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Majors and Courses, Titles of Degrees, etc.

The Graduate School of International Liberal Arts of Miyazaki International University has a Master's program with one major and two courses

Major	Course Names	Degree Titles
Graduate School of International Liberal Arts	Master of Arts in International Communication	Master of Arts (International Communication)
	Master of Arts in International Sociocultural Studies	Master of Arts (International Sociocultural Studies)

1. Master of Arts in International Communication

In today's global and local societies, the ability to negotiate and express oneself is required in every field, including politics, economics, industry, and education. In such fields, communication skills based solely on language proficiency are not sufficient; objective thinking skills and advanced reasoning and judgment skills are required in addition. The acquisition of these abilities is possible under an educational environment that is not possible in undergraduate education, such as research which culminates in a two-year master's thesis and one-on-one guidance from faculty members, and can only be cultivated through special curricula and seminars that are not available in undergraduate education. Furthermore, in order to academically contribute to the wide-ranging needs of global society and contribute to the development of society as a whole, it is necessary to acquire an international perspective, a broad education, and comprehensive, practical problem-solving skills.

In this course, students will be guided to analyze and examine various phenomena and problems in international society from the perspective of international communication, and to acquire the skills necessary to construct and disseminate knowledge that will contribute to understanding and solving problems.

2. Master of Arts in International Sociocultural Studies

The Master of Arts in International Sociocultural Studies course is designed to train individuals who understand the cultural, economic, and racial diversity of other countries, who are capable of objectively looking at and accurately grasping the characteristics of each, and who are capable of conducting academic research on these subjects, in order to respond to the various issues arising in modern society in the face of globalization. Globalization has revealed many international issues, and many problems are already piling up. International conflicts due to cultural differences, gender disparity issues, global warming, waste disposal issues, and other environmental issues just to name a few examples. For this reason, various efforts are being made in each country to address the 17 targets of the SDGs from the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" adopted at the UN Summit in September, 2015. Human resources are needed in politics, economics, and industry to seriously address these international issues. This course is designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge and understanding of diversity (other cultures, ethnic groups, history, religions, lifestyles, etc.) and the structure of international society, as well as a wealth of academic knowledge and creative research skills.

Admission Policy and Diploma Policy of the Graduate School of International Liberal Arts

1. Admission Policy (Acceptance Policy: Desired Individuals)

Against the backdrop of globalization and the SDGs, the Graduate School of International Liberal Arts aims to nurture individuals who can deepen their knowledge of multiculturalism and who can play an active role in the world or in local communities while utilizing international languages, or who can deepen their English proficiency and play an active role in their specialized fields (teaching-related, etc.). Our mission is to contribute to the development of cultural and social exchange around the world and to the development of international language education in Japan. Therefore, the Graduate School seeks for individuals with the following attributes.

(1) Master of Arts in International Communication

- a. We seek individuals who have basic academic skills in English and daily conversational skills, and who wish to further improve their English expression and communication skills.
- b. We seek individuals who have the basic analytical skills, critical reading comprehension and logical expression skills, IT literacy, and basic undergraduate-level knowledge in the relevant research field required for writing a master's thesis.
- c. We seek individuals who wish to contribute to society by making use of the specialized fields acquired in graduate school.

(2) Master of Arts in International Sociocultural Studies

- a. We seek individuals who have a global perspective and sensitivity, are interested in international issues, and wish to acquire international liberal arts skills.
- b. We seek individuals who have the basic analytical skills, critical reading comprehension and logical expression skills, IT literacy, and basic undergraduate-level knowledge in the relevant research field required for writing a master's thesis.
- c. We seek individuals who have a desire to take on an active role in the international community by making use of the specialized field acquired in graduate school.

2. Diploma Policy (Graduation and Degree-Awarding Policy: Our Model Individuals to Be Developed)

This master's program requires students to acquire the attitudes and abilities listed below by the time of completion. A master's degree is awarded to those who have studied for the prescribed period in each course, completed the coursework set out in accordance with the educational objectives, earned the prescribed number of credits, received the necessary research guidance, and passed the examination and examination of their master's thesis or research results on a specific topic.

(1) Master of Arts in International Communication

The course intends to train students to acquire advanced English language skills and to be able to demonstrate reliable communication skills in a global society. Therefore, the degree-awarding policy (Diploma Policy: DP) for this course is the following three points.

- a. Acquire high language skills and advanced knowledge in the field of international communication, and have the ability to demonstrate reliable communication skills in a global society. (DP1-1)
- b. Develop the academic thinking skills necessary to conduct professional research from the perspective of international communication, have the ability to analyze logically and critically, and to make recommendations and implement solutions to problems and issues.

- c. Have the motivation, interest and attitude to constantly improve their objective thinking skills and advanced reasoning and decision-making skills required in the field of glocal negotiations. (DP1-3)

(2) Master of Arts in International Sociocultural Studies

Through seminars and guidance on individual research, the course develops individuals with rich academic knowledge and creative research skills. Therefore, the degree-awarding policy (Diploma Policy: DP) for this course is the following three points.

- a. Have the ability to look objectively at the diversity of different cultures and to accurately judge the characteristics of each, as well as knowledge of different cultures. (DP2-1)
- b. Have the ability to conduct interdisciplinary research on various issues in modern global society. (DP2-2)
- c. Have good presentation and communication skills in English. (DP2-3)

Academic Considerations for Students Who are Working

Special Exception for Educational Methods as stipulated in Article 2-2 or Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools

In the Master's Program of the Graduate School, most classes start in the evening after undergraduate classes have finished, applying Article 2-2 or Article 14 "Special Exception for Educational Methods" of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools. In some cases, classes are held in an intensive format on holidays upon students' request. For working students, especially those from remote areas such as out-of-prefecture or studying abroad, lectures are offered in a hybrid format and can also be taken online, if desired. For students from remote areas who are unable to attend lectures online, on-demand or video recordings are permitted within a certain acceptable range (less than 1/3 of the common foundation courses and common elective courses). In this case, however, students are required to take courses face-to-face for certain acceptable number of classes.

In principle, how courses are to be taken, research method, and research location will be decided upon consultation with the supervisor.

Long-term Enrollment Student System

This system allows students to systematically take and complete educational courses for a certain period of time beyond the standard two-year period of the master's program, up to a maximum of four years, for reasons such as employment and other personal circumstances. However, please note that students who are approved for long-term enrollment will become ineligible for the scholarships offered by the Graduate School. Therefore, be sure to consult with your supervisors before making a decision.

If you wish to apply for this system, you are required to complete the application procedures for long-term enrollment before paying tuition fees. ~~Please note that applications made after tuition payment fees will not be accepted.~~

Student Application Guide

1. Test Dates

Category	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Application Period ※Must arrive by 17:00 on the last day.	August 25, 2025 to September 1, 2025	January 5, 2026 to January 13, 2026	February 16, 2026 to February 24, 2026
Test Date	September 13, 2025	January 17, 2026	February 28, 2026
Notice of Acceptance	September 19, 2025	January 23, 2026	March 6, 2026

※ If the capacity is not fulfilled in Round 1, Round 2 and Round 3 may be conducted. Please check “7. Selection Method 1)-3)” in p. 9. Note: Online interviews will be handled by the same manner on Round 1-3, so please make sure to check the equipment, etc. in advance without troubles.

2. Enrolment Capacity

Graduate School, Major in International Liberal Arts: 5 students

A small number of specially selected international students will also be accepted.

3. Eligibility for Application

Applicants to the Graduate School of International Liberal Arts, Miyazaki International University must meet one of the following conditions.

(1) General Selection and Selection for Those Who are Working

- (a) Those who have graduated or will graduate by March, 2026 from a university as stipulated in Article 83 of the School Education Law.
- (b) Those who have received a bachelor's degree or expect to receive a bachelor's degree by March, 2026, in accordance with Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Law.
- (c) Persons who have completed or expect to complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country by March, 2026.
- (d) Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete by March, 2026, a 16-year course under the School Education Law in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan.
- (e) Persons who have completed, on or after the date specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, a specialized training course (limited to courses of 4 years or more in length and meeting other criteria specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), which is designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Or those who are expected to complete the course by March, 2026.
- (f) Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ministry of Education Announcement No. 5, February 7, 1953).
- (g) Those who have attended university for at least three years or completed 15 years of schooling in a foreign country, and who have been recognized by the Graduate School as having obtained the prescribed credits with excellent grades.
- (h) Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, a course of study at a foreign university in Japan, which has been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as an

educational institution with a course of study (limited to a course of 16 years under the school education law of the relevant foreign country) under the school education system in the relevant foreign country.

- (i) Those who have been admitted to a graduate school other than this graduate school pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Law, and have been admitted by the graduate school of this university as having the academic ability suitable for receiving a graduate school education.
- (j) Those who have been admitted to a graduate school other than this graduate school in accordance with Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Law, and who are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate, and who will reach 22 years of age by March 31, 2026.

(2) Special Selection for International Students

Applicants must meet one of the requirements of the General Selection, have a foreign nationality, and whose status of residence in Japan does not interfere with admission to the Graduate School.

4. Application Procedures and Methods

- (1) By mail: Attach a cover sheet of the designated application envelope to the envelope and send it by registered or express mail.

Application Materials, etc.

Documents, etc.	Summary
Application Form	Please fill out the form prescribed by the Graduate School.
Research Proposal	Please write a research proposal of at least 2,000 words in English in a free format.
Examination Admission Form	Please submit a photograph (4 cm in height and 3 cm in width) taken within 3 months prior to the application, affixed to the designated boxes on the "Application Form" and "Photograph Submission Form" prescribed by the Graduate School.
Transcript of Grades	Prepared and strictly sealed by the president or dean of faculty of the applicant's home university (undergraduate school). Submit original documents (issued and verified by applicant's graduated or attending university).
Certificate of (Expected) Graduation	Prepared by the home university. Submit original documents (issued and verified by applicant's graduated or attending university).
Certificate of Degree Conferral or Certificate of Application for Degree Conferral	Certified by the Agency for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation. (Applicants who meet (b) of Application Eligibility (1))
Copy of Residence Card	Foreign nationals residing in Japan who wish to apply must submit a residence card (with period of stay and status of residence clearly indicated).

Proof of Funds	International applicants should send us a verified certificate that is applicable to your case among the following: 1. If the applicant is responsible for the fees: Bank balance* (Account in the applicant's name) is required. 2. If expenses are to be paid by a person other than the applicant*: Certificate of bank balance (for the account of the person responsible for the expenses) and pledge of financial support. 3. If the applicant receives a scholarship: Certificate of Scholarship Receipt *Notes on Balance Certificates 1) Account holder's name, bank name, date, and deposit balance must be verified. 2) A balance of at least 1,200,000 yen for living expenses for one year is required. 3) If the document is written in a language other than Japanese, a Japanese or English translation must be attached to the original. 4) If the certificate of bank balance is shown in a currency other than Japanese yen, it will be converted at the exchange rate at the time of document verification.
Copy of Bank Transfer Notification	Please pay the application fee using the bank transfer request form prescribed by the Graduate School, or remit the payment through a local financial institution using the banking information provided by the Graduate School. Please submit a copy of the bank transfer notification with the stamp of the handling bank's collection seal which you will receive at the time of payment. ※When printing out the bank transfer request form, do not enlarge or reduce the size of the form, but print it in its original size (A4) before use.
Examination Permission Letter (1) Examination Permission Letter (2)	Applicants who are currently employed by a public office, company, etc. must submit the "Examination Permission Letter (1)" prescribed by the head of the relevant organization, and those who intend to study while still employed must submit the "Examination Permission Letter (2)" prescribed by the Graduate School.
Return Envelope for Examination Admission Form	Please write your postal code and address clearly on a standard size envelope and attach postage stamps (¥344 ※ stamps ¥84 + ¥260 for express delivery). Stamp cost in 1 October 2024 will be changed (¥410 ※ stamps ¥110 + ¥300 for express delivery).

[Notes on the application process]

- ① All applications, etc. must be submitted in a single package through the president of the applicant's home university, or in person. Please note that incomplete documents will not be accepted, so please make sure that there are no omissions, etc.
 - ② Applications, etc. will not be returned once received
 - ③ Admission may be cancelled if it is found that the facts differ from those stated in the application.
 - ④ Prior consultation with applicants with physical disabilities
Applicants with physical disabilities who require special consideration for entrance examination and study must submit a medical certificate and other documents to the Academic Affairs Division before each application period begins.
 - ⑤ If you have any questions about the application procedures, please contact the Academic Affairs Division of the University.
 - ⑥ Government-sponsored international students must submit a Certificate of Government Scholarship (prepared by the student's home university).
- ※ After individually reviewing the submitted application documents, if it is determined that the applicant does not meet the application qualifications, the application will not be accepted. In addition, applicants who meet the qualifications

(g), (i), and (j) may be required to submit additional documents.

5. Application Fee

Application fee is 30,000 yen. The application fee for graduates or prospective graduates of Miyazaki International University is 10,000 yen. Please pay the fee using the pay-in slip designated by the University.

Please note that paid examination fees will not be refunded.

1) **Payment of Application Fee**

Domestic applicants

Please complete payment of the application fee using the designated the pay-in slip provided by the Graduate School. Please make sure to fill in all required information in the bold sections of the slip (date of request, name of applicant (requester), payment amount, and handling charge).

International applicants

Please remit the application fee through a local financial institution using the banking information provided below. Please note that any additional remittance or handling fees charged by the sending institution must be borne by the applicant and paid in addition to the application fee.

After completing the transfer, include a copy of the remittance confirmation with your application materials.

2) **Banking Information**

Bank Name: Miyazaki Bank

Branch Name: Showa-machi Branch

Bank Code: 0184

Swift Code: MIYAJPT

Bank Address: 1-4-2 Higashi, Miyazaki Eki (Higashi Miyazaki Branch), Miyazaki 880-0879, Japan

Account Holder: Miyazaki Gakuen

Account Number: 1467579

Account Type: Savings

6. Mailing Address and Inquiries Academic Affairs (Graduate School), Miyazaki International University, 1405 Kano-hei, Kiyotake Town,

Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Prefecture 889-1605 JAPAN

TEL: 0985-85-5931(Direct line) (Office Hours: Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

Email: aaffairs@miu.ac.jp

7. Selection Method

1) General Selection and Selection for People Who are Working

Selection will be based on a comprehensive screening of documents and an oral examination (interview). For applicants residing in Japan outside of Kyushu, an oral examination will be conducted online upon request.

2) Special Selection for International Students

A two-stage selection process will be conducted. In the first stage of selection, the application documents are to be screened. In that case, those who have completed all the documents listed in "4. Application Procedures and Methods" of the "Application Guidelines" and meet the conditions described in the "Abstract" of each document will be selected. The results of the first round of selection will be communicated to the applicants individually by the examination date. Only applicants who pass the first-stage selection can proceed to the second round of selection on the examination date.

In the second stage, an oral examination (interview) will be conducted. For applicants residing overseas, a pre-departure examination will be conducted. For applicants residing in Japan other than Kyushu and foreign applicants residing overseas, the oral examination (interview) can be conducted online. The online interview will be conducted using Zoom, so the applicants must prepare a computer with a camera and microphone in a high-speed Internet environment. The online interview may be invalidated if there is difficulty in verifying the applicant's identity due to the bad local Internet conditions or other circumstances that prevent the interview from taking place.

3) Examination Procedures, etc. (common to all selections)

Application Rounds	Examination Format	Time	Test Site
Round 1 Round 2 Round 3 ※Examination dates are as shown in "1. Test Dates"	Oral Examination (Interview)	13 : 30 ~ 15 : 00	Miyazaki International University 1405 Kano-hei, Kiyotake-cho, Miyazaki-shi, Miyazaki-ken JAPAN (The examination room will be announced on the day of the examination.)

※All examinees are required to report to Miyazaki International University's Academic Affairs Office with their examination voucher by 12 : 40-13:00 on the day of the examination.

※If you arrive more than 20 minutes late for the start of the examination, you will not be allowed to take the examination.

8. Announcement and Notification of Successful Applicants

(1) Announcement of acceptance

Time: 10:00 a.m. on the day of the announcement of the results as mentioned in "1. Test Dates".

Place: Posted in the lobby of Building No. 2 at Miyazaki International University

Also, a list of examination numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the homepage of Miyazaki International University for one day from 10:00 a.m. on the day of the announcement of acceptance.

(2) Notification of Acceptance

Successful applicants will receive a letter of acceptance (sent on the day of the announcement).

No telephone inquiries regarding acceptance or rejection will be accepted.

9. Admission Procedures

(1) Admission fee: 200,000 yen (100,000 yen for graduates of Miyazaki International University)

(2) Tuition fee: 375,000 yen only for Spring semester (annual, 750,000 yen).

Note:

a) Amounts are subject to change due to revisions of regulations.

b) If the tuition fee is revised during the student's enrollment, the new tuition fee will be applied from the time of the revision.

c) Tuition for long-term enrollment students is calculated by dividing the total amount of tuition for the regular length of study proportionally by the number of years of study applied for, and the amount is due each academic year.

3) Enrollment Procedures

- Successful Candidates in the Round 1 and Round 2 Examinations

Enrollment period: Monday, February 3, 2025 - Wednesday, February 12, 2025

(Details of the enrollment procedures and documents will be notified by mail in early February, 2025.)

- Successful Candidates in the Round 3 Examination

Enrollment period: Tuesday March 11, 2025 – Thursday, March 19, 2025

(Details of the enrollment procedures and documents will be notified by mail after Tuesday March 11, 2025)

※ If, after completing the enrollment procedures, you must withdraw from enrollment due to unavoidable circumstances, please contact the Graduate School office, Academic Affairs Department by noon on Friday, March

28, 2025, and submit the prescribed form. All fees except the admission fee will be refunded.

Note: If the university acts as a guarantor when international students rent an apartment, they are supposed to pay the three-month's rent in April.

10). Admissions Information via the Internet

Miyazaki International University provides information on entrance examinations via the Internet, please visit the following website address.

Japanese <https://www.miu.ac.jp/examination/>

English https://www.miu.ac.jp/english/admissionsinformation/graduate_school/

E-mail: aaffairs@miu.ac.jp Office of Graduate School

TEL: +81-985-85-5931 Japanese time: 8:30 - 17:15

Graduate School (Master's Program in International Liberal Arts)

1. Length of Course of Study

2 years as a general rule

2. Curriculum Policy

The curriculum policy of the Master's Program of the Graduate School of International Liberal Arts of Miyazaki International University is as follows:

Miyazaki International University states in its University rules that the University aims to nurture individuals who will contribute to the development of culture and the welfare of humanity by acquiring an international perspective and specialized knowledge and skills.

First, in order to strengthen the understanding of multiple cultures, international problems and issues, and the basic skills of international communication necessary to play an active role in a global society (i.e. to cultivate basic skills that are not biased toward any particular course), we have established the "Basic Common Courses" (10 credits), which all students in the International Communication course and International Sociocultural Studies course are required to take. On the other hand, there are also "Basic Elective courses" (6 credits or more) that students can choose from, taking into consideration their future career path and what they want to study. In addition, each course offers "Course-specific Special courses" (14 credits) for seminars and students to conduct research (master's thesis research). In the course-specific special courses, a multiple-teaching system is adopted, with one main supervisor and two sub-supervisors, and one sub-supervisor must come from a different course to the main supervisor. This system ensures that students can receive a wide range of guidance from different perspectives.

1) Basic Common Courses

Assuming the various situations in which students will be active globally, there are foundational knowledge that students in both courses should acquire. For example, in negotiations and meetings with other countries, not only communication skills, but also multi-cultural understanding, international communication skills, and the ability to analyze and process information are common. In addition, since the "School of International Liberal Arts" and the "School of Education" which form the basis for the master's program, have teacher training programs (the former for middle and high school English teachers, the latter for elementary school teachers), "Overview of Foreign Language Pedagogy" was established to improve the students' knowledge as English educators. All students in both courses are required to take this group of courses as compulsory credits.

2) Basic Elective Courses

The basic elective courses include a group of subjects that students in each course can freely choose according to their future career path and what they want to study. While it is important to learn about global environmental, food, and economic, etc. issues, "Advanced Studies in Environmental and Life Sciences" and "Advanced Studies in Social Psychology" are designed to improve students' educational and negotiation skills by scientifically understanding the mechanisms of the brain, emotions, and psychology. "Advanced Studies in Mathematics and Data Science" aims to develop evidence-based theories that are considered necessary for planning and negotiations based on analysis of industrial economies in other countries and regions. In addition, "Advanced Studies in British and American Literature" is designed to study English and American literature, history, and society, and to acquire the historical background and international perspective of the representative English-speaking countries. In addition, Chinese is a second foreign language whose importance has been rapidly increasing in recent years. The "Advanced Interactive Seminar" is an interdisciplinary course, in which students work under the supervision of coordinators to deepen each other's knowledge and skills by learning about other students' research, etc., and to learn about recent issues from invited external speakers.

3) Course-specific Special Subjects

These are courses set by course and are required credits for each course. There are courses (Basic Seminar in International Communication and Basic Seminar in International Social Studies) to acquire the basic knowledge and specialized skills necessary to carry out research in each course, as well as courses (Research in International Communication and Research in International Social Studies) for writing master's theses. Students are required to take at least 3 seminar courses (6 credits or more) in order to be able to solve their own problems or to acquire the skills necessary for writing their master's thesis. In the research courses, students formulate a research plan under the guidance of their supervisor and sub-supervisor (one of the two sub-supervisors is chosen from another course), conduct experiments and develop theories under the research plan, and prepare a research thesis in two years. Special subjects for each course are as follows:

- (a) The International Communication course offers "Basic Seminar in International Communication (6 credits)" in which students learn theories and techniques of knowledge, information gathering methods, presentation methods, etc., necessary for research in international communication. In addition to this, "Research in International Communication (8 credits)" will be offered as a research guidance course for students to prepare their master's thesis. This course is taught by the main supervisor and two sub-supervisors (one from the same course as the main supervisor and the other from another course).
- (b) In the International Social Studies course, students are required to take "Basic Seminar in International Social Studies (6 credits)," in which they learn theories and techniques of knowledge, information gathering methods, presentation methods, etc., necessary for research on international society. In addition to this, "Research in International Social Studies (8 credits)" will be offered as a research guidance course for students to prepare their master's thesis. This course is taught by a main supervisor and two sub-supervisors (one from the same course as the main supervisor and the other from another course).

3. Course of Study and Degree Conferral

In principle, a master's degree will be awarded to students who have been enrolled in the Graduate School for at least two years, who have earned at least 30 credits as specified in the table below (courses and number of credits) under the guidance of an supervisor, and who have passed the thesis review and examination.

- ① Required courses: 10 credits
- ② Elective courses: 6 credits or more
- ③ Course-specific special subjects: Seminar courses (compulsory-elective): 6 or more credits
Research courses (compulsory-elective, master's thesis): 8 credits

Courses	Year Offered	No. of Credits			Required/Elective
		Lecture	Seminar	Practicum Lab./	
Basic Common Courses					
Overview of International Communication	Y1 Fall	○			Required
Overview of Foreign Language Pedagogy	Y1 Spring	○			Required

Advanced Studies in Information Processing	Y1 Fall	☐			Required
Overview of Studies in International Culture and Arts	Y1 Spring	☐			Required
Overview of Expression in the English Language	Y1 Fall	☐			Required
Basic Elective Courses					
Advanced Interactive Seminar (Fusion Course)	Y1-2	☐			Elective
Advanced Studies in International Economics	Y2 Fall	☐			Elective
Advanced Studies in Environmental and Life Sciences	Y1 Fall	☐			Elective
Advanced Studies in Mathematics and Data Science	Y1 Spring	☐			Elective
Advanced Studies in Social Psychology	Y1 Fall	☐			Elective
Advanced Studies in British and American Literature	Y1 Fall	☐			Elective
Advanced Studies in Chinese Language	Y1 Fall	☐			Elective
Advanced Studies in the Educational History of Japan	Y2 Spring	☐			Elective
Course-specific Special Subjects					
Basic Seminar in International Communication Studies	Y1 - 2		☐		Compulsory Elective
Basic Seminar in International Social Studies	Y1 - 2		☐		Compulsory Elective
Research in International Communication Studies	Y1 - 2		☐		Compulsory Elective
Research in International Social Studies	Y1 - 2		☐		Compulsory Elective

(a) Overview of Basic Common Courses and Basic Elective Courses

	Course Title	Description	Instructor(s)
Basic Common Courses Required 10 credits	Overview of International Communication	The language of each country is not merely a means of communicating ideas between people, but is also the very customs, thoughts, society, and culture of the people who live there. This course builds on the "Relationship between Language and Culture, and Intercultural Communication" taught in the undergraduate program to teach higher-level theories of international communication, international negotiation, conflict resolution, and media literacy, etc. In addition, a portion of the course will focus on intercultural communication (intercultural adaptation, cultural patterns, self-concept, etc.) through a learning system based on active learning.	Marc Waterfield Anne Howard Hironori Hayase Won Kim
	Overview of Foreign Language Pedagogy	The course is designed primarily for those who will be involved in English language education in future and those who are currently involved in English and Chinese language education, and will teach foreign language teaching methods at a higher level than undergraduate education. The course also deepens students' understanding of the principles of foreign language pedagogy and areas related to actual teaching and learning. In specific examples, advanced teaching methods and ideas in vocabulary, grammar, listening, hearing, and writing will be explained, and methods of selecting teaching materials, learning evaluation methods, or teaching methods for creating classes will be lectured in an active learning format.	Hironori Hayase Anne Howard Marc Waterfield
	Advanced Studies in Information Processing	This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the workings of IT and the IT- related knowledge required in global society and industry, as well as the concept of IT technology for problem solving. The course is based on an active learning approach and covers topics ranging from data communication technology to smart grids, lifelines and the internet, security and multi- media.	Anderson Passos Masahide Yasuda
	Overview of Studies in International Culture and Arts	This course is designed to cultivate the ability to recognize cultural diversity in a global society, to understand that these diverse cultures influence each other and change, and to explore the relationships between different cultures and between art and artworks and society from various perspectives. For example, through analysis of works of art, students will gain an understanding of the social consciousness and worldviews etc. that are reflected in them.	Hironori Hayase Debra Occhi

	Overview of Expression in the English Language	This course is designed to cultivate the ability to speak and write in English appropriately from a global perspective and in response to various situations, as well as to develop logical and critical thinking skills using a small-group education system. To this end, the course is oriented to help students acquire creative English skills, understand the differences in expression between Japanese and Western sensibilities, and enjoy English expression. Students will also learn specific skills necessary for writing academic papers.	Hironori Hayase Iain Stanley
Basic Elective Courses Elective 6 Credits	Advanced Interactive Seminar (Fusion Course)	Students in turn plan and conduct presentations, as well as give oral presentations on their own research topics and issues of interest (interactive seminars). In addition, prominent external speakers active in international fields (JICA, UN, etc.) are regularly invited to broaden the students' perspectives, arouse new interests in them, and provide them with opportunities to practice active learning. Full-time faculty members in turn serve as coordinators and support the operation by students.	Hironori Hayase Anne Howard
	Advanced Studies in International Economics	This course is for the graduate students who are interested not only in the concepts and theories in development economics but also passionate in the best practices/empirical works in international development. This course gives practical understanding and experiences of how pro-poor policies work in practice in the field of international development- the focus mostly comes from the instructors' continued high quality empirical research including randomized control trials. Best practices on the natural experiments and quasi experiments including machine learning/data science are also discussed. The course will also give exposure about how tools of macroeconomics, microeconomics, econometrics, international trade, etc. are applied to understanding the problems of development, and how data and empirical evidence can shed light on conflicting views and questions about the process of development.	Mohammad Abdul Malek
	Advanced Studies in Environmental and Life Sciences	In order to understand the diversity of different cultures in many countries, it is inevitable to understand environmental and food issues and the state of progress in life science. The course will also include lectures from medical and life science perspectives, including new coronavirus infections, etc.	Noboru Murakami Nobuhiro Fukuda Itsuki Tagawa
	Advanced Studies in Mathematics and Data Science	With the advent of big data due to the development of information and communication technology and measurement technology, we have entered an era of overflowing data. Knowledge and skills to extract useful information from data are increasingly emphasized in understanding the diversity of international culture. In this advanced studies course, we will have a lecture on data summarization / visualization and the mathematics that makes it possible, practice data analysis using a familiar software Excel, and have a seminar on human body data based on ergonomics to learn	Koji Watanabe Masahide Yasuda

	about information mathematics, data science and Artificial Intelligence (AI).	
Advanced Studies in Social Psychology	This course is designed to help students understand and communicate smoothly with others of their own and other cultures, based on the recognition that individual behavior is influenced by other people and the culture to which they belong, in order to deal with the various challenges of today's global society. The main goal of this course is to improve students' interpersonal skills by acquiring social psychological knowledge. The course will cover social emotions, social cognition, social behavior, social influence, group behavior, communication, conflict resolution, and social psychological research methods.	Futoshi Kobayashi Aya Kasai Koji Watanabe
Advanced Studies in British and American Literature	While reading major works of English and American literature from a variety of perspectives, the course aims to develop the literary theory and specialized knowledge and abilities necessary to understand and appreciate literature, including methods of analyzing and interpreting literary works. In addition, students will simultaneously deepen their understanding of the historical and ideological backgrounds of British and American works. At the same time, students will develop the ability to think logically and express themselves theoretically in English through actual discussions and essay writing on work themes.	Hironori Hayase
Advanced Studies in Chinese Language	While English has the largest number of users among the world's languages, we will deepen our understanding of the diversity and characteristics of Chinese, which boasts the largest number of native speakers in the world. The Chinese language is used in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Chinatowns around the world, and by overseas Chinese and Chinese people. It has diversity in both writing and speech, but because of this diversity, it can have two directions: integration and separation. By understanding the characteristics of the Chinese language, students will broaden their understanding of the society and culture of the Chinese-speaking world and acquire a worldview through the Chinese language.	Kumiko Fujii
Advanced Studies in the Educational History of Japan	The purpose of this study is to identify the characteristics of the historical foundation of education in Japan. Japan's intellectual and moral educational standards are highly accomplished, as R. Dore, "Education in Tokugawa Japan," makes clear, along with the spiritual foundation of "improvement," accumulated through the historical efforts of our predecessors. In this case, various types of education were developed both inside and outside of schools through cultural contact with other countries as well as being self-generated. In this course, we will touch upon the basic principles of cultural contact, and will also discuss the relationship between Japan and China, and between Japan and the West, in the international environment since the 18th century.	Kunio Kawahara

(b) Course-specific Special Subjects

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Other Matters

1. Exemption and Deferment of Entrance and Tuition Fees

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- ① In the event of the death of the person who is primarily responsible for the student's financial support within one year prior to enrollment.
- ② In the event of a disaster such as windstorm, flood, etc., within one year prior to enrollment.
- ③ Cases similar to ① and ② above, where there are reasons deemed appropriate by the President.

2) Deferment of Collection of Entrance Fee

Those who fall under any of the following categories may be granted a deferment of the entrance fee upon application by the student and after a review.

- ① In the event of the death of the person who is primarily responsible for the student's school expenses within one year prior to enrollment.
- ② The applicant or the person who is primarily responsible for the student's financial support has suffered a disaster such as a windstorm, flood, etc. within one year prior to enrollment.
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3) Tuition Waiver

Students who fall under any of the following categories may be exempted from paying full or half tuition upon application and after a review.

- ① In the event of the death of the person who is primarily responsible for the student's school expenses within one year prior to enrollment.
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2. Scholarships

The "Habatake Scholarship" is a scholarship program of Miyazaki International University for graduate students. There are two types of scholarships available:

(1) Living Support

This scholarship is intended for students entering the graduate school from another institution or from the workforce, as well as for current graduate students already enrolled at this university. Applicants must demonstrate both outstanding academic performance and a clear need for financial support.

Students who apply for long-term enrollment at the time of admission, as well as those in full-time employment, are not eligible. However, individuals employed in part-time positions may apply.

Recipients will receive a total of ¥ 840,000, paid in monthly installments of ¥70,000 for one year, or in two equal installments in April and October. Up to three recipients will be selected for the 2026 academic year.

(2) Higher Education Support

This scholarship is intended for graduates of Miyazaki International University entering the graduate school.

Students who apply for long-term enrollment at the time of admission, as well as those in full-time employment, are not eligible. However, individuals employed in part-time positions may apply.

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Scholarships from JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) are awarded on a selection basis. The monthly loan amounts are as follows:

Type I Scholarship (without interest)	50,000 yen/88,000 yen
Type II Scholarship (with interest)	50,000 yen/80,000 yen/100,000 yen/130,000 yen/150,000 yen
Special Incremental Loan Scholarship for Enrollment (Lump sum payment, with interest)	100,000 yen/200,000 yen/300,000 yen/400,000 yen/500,000 yen

Scholarship programs are also available from local governments and private organizations etc. For details, please contact the Student Affairs Office.

3. Student Education and Research Disaster Insurance (Gakkensai) and Student Education and Research Indemnity Insurance (Gakkensai)

"GAKKENSAI" provides coverage for bodily injury incurred during regular classes, school events, extracurricular activities, etc., such as lectures, experiments, and practical training, as well as during commuting to and from the graduate school. "GAKKENSAI" covers legal damages suffered by students who injure others or damage others' property during regular classes, school events, extracurricular activities, or while commuting to and from school. All students at the University are required to enroll in this insurance program.

The insurance fee is 1,430 yen for two years. However, for long-term students, it depends on the number of years of study applied for.