Hitotsubashi University

Asian Public Policy Program

School of International and Public Policy

HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY (Japanese National)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Degree

Master of Public Policy (Public Economics)

Credit

44 credits including 16 credits from four required courses

Program Period

Two years starting in September

Number of Positions

15 students per year

HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1875, Hitotsubashi University is a leading university in economics and business in Japan.

In 2023, it established faculty of Social Data Science, and now has five departments, seven graduate schools covering the fields of business, economics, law, social sciences and social data sciences.

It has an enrollment of approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and a faculty and staff of over 550.

KUNITACHI CAMPUS

CHIYODA CAMPUS

PROGRAM

Target

The Asian Public Policy Program (APPP) targets young professionals in Asian governments, central banks and other policy-related organizations.

Mission

The APPP has been and continues to be an important stepping-stone for such individuals to become fully-edged fiscal or financial economists, economic planners, policy analysts, and policymakers in their governments as well as in international organizations.

PROGRAM

Focus

The course distinguishes itself from other graduate programs offered in the public policy area by its strong focus on economic policy, with almost all required and elective courses structured around economics and its applications to policy.

The program aims to equip its graduates with the knowledge and skills to analyze and develop policies based on a sound knowledge of economics theory.

PROGRAM

Personalized Supervision

The Program is also especially attractive for the personalized attention it provides to the students.

The class sizes are quite small – at most around 15, and each full-time faculty members supervises around 4 students per annual intake and can provide close guidance on student's academic undertakings.

The small size of the Program also allows students to build strong ties with their fellow students that can last a lifetime and be a valuable asset in their careers.

FACULTY

Faculty List

Toshitaka Sekine

Professor and Program Director, Asian Public Policy Program

School of International and Public Policy

(D.Phil in Economics. Oxford University,

Director-General, Institute for Money and Economic Studies, Bank of Japan)

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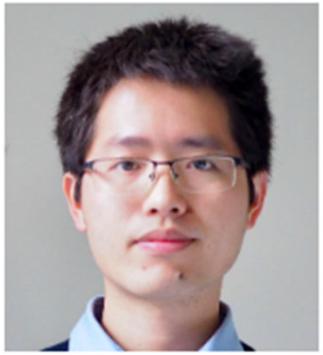

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Hideki Nonoguchi

Specially Appointed Professor, Asian Public Policy Program

School of International and Public Policy

The program's core faculty comprises full-time teaching staff who combine Ph.D. degrees from top US and UK universities with professional working experience at policy institutions including IMF, World Bank, AMRO, Bank of Japan, and Japan's Ministry of Finance.

GUEST FACULTY

In addition to the core faculty, lectures are given by leading professionals with practical experience from public and private sector institutions. Current Visiting Professors include a former deputy governor of the Bank of Thailand as well as academic scholars from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and Asia School of Business in Collaboration with MIT Sloan. Students may also take courses offered by other graduate schools such as Graduate School of Economics and Social Data Science.

Masaaki Anma
PwC Japan Special Advisor
Visiting Professor

Akiyuki Asatsuma
Rikkyo University

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Chiba University of Commerce

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Former Deputy Governor
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Tatsuyoshi Okimoto
Keio University

Jay Rosengard
Kennedy School of Government
Harvard University

Hiroshi Saito
Visiting Professor

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Reza Siregar
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Ikuo Takei
Asia School of Business in Collaboration with MIT Sloan

Kiichi Tokuoka
Ministry of Finance

Tetsuya Utamura
Ministry of Finance

Yoichi Nemoto
Former Professor, Hitotsubashi University, Ministry of Finance

Yoshio Wada
Qunie Corporation

CURRICULUM

Strong Emphasis on Economics and Date Science

List of Thesis Titles

The curriculum focuses on economic policy design and analysis, and is conducted entirely in English.
A strong emphasis is placed on seminar work and the master's thesis. Seminar work is a long-standing tradition of Hitotsubashi University, where a small group of students work together under the guidance of the academic advisor to discuss economic and policy issues as well as develop and discuss their prospective thesis. The thesis is a required element of the course and provides an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge and skills acquired from the APPP courses to analyze real-world policy issues. Most students utilized their econometric skills studied in the core curriculum.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Core Courses taken in the first year provide basic theoretical and analytical skills. The Elective Courses and Intensive Courses are provided throughout the two years and focus on specific policy areas. Students are also required to take an English Thesis Writing course. The Master's thesis is the focus of student's study during much of the second year.

REQUIRED COURSES: Theoretical Foundations

Core theory courses provide a solid foundation in microeconomic and macroeconomic theory and public sector economics as a framework for policy analysis. Courses on quantitative techniques of economic analysis and financial programming for macroeconomic policy formulation are also required, with the latter offered as a two-week intensive course.

Course List And Timetable

ELECTIVE COURSES: Policy Areas

These courses cover major issues in specific policy areas, covering analytical and practical aspects of policies, with a special emphasis on experience in Japan and Asia. For students with a tax administration background, a special course is offered in association with the National Tax Agency of Japan, which provides practical knowledge and experience on taxation issues.

COURSES ON CURRENT ISSUES

They are designed to provide students with a good understanding of the current situation, prospects, and research of the current topics, with lectures provided by external scholars, policymakers, staff of international organizations, and other practitioners in public policy, from both Japan and abroad.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must

1. have a minimum of two years' full-time work experience after obtaining their bachelor degree, preferably in economic or other public policy areas of government or central banks.

2. hold a bachelor's degree* such as a B.A or B.Sc. from an officially accredited university.
*A degree in Economics would be an advantage, but the program welcomes those with other background with a strong desire and commitment to study economics.

3. have high English proficiency, i.e., TOEFL score of iBT 79-80 or IELTS 6.0 or higher.

Application Package

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship List

JISPA

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia

ADB-JSP

Asian Development Bank -Japan Scholarship Program

JDS

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid

JICA

JICA SDGs Global Leadership Program

MEXT

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

FACILITIES

Main Campus & Downtown Campus

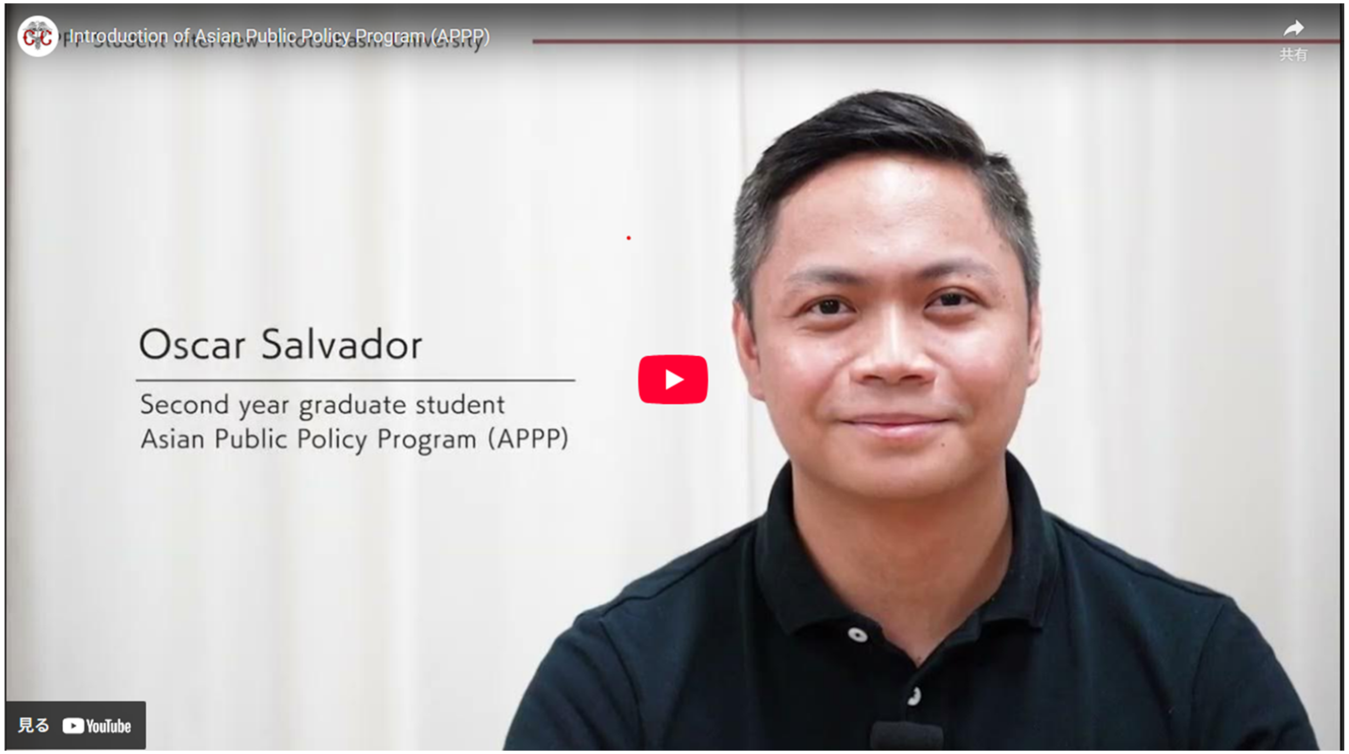
The Asian Public Policy Program is located in Tokyo.

The educational activities are conducted at the Kunitachi campus which is l located in an area specially designated as a “cultural and educational zone”, and at the Chiyoda campus, in an area adjacent to the Imperial Palace Grounds.

Hitotsubashi University can offer single-occupancy rooms at the University dormitory for APPP students. Provision of family room is subject to availability.

Life at APPP

VOICE FROM STUDENTS



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Messages from Graduates

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