

FAQ

1. What is the most distinctive feature of this Joint Degree Program?

A:

The most distinctive feature is the hands-on, practice-oriented learning opportunities in both Japan and the United Kingdom. Students engage in real-world projects in the field of environmental challenges, developing academic knowledge and problem-solving skills simultaneously.

In addition, this program is highly significant in that it will be the first undergraduate-level program offered by a Japanese national university to award a single joint degree bilaterally with a partner university abroad.

2. What kind of students is this program intended for?

A:

We welcome students who aspire to contribute to the environmental field on the international stage, who enjoy learning in multicultural environments, and who are eager to engage in field-based, practical activities.

Students are expected to have a high level of English proficiency at the time of admission, as all classes are planned to be conducted in English.

3. How much will tuition and living expenses cost?

A:

All students will follow the same basic study path:

Year 1: Home university

Year 2: University of Glasgow

Year 3: Kyushu University

Year 4: Either university, chosen by the student according to their research theme

The current proposal is for students to pay tuition only to their home university.

As for living expenses, we are considering support measures such as student housing to ensure that

the financial burden on students does not become excessive.

4. Why partner with the University of Glasgow?

A:

The School of Social and Environmental Sustainability (SES) at the University of Glasgow is part of the College of Social Science and is a rare organizational structure in Europe that integrates the humanities and sciences while focusing on environmental challenges. This approach aligns closely with the philosophy of Kyushu University's Faculty of Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation (ISI), which emphasizes transdisciplinary, collaborative problem-solving beyond traditional academic boundaries.

Moreover, Kyushu University and the University of Glasgow have built a long-standing relationship of trust through extensive collaboration, including COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) and short-term programs. Building on this foundation, the Joint Degree Program represents the next stage of collaboration.

Through this JDP, we aim to cultivate human resources capable of proposing cross-border environmental policies, by strongly integrating SES's field-based research with ISI's collaborative, problem-solving-oriented learning.

5. Will this program be advantageous for employment?

A:

The experience of studying and earning a degree across both Japan and the UK is expected to be highly valued by international organizations, companies, and NGOs across a wide range of sectors. In particular, practical fieldwork experience will be a significant asset during the job search process.

6. What career paths are expected after completing the program?

A:

Graduates may pursue diverse career paths, including international organizations, international environmental NGOs, government agencies, ESG-related roles in companies, or graduate studies.

Please note that employment at international organizations often requires further study at the graduate level.

7. How will student safety be ensured?

A:

Both universities will collaborate to establish comprehensive safety management systems and emergency support structures. Drawing on their extensive experience in supporting international students, both institutions will provide full support for student life.

In addition, we plan to establish a system in which academic and personal consultations can be handled by advisors at both universities.

8. What is the difference between a Joint Degree Program and a Double Degree Program?

A:

A Double Degree Program allows students to earn two separate degrees by meeting the graduation requirements of each participating university.

In contrast, a Joint Degree Program involves two or more universities jointly designing and delivering a single integrated academic program, and upon completion, students are awarded one special joint degree bearing the names of all participating universities.

Establishing such a degree requires partner universities to closely coordinate on aspects such as course content and credit frameworks. As a result, Joint Degree Programs demand a high level of expertise and extensive coordination, and therefore remain limited in number within Japan.