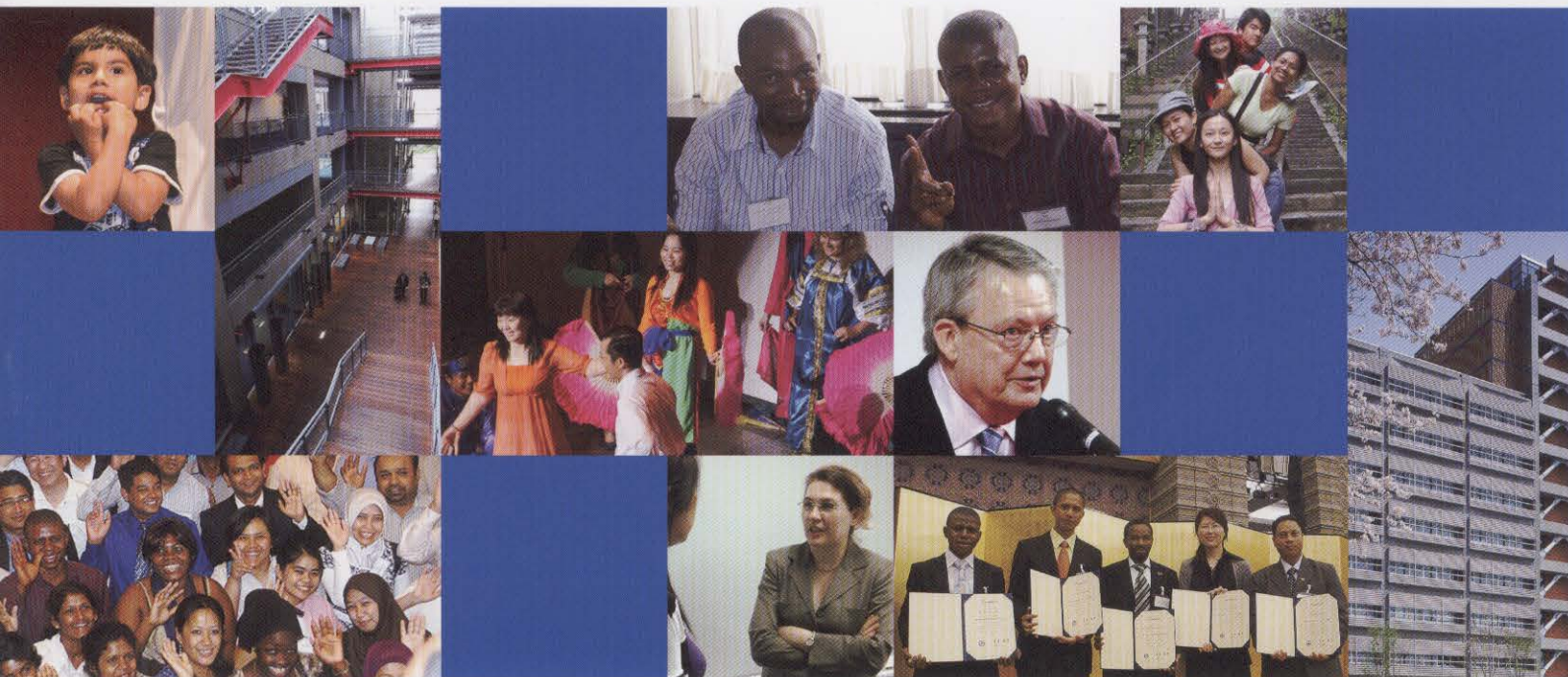


Joint Japan / World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program

Public Finance Program Tax Course



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Outline of the Curriculum

September Program

One academic year at GRIPS is composed of four terms: fall (16 weeks), winter (8 weeks), spring (16 weeks), and summer (8 weeks). Although the formal academic term starts in October, students in the Tax Course are invited to arrive in mid-September, to attend an intensive lecture program taught by NTC faculty as part of the practicum.

Formal Academic Program

The formal academic segment of the master's program begins in October. It starts with focused instruction in the foundational skills of micro- and macroeconomics, as well as quantitative analysis. It then moves on to a range of applied topics that help students in understanding how to design, implement, and evaluate public policies -- tax policy in particular -- in accordance with development strategies. Topics include public finance, international economics, development economics, human resource management, and tax laws. Refer to the list of course offerings and the flow chart for the AY2012-2013 on the following pages.

In addition to the required and strongly recommended elective courses, students can choose freely throughout the year from any of the extensive list of courses offered at GRIPS. Along with economics courses, GRIPS also offers numerous courses in various academic areas that are conducted in English. These range from public administration, political science, international relations, mathematical science, and social engineering, to a diverse range of interdisciplinary fields. Students can also choose to enroll in the Japanese language courses offered throughout the year at various levels of proficiency, although credits earned in these courses cannot count towards the degree.

Practicum Program

The practicum, which starts in mid-September and continues until the end of June, involves lectures and workshops that instruct students on the Japanese tax system, tax law, and tax administration, as well as international taxation and tax treaty. It also involves several visits to regional taxation bureaus, tax offices, and tax counsel offices, where students observe actual tax collection work and learn about administration and management of Japan's tax collection system. In addition, with the assistance and guidance of NTC faculty, students prepare research papers to analyze issues/problems faced by the tax administration of their respective home countries.

Master's Thesis

There is one required course, Workshop in Public Finance, that students must enroll from fall through summer term, which are devoted to producing the master's thesis (or "policy paper") on a topic related to public finance. In this course, students are provided with personal instruction in an intimate environment, by a faculty advisor, and several opportunities to present both their ongoing and completed research papers. Students are supported in the writing process by a monthly Academic Writing Workshop that starts in October, as well as through individual consultation with faculty members of the GRIPS Academic Writing Center.

Course Offerings for AY2012-2013

Category	Course No.	Course Name	Term	Credit	
I Required Courses	PFP2520E	International Taxation of Japan	Fall (Session I)	2	
	PFP5010E	Practicum at the National Tax Agency	Fall through Spring	8	
	ECO1000E	Microeconomics I	Fall (Session I)	2	
	ECO3100E	Theory of Public Finance	Winter	2	
	ECO4100E	Workshop in Public Finance	Fall through Spring	4	
	ECO3120E	Public Finance and Fiscal Policy	Fall	2	
II Highly Recommended Elective Courses	ECO1060E	Macroeconomics I	Fall (Session I)	2	
	ECO2000E	Microeconomics II	Fall (Session II)	2	
	ECO2020E	Government and Market	Winter	2	
	ECO2060E	Macroeconomics II	Fall (Session II)	2	
	ECO2720E	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	Fall	2	
	ECO3150E	Local Public Finance	Spring	2	
	ECO3160E	Economic and Fiscal Reform in Japan	Spring	2	
	ECO3400E	International Trade	Spring (Session I)	2	
	ECO3840E	Development Economics	Winter	2	
	PAD2560E	Human Resources Management	Winter	2	
	III Other Elective Courses	ECO1600E	Monetary Economics (Money and Banking)	Fall	2
		ECO2610E	Finance and Economic Growth	TBA	2
		ECO2760E	Applied Time Series Analysis for Macroeconomics	Spring	2
		ECO2860E	Poverty Alleviation	Spring (Session II)	2
ECO2870E		Strategies and Conditions for Development	Fall	4	
ECO2880E		Trade and Industrial Development	Spring	2	
ECO2900E		Game Theory	Winter	2	
ECO3000E		Mathematics for Economic Analysis	Fall (Session II), Winter	2	
ECO3140E		Public Economics	Spring	2	
ECO3170E		Labor Economics	Fall (Session II)	2	
ECO3190E		Economics of Education and Labor	Spring	2	
ECO3200E		Economics of Law	Spring	2	
ECO3310E		Transportation Economics	Spring	2	
ECO3340E		Urban Development and Real Estate Policy	Spring	2	
ECO3450E		International Finance	Spring	2	
ECO3470E		Empirics of Macroeconomic Policies and International Finance	Winter	2	
ECO3510E		Environmental Economics	Spring	2	
ECO3530E		Resource and Energy Economics	Winter	2	
ECO3610E		Japanese Economy	Spring	2	
ECO3630E		Japanese Financial System	Spring	2	
ECO3700E		Econometrics/ Quantitative Methods	Winter	2	
ECO3710E		Time Series Analysis	Spring	2	
ECO3740E		Economic Modeling for Policy Simulations	Spring	2	
ECO3810E		Economic Development of Japan	Spring	2	
<i>For qualified students only</i>		ECO6000E	Advanced Microeconomics I	Spring (Session I)	2
		ECO6010E	Advanced Microeconomics II	Spring (Session II)	2
		ECO6700E	Advanced Econometrics I	Spring (Session I)	2
		ECO6710E	Advanced Econometrics II	Spring (Session II)	2
		ECO7720E	Economic Analysis of Urban and Regional Policy	Spring	2
		GEN3900E	State Building and Development	Winter	2
		GOV3220E	International Political Economy of Money and Finance	Spring	2
		MOR2500E	Quantitative Social Systems Analysis	Spring	2
		PAD2510E	Accounting and Financial Management I	Fall	2
		PAD2540E	Development Assistance by International Organizations	TBA	2
PAD2550E	Foreign Direct Investment	Summer	2		
PAD2570E	Seminar in Industry and Trade Policy	Spring	2		
PAD2580E	Global Governance: Leadership and Negotiation	Winter	2		
PAD2610E	Fiscal and Monetary Policies in Japan	Fall	2		
PAD2670E	Public Expenditure Management	Fall	2		
PAD3020E	Policy Design and Implementation in Developing Countries	Spring	2		
REG2020E	Local Government Finance	Spring	2		
	Selected Topics in Policy Studies I - IV		2		
Courses not listed in this table					
		courses offered by the Center for Japanese Language Learning *	Fall through Summer		
		courses offered by the Academic Writing Center *	Fall through Summer		

Note: Courses offered are subject to change.

* Credits earned in these courses cannot count toward the degree.

4 Admissions

In 1987, the World Bank, with funding from the Government of Japan, established the World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program, now known as JJ/WBGSP. The GRIPS Public Finance Program is one of the Partnership Programs that have been supported by the JJ/WBGSP since 1997. Each year, the program awards scholarships to five individuals from the World Bank's Part 2 member countries (eligible to borrow) to undertake graduate studies at GRIPS. Although limited in numbers, the program may also admit students who obtain their own funding (other than the JJ/WBGSP scholarship), including scholarships provided by the student's home country.

Eligibility Criteria

Irrespective of the funding source, eligibility for admission to the Public Finance Program (Tax Course) consists of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized, accredited university of the highest standard, as well as certifiable good health. Following enrollment, you will be required to take an annual medical examination that is administered by GRIPS. In addition, applicants must:

- be active, serving government officials in developing countries; have at least 3 years' work experience in tax policy and administration in their home countries; and between the age of 25 and 45, preferably below 40 as of April 1, 2013
- be proficient in English to the order of a TOEFL score of iBT 79 (CBT 213) or above, or an IELTS score of 6.0 or above
- show promise in continuing their career in tax policy and administration

We first screen applicants in line with the above criteria, after which they are evaluated from the following viewpoints:

- Academic record and intellectual distinction
- Personal characteristics, motivation and evidence of leadership
- Work experience, along with promise for management and career growth

Additional criteria for those applying for JJ/WBGSP Scholarship

Applicants are not eligible if they:

- Are currently pursuing a master's or Ph.D. program in industrialized countries
- Had one or more years of study / residency in an industrialized country
- Are executive directors, their alternates, or staff of the World Bank Group, including consultants, and their close relatives

For the awardees of the JJ/WBGSP scholarship, GRIPS will make a short list of candidates that will be sent to the World Bank for the final selection. The World Bank and the government of Japan require awardees to return to their home countries upon completion of their study, and apply their enhanced knowledge and skills in contributing to the development process of their respective countries and communities.

What the JJ/WBGSP Scholarship Covers

- A monthly stipend (JPY147,000 as of 2012) is provided to cover living expenses such as food, clothing, daily expenses including insurance, and various other miscellaneous expenses related to study at GRIPS. This stipend is fixed and cannot be increased to cover family members. The amount of your stipend may change slightly as a result of changes in the economic climate in Japan.
- Application, admission, and tuition fees (paid directly to GRIPS by World Bank)
- Round-trip economy-class air tickets between student's home country and Japan, plus a travel allowance of US\$500 for each trip

Should your performance fall below a certain critical standard (e.g., failing a required course, or one that is important in the curricula), or you are unable to continue with schoolwork for any reason whatsoever, we may terminate provision of the scholarship, even during the school year. In the event of such an occurrence, you may also not be provided with a return air ticket.

How to Apply

We are currently accepting applications for the Public Finance Program (Tax Course) online at the GRIPS website.

For details, please refer to: <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/pstudents/admissions/apply/pf/>