

Master of Public Management & Administration (MPMA) Course



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Graduate School of Business

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Dean's Message



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We cordially welcome you to the Master of Public Management and Administration (referred to as MPMA) Course in the Master of International Management Program at Rikkyo University.

Founded in 1874 by Episcopalian missionaries, Rikkyo University is one of the oldest, most competitive and popular private universities in Japan. In 2024, the university will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Since its founding, Rikkyo University has maintained a tradition of academic freedom, welcoming students and scholars from diverse backgrounds. Diversification leads to new cross-fertilization and new combinations that create new value. It also brings understanding and appreciation of each other's differences, enriching not only the campus but also the environment beyond it.

In recognition of Rikkyo's innovative education, Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology selected us for its Top Global University Projects in 2014. The MPMA course launched in 2016 as the flagship of this project within the Graduate School of Business, is aimed at mid-career professionals who wish to enhance their skills in policy analysis and management in both the government and non-government sectors. Our faculty members are actively involved in teaching and research, providing students with the latest practical expertise.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rikkyo University for a unique experience where you can learn from passionate scholars and from each other.

MPMA Course

The Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) is a two-year, English-language master's program designed to develop students' abilities to analyze, formulate, manage, and evaluate policies and programs in public management and economics. Students also have the opportunity to take business-related courses from the Master of International Business program within the Graduate School of Business. This program is ideal for government and public sector professionals and individuals seeking careers in government, NGOs, international organizations or pursuing Ph.D. programs.

In the first year, students complete core courses to build a strong foundation of knowledge, theoretical frameworks, and essential skills. They also gain hands-on experience with computer software and databases commonly used by economists and international organizations. Beginning in the second semester, students can choose from various electives to develop a comprehensive and balanced skill set. During the second year, students focus on writing their master's thesis under the close supervision of an academic advisor. To earn the Master of Public Management and Administration degree, students must complete at least 30 credits and produce a high-quality thesis.

Graduates of this program are equipped to assume leadership roles in their chosen fields and to make meaningful contributions to society.



Facilities

Library

In November 2012, the Ikebukuro library opened its doors after unifying four libraries located on the Ikebukuro campus. It can house more than two million books, has a large seating capacity for more than 1,530 people, and is one of the largest university libraries in Japan. The Ikebukuro Library offers strong support for learning, education, and research activities by meeting diverse range of needs, combined with its ease of use.



On-campus Medical Clinic and Counseling Services

Ikebukuro campus has an on-campus clinic for students, faculty and staff members. Students can get general medical treatment free of charge, provided that they have joined the National Health Insurance and Rikkyo Student Mutual-Aid Insurance. Counseling services are also available.

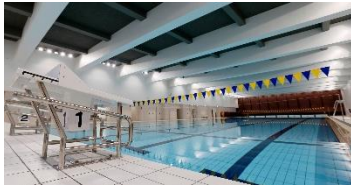
MPMA Student Room

MPMA also provides the Study Rooms to support student's study and research. Such software as GAUSS and STATA are installed in the PCs. Students are provided for an individual locker, so they can keep their own private belongings in it with key.



Paul Rusch Athletic Center

The new athletic center offers a 50-meter heated pool, tennis courts, gymnasiums, a training room and other excellent facilities.



Center for Japanese Language Education

Rikkyo's Center for Japanese Language Education offers a well-designed sequence of Japanese language courses to our students. We offer beginner-level courses, where students who have not studied Japanese before can be enrolled, up to advanced-level courses. There are light-loaded and normal-loaded tracks at the beginner's level. The Center also offers Japanese Language courses as well as Japanese Culture courses, conducted in English, to provide students with opportunities to learn about Japanese language and various cultural aspects of the Japanese language.

International Office

International Office establishes policy regarding activities for international exchange, and oversees the planning and implementation of international exchange programs. The office also gives various supports for international students including visas.

Cafeteria/Restaurants

There are a number of cafeterias and restaurant on the Ikebukuro campus. In June 2022, we newly provided the cafeteria for Muslim in the Ikebukuro campus which has obtained the Halal authentication.



Media Center

The Media Center provides support for educational research use of computers and multimedia equipment.

St. Paul's Plaza (bookstore, travel agent)

Students can purchase textbooks, books and stationery supplies at a discount price. There is also a travel agency to assist domestic as well as overseas travels.

Places of Worship

There are a number of places for worship in Ikebukuro and its vicinity for various religions. The Chapels on the Rikkyo campuses offer daily prayer services and regular mass. Various social activities are organized by the Chapels. There is a prayer room on the Ikebukuro campus. We also provide a prayer room on the Ikebukuro Campus which can be used by anyone, regardless of their religion.



Voices from MPMA Students

SAY RAKSMEYSORIYA

(Class of 2024, Cambodia)



Throwing back to the last two years, I was seeking an opportunity to study for a master's degree in Japan. As I went through the list of available universities for furthering my studies, I found Rikkyo University fits all my interests including the curriculum (MPMA), the field study specification (Management and Economics), the expertise of professors, the university location, and the campus environment. I did not hesitate to choose Rikkyo University as the first university priority for my academic endeavor. Luckily, I got selected as the first Cambodian generation at Rikkyo University, which allowed me to come to Japan and experience academic life in MPMA at this University.

After two years of studying here, I could conclude my decision was correct. MPMA at Rikkyo had offered me more than I expected. I had the chance to study with competent and qualified professors in the field of Economics and Management. All professors are kind, helpful, and understanding. They treat us like their family making us feel comfortable to consult with them about our academic problems or even life in Japan. Additionally, I had a chance to go for field studies in various Japanese industries to explore more besides studying at university. This allows me to learn even more about Japan and academic research. Rikkyo has a big library where we can find millions of books and materials for our study's research. It is convenient to do research for having a big database in hand. Besides study facilities, Rikkyo also offers a good environment for relaxation and sports facilities to stay mentally and physically healthy. Especially, Rikkyo always offers job opportunities such as Teaching assistants and research assistant positions for all students allowing us to gain working experience in Japan. I spent three semesters as a Teaching assistant for undergraduate and graduate classes. This experience enlightened my perspectives on the Japanese working culture, life discipline, and punctuality.

Overall life at Rikkyo University has had a very positive impact on my life regarding my personality and career development.

CHRYSTAL JOHN TERIC LUEGO

(Class of 2024,
The Philippines)



"Pursuing postgraduate study in Japan and finishing with an academic award is a significant achievement for my professional career. In addition, I am deeply honored that my research has been considered for inclusion in the book Public Budgeting and Finance, which will soon be published by Springer. As a contributor, I have an entire chapter dedicated solely to discussing and elaborating on key concepts and findings derived from my research.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the strong foundation embedded and developed at Rikkyo University. The courses offered in Rikkyo University aided me in realizing that everything is all about math. Learning and applying various quantitative methods emanating from Advanced Algebra, Calculus, Statistics, Economics, and Managerial Accounting led me in developing the technique called "4-Fold Gijutsu". This approach comprises series of calculations such as multiple regression analysis, input-output table analysis, capital budgeting analysis, sensitivity analysis, income inequality and poverty incidence, divergence and convergence, financial statement analysis, and audit. These quantitative methods will serve as tools to analyze, interpret, and recommend appropriate measures to assess the economic condition at the same time stimulate economic activity in the maritime industry where I work. To complete the MPMA program, only 30 units are required. However, I enrolled in a total of 52 units to ensure I achieve my academic goals.

The MPMA support staff are likewise incredibly supportive and attentive, keeping us well-informed about both academic and non-academic requirements. Additionally, they consistently choose the best locations in Japan for our field trips.

In summary, if you really want to be better, I believe that Rikkyo University is the optimal choice for pursuing and achieving your dreams.

May the Lord guide us in all our undertaking.
どうもありがとうございます, Rikkyo University.

PRAZERES PIRES DOS SANTOS DESTOLIANO

(Class of 2024,
Sao Tome and Principe)



Embarking on educational journey can feel both exciting and daunting. Especially if you've been idle for a few years, as was my case. However, if you want to know one thing, it was worth it, and I couldn't have made a better choice. Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) program at Rikkyo University is a step filled with incredible potential. The MPMA offers a unique blend of rigorous academic training and practical experiences that prepare you to tackle real-world challenges in public administration and management.

As you contemplate your application, remember that you are not just choosing a program but also joining a vibrant community of like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference. The opportunities to engage with faculty who are experts in the field, learn alongside diverse peers from various backgrounds, and participate in hands-on projects are invaluable.

As a "survivor" of the course, let me briefly share my experiences and thoughts about the program. The supportive environment at Rikkyo fosters personal and professional growth, helping to develop the skills and knowledge essential for effective leadership in public service.

Whether you're passionate about policy development, managing non-profit organizations or increasing efficiency in the public sector or a data enthusiast like me the MPMA program will empower you to make impactful contributions. Take the leap, accept the challenge and consider joining us for this transformative experience.

About Rikkyo University

Rikkyo was founded in 1874 by an American Bishop, Channing Moore Williams, and has a long history of excellence in education and research, which, combined with substantial investment in state-of-the-art information technology and teaching facilities, has earned a reputation as an outstanding educational institution and one of the most sought-after universities in Japan. Today, Rikkyo enrolls over 19,000 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students in its ten colleges and fourteen graduate schools. Rikkyo usually has over 700 overseas students from various parts of the worlds.

Rikkyo University has two campuses: one in Ikebukuro, Tokyo and the other in Niiza, Saitama-prefecture which borders on northwest Tokyo. The main campus is located in Ikebukuro, one of the largest commercial and transportation hubs in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo. And our Ikebukuro campus, where the Master of Public Management and Administration Course students will study, is located only a few minutes-walk from Ikebukuro-Station.

In recognition of the Rikkyo's unique educational initiatives, achievements and potential, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan launched the Top Global University Project and selected Rikkyo as one of the 37 universities for special funding in 2014. The project lasts for 10 years.

Access



- Narita - Ikebukuro
90 min. (JR Narita Express)
60 min. (Keisei Sky L./Yamanote L.)
- Haneda - Ikebukuro
50 min.



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Maps & Directory

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