

Nagoya University of Economics (NUE)
Graduate School of Law (GSL)

◆ **Program Title**

LL.M. Program in Comparative Law: Human Resource Development for Soft Anti-Corruption Measures in Non-Criminal Fields

◆ **Degree Conferred:**

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

◆ **Program Duration / Required Credits:**

Two years / 30 credits required

◆ **Campus Location:**

61-1 Uchikubo, Inuyama City, Aichi
Prefecture, 484-8504, Japan



Features of University

Founding Spirit and Educational Philosophy

Nagoya University of Economics (NUE) traces its origins back to 1907, when it was founded as *Ichimura Gakuen* (Academy) *Nagoya Girls' Commercial High School* - the first institution to offer a comprehensive commercial education for girls. Its founding principle, "First Character, Second Skill," reflects the belief that education should not merely impart knowledge, but nurture individuals with strong moral values and a sense of social responsibility. Despite expansion and reorganizations, NUE's founding spirit continues to drive its educational mission.

Vision for Asian Leadership

Under the esteemed leadership of President Saburi Haruo, who was appointed in 2017, NUE has initiated an ambitious "Asian Strategy" aimed at developing premier human resources within Asia. This vision emerges from the recognition that rapid technological change and economic globalization have created growing global instability and social division. President Saburi emphasizes the need to nurture individuals who can harmonize and bridge global and local perspectives, particularly in the Asian region, and take on leadership roles in shaping a more inclusive and sustainable future.

Diverse Student Body

As of May 1, 2025, international students account for approximately **16.5%** of the total student body at NUE, with **368 international students** (360 undergraduate and 8 graduate) out of a total enrollment of 2,229. This comparatively high percentage reflects NUE's **strong commitment to internationalization** and its ongoing efforts to foster an **inclusive, diverse, and globally minded academic environment**. Since 2015, NUE has welcomed **a total of 1,162 international students**, primarily from Asian countries



such as Vietnam, Nepal, China, Uzbekistan, and Myanmar. This steady growth in international enrollment forms a key pillar of our broader **Asian Strategy**.

In parallel, the number of Japanese students seeking **study abroad opportunities** is also increasing, particularly to countries such as **Vietnam, Canada, and Malaysia**. To support this trend, NUE is actively enhancing its **student exchange and study abroad programs**, aiming to develop graduates who are both **locally grounded and globally competent**.

Through these dual efforts—welcoming international students and expanding overseas study opportunities for domestic students—NUE continues to build a vibrant, multicultural academic community aligned with its mission of **“Growing Together with Asia.”**

The university also welcomes exchange students from its overseas partner universities, fostering interaction and mutual growth between international and Japanese students. Events such as “International Weeks,” held twice annually, promote cultural exchange and help create a vibrant, and inclusive campus environment.

Strategic International Partnerships

NUE continues to expand its partnership with overseas universities and research institutions. As of February 2025, it maintains agreements with 28 institutions across 12 countries, mainly in Asia. Notably, NUE has formal partnerships with five universities in Uzbekistan (<https://www.nagoya-ku.ac.jp/exchange/links/>).

A Breakthrough in International Collaboration

As part of NUE’s Asian Strategy, NUE will launch a landmark Double Degree Program with Tashkent State University of Law (TSUL) in Uzbekistan. Initiated through discussions in 2024, this partnership was formalized with a Cooperation Agreement signed on June 10, 2025. It is NUE’s first double degree initiative on a global scale. Pending final approval from the Uzbek government, this program will enable students to study at both institutions, gaining comparative legal insights and intercultural experience. This partnership strengthens NUE’s internationalization efforts and advances our broader goal of fostering legal professionals with global expertise—especially in Central Asia.

Comprehensive Academic Structure & Regional Excellence

NUE operates four distinguished faculties—Law, Economics, Business, and Human Life Sciences, and three graduate schools in Law, Accounting, and Human Life Sciences. With approximately 2,500 students, we provide a personalized and academically rigorous environment.

Located in the suburbs of Nagoya City—Japan's industrial and cultural hub—our campus offers a blend of natural beauty and access to traditional manufacturing regions. This setting reflects our educational vision of “Growing Together with Local Communities,” fostering talent grounded in regional society and prepared for global engagement.



NUE in the evening twilight

Features of the Graduate School of Law (GSL)

As part of NUE-GSL's broader Asian Strategy, the launch of a new LL.M. Program in Comparative Law represents a major step in expanding international legal education. Scheduled to begin in September 2025, this English-taught program—titled *Human Resource Development for Soft Anti-Corruption Measures in Non-Criminal Fields*—reflects NUE's commitment to nurturing future leaders in Asia, particularly legal professionals dedicated to nation-building based on the Rule of Law.

The program also seeks to strengthen collaboration with Asian countries by cultivating a new generation of legal experts equipped to guide the next era of governance and reform. It will proudly welcome JDS* fellows from Uzbekistan as its first cohort, offering specialized academic training designed to prepare them for leadership roles during a critical phase of national development.

This new LL.M. initiative underscores NUE's mission to deliver practical, mission-driven education that contributes to sustainable legal and institutional development across Asia.

***JDS:** The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship, which is funded by the Government of Japan and implemented in cooperation with partner countries, offers graduate-level education opportunities in Japan to government officials expected to play leadership roles in their home countries.

Features of the Program

The LL.M. Program in Comparative Law, titled "*Human Resource Development for Soft Anti-Corruption Measures in Non-Criminal Fields*," is conducted entirely in English and offers a specialized focus on soft anti-corruption measures outside the criminal justice system. This pioneering curriculum addresses the prevention of corruption through legal, institutional, and administrative reforms rather than criminal enforcement. Core academic areas include administrative law, public procurement, administrative organization theory, civil service law, and ethics in public administration—fields that are essential for fostering fair governance and transparent public systems.

One of the program's primary goals is to cultivate a new generation of legal professionals from Uzbekistan and other countries - particularly JDS fellows - who are committed to advancing anti-corruption reforms and legal development in their respective national contexts.

All instructions are delivered in English, and each student benefits from close, individualized faculty supervision throughout their studies.

Program Objectives and Curriculum Structure

1. Specialized Legal Curriculum:

The program offers comprehensive legal education, including:

- Special lectures by invited researchers and practitioners in relevant fields
- Core Courses in administrative law, public procurement Law, administrative organization theory, civil service law and ethics, and administrative procedure law
- Related courses that support the program's focus on soft anti-corruption measures
- Peripheral legal fields that help foster a fair and transparent market environment

2. Skill Development for Lawmaking and Implementation:

The program emphasizes the development of students' skills to drafting and implementing legal frameworks and public policies aimed at preventing corruption through institutional non-criminal approaches.

3. Integration of Data Science and AI

In response to Uzbekistan's 2021 Presidential Decree "*Creating an Intolerant Environment Against Corruption**, " the program incorporates coursework in data science and artificial intelligence. This part of the program addresses the growing need for digital tools, such as integrated databases and electronic corruption risk assessment systems.

*The decree designates the Anti-Corruption Agency and the Ministry of Information Technology Development as responsible authorities. It mandates the creation of an e-corruption risk assessment system that connects government and local databases through an integrated e-government network.

4. Thesis Research and Academic Writing Support:

Students are required to complete a master's thesis under close faculty supervision. This two-year supervision is credited as "Research Exercise" worth eight credits. The program places special emphasis on building students' skills in research methodology, analytical thinking, problem-solving, and academic writing in English through structured guidance and mentoring.

5. JDS Special Program for JDS Fellows:

JDS fellows benefit from a tailored support framework which includes:

- Special lectures by invited researchers and practitioners in relevant fields.
- Internship opportunities in cooperation with UNAFEI (The United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders)
- Faculty-supervised participation in surveys, seminars, and interviews essential to each student's research.
- Regular workshops conducted by faculty members with experience in JICA's legal support programs.
- English writing guidance by native English instructors, including checking the English in the master's thesis.
- Field trips to across Japan to deepen understanding of Japanese society, culture, and history.
- Introductory Japanese language support to help students handle everyday situation

Degree Requirements

To be awarded a degree of Master of Laws, students must complete 30 credits over two years and submit a master's thesis in English under dedicated academic supervision. The curriculum consists of core courses in administrative law, related legal studies, and peripheral legal fields. It also includes *Research Exercise* guidance (8 compulsory credits) supported by instruction in *Research Methodology*.

This unique and interdisciplinary program not only provides academic expertise but also equips students with practical knowledge and skills necessary for leadership in anti-corruption policy and legal system development in their home countries.

List of Courses and Instructors at NUE

2025 Courses of the LL.M. Program in Comparative Law: <i>Human Resource Development Program for Soft Anti-Corruption Measures in Non-Criminal Fields</i>			
	Credit	Course Title	Instructor
●Soft Anti-Corruption Measures" Major Courses (administrative law-related courses)			
1	2	Administrative Organization Theory (Administrative Organization Law in Japan and Uzbekistan)	Specially appointed professor Ichihashi Katsuya
2	2	Civil Service Law (Civil Service Law in Japan and Uzbekistan)	Specially appointed professor Ichihashi Katsuya
3	2	Soft Anti-Corruption Measures (soft anti-corruption measures through civil service ethics laws in Japan and Uzbekistan, etc.)	Specially appointed professor Ichihashi Katsuya
4	4	Administrative Law (Administrative Law in Japan and Uzbekistan)	Associate Professor Matsumoto Mikiko
5	2	Administrative Procedure Law (Administrative Procedure Law in Japan and Uzbekistan)	Associate Professor Matsumoto Mikiko
6	2	Anti-corruption measures through the operation of the Law on Public Procurement	Part-time lecturer
●Soft Anti-Corruption Measures" related courses			
7	2	Anti-Corruption Measures in China: The significance and limitations of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection's anti-corruption policy in Uzbekistan	Professor Shirade Hiroyuki
8	2	International Cooperation in Governance: Examining anti-corruption measures and relative strategies through knowledge and insights gained through experiences of international cooperation and Japan's international cooperation to development of 'soft' measures and strategies	Professor Sato Naoshi
9	2	Responsible Business with Respect for Human Rights	Professor Sato Naoshi
10	2	Corporate Governance in the Private Sector (anti-corruption measures)	Associate Professor Xie Yitian
11	2	Prevention of Conflicts of Interest: Considering the "conflict of interest problem" in Uzbekistan from the Japanese case	Professor Shirade Hiroyuki
12	2	Anti-corruption Measures in the Area of Criminal Law: Considering anti-corruption measures in Uzbekistan from the perspective of anti-corruption measures in Japan and around the world	Part-time lecturer from UNAFEI
●Courses in peripheral areas/General education and law			
13	2	Japanese Politics: Significance and Limitations of the Generation of Bureaucracy in Modern Japan.	Professor Nakamura Masaki
14	2	Japanese Constitutional Law	Professor Moto Hidenori
15	2	International Law	Associate Professor Davronbek Ubaydullaev
16	2	Corporate Management in Japan	Professor Matsui Yoshiji
17	2	Environmental Policy for the SDGs	Associate Professor Kohri Mari
18	2	Economic Development	Professor VU Thi Bich Lien
19	●AI & Data Science		
	2	With the widespread integration of the Internet into society and rapid advancements in information, communication, and measurement technologies, we now generate and rely on big data of a completely new scale and nature. This course introduces fundamental knowledge in mathematics, data science, and AI to help students understand and apply digital tools in daily life and professional contexts. Emphasis is placed on human-centered decision-making and the responsible use of data in an increasingly digital society.	Professor Ogawa Tetsuji, Associate Professor Kambe Atsushi, Associate Professor. Haba Yasuaki, Professor Yoshikawa Shinichi
20	●Methodology I & Methodology II		

	2	Methodology I : This course is designed to meet the needs of graduate students seeking to write a thesis or dissertation. The course covers many of the fundamentals of form (grammar and organization), function (meaning), and elaboration (what such writing consists of) to assist students with completing their research writing requirement.	Part-time lecturer: Professor Paul Lege
	2	Methodology II:	Not decided yet
21	●Research Exercise I & II / four credits each (compulsory)		
	8	Receiving individual and specialized regular tutorials from each JDS fellow's academic advisor to progress with the research subject area related to each fellow's topic to accomplish a master's thesis.	Academic Advisor

Academic Schedule for September Entrants

Orientation Week

September 16–18 (Year 1)

- Academic Affairs Guidance
- IT System Guidance

First Year - September 19 – September 18 (Following Year)

Fall Term (September 19 – March 31)

- Entrance ceremony (September 19)
- Course registration (September)
- Start of classes (September)
- Primary supervisor assigned (September)

Spring Term (April 1 – September 18)

- Start of classes (April)
- Registration of master's thesis theme (July)

Second Year - September 19 – September 18 (Following Year)

Fall Term (September 19 – March 31)

- Start of classes (September 19) & course registration
- 1st Interim presentation/Submit interim presentation resume (December)

Spring Term (April 1 – September 18)

- 2nd Interim presentation/Submit interim presentation resume (late April)
- Submission of summary of master's thesis (early May)
- Submission of master's Thesis (July)
- Thesis defense – oral examination (July)
- Approval of master's degree of laws (mid-August)
- Degree conferral (August)

Facilities & Student Support

Research environment

NUE has two campuses:

- **Main Campus** in *Inuyama* City, Aichi Prefecture – a culturally rich and historic location.
- **Nagoya Station Satellite Campus** – conveniently located in central Nagoya, used for special lectures, guest scholar sessions, workshops, and seminars.

The dual-compass structure enables both focused academic learning and access to dynamic research and policy-related opportunities.

Support of international students

The Center for International Affairs (CIA) is the primary support hub for international students at NUE. It offers comprehensive assistance with academic matters, daily living, housing, and integration into campus life. Students are encouraged to consult the CIA for any concerns, ensuring dependable and approachable support.

In collaboration with the CIA, **the Career Support Center** provides tailored services to international students aiming for careers in Japan. These include Japanese language enhancement programs, career education and job-readiness training, and Job placement support designed specifically for international students.

Living Environment and Housing

In addition to on-campus dormitory, NUE offers a shared house-style **International Dormitory** near the *Inuyama* Campus. This facility fosters meaningful interaction between Japanese and international students, promoting cultural and global friendship.

Local Industry and Cultural Experiences

The region surrounding NUE—including Aichi and Gifu prefectures—is renowned for both traditional craftsmanship and advanced manufacturing, as well as its rich cultural heritage.

Aichi Prefecture is one of Japan's leading centers of manufacturing, often referred to as the heart of the nation's *monozukuri* (craftsmanship) culture.

Neighboring Gifu Prefecture is known for traditional industries such as: **Mino Washi** (handmade Japanese paper), **Mino Ceramics**, **Seki Cutlery**, a globally renowned cutlery industry.

Inuyama City, Aichi Prefecture, where NUE's main campus is located, is also home to **Inuyama Castle**, a designated National Treasure, offering students the opportunity to explore Japan's deep historical roots.

Drawing on these local strengths, NUE provides students with **credit-bearing experiential learning opportunities** through the Japanese Cultural

Experience Program and the Regional Exchange

Cooperation Program in collaboration with the Center for Regional Exchange and the Inuyama Studies Research Center.



Through these initiatives, students can participate in hands-on experiences in traditional and modern industries, engage with local communities, and gain practical insights into Japanese society, culture, and innovation. This locally grounded yet globally oriented



Students visiting Yabashi Holdings in Gifu, a company that combines traditional craftsmanship with cutting-edge industrial innovation.



education model enables students to connect academic learning with real-world applications in Japan's manufacturing and cultural landscape.

Message to Applicants

The LL.M. Program in Comparative Law aims to cultivate professionals who can design and implement legal policies to prevent corruption in non-criminal law fields, including administrative law, public procurement, and civil service law. We warmly welcome applications from civil servants, researchers, and professionals who are committed to promoting anti-corruption and legal reform in their home countries.

Join us in shaping a future of transparent governance and legal development across Asia!



International students unite and explore the historic post towns* (*shukuba-machi*) of *Magome* & *Tsumago* — a journey into the heart of Japan's traditional culture and scenic heritage

*Post towns were traditional rest stops along Japan's historic travel routes, where travelers could eat, rest, and stay overnight during long journeys in the Edo period (1603–1868).