

Q&A for the Double Master Program

< Double Master Program >

Q: What is the Double Master Program?

A: We, Graduate School of International Studies (SIS), and International Management Course (IMC) of Institute of Business and Accounting (IBA) will jointly launch a new program through which students can earn 2 master's degrees (Master of Arts in International Studies and Master of Business Administration) in 3 years.

Please refer to "Double Master System with IBA" for details.

Q: How do I benefit from the Double Master Program?

A: It generally takes at least 4 years to complete both Master of Arts in International Studies and Master of Business Administration. However, the Double Master Program is designed to enable students to earn 2 degrees in 3 years.

Therefore, students can start their professional career a year sooner, thereby reducing their tuition payment. Furthermore, admission fee for IMC on transfer will be exempted, too.

< Application to Graduate School of International Studies (SIS) >

Q: How do I know who my supervisor is?

A: You need to take an interview with your preferred supervisor before applying to SIS.

You cannot apply without any prior contact. When you contact us in advance, please prepare your resume, documents showing your educational background, reasons for application, and study plans.

After you pass the exam, we will inform you of your supervisor at SIS.

< Course registration in SIS >

Q: Can I take courses offered by IMC right after the enrollment to SIS?

A: Yes, you can. You are required to submit a prescribed form and take an interview with IMC faculty beforehand. The interview will take place in March before the enrollment, or immediately after the enrollment. The purpose of this interview is to confirm that you are fluent enough in English language. You can also discuss courses offered by IMC, or ask for suggestions by IMC faculty members.

You also need to submit a prescribed course registration form at each quarter.

Q: How do I prepare for the future enrollment to IMC? Are there any courses that I have to take while in SIS?

A: We recommend that you take 2 *compulsory core courses* (i.e., “Business Ethics” and “English Communication”), any 3 of *selected compulsory core courses* (i.e., “Management”, “Accounting for Design Making”, “Business Economics”, and “Statistics”), and 3 *selected compulsory basic courses* (i.e., “International Business”, “Marketing Management” and “Principles of Finance”).

For further information, please attend information session of the Double Master Program (Date: TBA) or contact IBA Office.

< Exam for transfer from SIS to IMC >

Q: I heard that we have to take a transfer exam upon my transfer to IMC from SIS. What kind of exam is it and how should I prepare for that?

A: Exam consists of document screening, written exam (short essay in English) and oral interview (in English).

This exam aims at evaluating students’ ability to think logically and express their own opinion on business topics in English language, rather than at examining students’ comprehension of advanced or specialized knowledge on business or economics.

You can review entrance exam questions conducted in the past at the IMC website (<https://kwansei-ac.jp/en/imce/admission/>).

< IMC requirements for graduation >

Q: How do you count credits of IMC courses that I took before the enrollment to IMC (i.e., before the transfer from SIS)?

A: Your IMC course credits earned while in SIS are counted as graduation requirements of IMC. Also some of SIS courses are certified for inclusion*.

*As of October 2018: “International Development”, “International Economic Integration” and “Accounting Theory and Practice in North America”.

Q: What are the graduation requirements of IMC? How many credits are required for graduation?

A: You need to earn 44 or more credits that satisfy conditions defined by *specialized study program* (or major) of your choice upon transfer. For further information, please attend information session of Double Master Program (Date: TBA) or contact IBA Office.