

PH.D. CURRICULUM

Ph.D. in Global Studies

The Ph.D. in Global Studies is designed for the advanced study of specific areas or locales in the context of global processes and transnational connections. While the questions and lines of inquiry in global studies are interdisciplinary, research and writing agendas emphasize methods and concepts from the disciplines of history, political science, and sociology. The degree is intended to prepare persons for academic positions in area, international, and global studies programs, or for research positions in foundations, NGOs, and companies that need advanced analysis of countries and regions in a global context.

The Ph.D. program, which requires a three-year residency, focuses on the writing of a doctoral dissertation. While no course work is required, candidates participate in workshops and other program activities and may, in consultation with their dissertation supervisor, attend courses. Candidates first pass several qualifying exams and then, upon successful defense of a dissertation prospectus proceed to dissertation research and writing. To enable close guidance of the dissertation, only a few candidates are admitted each year.

Registration Codes for Students who entered in 2006-2010

ANNO Tadashi	Spring	DZAG9997
FARRER James	Spring	DZAG9991
MULLINS Mark	Spring	DZAG9993
NAKANO Koichi	Spring	DZAG9998
OISHI Nana	Spring	DZAG9999
WANK David	Spring	DZAG9995
ANNO Tadashi	Autumn	DZAG999G
FARRER James	Autumn	DZAG999A
MULLINS Mark	Autumn	DZAG999C
NAKANO Koichi	Autumn	DZAG999H
OISHI Nana	Autumn	DZAG999I
WANK David	Autumn	DZAG999E

Registration Codes for students who entered in April 2011 or after

ANNO Tadashi	Spring	DZAG3001
FARRER James	Spring	DZAG3002
MULLINS Mark	Spring	DZAG3003
NAKANO Koichi	Spring	DZAG3004
OISHI Nana	Spring	DZAG3005
WANK David	Spring	DZAG3006
ANNO Tadashi	Autumn	DZAG300A
FARRER James	Autumn	DZAG300B
MULLINS Mark	Autumn	DZAG300C
NAKANO Koichi	Autumn	DZAG300D
OISHI Nana	Autumn	DZAG300E
WANK David	Autumn	DZAG300F

Students who entered in the Ph.D. program in 2006-2010 should register for “Thesis Guidance” (研究指導) with their supervisors each semester during the first three years. Students who entered after 2011 should register for “Research Guidance” (研究指導) every semester during their residency in GPGS.

Faculty

ANNO Tadashi

Associate Professor, Political Science

B.A., University of Tokyo; M.A., Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

Theories of international relations and comparative politics, globalization and the future of the nation-state, nationalism, Soviet and Post-Soviet politics

FARRER James

Professor, Sociology

B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; M.A., Ph.D., University of Chicago

Sexuality, marriage and courtship, transnational cultures in Asia, Chinese society, Shanghai and Tokyo

MULLINS Mark R.

Professor, Religion

B.A., University of Alabama; M.A., Regent College; Ph.D., McMaster University

Christianity in Japan, new religious movements, religion in modern society

NAKANO Koichi

Associate Professor, Political Science

B.A., University of Tokyo; B.A., University of Oxford; M.A., Ph.D., Princeton University

Party politics and policy change, comparative study of decentralization in France and Japan, administrative reform, cross-border transfer of policy ideas

OISHI Nana

Associate Professor, Sociology

B.A., International Christian University; M.A., University of Toronto; Ph.D., Harvard University

Globalization, international migration and social policies.

WANK David L.

Professor, Sociology

B.A., Oberlin College; M.A., Ph.D., Harvard University

Economic sociology, political sociology, social networks, institutional change, communities and transnational links, ethnography, China

Ph.D. Degree Requirements and Schedules

A doctoral student begins working towards the doctoral degree upon matriculation in the GPGS. With the successful defense of the dissertation prospectus, typically in the third semester, the graduate student is considered a doctoral candidate.

The general requirements for completing the Ph.D. are a period of enrollment, and the writing of a satisfactory dissertation that is defended and accepted by the dissertation committee. No specified number of courses completed or credits earned will assure attainment of the doctorate. A doctoral program consists of a combination of course seminars and individual study and research that meets the minimum requirements of the GPGS and is approved by the doctoral committee for each individual student.

A student is expected to be enrolled for a minimum of three years in the GPGS, with a possible extension of enrollment of up to two years. Therefore, the maximum amount of time that a student can be enrolled in the Ph.D. program is 5 years. A student can take a leave of absence for a maximum of 5 years (M.A. and Ph.D. in total) in order to complete the dissertation. A student who has completed all requirements except the dissertation can also request Withdrawal by Completion. The Request for Leave of Absence and Request for Withdrawal by Completion forms are available at the Academic Records Section, Center for Academic Affairs. A student should carefully discuss these options with her/his supervisor.

Process

Step 1: Qualifying Exams

A doctoral student is examined for knowledge and training to research and write a dissertation. There are three kinds of qualifying exam: global studies, disciplinary, and language. The timing of the exams depends on the student's background and supervisor's judgment but they are usually taken in the second or third semester.

Step 2: Dissertation Prospectus

Upon successful passage of the qualifying exams, a student develops a dissertation prospectus under the guidance of the supervisor that is defended before the faculty.

Step 3: Research and Writing

Upon successful defense of the dissertation prospectus, the candidate is considered a doctoral candidate and embarks on researching and writing the dissertation. The candidate may choose, upon consultation with the supervisor, to leave for extended fieldwork. (S/he must continue to pay full tuition until satisfying the three-year minimum enrollment requirement).

Step 4: Dissertation Defense

The dissertation is submitted by the end of the semester prior to the semester in which the candidate intends to defend the dissertation, and at least four months before the intended defense date.

Note: Detailed information on the Ph.D. degree is available on the GPGS website.