthcare Infrastructure
- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF VIETNAMESE BANKS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC: A TWO-STAGE DEA APPROACH WITH DIRECTIONAL DISTANCE FUNCTION
- IMPACT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE VIOLATIONS ON STOCK PERFORMANCE AMONG COMPANIES AT THE HANOI STOCK EXCHANGE IN VIETNAM



Graduation ceremony



Orientation

List of faculty members capable of guiding JDS Fellows

Each JDS fellow will be supervised by a very dedicated MPMA faculty. At the September orientation sessions in the first semester, all MPMA students will meet with their supervisor to discuss their research and coursework. Besides the regular scheduled classes, the MPMA faculty team will also provide a series of thesis writing sessions on a need basis.

List of MPMA faculty who could supervise/advice JDS fellows: https://mpma.rikkyo.ac.jp/research_n_faculty.html

KATAOKA, Mitsuhiro

Professor

Ph.D. in International Development, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, 2004

Courses: Statistics for Economics and Management, Development Economics, Urban and Regional Economics, Japanese Economy, Development Planning

Research Interests: Development Economics, Spatial Data Analysis, Income Inequality, Productivity Analysis, Regional Development

LIM, Seunghoo

Professor

Ph.D. in Public Administration, Florida State University, 2015

Courses: Public Finance and Budgeting, Public Policy, Public Policy Development in Asia, Environmental Policy and Disaster Management

Research Interests: Public Policy, Public Management

KAKINAKA, Makoto

Visiting Professor

Ph.D. in Economics, Cornell University, 2006

Courses: Mathematics for Economics and Management, International Finance

Research Interests: International Economics, Financial and Banking Systems, Public Choice and Policy

KOTANI, Koji

Visiting Professor

Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, 2005

Courses: Agricultural Economics and Policy Analysis, Natural Resource Management and Environment Policy

Research Interests: Environmental and Natural Resource Management and Agricultural Economics

YAMADA, Kyohei

Visiting Professor

Ph.D. in Political Science, Yale University, 2013

Courses: Research Methodology, Public Administration, Local Government and Public Services, Japanese Politics

Research Interests: Local Government, Intergovernmental Relations, Japanese Politics and Government

Academic Schedule

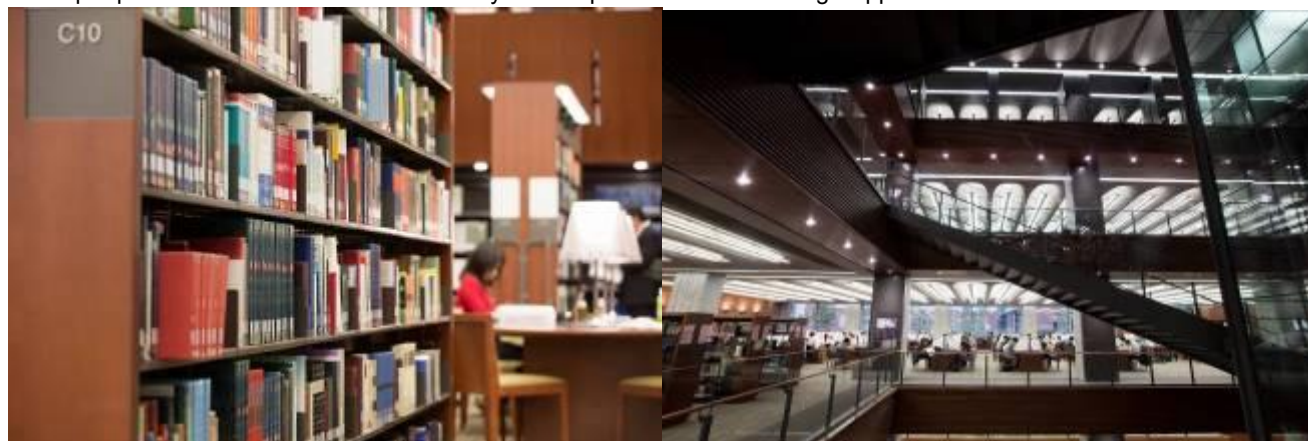
Tentative academic schedule of 2026-2028 for JDS fellows:

1st year	
Late September	Entrance Ceremony, Orientations, Meet with supervisor
Late September	Fall semester (1st semester) classes begin
Late December - Early January	Winter holidays
Late January	Fall semester (1st semester) classes end
Early February - Late March	Spring holidays
Early April	Spring semester (2nd semester) classes begin
Late July	Spring semester (2nd semester) classes end
Early August - Late September	Summer holidays
2nd year	
Late September	Fall semester (3rd semester) classes begin
Late December - Early January	Winter holidays
Late January	Fall semester (3rd semester) classes end
Early February - Late March	Spring holidays
Early April	Spring semester (4th semester) classes begin
Late June	Submission of a master's thesis
Early July	Thesis oral examination
Late July	Spring semester (4th semester) classes end

Early August	Submission of a master's thesis (final version)
Mid-September	Graduation ceremony

Facilities <https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/campuslife/learning/library.html>

- (1) **Library:** Rikkyo has one of the largest and best libraries in Japanese universities with large selections of books, journals, and English-medium data bases and software. With the collection of over 1.9 million volumes of print and digital materials, the library supports research and teaching. Renovated in 2012, our library is among the best in Japan. 670 computers including 370 rental lap-tops are available for use in the library. PC Help Services and Writing Support Staff are also available at the counter.



- (2) **Study room:** The MPMA study rooms are equipped with computers and printers which are available for MPMA student's use. There are enough seats for all students and equipped PCs have been already installed two statistical software, Stata and GAUSS. Students are provided for an individual locker, so they can keep their own private belongings in it with key.



- (3) **Sports facilities:** Rikkyo has a new gymnasium, opened in April 2013, which accommodates an Olympic-size swimming pool, indoor tennis courts, basketball stadium, training room etc.

- (4) In addition to the International Center which takes care of the overseas student's non-academic needs, there are English-speaking staffs in the program office to assist JDS fellows.

Message for Applicants

The MPMA Course wholeheartedly welcomes the JDS fellows from Kyrgyz Republic. Our educational and research philosophy is to educate students to become leaders and experts who are equipped with knowledge and abilities necessary to analyze various issues in new global environments using a variety of approaches.

By taking the required courses in the first semester, you can expect to acquire fundamental knowledge in public management and economics as well as analytical skills and tools.

You can also expect a wider variety of elective courses because you can take the elective courses offered by the MIB Course. In addition, Rikkyo classroom settings and community will let JDS fellows mingle with and learn from students and faculty from different backgrounds. You will be studying along with other young government officials.

Most importantly, expect to work hard with our team of excellent faculty members. Our expert faculty members provide intensive learning and research opportunities to our students based on their extensive professional experiences. A supervisor will be assigned to you at the beginning of the first year. Our faculty include those who have years of supervising JDS fellows and government officials from Asian countries.

Japan is one of the world's largest economies and the home of many of the world's leading companies in the automotive, electronics, computer games, and information technology industries – most of which are headquartered in Tokyo. The Ikebukuro district, where the Rikkyo's main campus is located, has long been enjoying cultural and ethnic diversity. The combination of a good place and good people make for a great experience.

Comments from alumni:



CHRYSTAL JOHN TERIC LUEGO (JDS The Philippines, Class of 2024)

Pursuing postgraduate study in Japan and finishing with an academic award is a significant achievement for my professional career. In addition, I am deeply honored that my research has been considered for inclusion in the book *Public Budgeting and Finance*, which will soon be published by Springer. As a contributor, I have an entire chapter dedicated solely to discussing and elaborating on key concepts and findings derived from my research.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the strong foundation embedded and developed at Rikkyo University. The courses offered in Rikkyo University aided me in realizing that everything is all about math. Learning and applying various quantitative methods emanating from Advanced Algebra, Calculus, Statistics, Economics, and Managerial Accounting led me in developing the technique called "4-Fold Gijutsu". This approach comprises series of calculations such as multiple regression analysis, input-output table analysis, capital budgeting analysis, sensitivity analysis, income inequality and poverty incidence, divergence and convergence, financial statement analysis, and audit. These quantitative methods will serve as tools to analyze, interpret, and recommend appropriate measures to assess the economic condition at the same time stimulate economic activity in the maritime industry where I work. To complete the MPMA program, only 30 units are required. However, I enrolled in a total of 52 units to ensure I achieve my academic goals.

The MPMA support staff are likewise incredibly supportive and attentive, keeping us well-informed about both academic and non-academic requirements. Additionally, they consistently choose the best locations in Japan for our field trips.

In summary, if you really want to be better, I believe that Rikkyo University is the optimal choice for pursuing and achieving your dreams.

May the Lord guide us in all our undertaking.

どうもありがとうございます, Rikkyo University.



SAY RAKSMEYSORIYA (JDS Cambodia, Class of 2024)

Throwing back to the last two years, I was seeking an opportunity to study for a master's degree in Japan. As I went through the list of available universities for furthering my studies, I found Rikkyo University fits all my interests including the curriculum (MPMA), the field study specification (Management and Economics), the expertise of professors, the university location, and the campus environment. I did not hesitate to choose Rikkyo University as the first university priority for my academic endeavor. Luckily, I got selected as the first Cambodian generation at Rikkyo University, which allowed me to come to Japan and experience academic life in MPMA at this University.

After two years of studying here, I could conclude my decision was correct. MPMA at Rikkyo had offered me more than I expected. I had the chance to study with competent and qualified professors in the field of Economics and Management. All professors are kind, helpful, and understanding. They treat us like their family making us feel comfortable to consult with them about our academic problems or even life in Japan. Additionally, I had a chance to go for field studies in various Japanese industries to explore more besides studying at university. This allows me to learn even more about Japan and academic research. Rikkyo has a big library where we can find millions of books and materials for our study's research. It is convenient to do research for having a big database in hand. Besides study facilities, Rikkyo also offers a good environment for relaxation and sports facilities to stay mentally and physically healthy. Especially, Rikkyo always offers job opportunities such as Teaching assistants and research assistant positions for all students allowing us to gain working experience in Japan. I spent three semesters as a Teaching assistant for undergraduate and graduate classes. This experience enlightened my perspectives on the Japanese working culture, life discipline, and punctuality. Overall life at Rikkyo University has had a very positive impact on my life regarding my personality and career development.



ZALDARRIAGA RITZI BUENA GANOT (JDS The Philippines, Class of 2025)

Choosing Rikkyo University to pursue my master's degree has given me a rich academic experience beyond the classroom. The program is perfectly tailored for public service, with its focus on economics, public policy and administration; the courses are carefully curated to build and strengthen data analysis skills that will inform policy development and formulation. As Kataoka-sensei, our program head, always reminds us: 'No data, no facts.'

Rikkyo University also prides itself for its excellent facilities, which have helped me immensely during my time here in Japan. MPMA students not only enjoyed Rikkyo's impressive library and a dedicated study room equipped with STATA-installed computers, printers, and personal lockers, but also benefited from access to a gym and swimming pool, which encouraged a healthy balance between wellness and academic life.

The professors in the program are not only highly qualified graduates of prestigious universities, but also deeply committed to sharing their expertise. What I appreciate most is that MPMA goes beyond theory by organizing international business conferences, which have provided us opportunities to engage with global perspectives.

As a foreign student, I truly value the diversity of the program. I have met wonderful people from different parts of the world who have now become my friends. The university also organizes cultural and academic activities for international students. Through these opportunities, I was able to experience a sumo wrestling tournament and a tour of the National Museum. MPMA also organizes educational field trips during both the winter and summer semesters, which enriched my understanding of Japan's culture,

particularly in the area of disaster risk management.

My time at Rikkyo University has been nothing short of wonderful. I will take home these experiences with me, and I look forward to applying the knowledge and insights I have gained in my capacity as a public servant in the Philippines, particularly in shaping more effective and inclusive public policies.



MUSAH ABDUL SAMAD (ABE Initiatives, Class of 2025)

As a Government official working within the Local Government Service in Ghana, I was looking for an opportunity to upgrade my career towards a global perspective. After doing my research on potential graduate schools, I chose the MPMA degree program at Rikkyo University due to the rigorous academic offerings as well as its world class faculty and facilities.

My decision turned out to be very true. On my very first day I got to see how dedicated the staff were at making sure we succeeded in the program. Over the course of two years, I made meaningful connections with my professors as well as classmates. I also got to serve as a teaching assistant for two courses – Development Economics and Urban and Regional Economics in addition to engaging in practical research with my supervisor.

My advice to anyone considering the MPMA program is to go for it!

You will be supported by world class professors and the administrative staff, who are the most kind and patient people I have met.

Thank you very much Rikkyo for giving me this opportunity, I am forever grateful!