

# Faculties and Graduate Schools

## 大学院 & 学部

For over a century Kyoto University has cultivated a rich tradition of education and research, attaining a position as a leading center of innovation in science and technology and the humanities.

The university's motto of "self-reliant learning" emphasizes the value placed on critical thinking and students' freedom to orient their studies towards their own interests. Through low enrollment-capped seminars and flexible curricula, students are able, and encouraged, to explore fields of interest outside their major early in their university life. We hope that such eye-opening opportunities will encourage students to expand their horizons and develop initiative and creativity. We also seek to enhance our students' skills and competitiveness by providing opportunities to acquire the language skills and informational literacy indispensable for success in today's global society.

The following section contains brief descriptions of the faculties, graduate schools and other departments within Kyoto University. For more comprehensive information, please visit our webpage, where you will find links to the faculty web pages, along with other data and information.





文学研究科 文学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LETTERS FACULTY OF LETTERS

The Faculty of Letters originated as the College of Letters in 1906, and has been a pre-eminent academic center in the fields of arts and humanities since its foundation. The Faculty Library holds approximately 910,000 catalogued books in numerous languages and is home to many rare books and valuable historical manuscripts. The latest apparatuses and devices for scientific experiments are available at the Psychology Department.

We currently consist of six divisions: Philosophy, Eastern Culture, Western Culture, History, Behavioral Studies, and Contemporary Culture, which are further divided into 34 departments. Undergraduates spend their first two years attending Liberal Arts and General Education Courses (classes which are open to students of all faculties). At the end of the second year, they are required to decide which department they wish to be affiliate to, and then spend a minimum of two years majoring in the field of their choice, on which they are required to write a B.A. thesis.

At the M.A. degree level, students also spend two years or more in study and write a thesis in order to graduate. A minimum of three years is spent before submitting a doctoral dissertation. Departments devoted to studies of eastern cultures have attracted an extremely talented pool of scholars and students from abroad.

The graduate school has always worked closely with the Institute for Research in Humanities, and other components of the university, especially the Faculty of Integrated Human Studies, for both education and research. Also, the graduate school has as an attached institution, The Center for Eurasian Cultural Studies.

With the exception of those led by non-Japanese lecturers, most lectures are conducted in Japanese, although texts are invariably studied in their original languages, and proficiency in foreign languages is a requirement of students in all areas.

[www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index-e.html](http://www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index-e.html)

教育学研究科 教育学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION FACULTY OF EDUCATION

The Graduate School of Education aims to provide students with the professional methodologies, broad perspective, critical thinking tools and research competencies required to address the educational issues of our society. The graduate school seeks to cultivate professionals in the field of education who will contribute to the establishment of a harmonious global society, and who have insight and understanding regarding people of diverse backgrounds. To accomplish these goals, the graduate school offers varied programs to stimulate and support students' research activities, and provides an environment which emphasizes field experiences and tangible theories with a bearing on

daily practices. An emphasis is also placed on a cross-disciplinary and international approach.

The Graduate School of Education consists of two divisions; the Division of Educational Studies and the Division of Clinical Studies of Education. The former is committed to conducting research in fields such as the philosophy and history of education, human lifelong development and learning, and the social and global environment surrounding education. It aims to produce experts with broad geographical and historical perspectives who can improve our understanding of human nature and enhance human education and learning. The Division of Clinical Studies of Education aims to train clinical psychologists with the knowledge required to effectively address the psychological issues faced by many individuals in contemporary society and educators with a deep knowledge of human beings and their relationships, who have the skills to reconstruct educational environments to meet the needs of various situations and conditions. The division covers the fields of pedagogy and psychology, and offers programs focusing on clinical issues of the human mind and mentality.

[www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)

法学研究科 法学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW FACULTY OF LAW

For over a century, the Faculty and Graduate School of Law have played a central role in the teaching and research of law and political science in Japan. Through their education and research programs, the faculty and graduate school are committed to cultivating students' knowledge, opinion, wisdom and logical thinking, and nurturing their intellectual autonomy. The research undertaken is devoted to searching for truth through open discussion, and has consistently made valuable contributions to society by actively tackling current key issues.

Recent years have seen a number of significant changes in both the graduate school and faculty. In April 2004, the Law School was added as a new professional graduate school offering a systematic legal education program. The Legal and Political Studies Programs (LL.M. and LL.D. Programs) at the Graduate School of Law are designed for those interested in an academic career. Through the two graduate programs and the Law School Program, students are provided with the opportunity to attain both advanced research skills and practical legal training. In order to compliment the graduate programs, the Faculty of Law Program (LL.B. Program) has been streamlined to focus on basic scholarship. To increase the benefits of these dynamic organizational changes and further strengthen the educational programs, a team of legal practitioners, including judges, prosecutors and lawyers, government officials and corporate executives, work alongside the faculty members.

[www.kyodai.jp/english/e\\_top.html](http://www.kyodai.jp/english/e_top.html)



法科大学院

## LAW SCHOOL

The Law School Program is a professional graduate program established in 2004 to educate and train future professionals in legal practice, the judiciary, government and other public services. It provides the theoretical knowledge, practical legal skills and professional ethics essential to law practice. The program is geared toward the national bar examination and leads to a juris doctor (J.D.) degree. (The program does not offer any other research degree or advanced degree.)

[lawschool.law.kyoto-u.ac.jp](http://lawschool.law.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

経済学研究科 経済学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

The Faculty of Economics was established in 1919, and marked its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009. Developing a spirit of freedom and independence in its students is a key component of the faculty's academic tradition. Economic scholars at Kyoto University began publishing the monthly journal *Keizai Ronso* (essays on economics) in 1914 and the *Kyoto University Economic Journal* (the first western language academic journal on economics in Japan) in 1926. Among the faculty's early professors, Hajime Kawakami and Yasuma Takata are especially noteworthy as the Japanese founders of Marxian economics and modern economics, respectively.

The faculty's mission is to continuously search for ways to upgrade its education and research methods, and to challenge flaws in modern economic society. Through its research, the faculty aims to advance the frontier of economic theory, from basic innovative ideas to mathematical and computational analyses.

The faculty welcomes ambitious candidates who seek to refine their creativity and humanity through the study of economics and management. There are three different entrance examination options: 1) an ordinary examination for students interested in the humanities; 2) an examination for students with a science background; and 3) an examination of thesis writing skills to evaluate the candidate's ability to construct logical arguments. The faculty welcomes overseas students and there are currently over a hundred international undergraduate and graduate

students enrolled.

A rich and diverse curriculum at both the undergraduate and graduate levels ensures that students gain the latest academic knowledge and practical skills. Most students attend homeroom seminars where they benefit from personal guidance and develop social networks in an academic environment.

The Faculty and Graduate School of Economics extends an invitation to students, young researchers and distinguished scholars from all over the world, and aims to maintain its high standing among the world's most active centers of education and research on economics and management.

[www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index\\_e.php](http://www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php)

理学研究科 理学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The Graduate School and Faculty of Science explores the underlying principles behind nature and human activities in order to develop scientific philosophies. At both the undergraduate and graduate levels, research and education is undertaken in the following five departments: Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Astronomy, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Chemistry, and Biological Sciences.

In the Faculty of Science, undergraduate students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of courses regardless of their major or department of affiliation. This enables students to pursue their interests in their own unique way under the supervision of highly accomplished professors. In their senior year, students are encouraged to tackle research themes that have not previously been explored. Many students then proceed to graduate school to continue their research, while others acquire jobs to develop their potential outside of the university.

The Graduate School of Science, together with the Faculty of Science, has approximately 270 permanent academic staff and a number of research fellows from around the world. There are also 230 additional academic staff who belong to various research institutes and centers in Kyoto University, including the Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences, the Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, the Institute for Chemical Research, the Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere, the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, and the Primate

## Topics

Research Institute for  
Sustainable Humanosphere  
(RISH)

### *Equatorial Atmosphere Radar 10th Anniversary*

The Equatorial Atmosphere Radar (EAR) is a very large atmospheric radar located in West Sumatra, Indonesia. The EAR was completed in June 2001, and will continue to record observations over the long-term. The Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere (RISH) at Kyoto University and the National Institute of Aeronautics and Space (LAPAN) of Indonesia held a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony and symposium in Jakarta on September 22-23, 2011. The ceremony was attended by the Minister of Research and Technology of Indonesia, the Ambassador of Japan in Indonesia, a representative from the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science Technology (MEXT), and Executive Vice-President Shiota of KU. Several attendees toured the EAR after the ceremony.



Photo: Executive Vice-President Shiota (rear row fourth from left) and guest attendees with the EAR staff after the conclusion of 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.



Research Institute.

The Graduate School and Faculty of Science welcomes those with original ideas. Its emphasis on fostering creativity is attested by the achievements of former students and faculty such as Nobel laureates in physics Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa. In keeping with Kyoto University's tradition of academic freedom, faculty members and students can pursue their study of the fundamental laws and theories of nature without concern for trends or competition.

[www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/international](http://www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/international)

医学研究科 医学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Faculty of Medicine is committed to improving human welfare through the advancement of medical science and clinical care. The faculty welcomes independent-minded individuals with diverse abilities and educational backgrounds who seek to become leading research scientists and supervisors in clinical research. Students will refine their medical expertise and clinical know-how to become exemplary care providers and researchers with the ability to combine basic and clinical medicine. The faculty's mission is to support collaboration between leading research specialists in diverse fields and further the development of medical sciences.

The Graduate School of Medicine currently offers four majors: Medicine, Medical Science, Public Health and Human Health Science. The school provides students with an insight into leading-edge clinical science, with each major comprising a broad array of programs covering virtually all aspects of medical research, including basic, clinical and social medicine, and medical technology. In 2006, our graduate course amalgamated six majors into one, removing the traditional barriers between them. In addition, the school has established cross-disciplinary educational courses which provide specialized training programs for researchers. As the number of fields of specialization increases, researchers are expected to be well trained across a broad range of interests. The Faculty and Graduate School of Medicine aims to guide students to understand and appreciate the philosophy and social implications of medical research, and prepare them to become leading international clinicians and researchers.

[www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/E](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/E)

社会健康医学系専攻

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (SPH)

The Kyoto University School of Public Health was established in 2000, and was the first institution of its kind in Japan, offering the degrees of Master of Public Health (MPH) and Doctor of Public Health (DrPH). The school explores the integrated socio-ecological approach for health, referred to as the "New Public Health." To meet the new health challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we combine classic public health fields such as communicable and chronic disease control, family health, nutrition and environmental health with fields such as health systems management, economics, technological assessments and ethics. This innovative approach to public health is pursued by the school's eighteen departments, which welcome motivated students and professionals from around the world with diverse backgrounds, including the medical, natural and social sciences.

[www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/E/grad\\_school/department/public\\_health/public\\_health.htm](http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/E/grad_school/department/public_health/public_health.htm)

附属病院

## KYOTO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

The Kyoto University Hospital was established as a university facility in 1899. With the incorporation of the Chest Diseases Research Institute in April 1998, it became a general hospital offering advanced medical services to people in and around Kyoto. The hospital is equipped with over 1,121 beds, and treats approximately 362,000 inpatients and 645,000 outpatients per year (figures for 2010).

The hospital began a program of living-donor liver transplantations in 1990. By June 2004, over 1,000 living-donor liver transplantations had been performed – the most of any facility in the world. Approximately 20% of all such transplantation operations taking place in Japan in 2009 were carried out at Kyoto University Hospital.

In May 2010, we opened the Sekitei Ward for the treatment of cancer patients, donated by Hiroshi Yamauchi, former president of the Nintendo Corporation.

[www.kuhp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/](http://www.kuhp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/)





薬学研究科 薬学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

The mission of the Faculty and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is to establish a global centre for innovative drug discovery and development, and the optimization of pharmacotherapy. The faculty and graduate school originated as the Division of Pharmacy in the Faculty of Medicine in 1939, expanding steadily in response to advances in the life sciences and society's ever-greater demands on healthcare. Presently, the school consists of twenty three departments, eight collaborative departments, two endowed chairs and four affiliated institutions. The faculty and graduate school currently offer two majors: one in pharmaceutical sciences and one in bioinformatics and chemical genomics. The two majors cover research and teaching in all key areas of the pharmaceutical sciences. The elucidation of the human genome sequence has resulted in a comprehensive understanding of the physiology of the human body and disease mechanisms at a molecular level. The resulting rapid progress in genomic science has led to revolutionary advances in drug discovery and development.

Through its curricula at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, the school aims to train world leaders in the pharmaceutical sciences. In accordance with this mission, the education programs cover not only the basic sciences, but also specialized sciences associated with industrial drug discovery and development, the theorization of pharmacotherapy theories at medical institutions, and the science behind governmental pharmaceutical regulations.

As the accumulated knowledge and new technologies produced by the pharmaceutical sciences increase and the field continues to play an increasingly important role in internationalization, society's awareness of its importance is also rising. Accordingly, the Faculty and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences seeks to expand its horizons and develop new cooperative links with in the medicine and information technology fields in order to implement its academic theories and contribute to a healthier world.

[www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english](http://www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english)

工学研究科 工学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

The Faculty of Engineering is Kyoto University's largest faculty. It is composed of six departments: Global Engineering, Architecture, Engineering Science, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Information and Mathematical

Science, and Industrial Chemistry. Collectively, these departments cover practically all fields of engineering. The faculty aims to cultivate engineering specialists with the ability to grasp scientific concepts through their own perception and perspective, unbound by preconceptions, and who will go on to be pioneers in new and emerging fields of technology.

The Graduate School consists of 17 departments and 7 centers that cover a very broad range of research, from fundamental theoretical studies in mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology to the development of new engineering technologies. The successful results yielded by the school's approach to research have been acknowledged internationally, and several of its researchers have received prestigious awards, including the Nobel Prize.

The school is currently in the process of adding new facilities at Kyoto University's Katsura Campus to provide training geared toward developing creative research and development skills. In addition to operating educational programs, the facilities at the new campus actively collaborate with the industrial sector, and aim to produce innovative, cutting-edge science and technology which will benefit society.

In addition to the doctoral and master's graduate programs, two programs in Integrated Engineering and Advanced Engineering were launched in April 2008. The Integrated Engineering Course is an interdisciplinary course with a focus on exploring newly combined fields of engineering, while the Advanced Engineering Course focuses on fundamental science. Both courses are geared to educate skilled professionals in new fields of engineering.

[www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)

農学研究科 農学部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

By the end of this century, the human population is expected to reach 10 billion, placing a huge demand on food production and bioresources. Environmental problems such as deforestation, soil salinization, desertification and water pollution are also growing concern. In recent years, issues such as food safety have also become increasingly prevalent. Faced with this situation, the Graduate School of Agriculture seeks to find a way for humans to coexist in harmony with their environment.

Agricultural science is the integration of life, food and environmental sciences. In addition to biological fields, it encompasses chemistry, physics and the social sciences, particularly economics. Through its education and research undertakings, the Graduate School and Faculty of





Agriculture aims to cultivate specialists with a broad, flexible and multidisciplinary outlook, and an understanding of international perspectives. The school aims to function as a center for interdisciplinary education and research on agriculture in Japan.

The Graduate School of Agriculture comprises seven divisions: Agronomy and Horticultural Science, Forest and Biomaterials Science, Applied Life Sciences, Applied Biosciences, Environmental Science and Technology, Natural Resource Economics, and Food Science and Biotechnology. It also has affiliated experimental and livestock farms. The Special Course in Agricultural Sciences, in which all classes are conducted in English, was established in April 2010.

The Faculty of Agriculture is devoted to undergraduate education and comprises six departments: Bioresource Sciences, Applied Life Sciences, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, Food and Environmental Economics, Forest and Biomaterials Science, and Food Science and Biotechnology.

[www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english](http://www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english)

## 人間・環境学研究科

### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FACULTY OF INTEGRATED HUMAN STUDIES

#### Research and Educational Objectives

The Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies aims to deepen fundamental understanding of humans and nature through an interdisciplinary approach. The school conducts research to develop new concepts regarding civilization and nature that will contribute to a better relationship between humans and their environment. While pursuing this objective, the school strives to instill professional and technical excellence in its students so that they become researchers, leaders, and practitioners who can tackle social and environmental problems through broad perspectives, knowledge, and insight.

#### Characteristics

The most prominent characteristic of the school is the wide range of research fields it covers, which span the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. This interdisciplinary approach enables the school to reevaluate and redefine traditional scholarship into new paradigms focused on establishing a harmonious coexistence between

humans and nature, and facilitating a more sustainable society.

Another characteristic of the school is its extensive cooperation with other academic institutions. Its faculty members work closely with 14 other institutions, both within and outside of Kyoto University. Such cooperative work enables the school to achieve its research and educational objectives more dynamically and effectively.

#### Faculty of Integrated Human Studies

The Faculty of Integrated Human Studies is the undergraduate college of the Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies. The faculty was founded in 1949 as a liberal arts college at Kyoto University, and was named the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1954. In 1992, the college was reorganized and renamed the Faculty of Integrated Human Studies, and in April 2003, it was integrated with the graduate school in order to reach for yet higher academic goals.

The faculty consists of five divisions (Human Sciences, Multi-Disciplinary Studies of Civilizations, Cultural Environment Studies, Cognitive and Information Sciences, and Natural Sciences) that educate students through interdisciplinary curricula.

[www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index\\_e.php](http://www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php)

## エネルギー科学研究科

### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENERGY SCIENCE

Securing energy resources and conserving the environment are the issues most important for the sustainable development of humanity. To tackle energy and environmental problems, the Graduate School of Energy Science was founded in 1996, as a combined effort spanning a wide-range of academic areas. We are comprised of members from the departments of Socio-Environmental Energy Science, Fundamental Energy Science, Energy Conversion Science, and Energy Science and Technology, with faculty members who are specialists in engineering, science, agriculture and economics among other related fields. Our aim is to deepen the scope of the energy sciences, to further develop technologies for energy and the environment, to cultivate excellent human resources specializing in energy and the environment, and to make positive contributions to society.

The Graduate School has been engaged in the Kyoto University Global COE Program, "Energy Science in the



Kyoto University Museum

### *Research Platform for Diversity in East Asian Vertebrate Species*

A highlight among recent research activities is a project funded by the JSPS AA (Asia and Africa) Science Platform Program to elucidate East Asian terrestrial vertebrate diversity (mammals, reptiles and amphibians). Associate Professor Masaharu Motokawa and colleagues at Kyoto University are intensifying their international co-operative network covering Japan, China, Korea, and Vietnam, while carrying out joint fieldwork and international symposiums. Guiding young scientists is also an important priority. The ultimate goal is to gain an understanding of the current status and evolutionary mechanisms of vertebrate species diversity in the area, and to form permanent networks among researchers and museum collections of vertebrates in East Asia.



Age of Global Warming – Toward a CO2 Zero-Emission Energy System” since 2008. Through this program, and by offering a global-minded outlook and research platform, we seek to develop a CO2 zero-emission society, no longer dependent on fossil fuels.

In addition to the International Doctoral Program in Energy Science offered since 2001, the International Energy Science Course Master’s Program began in 2010. These programs are conducted in English.

[www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index\\_eng.html](http://www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_eng.html)

### アジア・アフリカ地域研究研究科

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIAN AND AFRICAN AREA STUDIES (ASAFAS)

Due to the process of rapid globalization, there is now more need than ever to tackle urgent global problems such as the disparity in the North-South divide and growing environmental concerns. The effects of such problems are most keenly felt in developing areas – particularly in tropical Asia and Africa.

Established in 1998, the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies promotes an interdisciplinary approach to area studies in order to better understand the world’s diverse regions. The school aims to train specialists in Asian and African area studies, who have a global perspective, but also retain a detailed understanding of localities.

The graduate school consists of three divisions: the Division of Southeast Asian Area Studies, the Division of African Area Studies, and the Division of Global Area Studies. Comparative area studies are vital to all three divisions, and long-term fieldwork, a hallmark of area studies, is emphasized in the five-year doctoral program.

In modern times, it is vital that all countries contribute to global efforts toward sustainable development, and also to social welfare. Successful implementation of international aid hinges on a deep understanding of the aid-receiving areas. In addition to training specialists in Asian and African area studies, therefore, the graduate school also offers master’s degrees for those seeking to work with international aid organizations.

[www.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)

### 情報学研究科

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS

Informatics is the study of information in natural and artificial systems. The Graduate School of Informatics approaches the field from the following three areas: 1) the interface with humans and society, 2) mathematical modeling and simulations, and 3) information systems. Its studies encompass the human, social, biological, linguistic, computational, algorithmic, control theoretic, mathematical and mechanical aspects of information, as well as computer science, systems science and communications engineering.

The Graduate School of Informatics comprises 6 departments and currently has 130 full-time faculty members, 65 staff members and 570 graduate students, including 8 faculty members and 100 international students.

The school is distinguished by its strength in research and the quality of its curriculum. The Global COE Program “Informatics Education and Research Center for Knowledge-Circulating Society” encourages young researchers and PhD students to take advantage of the GCOE competitive fund for the establishment of new research projects. Such initiatives enable students to strengthen their leadership skills and provide opportunities to build international research networks. Three international courses are now offered in English, supported by the ministry of education’s Global 30 Project.

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### 生命科学研究科

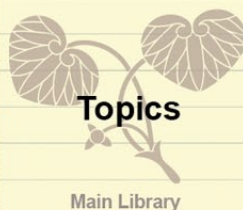
## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOSTUDIES

As a world-class research center in the field of life sciences, the Graduate School of Biostudies aims to educate graduate students who will be able to make major contributions to the development of basic and applied sciences. The graduate school consists of two divisions: the Division of Integrated Life Science (ILS) and the Division of Systemic Life Science (SLS). The ILS laboratories investigate the fundamental mechanisms of cell structure, cell growth, intracellular signal cascades, plant physiology and totipotency, as well as communicative mechanisms between cells, organisms, and their environments. The SLS laboratories focus on higher order mechanisms such as the brain and immune system, and explore the fundamental

### *The Main Library supports students’ study needs 24 hours a day!*

Located on the first floor of the Main Library building, Study Room 24 is open to students and other members of Kyoto University throughout the week, even after the closing hours of the reading rooms. The room consists of two sections: a silent self-study space called Jigaku 24, and a casual lounge space called Nagomi.

A 24-hour study space had long been requested by students, and its need was also recognized at campus meetings chaired by the president of Kyoto University. As a result, Study Room 24 opened its doors in 2009 and was used by over 200,000 people in 2010.





molecular mechanisms of human diseases in search of new treatments for currently incurable diseases.

Students are provided with as many opportunities as possible to learn solid scientific methodologies in class, and to experience every level of the research procedure: from the planning and conducting of experiments, to the analysis and presentation of data and the composition of academic papers. Through this experience, students learn essential research skills, and gain the ability to contribute to society as a highly experienced specialist in their chosen field.

[www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/](http://www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/)

地球環境学堂・地球環境学舎

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (GSGES)

Addressing local and global environmental problems – from water pollution and hazardous wastes to climate change and resource depletion – is the great challenge that faces us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Industrialized nations are tasked with reducing emissions and curbing the current unsustainable rates of consumption, while developing nations seek to eradicate poverty and grow their economies without imposing additional stresses on the earth. At the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies (GSGES), we pursue environmental research and practical problem-solving with a focus on interdisciplinary and systematic approaches.

Established in 2002, GSGES is composed of the Hall of Global Environmental Research (a research body), the School of Global Environmental Studies (an educational body), and the Grove of Universal Learning (a supporting body for education and research). Programs include the Doctoral Program in Global Environmental Studies, designed to foster outstanding, innovative researchers who can further develop the emerging field of global environmental studies, and Master's and Doctoral Programs in Environmental Management, designed to foster outstanding practitioners with international perspectives and advanced management expertise. The programs feature practical internship study both in Japan and overseas in addition to classroom courses, many taught in English, covering a broad spectrum of global environmental topics.

[www.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/](http://www.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/)

公共政策連携研究部・公共政策教育部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

The objective of the Graduate School of Government is to cultivate the intellectual capacity to tackle social changes through the study of theoretical knowledge and historical perspectives. The school also aims to instill students with a sound sense of judgment regarding true public interest, a mastery of institutional design and an understanding of effective policy making, as well as the ability to rationally evaluate policies and systems.

To achieve its objectives, the school adopts a multidisciplinary approach and a system which provides individual student guidance. The program combines several fields of specialization including law, political science, economics, and business administration. The curriculum of core courses and foundation courses is designed to provide students with the knowledge required for a professional career in public policy. All courses are taught by leading academics and practicing professionals. Academic counselors and careers advisors are assigned to each student to provide individual guidance.

[www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp](http://www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

経営管理研究部・経営管理教育部

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (GSM-KU)

The Graduate School of Management offers courses and workshops in business and management which are both highly practical and intellectually challenging. The curricula cover the latest international knowledge on various topics relating to business and management. The school also offers an International Project Management course in which all the classes are conducted in English.

Students are encouraged to organize their own study program based on their intended career paths. The first year is mainly devoted to the general study of a core curriculum, while the second year is more flexible in terms of time allocation among course work, research workshops, internships and other extra-curricular activities. By the time students complete the program, they are well prepared to venture into the competitive world of business and management.

[www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/](http://www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/)

