

Diploma 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 possess a specialized knowledge in economics and related fields, a broad perspective supported by a robust interdisciplinary education, a creativity emanating from an accurate sense of reality, the ability to think independently to discover and solve problems, excellent communication skills in both Japanese and English, and the potential to become leaders in business, public policy, and academic research. In order to develop individuals who are capable of being active leaders in business, public policy, and academic research, students who have been enrolled in the undergraduate economics program for at least four years, acquired the necessary credits including required and elective core subjects at a satisfactory level of academic achievement, and who have been enrolled in an academic seminar for at least two years, submitted a graduation thesis, and passed the thesis review, will be awarded a bachelor's degree in economics.

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

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The Master's Program in the Graduate School of Economics at Hitotsubashi University aims to nurture professionals who can play an active role in the international community by possessing a high level of expertise based on cutting-edge theoretical knowledge and methodological skills in statistical and quantitative analysis in economics and related fields, as well as the ability to discover and solve real-world problems. In particular, the Professional Training Program develops professionals with advanced knowledge and abilities in the fields of public policy, statistics and finance, regional studies, and health economics.

In accordance with the above goals, the Master's Degree in Economics is awarded to students who, in principle, have been enrolled in the Master's Program for at least two years (at least one year for students in 5-year combined Bachelor and Master's program), have been enrolled in academic seminars for at least one year, earned the prescribed credits including intermediate and advanced core subjects, and submitted a master's thesis and passed the thesis review and final examination.

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

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Through the "Academic Researcher Course" in our Master's Program and our Doctoral Program, the Graduate School of Economics at Hitotsubashi University aims to develop researchers who can pioneer the frontiers of research in their fields of specialization based on cutting-edge theory and advanced skills in statistical and quantitative analysis in economics and related fields, and who can thus play an active role globally in their field. We also aim to train researchers who can contribute to the clarification and solution of important real-world issues by engaging in survey and research work in government agencies, private research institutions, and international organizations.

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In order to advance to the Doctoral Program, students must achieve satisfactory grades

in their Master's program. In principle, students who have been enrolled in the Doctoral Program for at least three years, participate in seminars, receive guidance from the dissertation advisory committee including their primary supervisor, submit an outstanding doctoral dissertation, and pass the oral and final examinations will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Economics).