

A photograph of a brick building at Rikkyo University, heavily covered in green ivy. A clock tower is visible in the background. The building has several windows and an arched entrance. The sky is blue, and there are green leaves in the foreground.

# M.P.M.A

Master of Public Management and Administration Course  
Graduate School of Business



**RIKKYO UNIVERSITY**

Ikebukuro, Tokyo, Japan

## Dean's Message



Kenji ARIMA  
Dean

Graduate School of Business

We are pleased to welcome you to the Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) Course at the Graduate School of Business at Rikkyo University.

Founded in 1874, Rikkyo University is one of Japan's most distinguished private institutions. Having celebrated our 150th anniversary in 2024, we are now taking our next steps forward. We remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering a learning environment where individuals from diverse backgrounds can engage in open and constructive dialogue. We believe that such diversity is essential for broadening perspectives, creating new values, and building a more resilient, inclusive society.

The MPMA Course, launched in 2016 as part of the Top Global University Project, is specifically designed for mid-career professionals seeking to enhance their expertise in policy analysis and management within the public and non-governmental sectors. Our faculty members, who possess both academic rigor and extensive practical experience, are dedicated to providing an education that is not only intellectually challenging but also highly relevant to the complex social issues of our time.

We are excited to have you join Rikkyo University and supporting your academic and professional journey alongside our dedicated faculty and vibrant community of fellow students.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.



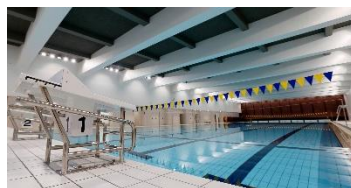
## Cafeteria/Restaurants

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.



## Paul Rusch Athletic Center

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



## 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.



Prayers room



## Voices from MPMA Students

### ZALDARRIAGA RITZI BUENA GANOT

(Class of 2025,  
The Philippines)



Choosing Rikkyo University to pursue my master's degree has given me a rich academic experience beyond the classroom. The program is perfectly tailored for public service, with its focus on economics, public policy and administration; the courses are carefully curated to build and strengthen data analysis skills that will inform policy development and formulation. As Kataoka-sensei, our program head, always reminds us: 'No data, no facts.' Rikkyo University also prides itself for its excellent facilities, which have helped me immensely during my time here in Japan. MPMA students not only enjoyed Rikkyo's impressive library and a dedicated study room equipped with STATA-installed computers, printers, and personal lockers, but also benefited from access to a gym and swimming pool, which encouraged a healthy balance between wellness and academic life. The professors in the program are not only highly qualified graduates of prestigious universities, but also deeply committed to sharing their expertise. What I appreciate most is that MPMA goes beyond theory by organizing international business conferences, which have provided us opportunities to engage with global perspectives. As a foreign student, I truly value the diversity of the program. I have met wonderful people from different parts of the world who have now become my friends. The university also organizes cultural and academic activities for international students. Through these opportunities, I was able to experience a sumo wrestling tournament and a tour of the National Museum. MPMA also organizes educational field trips during both the winter and summer semesters, which enriched my understanding of Japan's culture, particularly in the area of disaster risk management. My time at Rikkyo University has been nothing short of wonderful. I will take home these experiences with me, and I look forward to applying the knowledge and insights I have gained in my capacity as a public servant in the Philippines, particularly in shaping more effective and inclusive public policies.

### MUSAH ABDUL SAMAD

(Class of 2025,  
Ghana)



As a Government official working within the Local Government Service in Ghana, I was looking for an opportunity to upgrade my career towards a global perspective. After doing my research on potential graduate schools, I chose the MPMA degree program at Rikkyo University due to the rigorous academic offerings as well as its world class faculty and facilities.

My decision turned out to be very true. On my very first day I got to see how dedicated the staff were at making sure we succeeded in the program. Over the course of two years, I made meaningful connections with my professors as well as classmates. I also got to serve as a teaching assistant for two courses – Development Economics and Urban and Regional Economics in addition to engaging in practical research with my supervisor.

My advice to anyone considering the MPMA program is to go for it! You will be supported by world class professors and the administrative staff, who are the most kind and patient people I have met. Thank you very much Rikkyo for giving me this opportunity, I am forever grateful!

### MADONNA SIMATUPANG

(Class of 2025,  
Indonesia)



I will always be grateful to my senpais who introduced me to Rikkyo University. When I applied for a scholarship for the joint degree program, I immediately chose Rikkyo as my university option in Japan.

The MPMA program has truly met my needs. Its curriculum is closely related to my work as a public servant, which is very important since my studies are supported by government funding. It also serves as a melting pot where students from diverse backgrounds and cultures can share experiences and discuss development challenges that are often similar across countries.

The professors are highly capable and deliver each lecture with passion, creating lively and engaging classes. The staff are very kind and always ready to help, while Rikkyo University as a whole provides holistic support for students. The library offers not only a place to study but also an audio room where I enjoy classical music, and the gym provides a convenient space to refresh between classes.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to study at Rikkyo University. It has enriched my knowledge and, just as importantly, allowed me to build valuable friendships across countries that I will always treasure.

## 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.

## 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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