

About the Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies (Admission policy)

The GSS Program intends to cultivate human resources in new emerging interdisciplinary area of “Global Survivability Studies” such as human resources filled with the sense of mission and ethics necessary to overcome crises the human being is facing and to enrich human society and contribute to its well-being and human resources with sound judgment and energy to take actions based on expertise, a wide vision, knowledge and wisdom. This GSS Program requires those students who agree with the goals, have general knowledge and education, have ethical thinking, and have strong will to participate to this program.

This program aims to foster human resources with a broad-based knowledge and a specific expertise, combined with flexible thinking, determination and the ability to take action, ready to lead in every area of society, is one of the missions of Kyoto University, and an essential requirement in all areas of society, including industry, government and academia.

The Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies is based on cooperation among 9 graduate schools and 3 research institutes. In close collaboration with the industry world, governments, international organizations, national and overseas universities, this programs aims at developing an advanced interdisciplinary graduate education focused on the area of safety and security, and at actively fostering the future leaders of our global society.

Today’s global society is facing an increasing frequency of hazardous events and social instability, which can be identified as 1) large-scale natural disasters, 2) unexpected man-made disasters and accidents, 3) regional environmental changes such as environmental degradation and infectious diseases, 4) issues regarding food security. In the Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies, a new interdisciplinary field of global survivability studies will address and cover each of these issues (fig.1), and will develop human resources who are:

1- filled with the sense of mission and ethics necessary to overcome the many crises the human race is facing, and to enrich human society and contribute to its well-being.

2- equipped with sound judgment and energy, able to implement appropriate measures based on their own specific expertise, and on a wide vision and a broad-based knowledge.

The students who complete the Global Survivability Studies Program (GSS) are expected to be:

- Academic leaders who are active in the field of social/safety system science, as high-level researchers and educators,
- Leaders in the field of international crisis management, who are active on the global scene, in international organizations,
- Leaders in the industry who are able to appropriately address disasters, accidents and economic crisis, providing a stable and consistent business management,
- Leaders at the local and national level who exercise their leadership in policy making regarding food, resources and energy safety,
- Science communicators who convey correct information based on their scientific knowledge, thus limiting public anxiety, or
- New business leaders who develop new technologies and methodologies in the field of safety and security and start their own business

They will be able to assume leading positions in various areas of our global society and move it in the right direction.

Students who are able to apply to this program are those who have graduated from a Japanese university (4-year undergraduate program), or who have an equivalent qualification, and who are enrolled in any of the graduate schools and departments listed in **Table 1** below (or, as a special case, students enrolled in a Doctorate Program (Third-Year) can apply to this program).

Those students who are willing to receive our program degree are required to complete the required number of credits in their respective graduate schools and the required numbers of credits and activities provided by GSS program.

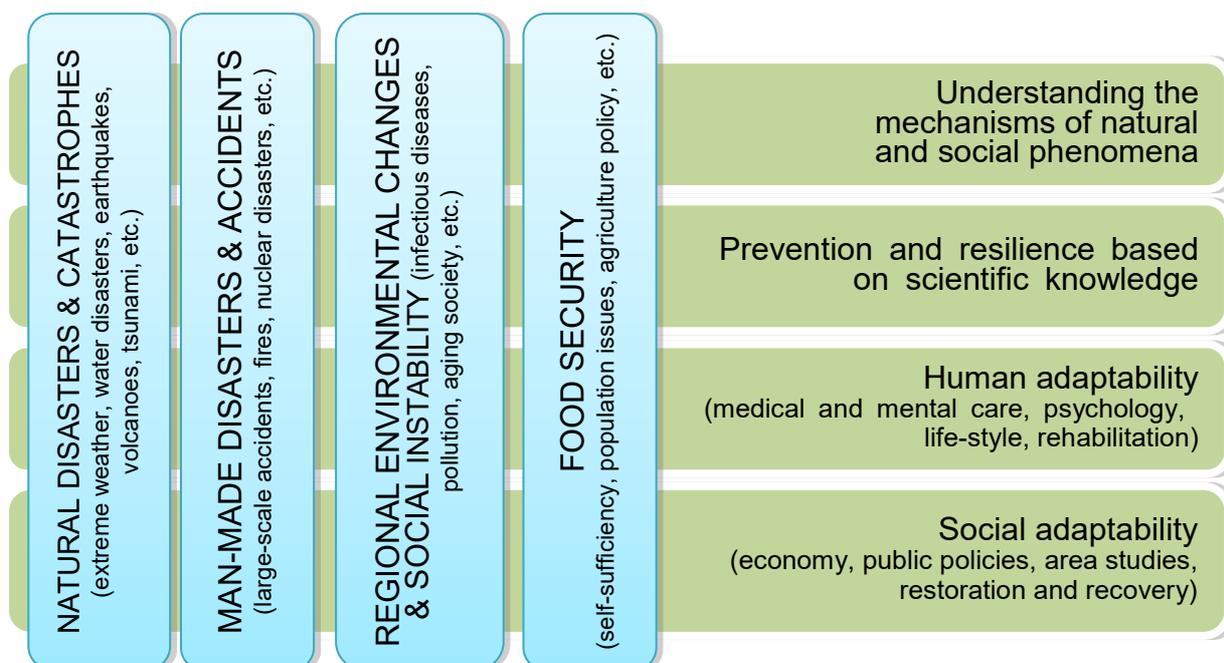


Fig.1 : Scope of Global Survivability Studies

1. Number of students to be recruited

20 program students

2. Eligibility requirements

Students for this program must be enrolled in a Doctorate Program (1st part/Master Program) in one of the graduate schools and departments involved in the program (see Table 1 below) as of April 2020.

Table 1 : Graduate Schools, Departments and Divisions involved in the Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies

Graduate School of Education	All departments (Interdisciplinary Studies in Education)
Graduate School of Economics	All departments (Department of Economics)
Graduate School of Science	Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Graduate School of Medicine	Department of Medicine and Medical Science, School of Public Health
Graduate School of Engineering	Department of Civil and Earth Resources Engineering, Department of Urban Management, Department of Environmental Engineering, Department of Architecture and Architectural Engineering, Department of Mechanical engineering and Science
Graduate School of Agriculture	All departments (Division of Agronomy and Horticultural Science, Division of Forest and Biomaterials Science, Division of Applied Life Sciences, Division of Applied Biosciences, Division of Environmental Science and Technology, Division of Natural Resource Economics, Division of Food Science and Biotechnology)
Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies	All departments (Division of Southeast Asian Area Studies, Division of African Area Studies, Division of Global Area Studies)
Graduate School of Informatics	Department of Social Informatics, Department of Communications and Computer Engineering
Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies	All departments (Doctorate Program in Global Environmental Studies, Doctorate Program in Environmental Management)

3. Request for application form and application guideline

Application form and application guideline will be available at the website of the Leading Graduate School for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies, Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School. Please download them and print out the application form from the following website.

<http://www.gss.sals.kyoto-u.ac.jp>

If it is difficult to download by yourself, these will be available at the office of the Leading Graduate School for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies, Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School.

- (1) Application form and reason for applying to this program
- (2) Application guideline (1 copy)

These documents will be available from March 2 (Monday) to April 17 (Friday) 2020 (weekdays from 9:00 to 17:00) at

Leading Graduate School for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies Office,
Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School, Kyoto University
KYOTO UNIVERSITY HIGASHI ICHIJOKAN, basement floor
1 Yoshida-Nakaadachi-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto
Tel.: 075-762-2163/2164

4. Application procedure

In order to apply, students have to submit the following documents in person:

- (1) Application form and reason for applying to this program
- (2) Academic record of undergraduate courses

Students are required to submit these documents in person at:

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If you are unable to make the submission in person, we also accept the submission via registered mail (with tracking service). On the envelope, please clearly write "GSS program application documents enclosed". In this case, the application package MUST be delivered by April 17 (Friday) 17:00.

Application period: April 13 (Monday) ~ April 17 (Friday) 2020 (weekdays from 9:00 to 17:00)

5. Global Survivability Studies (GSS) Program selection process

Students will be selected by screening of documents based on the application, reasoning for applying to this program, and the past academic transcript(s). A selection interview may be organized if deemed necessary. A selection interview may be organized if deemed necessary.

※ Students will be informed of the date and time of the interview by April 23 (Thursday) through the e-mail address they provided in their application forms. The interviews will take place on April 24 (Friday).

6. Announcement of the selection results for program students

Results of the selection of program students will be announced on the website on May 15 (Friday).

7. Handling of personal information

We will treat personal information of the students in accordance with the personal information policy in force in Kyoto University for the selection and registration of program students.