

Postgraduate programs

(Doctoral Programs)

Graduate School of Tourism

(Doctoral Program)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Graduate School of Tourism doctoral program (second semester) is to equip students with the ability to play an active role as a leader in a diverse society, by establishing tourism studies in Japan and advancing and internationalizing tourism education and research.

Diploma Policy

A doctoral degree in tourism is granted to those that are deemed to have achieved the following goals via specialized education provided by the Graduate School of Tourism doctoral program according to the Mission Statement of Wakayama University and the policy on granting doctorates for the graduate school doctoral program.

- 1 Advanced specialized knowledge, comprehensive problem-solving ability, and the ability to contribute to the establishment and development of the interdisciplinary field of tourism.
- 2 The ability to conduct academic and research activity in tourism with a high level of ethics and develop a high level of a doctoral thesis from the perspectives of its theme, composition, originality, level of achievement, and level of contribution to the field.

Curriculum Policy

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

Perspective and Content of Curriculum

- 1 Tourism research methodology exercises enable students to understand the diverse methodology and comprehend an overview of research into tourism.
- 2 Specialized research culminating in a doctoral thesis cultivates the advanced specialization and comprehensive problem-solving ability that enable students to comprehend the ultimate goal and level of research from the three fields of tourism management, regional regeneration, and tourism culture.

Teaching Mode and Methodologies

1. Tourism Research Methods Exercise
Small groups with multiple instructors will address the tourism research methodology
2. Special Research

For a student's individual research, research guidance shall be provided by a primary supervisor, a team of two or more supervising instructors in different specialized fields, and the advice of experts inside and outside the school

Assessment Methods

Academic achievements shall be assessed based on the level of achievement via reports and presentations according to the targets to achieve and assessment criteria defined for each class subject.

Admissions Policy

The Graduate School of Tourism doctoral program seeks students who have acquired the following knowledge and abilities:

1. The specialized knowledge for scientifically conducting research with an international and interdisciplinary perspective, and an understanding of research trends regarding specialized fields related to their field of research and other peripheral fields
2. The fundamental comprehensive ability to solve problems and the research capability required to independently address problems by applying their advanced understanding of tourism's place in society
3. High level of ethics to conduct academic and research activities

Expectations after Admissions

After admissions, students are required to acquire advanced specialization and comprehensive problem-solving ability, as well as the ability to conduct international standard research activities culminating in the research outcomes as a doctoral with the abilities and skills s possessed at the time of admissions.

Basic Policy for Admissions

1. General admissions and admissions for international students
Applicants' specialized and interdisciplinary knowledge regarding the field of research, research capability and motivation and initiative for solving problems, and research ethics are comprehensively assessed via oral examinations based on the content of their research plan, master's thesis, or other research thesis.,
2. Admissions for mature students
Applicants' research preparation, specialized and interdisciplinary knowledge of the research field, research capability, motivation and initiatives for solving problems, and research ethics are comprehensively assessed via oral examinations based on the content of their research plan, master's thesis, or other research thesis,