

Nagasaki University

Graduate School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences

長崎大学大学院多文化社会学研究科修士課程

To be established in April 2018

Integration of culture with foundational phenomena in politics, economics, society, history, technology, mind, body, or nature, manifests what is common to the rise of the multicultural society in the 21st century. Transcendence of scientific boundaries is the source of challenges that traditional social and natural sciences face when unable to provide coherent explanations of complex phenomena (e.g. Fukushima nuclear accident). Addressing such needs for integration, Nagasaki University has decided to establish Graduate Program of Global Humanities and Social Sciences from April 2018.

Department

Department of Global Humanities and Social Sciences

Enrollment

10 persons

Degree Title

Master of Arts

Concept

Our goal is to develop human resources capable of discovering, explaining, predicting and resolving problems from a comprehensive and panoramic view of multicultural society studies.

This includes abilities such as:

- prioritization of sympathy and understanding of a culturally constructed "other",
- advancement of insight into diverse cultures, societies, ideas and interests arising out of the increasingly more complex and multicultural society of the 21st century,
- laterally integrating certainly acquired expertise in individual study areas with knowledge from other areas.

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Courses in Global Studies

Based on the (self-)reflexive understanding of and compassion towards a culturally constructed “other” from the perspective of humanities and social sciences, as well as taking into consideration the fact that knowledge and humans are inter-connected, such elements as conflicts or frictions occurring intersectionally among ethnicities, religions, cultures, nations are seen extrinsically within a diversity of significance while expert solutions to the detrimental situations are sought for beyond the negativity of the status quo.

Courses in Policy Sciences

While harmonizing current international economics (top-to-bottom perspective) with the existences of the people living in the here and now (bottom-to-top perspective), we shall search for practical solutions to present-day challenges worldwide.

Courses in Marine, Japan, Nagasaki and other Asia-related Research

We will devote our research and energy to finding solutions to the historical, cultural and social problems arising from the tense convergence between Japan, Asia and the world, based on various points of view resulting from a cooperative approach between humanities and social sciences.

Courses in the Linguistic Diversity

By grasping the linguistic diversity in its specific socio-cultural and discursive as well as grammatical and phonetic characteristics, we shall find expert solutions to the problems emerging from a lack of proper communication based on the culturally connected construction of reality.

Courses in the Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

We will propose practical solutions in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation by combining both visions, the existing expert literature on the topic and the reality of the post-atomic bomb traumas, as a matter of humanitarian issues, national security and economic comprehension of the situation.

General Admission

In order to be admitted as a student at the Graduate School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, a formal application letter must be submitted and depending on the results of the following two exams, 10 students will be selected. Applicants are advised to contact their future supervisor before submitting their application. The goal of the written exam is to assess the level of basic knowledge necessary to attend the classes in the mandatory/specialized module(s).

1) Written exam

In the specialized written exam (related to humanities and social sciences), the ability to express oneself in a foreign language (English) is assessed (**specialized knowledge = 100 points, foreign language = 50 points**)

Concerning the foreign language (English), there are several ways to choose from:

① To be examined within the Graduate School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences.

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2) Oral examination (the contents submitted in the formal application letter is assessed)

The goal of the oral examination is to assess the level of specialized knowledge and the individual motivation, determination as well as the practical skills to deal with elements of humanities and social sciences which are necessary while committing oneself to the research of humanity, both in Japanese and in English. The questions range from being directly related to the contents submitted in the formal application letter up to general issues. (**oral examination = 50 points**)

Admission for foreign students

In case of foreign students, the admission exam will take place as described above (for Japanese regular students), but in case they do not choose “Japanese” as mother tongue, the written exam will be pursued in Japanese (not in English).

The ability of expressing oneself and communicating in English will be assessed during the oral examination.