

Postgraduate programs (Master's Programs and Professional Degree Program)

Graduate School of Economics (Master's Program)

Mission Statement

The Graduate School of Economics aims to prepare students to become a leader who will utilize their advanced expertise, analytical, collaboration, and management skills to respond to rapidly changing economics and society. These students will be capable of becoming professionals and researchers who are responsible for strategic decision-making.

Diploma Policy

A master's degree in economics will be granted to those who are deemed to have attained the following goals based on the objectives and mission of Wakayama University and the objectives of the Graduate School of Economics.

1. A high level of expertise and research skills
 - Broad insights gained through active exposure to different fields of expertise and the ability to address issues from diverse perspectives
 - The ability to analyse and solve problems with theories, insights, and academic methods in their field of expertise
2. Cooperation and ethics
 - The ability to consider future pathways through independent and practical problem-solving in cooperation with diverse stakeholders
 - The ability of decision making and taking action based on expertise and ethical standards
3. Regional interest and global perspective
 - The ability to respond to the rapidly changing social and regional challenges in Japan and abroad
4. Objectives of the Graduate School
 - The Ability to accurately and logically describe research outcomes and clearly present the significance to the others

Curriculum Policy

The curriculum is designed and implemented based on the following policy.

Perspective and Content of Curriculum

1. Basic subjects are offered to cultivate ethics required for those with specialized knowledge; communication skills needed in a global society, and an interdisciplinary perspective developed through interactions with ideas and people from a variety of specialized fields.

2. Specialised subjects are offered to learn academic methods and theories in specialised fields.
3. Practical seminar subjects are offered to cultivate the ability to understand the realities of the current economy and society, to discover and address challenges, and to solve problems independently and practically while cooperating with diverse entities.
4. Specialised research subjects are offered to develop the ability to accurately and logically describe and express the results of creative solutions reached through the research process.

Teaching Mode and Methodologies

1. Lecture-based classes to equip students with the theories necessary for understanding economic society and the academic methods required for both quantitative and qualitative analysis
2. Exercise-orientated classes to strengthen the ability to discover and analyse challenges, to apply knowledge and methods, and to comprehend
3. Practice-oriented classes to grasp the reality of the real economic society and to cultivate the ability to solve issues proactively and practically in cooperation with experts inside and outside the university
4. Dialogue-based classes to foster the ability to analyse and creatively solve problems from a variety of perspectives and to describe and express the process of understanding and solving problems
5. Sub-specialization subjects in addition to the main specialization subjects to develop the ability to perceive issues from various perspectives
6. Some classes will be offered on Saturdays, on weekday evenings, or through e-learning to accommodate the diverse education and research needs.

Assessment Methods

1. High level of understanding of academic methods and theories in the specialised field as well as of the actual conditions of the current economy and society are assessed based on their achievement of the objectives set for each subject.
2. The attitude towards acquiring specialized knowledge, the perspective and analytical ability to discover issues, and the ability to utilize and apply academic methods and theories during problem-based learning.
3. A comprehensive assessment is conducted based on the description and report of the student's academic achievements to ensure that the student has the skills appropriate for the degree.

Admissions Policy

The Graduate School of Economics seeks students who have acquired the following knowledge and abilities:

1. An interest in economic society through undergraduate studies and the fundamental knowledge and skills required to study a specialized field
2. Work experience and the fundamental knowledge and skills required to study a specialized field at graduate school, and also the practical knowledge and skills obtained through experiences
3. An interest in Japan and the economic society, the fundamental knowledge and skills required to study a specialized field, and Japanese language proficiency

Expectations after Admissions

Students are expected to develop the following knowledge and abilities.

1. The willingness to work on recognizing and solving problems in the economic society
2. The Eagerness to develop a career and take a leadership role
3. Readiness to interact with diverse people and play an intermediary role with foreign countries
4. The Willingness to obtain broader insight and take an academic approach to problems

Basic Policy for Admissions

1. General admissions
Applicants' fundamental academic knowledge, interest in the economic society, willingness to learn, research plan, a purpose for continuing study including preferred career path after graduation are comprehensively assessed via interviews.
2. Special admissions for mature students
Applicants' work experiences, fundamental academic knowledge, interest in the economic society, willingness to learn, research plan, and purpose for continuing study including their preferred career path after graduation are comprehensively assessed via interviews.
3. Special admissions for self-funded international student
Applicants' ability to communicate in Japanese, fundamental academic knowledge regarding their preferred research field, interest in the economic

society, willingness to learn, research plan, and purpose for continuing study including their preferred career path after graduation are comprehensively assessed via interviews.