The Graduate University for Advanced Studies

The Graduate University for Advanced Studies is a national university offering a graduate program only. By taking advantage of the close network among the 18 Inter-University Research Institutes and the joint research opportunities thus afforded, and by promoting interaction among different schools and departments within the Graduate University and also among universities and graduate schools both domestic and overseas, the Graduate University for Advanced Studies aims to develop researchers with the ability to think from broad, comprehensive, and global perspectives.

**University Organization**

### School
- Doctor's course (3 years)
  - School of Cultural and Social Studies
  - School of Physical Sciences
  - School of Advanced Sciences

### Department
- Regional Studies
- Comparative Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Japanese History
- Inter-Society and Culture
- Social Research
- Japanese Literature
- Structural Molecular Sciences
- Molecular Sciences
- Astronomical Science
- Fusion Science
- Particle and Nuclear Physics
- Accelerator Science
- Accelerator Research Institute
- Materials Science
- Structural Molecular Science
- Materials Structure Science
- Informatics and Nuclear Physics
- Statistical Science
- Polar Science
- Informatics
- Geosciences
- National Institute of Geosciences
- Basic Biology
- National Institute for Basic Biology
- Physiological Sciences
- Evolutionary Studies of Microorganisms

### Inter-University Research Institute
- National Museum of Ethnology
- International Research Center for Japanese Studies
- National Institute for the Humanities
- Center for Open Distance Education
- National Museum of Japanese Literature
- Institute for Molecular Science
- National Institute of Inorganic Chemistry
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
- Institute for Future Social Innovation
- Research Organization of Information and Systems
- National Institute of Japanese Literature
- Institute for Molecular Science
- National Institute for Polar Research
- National Institute of Informatics
- High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)
- Institute of Materials Science
- Institute of Molecular Science
- Institute for Intelligent Machine
- Institute for Molecular Science
- Institute for Molecular Science

### Inter-University Research Institute Corporation
- The Open University

### Program
- Doctor's course (3 years)
- Doctor's course (5 years)

### School of Cultural and Social Studies
- Faculty Meeting

### School of Physical Sciences
- Faculty Meeting

### School of Advanced Sciences
- Faculty Meeting

### School of Life Science
- Faculty Meeting

### Faculty Meeting
- Program Director’s Meeting
- Inter-departmental programs
- University Library
- The Center for the Promotion of Integrated Sciences
- Information Sciences and Technology Center

### Secretariat
- Public Relations Office

### President
- President Nomination Committee
- Administrative Council
- Education and Research Council

### Committee of University Management
- Doctor’s course (5 years)
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### Executive Director
- Vice President
- Presidential Aide

### Auditor

### The Graduate University for Advanced Studies

Our museum accommodates the School of Cultural and Social Studies (with the Department of Regional Studies and the Department of Comparative Studies) of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies. Both of these departments conduct educational and research activities taking advantage of the human resources and advanced research environment of the Inter-University Research Institute, which are playing a leading role in promoting joint research projects around Japan.

### Purpose of the Departments of Regional Studies and Comparative Studies

Educational studies are composed of lectures and instruction by individual faculty members and shared seminars by multiple faculty members. Two types of shared seminars are offered: the basic seminar called the “Freshman Seminar” which is mainly for freshmen and the “Thesis Seminar” for sophomores and more advanced students focusing on instruction for thesis writing. Common subjects (advanced theory) on cultural anthropology and ethnology are also conducted primarily for 1st year students.

Under student exchange agreements, credits for these courses can be transferred among the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies at Kyoto University, the Graduate School of Human Sciences at Osaka University, the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment at Kobe University, and the Graduate School of Anthropology at Kyoto Bunley University.

In most cases, students work on preparation for fieldwork during the first year, and proceed to fieldwork in the second or subsequent years under the supervision of their advisors. Then, after finishing their fieldwork, the students complete their dissertations under the individual guidance of their advisors and through participation in the “Thesis Seminar”. The purposes of educational studies in both departments are as follows:

(i) Original research on cultural anthropology and ethnology
(ii) Writing a thesis based on data from long-term field work
(iii) Training researchers with broad horizons and a deep sense of humanity

### Number of Students

#### Quota and Current Number of Students

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#### Acceptance of Overseas Researchers under the RONPAKU (Ph.D. Dissertations) Program

Grantees of the RONPAKU (Dissertation Ph.D.) Program offered by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (RONPAKU fellows) conduct their research under the supervision of advisors in the respective department of the Graduate School. Currently, one overseas researcher is in the program.

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