

# Information for Master's Program of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ibaraki University

## Vision

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences has a vision of "providing in-depth, specialized, high-quality education that meets the diverse needs of various applicants in order to nurture individuals who can deepen and expand their expertise and continue to learn, while maintaining a broad perspective that will enable them to work as highly specialized professionals for many years in a rapidly changing society."



## Organization (Fields and Courses)

The Graduate School offers two fields and nine courses. The Field of Humanities offers four courses: Literary Arts and Thought, History and Archeology, Psychology and Human Sciences, and the Qualification of Certified Public Psychologist to become a board-certified psychologist. The Field of Social Sciences offers five courses: Media and Information Society, International and Local Development, Law and Public Management, Economics and Business Management, and Studies of Regional Policy.

## Course Outline

The standard term of study is two years. The student is awarded a master's degree (Master of Arts: M.A.) when he/she completes the prescribed number of credits and compiles the results of research into a thesis or other document conducted under the supervision of a faculty advisor, which is examined and passes the final examination. In addition, students can take the "Graduate Program on Sustainability Science in Ibaraki University" as a minor.

## Curriculum Overview

The core curriculum, which aims to deepen expertise, and the expanded curriculum, which aims to cultivate a broad perspective, collectively cultivate deep expertise and a wide range of perspectives. Aiming to nurture human resources capable of responding to the new era, courses require students to study the fundamentals of the impact of technology on human society.



## Education by Course Type

Three types of courses, "General Specialized Education," "Recurrent Specialized Education," and "Specialized Education for International Students," are available to meet the respective characteristics of general students, working adults (re-studying), and international students. In "Specialized Education for International Students," career support courses such as internships are featured.

## Entrance Examination

We offer a special selection process (Specialized Education Selection for International Students) in order to actively accept international students. Entrance examinations are held twice a year, in fall (early October) and spring (early February). The application period is usually from late August for the fall entrance examination and from late November for the spring entrance examination. For more information, visit the Graduate School's website (<http://www.hum.ibaraki.ac.jp/graduate-school/>).

## Qualification for Applicants

Applicants for the Specialized Education Selection for International Students must have completed 16 years of formal education and have a bachelor's degree or equivalent and must have Japanese language proficiency of N2 or above or equivalent certified through the Japanese Language Proficiency Test conducted by the Japan Foundation and the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services. In addition to these certificates, applicants are required to submit a research plan and other documents that are relevant to the field of specialization they wish to pursue in their studies. For more information, visit the Graduate School's website (<http://www.hum.ibaraki.ac.jp/graduate-school/>).