



Department of Media and Communication Studies

Cultivating skills to collect and transmit the information required to reside in the international community, achieving a global level and co-existing society



Theory of international press reports

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The ideal nature for the media in the global community is discussed from various perspectives, including freedom of speech/press reports, objective press reports, social responsibility, national interests, power, technology, and markets. The meaning of press reports is also sought, focusing on various problems such as diplomatic intercourse/war and media and the near future of the Internet and journalism.

Mass Media Course

This course is intended for students to learn the history and system of media reports and the roles of journalism and media. Substantial training classes are also available for students to acquire accurate information collection/transmission skills to become world-class journalists through media such as broadcasting, magazines, and the Internet.

Publication/Advertisement Course

This course is intended for students who wish to be engaged in publication and advertisement businesses. In public relations offices of corporations, municipal governments, international organizations, advertising companies, and PR companies. While learning Japan's situation and the world, you can study various subjects such as media literacy, the theory of advertising, the theory of public relations, and composition and photography techniques.

International Communication Course

●International cooperation

●Education

This course is designed for students to study various problems involving the global community, thus cultivating human resources capable of bridging both overseas and Japanese cultures with substantial communication capabilities. The course is ideal for students intending to go into business in international organizations, NGOs, NPOs, and travel and aviation-related corporations. English and Japanese teacher training classes are also provided as well as a substantial amount of curriculum taught in English.

Purposes of Study

To review the meaning of "media" from a fundamental perspective in order to establish international careers with substantial technical skills and the ability to take actions.

The term media represents not only newspapers and TVs but also every possible means to transmit information to people. The Department of Media and Communication Studies nurtures people capable of contributing to a society where people can coexist without conflicts, based on the collection/transmission of accurate information and a sensitivity to the various problems that are occurring worldwide. Based on the keywords of "world" and "communication," the students develop questions along their own interests, cultivating their expertise and sensitivity. The name of the department was changed in 2007 from the "Department of International Broadcasting and Journalism" to the "Department of Media and Communication Studies." Substantial training classes help students understand the role of media and information from a broad perspective.

Points of Study

1 | Understanding the meaning of media through multilateral study

Students acquire communication skills as well as the capabilities to collect, analyze, and transmit accurate information from various fields. An integrated curriculum provides students with expertise on the political, economic, legal, and cultural aspects of different nations. This coupled with the development of language skills fosters in students the abilities required to exchange information based on a global perspective.

2 | Three model courses available as learning guides

Three model courses are available, depending on future career options, for students to learn the challenges and fascinating aspects of the transmission of information, while also letting them assess the role of the media and deepen their understanding of international relations.

3 | Training integrated with seminars and international education programs

The campus is equipped with a full-scale broadcasting studio and an editing room. Various training classes are integrated with seminars and international education programs. Examples include broadcasting training, magazine editing, and photograph exercises. Further, copywriters, writers, and program producers are often invited to classes.

Steps in Four years

in the Department of Media and Communication Studies

Step 1

Freshman year

Establish a foundation to acquire an international perspective while expanding interests

Step 2

Sophomore year

Choose a specialized field, while participating in various field experience programs

Step 3

Junior year

Cultivate technical skills and practical expressions based on awareness of wide range for problems

Step 4

Senior year

Pursue paths to media representation specialists through substantial practical training and strengthened language skills

Japanese-language teacher training course with overseas training classes

Increasing numbers of Japanese-language teachers having basic understanding of international relations and expertise in Japanese language will be needed in international communities in the future. The School of International Relations provides Japanese-language teacher training courses to foster skilled Japanese-language teachers, who play active roles in the fields of Japanese language education, international volunteer activities, and development education. All the credits earned are counted as those required for graduation.



Common to departments in the School of International Relations

