

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT KYOTO UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2025

Mission

We aim to contribute to the diverse and harmonious development of global society by developing an educational system that bridges cutting-edge research and specialized practice and educates highly distinctive professionals who can give leadership in a wide range of fields, and by conducting management research with high ethical standards based on research freedom and autonomy.

Vision

We aim to become one of Asia's leading and distinctive business schools in the field of cutting-edge research and specialized practical education.

Value

- 1. In keeping with Kyoto University's tradition of independence and debate, we promote cutting-edge research through industry-government-academia collaboration and developing practical education with a high level of expertise.
- 2. We create world-class leaders in various fields through the acceptance of diverse students and the development of education.
- 3. We provide unique research and education and contribute to society as a university with a global outlook.



Integration of the social and natural sciences

Message from the Dean

The Graduate School of Management (GSM), Kyoto University was established in April, 2006 in Kyoto. Based on the Kyoto University's historical commitment to academic freedom, GSM aims at contributing to the diverse and harmonious development of global society by conducting management research with high ethical standards and by developing an educational system that bridges cutting-edge research and specialized practice and educates highly distinctive professionals who take leadership in a wide range of fields.

In order to fulfill above mentioned mission, GSM provides MBA programs in Japanese, MBA programs in English, double degree programs with National Taiwan University and University of Hamburg, and Kyoto-Cornell International Collaborative Degree Opportunity. GSM also provides PhD course for individuals with advanced practical experience in companies and other organizations. Our PhD course aims to cultivate global leaders who actively bridges practice and academic research.

Our faculty members have a wide variety of academic disciplinary backgrounds such as economics, engineering, management science, accounting, informatics, and so on. About 150 faculty members, of which about 40 are full-time, collaborate together to advance research and education to cope with challenges that our society faces now. Activities of the Center for Research in Business Administration, endowed chairs, endowed lectures, collaborative research chairs, visiting lectures, executive education program, extension course, and consortium illustrate our latest research and education in collaboration with business enterprises and NPO/NGOs.

Our name the Graduate School of MANAGEMENT manifests our ambition to nurture management leaders, and to conduct management research, beyond business sphere. The role of management leaders is to make decisions in uncertain world and take responsibility to make the decision right in the end. A management guru, who considers himself as a social ecologist, after examining the origin of totalitarianism, stated that freedom is a responsible choice. In this turbulent era, management leaders who bear responsibility to make "right" decisions are needed in every corner of the world. We welcome, regardless of race, gender, and nationality, students who are committed to make a better world by educating themselves and improving our knowledge through scientific endeavor.

Prof. Norio SAWABE

Dean, Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University

MBA / Professional Degree Course

Practical Education Linking Theory and Business

The aim is to learn theoretical methods of business administration, which can be applied to solve real problems in companies, public agencies, and NPOs. Our students come from diverse backgrounds, including those who continue to work in the field, those who are transitioning into this field, and international students.



MMH : Master of Management in Hospitality



Ph.D. / Doctoral Course (Instructed in Japanese)

This program is designed for individuals who have already obtained their MBA or master's degree and have professional experience to cultivate highly educated professionals. Students obtain a doctorate and will play active roles in business fields in private companies. The program is designed so that students can continue to work while earning their doctoral degree. Length of study is basically three years.



Message from faculty



Chief of English Programs

Professor Asli M. COLPAN Research Fields : Strategic Management, Corporate Governance, International Business

Our program will help you to develop your leadership skills through a mix of theoretical and practical classes as well as extracurricular activities. You will be able to capitalize on the opportunities provided by the GSM and Kyoto University, and leave our School with broader leadership insights and global perspectives.



Chief of Japanese Programs

Professor

Tomoki SEKIGUCHI Research Fields : Human Resource Management, Organizational Behavior

This program has four different areas of specialization, bringing together students from a variety of backgrounds to create a mutually stimulating learning environment. Courses range from traditional business and management subjects to unique subjects that can only be offered at Kyoto University, and workshops allow students to focus on the topics they want to pursue. Students can also broaden their international perspective through student exchange programs.



Director of Center for Research in Business Administration

Professor

Naoki WAKABAYASHI Research Fields : Organizational Behavior, Human Resources Management, Network Organization

The main purpose of the Center for Research in Business Administration is facilitating joint interdisciplinary research projects to contribute to exploration and design of new models and management of sustainable business development through industry-academia-government collaborations. It also widely distributes our research outputs by not only publishing academic books and papers but also providing seminars and training programs for practitioners.

Students have the opportunity to learn a diverse range of disciplines from more than 150 faculty members. Since one full time faculty averagely supervises 5 students, students can expect to receive attentive support from the faculty members.

Faculty https://www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/faculty/

International Double Degree Opportunities

In addition to an MBA from Kyoto University, students have the opportunity to be conferred degrees from other universities.



This is a two-year course offering students the opportunity to be conferred two degrees, an MBA from Kyoto University, and an MMH from Cornell University. Applicants are required to successfully complete the admission procedures of both universities.



After studying for a year and a half at Kyoto University, selected students join the program at the National Taiwan University (Accounting Program, Global MBA) or the University of Hamburg (Hamburg Business School). Upon completion, students earn two Master's degrees.

International Partners



University of Indonesia, INDONESIA

Collaborative Research

Center for Research in Business Administration

■Executive Education

Asia Business Leader Project

Senior Management Accounting Professional Program

Kyoto Creative Assemblage

Women's Executive Leadership Program

Business Valuation Education Program

Kyoto University Social Communication Designer Certification Program

■ Consortium

Kyoto University Aesthetic Strategy Consortium

Women's Executive Leadership Program

Kyoto University Communication Design & DE&I Consortium

■Visiting Lectures

Urban/Regional Management

National Land Management

Project Finance

■ Extension Course Nikkei Business School with Kyoto University MBA

■ Collaborative Research Chairs

Collaborative Research Chair for Asian Business Leader Development







Endowed Chairs

22 endowed chairs by the following companies



Green Entrepreneurship Studies CHA - Creativity in Humanities and Aesthetics

Curation Theory, Practice and Management Endowed Chair

Endowed Lectures

4 endowed lectures by the following companies









Information

MBA / Professional Degree Course

Department of Business Administration, Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University

Established: April 2006 Student Capacity: 100 students per year (200 students in total) Degree: MBA / Master of Business Administration

Ph.D. / Doctoral Course (Instructed in Japanese)

Department of Management Science, Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University

Established: April 2016 Student Capacity: 7 students per year (21 students in total) Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Management Science

Student Background International Domestic students 57% 43%



Female Students **44**%

* Excluding Doctoral Student

Tuition and Scholarship https://www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/fee-and-scholarship/

Study in Kyoto https://www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/study-abroad/

Testimonials (Faculty, Students, Alumni) https://www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admissions/why-kyoto-gsm/

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