

Education > Sub-Major Program

The sub-major program is an educational program where, in addition to the field of the main major (course/department), individuals systematically study in areas of personal interest. This allows them to acquire broad and specialized knowledge and skills. At our university, we are implementing the following programs.

Sub-Major Program for Challenge 21

Sub-Major Program for Challenge 21 aims to foster specialists with new perspectives based on their expertise by developing a common undergraduate curriculum that cultivates interdisciplinary thinking, and encouraging students to study independently and become self-reliant. There are six courses (Arts, Education, Laws, Economics, Science, and Design).

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/ja/faculty/program/challenge21>

Sub-Major Program for Informatics and Digital Technology

Sub-Major Program for Informatics and Digital Technology was established with the aim of fostering a IT/digital human resources that transcends the boundaries between the humanities and sciences. It provides a broad range of knowledge and practical skills, from the fundamentals to the applications of information science and digital fields, and equips students with the skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities to apply these technologies to their own areas of expertise. Additionally, through these studies, the program aims to develop professionals who understand the social and ethical aspects of informatics and digital fields, as well as the concept of openness, such as open source, and can apply their value in the real world. An open badge can be obtained as proof of completion certification in three stages based on the number of credits earned from the designated program courses and the achievement of the goals.

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/ja/faculty/program/sub-major-informatics/>

Sub-Major Program for Humanities and Social Sciences

Sub-Major Program for Humanities and Social Sciences involves the participation of the four humanities faculties (School of Letters, School of Education, School of Law and School of Economics), as well as the Department of Architecture in the School of Engineering. This program systematically provides access to the accumulated intellectual assets of each faculty, allowing students not only to delve deeply into the specialized knowledge within their own faculty but also to gain intellectual breadth in the fields of the humanities and social sciences beyond the boundaries of their respective faculties. The program starts in the second year, when students begin their major education in their respective departments, and is divided into “cross-disciplinary” and “specialized field” categories, with multiple

programs available for each category.

<https://commons.kyushu-u.ac.jp/sub-major/>

Graduate Program of Interdisciplinary Policy Analysis and Design

The Future Co-Creation Leader Development Program is a graduate school minor program aimed at constructing models for research and human resource development that address real-world challenges beyond the boundaries of specific disciplines. Based on the philosophy of “ scientific support for the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of strategies for problem-solving, ” the program seeks to cultivate researchers and highly skilled professionals with broad, advanced expertise who can envision future society, engage in collaborative problem-solving and decision-making, and contribute to policy formulation and design. This is a maximum five-year minor-track program spanning from the master's to doctoral stages. Program students conduct practical research on complex real-world problems spanning multiple disciplines, building upon their primary field of study (their affiliated graduate school).

<https://gipad.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/>

EU Studies Diploma Programmes (EU-DPs)

The EU Studies Diploma Programmes (EU-DPs) offered by the EU Center are unique, interdisciplinary educational programs designed for undergraduate and graduate (master's) levels. They provide a broad and deep study of the EU—which has pursued economic and social development through regional integration—as well as the European history, thought, and science and technology that underpin this integration.

<https://eu.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/eudp/>

Global Professional Certification Program

The Global Professional Certification Program is a minor program that evaluates and certifies cross-cultural understanding, problem-solving skills, and leadership developed through study abroad and international collaborative learning. In addition to fostering specialized expertise, faculty members provide ongoing support to help students develop an international perspective, accompanying them until graduation. This program is available to all undergraduate students enrolling in academic year 2026 and beyond. Program graduates can earn an open badge.

<https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/strategy/ien-center>

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