

Admission Policy, Faculty of Economics and Graduate School of Economics

1. Faculty of Economics

The Faculty of Economics at Hitotsubashi University aims to nurture individuals who can be active leaders in business, public policy, academic research, and other fields, with specialized knowledge in economics and related fields, a broad perspective supported by a robust education, a creativity based on an accurate sense of reality, the ability to think independently and to discover and solve problems, and excellent communication skills in both Japanese and English. We aim to develop individuals who can be active leaders in business, public policy, academic research, and other fields.

The scope of economic activity is broad and economic phenomena are complex, so economic analysis draws upon a variety of scientific inferences that require advanced mathematics. In accordance with this, in addition to requiring mathematics in the first scheduled entrance examination, we are the only faculty that offers on our second entrance examination the option of Mathematics III, which is a part of the national high school curriculum guidelines. On the other hand, economics is a social science that deals with human beings and society, and the problems to be solved change according to the context of the times. Therefore, in addition to knowledge of economics, students must also have a historical and geographical view of contemporary problems. In addition, with the globalization of the economy, the ability to communicate in English is becoming increasingly important. In light of the above, we would like to accept students who have the following abilities:

(1) interactive foreign language skills to attend lectures in English, (2) mathematical skills to understand economics, (3) Japanese language skills for interactive communication, (4) analytical skills to analyze economic phenomena from multiple and interdisciplinary perspectives, and (5) broad general knowledge and the ability to understand concepts in depth.

In addition, due to the importance of sending diverse and unique graduates into society, the Faculty of Economics actively accepts those who are particularly outstanding in a particular field. For this purpose, the School Recommendation Selection System has been implemented in which a multifaceted evaluation is conducted based on interviews

and essays, assuming a satisfactory level of academic achievement. In addition, we actively accept international students who have graduated from foreign schools and international exchange students through a selection process based on interviews and essays, assuming a satisfactory level of Japanese language ability.

2. Professional Analyst Course, Master's Program, Graduate School of Economics

The Master's program of the Graduate School of Economics at Hitotsubashi University requires students to have the mathematical ability to understand advanced economic theory and the logical capacity to accurately recognize the current state of complex economies and societies, identify important issues and analyze them. We accept students who have the mathematical ability to understand economic theory, the logical ability to critically discuss theoretical frameworks, and the expressive ability in Japanese and English to grasp phenomena and present them in an appropriate logical structure. In addition, students are required to have the conceptual ability to understand economic and social phenomena in their real-world historical context. In other words, in order to identify economic problems and propose better solutions, students must possess not only a knowledge of economics but also insight into the historical and geographical bases of these problems. In order to achieve this, students are also required to have analytical skills that enable them to investigate economic phenomena from a broad and interdisciplinary perspective, as well as a broad-based general knowledge and the ability to deepen that knowledge as required.

3. Academic Researcher Course, Master's Program, Graduate School of Economics Doctoral Program, Graduate School of Economics

The requirements for admission to the Doctoral program of the Graduate School of Economics at Hitotsubashi University include completion of the Master's program of the Graduate School or possession of equivalent academic skills and sufficient background to carry out research activities in this program. Specifically, the applicant must have an accurate understanding of the various issues shared by the international academic community, a strong grasp of the actual economic and social realities surrounding these issues, and the ability to communicate his/her own perspective on these issues through mathematics and foreign languages while appropriately recognizing the research that has been accumulated in the international academic community.