

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 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 AG999 Thesis Guidance (研究指導)

ANNO Tadashi	Spring	DZAG9997
James FARRER	Spring	DZAG9991
Linda GROVE	Spring	DZAG9992
Mark MULLINS	Spring	DZAG9993
NAKANO Koichi	Spring	DZAG9998
OISHI Nana	Spring	DZAG9999
Sorpong PEOU	Spring	DZAG9994
David WANK	Spring	DZAG9995
Rolf-Harald WIPPICH	Spring	DZAG9996
ANNO Tadashi	Autumn	DZAG999G
James FARRER	Autumn	DZAG999A
Linda GROVE	Autumn	DZAG999B
Mark MULLINS	Autumn	DZAG999C
NAKANO Koichi	Autumn	DZAG999H
OISHI Nana	Autumn	DZAG999I
Sorpong PEOU	Autumn	DZAG999D
David WANK	Autumn	DZAG999E
Rolf-Harald WIPPICH	Autumn	DZAG999F

Students in the Ph.D. program should register for “Thesis Guidance” (研究指導) with their supervisors each semester during the first three years.

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

James FARRER

Associate 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

Linda GROVE (Vice-President, Sophia University)

Professor, History

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

Modern and contemporary Chinese social and economic history, Chinese women's history

Mark R. MULLINS

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.

Sorpong PEOU

Professor, Political Science

B.A., University of Waterloo, Ontario; M.A., Ph.D., York University, Ontario

International relations in the Pacific Asia, comparative politics of East Asia, collective human security

David L. WANK

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

Rolf-Harald WIPPICH

Professor, History

Staatsexamen; Dr.Phil., University of Cologne

German-Japanese relations in 19th/20th centuries, Protestant missions in East Asia, international dimensions of the "coolie trade," Chinese treaty ports and piracy

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 two years extension of enrollment. Therefore, the total 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 their 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.