

(16th cohort) Program Guidance for AY 2020-2021

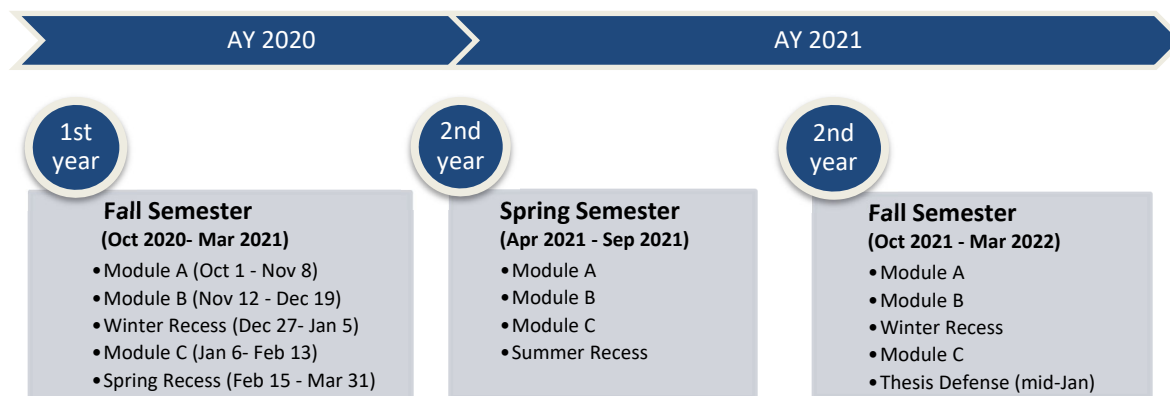
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This guidance applies to students of the Program in Economic and Public Policy during academic year 2020 and 2021.

1. Academic Calendar

Each module comes in 5 weeks. Each semester consists of module A, module B, module C, and recess. Many courses are offered in modules A and B. Intensive courses are offered in module C and recess.

First Year (AY2020): **Fall Semester (October 2020 – March 2021)**
Second Year (AY2021): **Spring Semester (April 2021 – September 2021)**
 Fall Semester (October 2021 – March 2022)



NOTE: Some courses may be held during spring recess, including mandatory courses.

2. Course requirements

In Tsukuba, 1 credit corresponds to 10 lectures (75 min. per lecture). Students are required to earn at least 30 credits by taking courses including mandatory courses to fulfill a partial requirement for earning a Master of International Public Policy.

All required courses are shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1: Requirements for Students in Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Category		Minimum credits requirement	Available courses	Year	Semester	Period	Code	Credit
General foundation subject	Graduate general education courses	1	Global Issues and Global Society : Food Security	1~2	Fall B	Intensive: Sat Dec 12 & 19 (9-5)	0A00311	1
			Global Issues and Global Society : Marine Environmental Change and Life	1~2	Fall C	Intensive: Thur Feb 25, Fri 26	0A00312	1
			Global Issues and Global Society : The Social Brain	1~2	Spring recess	Intensive: TBA	0A00313	1
			Global Issues and Global Society : Infection, Health and Medical Issues	1~2	Fall C	Intensive: Tue & Thur 3, 4 from Jan 12-26	0A00314	1
			Global Issues and Global Society : Social Issues	1~2	Summer recess	Intensive: TBA	0A00315	1
			Global Issues and Global Society : Environmental Pollution and Health Effects	1~2	Fall AB	Intensive: Oct 7 -Dec16 (Wed) Excluding Nov 25	0A00316	1
	Inter-disciplinary foundation Courses	1	Japan's Politics and Civil Society	1~2	Fall AB	Fri 3	0AA3012	1
			Environment and Macroeconomics I	2	Fall A	Wed 1, 2	0AA3013	1
	Degree program general education courses	2	Joint Seminar for Master's Thesis	1				1
			Academic Writing & Research Ethics	1	Fall AB	Thur 2, 3	0AB0005	1
Foundation subject for major	Foundation subject for major	2	Econometrics I	1	Fall C	Tue 5, 6	0ABC007	1
			Econometrics II	2				1
			Policy Analysis and Programme Evaluation	2				1
			Social Development	1	Fall AB	Thur 4	0ABC005	1
Major subject	Major subject (lecture)	8	Please see Table 2 for these classes					
	Major subject (seminar)	6	Research Workshop on International Public Policy A	2				3
			Research Workshop on International Public Policy B	2				3

	Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
★ □	BC51181	Statistics*	Yu	1	Fall AB	Tue 1, 2	2
★ □	BC51081	Intro-intermediate Macroeconomics*	Naito	1	Fall AB	Wed 1, 2	2
◎ □	BC11881	Japanese Economy*	Kurokawa	1	Fall AB	Mon 5, 6	2
★ □ ○	01DZ131	Intermediate Microeconomics**	Moges	1	Fall AB	Fri 5, 6	2
★	0ABC404	Microeconomics	Nakano	1	Spr AB	Wed 3, Thu 3	2
◎	0ABE065	Economic Development of Japan	Takahashi	2	Spring C	Intensive	1
★	0ABC007	Econometrics I	Yu	1	Fall C	Tue 5, 6	1
★		Econometrics II	Yu	2	Spring A	Tue 6, Thu 2	1
☆	0ABC900	Seminar on Economics I	PEPP faculty	1	Fall AB	Mon 3	1
☆	0ABC901	Seminar on Economics II	PEPP faculty	1	Spring AB	Mon 3	1
☆	0ABC902	Seminar on Economics III	PEPP faculty	1	Fall AB	Mon 3	1
★	0ABC005	Social Development	Minowa	1	Fall AB	Thu 4	1
■	0ABC405 0ABC406	Development Economics I, II	Malek	2	Spr AB	Fri 1, 2	2
■	0ABC403	Public Economics	Naito	2	Spring AB	Tue 3, 4	2
■	0ABC402	International Trade	Kurokawa	2	Spring	Mon 5, 6	2
■	0ABC407	International Finance and Policy	Moges	2	Spring AB	Wed 1, 2	2
■	0ABC408	Economics of Development	Kashiwagi	2	Spring AB	Fri 4	1
	0ATHE24	Health Economics	Kondo		Fall C	Intensive	1
	0ABC624	Seminar on Policy Analysis and Programme Evaluation A	Matsushima	1	Fall AB	Mon 4	1
	0ABC006	Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation	Matsushima		Spring C	by appointment	1
	0ABC906	Internship I	PEPP faculty		C/Spring Recess	by appointment	1
	0ABC907	Internship II	PEPP faculty		C/Summer Vacation	by appointment	1
	0ABC908	Field Work Project	PEPP faculty		Spring	by appointment	1
	0ABE061	Applied Microeconomics	Fukuzumi	1-2			2
●	0ABC500	Research Workshop on International Public Policy A	PEPP faculty		Spring	Upon Consultancy	3
●	0ABC501	Research Workshop on International Public Policy B	PEPP faculty		Fall	Upon Consultancy	3
★ □ ○	01DZ134	Data Management	TBA	1	Fall C	Intensive	1
★ □ ○	(TBD)	Advanced Data Management	TBA	1	Fall C	Intensive	1
□ ○	01DZ650	Macroeconomics	TBA	1	Fall C	Intensive	2
□ ○	01DZ657	Applied Time Series Analysis	TBA	2	Spring	Intensive	2
□ ○	01DZ509	Microfinance and Public Policy	TBA	1, 2	Fall	Intensive	2
□ ○	01DZ676	Academic Writing for Graduate Students	Quimpo		Fall C	Tue 1, 2 Fri 5, 6	2
□ ○	01DZ677	The Fundamentals of Public Policy and Management	Quimpo		Fall AB	Thu 5, 6	2
□ ○		Geographic Information System and Satellite Data analysis for economists	TBA		Fall	Intensive	2

Notes:

- Courses with ● (Research Workshop on International Public Policy A and Research workshop on International Public Policy B) are mandatory.
- In order to have credits from Research workshop on International Public Policy A, students need to take and have credits from the following courses: Statistics, Data Management, Advanced Data Management and seminar on Economics I.
- In order to have credits from Research workshop on International Public Policy B, students need to have credits from research seminar on economics II and research seminar on economics III and pass the preliminary examination. In order to pass the preliminary examination, students need to pass both of the mid-term oral defense of the master thesis and the written exams that test the knowledge of courses with ★. Students who took and have credits from all courses with ★ and from 3 courses from courses with ■ are exempted from those written exams. For development economics I and development economics II, we count those two courses as one course. The content of exams are the content of those courses with ★. Note that even if students are exempted from the written exams of the preliminary examination, students still need to pass the mid-term oral defense of the master thesis.
- Courses with ☆ are mandatory for International Public Policy A and International Public Policy B, as is explained in the above.
- Courses with □ cannot be counted towards fulfillment of the 30 credits requirement.
- Courses with ○ are offered through the old curriculum
- Courses with * are cross-listed with undergraduate courses
- A course with ** is mandatory except students who pass the placement test. Those who want to take the placement test need to report to the deputy director within the first week of October.
- For courses with ◎, JICA requests JICA scholars to take these two courses as Mandatory courses.
- For courses with ■, students need to pass three courses out of 5 courses in order to have exemption of the written exams which is one of the requirements of the preliminary examination.
- In order to take microeconomics, taking inter-mediate microeconomics is prerequisite.

3. Course Registration

Course registration must be completed on TWINS during the designated registration period usually in the first two weeks of each semester. For Fall AB courses, the deadline is **Friday, October 14**. After this date, you are not allowed to cancel any course registration.

4. Language courses

Special Japanese language courses are offered for PEPP scholars in the fall semester of the first year and the spring semester of the second year. In principle, attendance is mandatory.

5. Lunch seminar

As part of Research Workshop I, II, and III, we hold a lunch seminar on Monday in the 3rd period (11:40~) in module AB each semester. Lunch seminar is a key forum for students to present, exchange, and discuss their research progress. All students at various stages present their research work and discuss others' work. Attendance is mandatory. Specific instructions and a schedule will be provided at the beginning of each semester. Your goal in the first year's lunch seminar is to develop a good research proposal for your master thesis, based on which your advisors are determined (see 6. Advisors).

6. Master thesis

As part of the requirements for earning an M.A. in International Public Policy, students are required to submit and successfully defend a master's thesis. A complete draft must be submitted mid-November in the second year, followed by a preliminary oral defense later the same month. A final copy must be submitted in early-January, followed by a final oral defense in late-January or early-February. Specific instructions and a schedule will be announced in the second year.

7. Advisors

In the first year, each student is *randomly* assigned an advisor for administrative purposes. Your first-year advisor does not supervise your research. Finding advisors for your thesis research is your responsibility. Your goal in the first year is to find 'good' advisors while completing course work, contributing to lunch seminars, and interacting with professors.

In January, you are required to submit the names of your main advisor and two sub-advisors of your choice along with your research proposal. You must choose a main advisor from the PEPP faculty. Sub-advisors are also commonly chosen from them. If you prefer to choose other sub-advisors, you should ask a program officer about the rules and necessary procedures. (You need to receive prior approval from a professor.)

We determine each student's advisors based on students' research interests/projects and their academic performance in the first year (the balance of advising duties among faculty members is another factor considered). Students may be assigned advisors other than their choice. If your academic performance is not satisfactory, you will not be able to continue to the second year of your master's program, and no advisors will be assigned to you; this also means you cannot submit a master's thesis in your second year.

8. Grades

Each grade signifies the following score points:

Grade	Point
A+	90~100
A	80~89
B	70~79
C	60~69
D	59 and under * Means "failed" and no credit is provided. * Not shown on the official transcript

9. Administration

If you have any questions regarding the program, contact PEPP program officers Stephen Harrison or Toshie Miura. Most announcements are made via email.

Many thanks for your patience and the very best of luck with your studies.