

# The Discovery Program for Global Learners, Okayama University

## Program Regulations

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### <Purposes>

Article 1: These rules, pursuant to Okayama University Regulations Article 7-2-2, specify the matters pertaining to the Discovery Program for Global Learners (hereinafter referred to as “the Program”) at Okayama University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”).

### <Establishment>

Article 2: The Program is established under the auspices of the participating faculties (hereinafter referred to as “the Participating Faculties”) including the Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, and Faculty of Agriculture.

### <Operation>

Article 3: To realize the Program’s commitment to inter-departmental student coursework, the Program shall be operated under the cooperation of the entire University.

### <Steering Committee>

Article 4: To facilitate the operation of the Program and education therein, the Steering Committee for the Discovery Program for Global Learners (hereinafter referred to as “the Steering Committee”) shall be established.

2 Where necessary, matters pertaining to the Steering Committee shall be provided separately.

### <Admission>

Article 5: Sixty students shall be recruited and selected by the Program and placed within the admission quotas of the School of Letters, Faculty of Law, School of Education, School of Economics, School of Science, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Pharmaceutical

Technology of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Engineering, and School of Agriculture.

<Selection Procedure and Other Matters>

Article 6: Selection shall be conducted according to the “comprehensive selection process” entrance examination format.

2 Admission shall be decided by the University President based on the request of the Program Director, and following the deliberation of the Steering Committee, which is entrusted with the authority to do so by the Participating Faculties.

<Pre-sessional Preparatory Education>

Article 7: To facilitate the students’ education upon their arrival, the Program shall offer pre-sessional preparatory education.

2. Matters pertaining to pre-sessional education shall be specified elsewhere.

<Curriculum>

Article 8: The Program’s curriculum shall consist of General Education courses, English Language courses, and Major Education courses.

2. General Education courses shall consist of Inquiry-based Learning, Information and Mathematical Data Sciences, Health and Sports Sciences, and Citizenship and Intercultural Understanding.

3. English Language courses shall be Elective English Courses.

4. Major Education courses shall consist of Major Foundational courses, Major courses, Integrated Learning courses, and Major Education courses offered by other departments. Major Foundational courses shall consist of Interdisciplinary Foundational courses, Academic English, and Academic Japanese. Major courses shall consist of Major courses and Senior Projects.

5. Major Education courses offered by the Program and corresponding credit numbers &c. shall be listed in the Appendix. Where necessary, additional courses not listed in the Appendix may be offered.

6. Matters pertaining to the prerequisites for the courses stipulated in the preceding paragraph and the program of study &c. shall be provided separately.

<Educational Tracks>

Article 9: The Program shall offer two educational tracks: 1) the Discovery Track for students who mainly take English-medium courses offered by the Program and 2) the Matching Track for students who mainly take courses offered by the Participating Faculties.

2. Matters pertaining to the educational tracks stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall be provided separately.

<Calculation of Credit Hours>

Article 10: Credits assigned to each course shall be specified as follows:

a) Lecture: 1 credit corresponds to 15 contact hours.

b) Seminar: 1 credit corresponds to 15 to 30 contact hours.

c) Laboratory work and practical training: 1 credit corresponds to 30 to 45 contact hours.

d) Senior Project: 10 credits are granted for the tasks necessary to complete a Senior Project &c.

2. The formula for calculating the number of credits when a combination of aforementioned course formats (lecture, seminar, laboratory work, and practical training) is used in one course shall be specified elsewhere based on the formulas stipulated in the preceding paragraph items a) to c).

#### <Announcement of Grading Scheme>

Article 11: Course syllabi specifying teaching methods, content, schedule, and grading scheme shall be announced at the beginning of each academic year.

#### <Credits>

Article 12: Credits shall be authorized by the course instructor through appropriate and diverse learning assessment methods, such as the examination results and research report outcomes, according to the grading schemes based on the learning outcomes specified in the preceding Article.

#### <Announcement of Courses>

Article 13: Course titles and the names of instructors shall be announced at the beginning of each school year. However, additional course titles and instructor names may be announced at the beginning of an academic term or in the middle of an academic term or an academic year.

#### <Course Registration>

Article 14: A student shall register for the courses of their choosing at the beginning of each academic term following the prescribed procedure. Where the provision in Article 13 applies, a student shall register at the time of the announcement of the course offering.

2. A student who wishes to enroll in courses offered by a faculty other than the Participating Faculties shall, upon following a prescribed procedure, apply for permission from the Dean of said Faculty.

#### <Maximum Credit Enrollment>

Article 15: To ensure coursework befitting a student, the maximum number of credits for which they can register per year shall be capped at a number specified elsewhere.

2. A student who has completed the previous year's coursework with excellent grades may be permitted to take courses beyond the aforementioned credit cap.

#### <Course Enrollment in Other Universities and Colleges>

Article 16: A student who wishes to enroll in courses offered by other universities or junior colleges (including a foreign institution) must apply to the Program for permission by submitting the designated forms.

2. Permission thereto shall be granted where the aforementioned application has been submitted and an agreement has been reached with another university or junior college.

3. The first paragraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to the case in which a student, while residing in Japan, enrolls in a course provided by a foreign university or a junior college as part of their educational program, either by correspondence or at a satellite institution designated by

the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “Ministry of Education”).

4. Credits earned while enrolling in other universities or junior colleges, following the procedure specified in the preceding paragraphs, may be transferred and recognized as credits earned in the Program (hereinafter referred to as “transfer credits”), insofar as the number thereof does not exceed 60.

#### <Educational Experiences in Institutions Other than Universities>

Article 17: A student who wishes to enroll in courses equivalent to upper-division courses in universities offered by a junior college or a technical college shall apply for permission by submitting the designated forms.

2. The treatment of cases in which a student enrolls in courses specified in the preceding paragraph, as well as in any other educational activities specified by the Ministry of Education, shall be stipulated elsewhere.

3. Credits earned while enrolling in courses equivalent to upper division courses in universities offered by a junior college or a technical college, following the procedure specified in the preceding paragraphs, may be transferred, insofar as the number of transfer credits, together with the number of credits transferred under the provisions of the Article 16, does not exceed 60.

#### <Transfer of Credits Earned Prior to the Enrollment in the Program>

Article 18: Credits earned by a student prior to admission to the Program (including credits earned as a non-degree student) may, on some occasions, be recognized as credits earned in the Program.

2. The number of credits transferable from the credits earned as stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall, together with the number of credits transferred under the provisions of Articles 16 and 17, not exceed 60 in total.

#### <Matters Pertaining to Student Registry>

Article 19 and Articles 32 through 38 of the University Regulations shall be applied to Program students. Where the term “Dean” is used, it shall be replaced by the term “Program Director” for this purpose.

#### <Student Registry>

Article 20: A Program student shall be assigned to one of the Participating Faculties.

2. The method and management of the student registry shall be specified elsewhere.

#### <Transfer to Another Program>

Article 21: A student who wishes to transfer to a bachelor’s program offered by another program within the University must acquire, following the prescribed procedure, the permission of the dean where their registry is located.

2. Permission to transfer from another program within the University to the Program may occasionally be granted, following deliberation by the Steering Committee.

3. The procedure and timing of the program transfer, as well as credit transfer, shall be specified elsewhere.

<Transfer Admission, Admission of University Graduates, University Transfer, and Readmission>

Article 21-2: A student wishing to transfer to or be readmitted to the Program may only do so subject to the provisions stipulated in Article 25 Paragraph 2, Article 26, Article 27, and Article 37 of the University Regulations. Furthermore, transfer and readmission applications will be subject to transfer admission capacities and to a separate selection process.

2. Additional procedures and timing regarding transfer, graduate admission, and readmission, including recognition of previously earned credits, shall be specified elsewhere.

<Calculation of Enrollment Period and Accumulated Credits>

Article 22: For the students stipulated in the preceding two paragraphs, the calculation of the enrollment period and the number of credits eligible for transfer shall be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

<Graduation Requirements>

Article 23: To graduate, a Program student shall have enrolled in the Program for four years or longer and accumulated 124 or more credits, as specified elsewhere.

<Early Graduation>

Article 24: Notwithstanding the preceding Article, the Program may approve the graduation of a student enrolled in the Program for at least three years and six months, insofar as they have earned the number of credits required for graduation with high marks and desires early graduation provided in Article 41 of the University Regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Early Graduation").

2. Requirements for Early Graduation shall be stipulated elsewhere and announced.

<Approval of Graduation>

Article 25: The graduation shall be approved by the University President based on the request of the Program Director, and following the deliberation of the Steering Committee, which is entrusted with the authority to do so by the Participating Faculty.

Article 26: The degree granted shall be a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences.

<Non-Degree Student>

Article 27: A person other than a student of the University may be granted permission, conditional on the capacity of the Program's facilities and class size, to enroll in courses offered by the Program as a non-degree student.

< Non-Degree Guest Student >

Article 28: A student of another university (including junior and technical colleges as well as foreign universities or colleges) may, based on agreement with the student's home university, be granted permission to enroll in courses offered by the Program as a Non-Degree Guest Student.

<Miscellaneous>

Article 29: Matters pertaining to the Program not mentioned here shall be stipulated elsewhere.

<Supplementary Provisions>

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of October 1, 2017.

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1. These regulations shall enter into force as of April 1, 2020.
2. Notwithstanding the revised course categories stipulated in the appendix, for students enrolled in the Program as of April 2019, the following courses under the Major Foundational course category will still be recognized as viable credits contributing to graduation requirements: Introduction to Composition (1 credit), \*Composition Skills (1 credit), Interdisciplinary Reading Skills ESL (0.5 credits), International Business (2 credits) Business at the Bottom of the Pyramid (2 credits).

<Supplementary Provisions>

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of April 1, 2021.
2. The revisions to Major Education courses stipulated in the appendix shall not apply to Major Education courses taken before April 1, 2021 (date exclusive).

<Supplementary Provisions>

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of October 1, 2022.

<Supplementary Provisions>

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of April 1, 2024.
2. The revisions to Major Education courses stipulated in the appendix shall not apply to Major Education courses taken before April 1, 2024 (date exclusive).

<Supplementary Provisions>

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of April 1, 2025.
2. The revised Article 8 of the University Regulations shall apply to students enrolling in the Program in April 2025 and later. Students who enrolled in the 2024 academic year or earlier shall continue to follow the previous provisions.

<Supplementary Provisions>

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of April 1, 2026.
2. Notwithstanding the revised provisions stipulated in the appendix, students who enrolled in or before the 2025 academic year shall continue to follow the previous regulations.

別表 Appendix

Course Category	Course Title (Japanese)	Course Title (English)	Credit(s)
全学交流科目 (Zengaku Koryu) Integrated Learning Courses	数学入門 I	Introductory Mathematics I	1
	数学入門 II	Introductory Mathematics II	1
	化学入門	Introductory Chemistry	1
専門基礎科目 (Senmon kiso Kamoku) Major Foundational Courses 学際基礎科目 (Gakusai Kiso) Interdisciplinary Foundational Courses	知の探研 I	Inquiries of Knowledge I	2
	知の探研 II	Inquiries of Knowledge II	1
	知の探研 III	Inquiries of Knowledge III	1
	フェミニストエスニックスタディーズ	Feminist Ethnic Studies	3
	国内外のコリアン	Korean Diaspora	3
	社会学的想像力	Sociological Imagination	2
	国際社会学	Global Sociology	3
	文化と病	Culture and Illness	2
	災害人類学	Anthropology of Disaster	2
	食の人類学	Anthropology of Food	2
	政治学入門	Introduction to Political Science	3
	日本政治入門	Introduction to Japanese Politics	1.5
	経営学演習 I	Topics in Management I	1.5
	経営学演習 II	Topics in Management II	1.5
	経営学演習 III	Topics in Management III	1.5
	経営学演習 IV	Topics in Management IV	1.5
	ミクロ経済学入門	Introduction to Microeconomics	1.5
	マクロ経済学入門	Introduction to Macroeconomics	1.5
	民間公益活動と非営利組織	Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations	2
	民間公益活動と非営利セクターの国際比較	Global Philanthropy and Comparative Nonprofit Sectors	2
	データ分析入門	Introduction to Data Analysis	1
	物理化学のための数学	Mathematics for Physical Chemistry	1.5
	現代物理学	Modern Physics	1.5
	化学工学のための化学	Chemistry for Chemical Engineering	1.5
	数学基礎	Fundamentals of Mathematics	1
	物理学基礎 I	Fundamentals of Physics I	1
	物理学基礎 II	Fundamentals of Physics II	1
	量子物理と原子の構造	Quantum Physics and Atomic Structure	1
	熱力学入門	Introduction to Thermodynamics	1
	化学結合と分子の構造	Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure	1
	化学基礎	Fundamentals of Chemistry	1
	機器分析	Instrumental Analysis	1
	触媒化学入門	Introduction to Catalytic Chemistry	1
遺伝学と分子生物学	Genetics and Molecular Biology	1.5	
農学入門	Introduction to Agricultural Sciences	1	

Course Category	Course Title (Japanese)	Course Title (English)	Credit(s)	
アカデミック英語科目 Academic English	中級英語・語彙と文法	Intermediate Vocabulary and Grammar	0.5	
	アカデミック英語 リーディング・ライティング入門	Introduction to Academic Reading and Writing	0.5	
	発声と発音	Voice and Articulation	0.5	
	アカデミック英語 1	English for Academic Purposes 1	1.5	
	アカデミック英語 2	English for Academic Purposes 2	1.5	
	アカデミック・コミュニケーション	Academic Communication	1	
	上級英語・語彙と文法	Advanced Vocabulary and Grammar	1	
	上級英語・プレゼンテーションとディベート	Advanced Presentation and Debate	1	
	グローバル・エデュケーション	Global Education	1	
	多言語マーケティングとコミュニティのつながり	Multilingual Marketing and Community Connection	2	
	世界の文学	World Literature	2	
	英語教授法	Methods in Teaching English	1.5	
	上級英語・ライティング	Advanced Writing	1	
	ライティングラボ 1	Writing Lab 1	1	
	ライティングラボ 2	Writing Lab 2	1	
	アカデミック日本語科目 Academic Japanese	アカデミック・ジャパニーズ・トレーニング I	Academic Japanese Training I	1
		アカデミック・ジャパニーズ・トレーニング II	Academic Japanese Training II	1
		キャリア・ジャパニーズ (JLPT N1 対策)	Career Japanese (JLPT N1)	1
		キャリア・ジャパニーズ (JLPT N2 対策)	Career Japanese (JLPT N2)	1
		キャリア・ジャパニーズ (JLPT N3 対策)	Career Japanese (JLPT N3)	1
		日本語講義A	Special Lecture in Japanese A	2
		日本語講義B	Special Lecture in Japanese B	2
		日本語アカデミックライティング	Academic Writing in Japanese	2
日本語アカデミックリーディング		Academic Reading in Japanese	1	
上級漢字語彙		Advanced Kanji and Vocabulary	1	
漢字練習		Kanji Practice	1	

Course Category	Course Title (Japanese)	Course Title (English)	Credit(s)
専門科目 (Senmon Kamoku) Major Courses	文化人類学	Cultural Anthropology	3
	国内外の課題 I	Topics in Japan and Beyond I	3
	移動の社会学 I	Sociology of Migration I	2
	都市と地域の社会学	Urban Sociology	2
	社会科学の方法論	Logic and Methods of Social Inquiry	3
	移動の社会学 II	Sociology of Migration II	2
	歴史の中の社会科学	History of Social Thought	2
	医療人類学	Medical Anthropology	2
	環境人類学	Environmental Anthropology	3
	比較政治	Comparative Politics	1.5
	日本政治	Japanese Politics	2
	国際政治	International Politics	1.5
	経営学演習 V	Topics in Management V	2
	経営学演習 VI	Topics in Management VI	2
	経営学演習 VII	Topics in Management VII	2
	経営学演習 VIII	Topics in Management VIII	2
	ミクロ経済学	Microeconomics	2
	国際経済学	International Economics	2
	開発経済学	Development Economics	2
	マクロ経済学	Macroeconomics	2
	日本の経済	Japanese Economy	2
	日本経済とジェンダー	Japanese Economy and Gender	2
	非営利組織の経営と社会起業	Nonprofit Management and Social Entrepreneurship	4
	基礎統計学	Elementary Statistics	4
	質的調査法	Qualitative Research Methods	2
	分子分光学基礎	Fundamentals of Molecular Spectroscopy	2
	分光法実践	Spectroscopic Methods	1
	天文学と大気化学概論	Introduction to Astrochemistry and Atmospheric Chemistry	1
	固体物理学入門	Introduction to Solid State Physics	2
	基礎物理学実験	Basic Physics Laboratory	1
	基礎分析化学実験	Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry	2
	基礎生物学実験	Laboratory in Biology	2
	フィールド基礎実習	Basic Field Practice	2
	農芸化学入門	Introduction to Agricultural and Biological Chemistry	1
	環境科学入門	Introduction to Environmental Science	1
	植物科学入門	Introduction to Plant Science	1
生物生産入門	Introduction to Biological Production	1	
動物科学入門	Introduction to Animal Science	1	

専門科目 (Senmon Kamoku) Major Courses

Course Category	Course Title (Japanese)	Course Title (English)	Credit(s)
	国内外の課題 II	Topics in Japan and Beyond II	3
	性労働と感情労働	Sex Work and Emotional Labor	3
	植民地主義と戦争	Colonialism and War	3
	グローバル化と開発	Globalization and Development	2
	グローバル社会のジェンダー	Gender in Global Context	2
	医療人類学演習	Seminar in Medical Anthropology	2
	医療人類学(講読演習)	Ethnographies in Medical Anthropology	2
	科学の人類学	Anthropology of Science	2
	記憶の人類学	Anthropology of Memory	4
	自己の人類学	Anthropology of the Self	4
	政治学の論点 I	Topics in political Science I	2
	政治学の論点 II	Topics in political Science II	2
	政治学の論点 III	Topics in political Science III	2
	政治学の論点 IV	Topics in political Science IV	2
	経営学演習 IX	Topics in Management IX	2
	経営学演習 X	Topics in Management X	2
	フェミニスト経済学入門	Introduction to Feminist Economics	2
	貿易政策と開発	Trade Policy and Development	2
	貧困	Poverty	2
	不平等	Inequality	2
	非営利組織の経営と社会起業演習 I	Nonprofit Management and Social Entrepreneurship Practicum I	4
	非営利組織の経営と社会起業演習 II	Nonprofit Management and Social Entrepreneurship Practicum II	4
	非営利組織の経営と社会起業演習 III	Nonprofit Management and Social Entrepreneurship Practicum III	4
	中級統計学	Intermediate Statistics	4
	分析化学	Agrochemical Bioscience 1 - Analytical Chemistry	1
	生物化学	Agrochemical Bioscience 2 - Biological Chemistry	1
	有機化学	Agrochemical Bioscience 3 - Organic Chemistry	1
	森林生態系科学概論	Introduction to Forest Ecosystem Science	1
	日本農業の技術進歩と経営	Economics, Management and Technology Progress in Japanese Agriculture	1
	持続可能な農業に向けての生態学的アプローチ	Ecological Approach to Sustainable Agriculture	1
	野菜と花の科学	Vegetable and Flower Science	1
	植物の病気と防除	Plant Disease and Control	1
	果実の科学	Fruit Science	1
	作物の遺伝と育種	Crop Genetics and Breeding	1

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	作物の科学と生産	Crop Science and Production	1	
	動物生産科学	Animal Production Science	1	
	食品・栄養科学	Food and Nutrition Science	1	
	動物生命科学	Animal Life Science	1	
	課題実践	Independent Study	1	
	エスノグラフィック・フィールドワーク I	Ethnographic Fieldwork I	2	
	エスノグラフィック・フィールドワーク II	Ethnographic Fieldwork II	2	
	エスノグラフィック・フィールドワーク III	Ethnographic Fieldwork III	2	
	インターンシップ	Internship	1~2	
	農芸化学プログラム実験 1	Laboratory in Agricultural and Biological Chemistry 1	2	
	農芸化学プログラム実験 2	Laboratory in Agricultural and Biological Chemistry 2	2	
	農芸化学プログラム実験 3	Laboratory in Agricultural and Biological Chemistry 3	2	
	生物生産プログラム実験 1	Laboratory in Biological Production 1	2	
	生物生産プログラム実験 2	Laboratory in Biological Production 2	2	
	生物生産プログラム実験 3-1	Laboratory in Biological Production 3-1	1	
	生物生産プログラム実験 3-2	Laboratory in Biological Production 3-2	1	
	生物生産プログラム実験 4-1	Laboratory in Biological Production 4-1	1	
	生物生産プログラム実験 4-2	Laboratory in Biological Production 4-2	1	
	環境科学プログラム実験 1	Laboratory in Environmental Science 1	2	
	環境科学プログラム実験 2	Laboratory in Environmental Science 2	2	
	植物科学プログラム実験 1	Laboratory in Plant Science 1	2	
	植物科学プログラム実験 2	Laboratory in Plant Science 2	2	
	植物科学プログラム実験 3	Laboratory in Plant Science 3	2	
	動物科学プログラム実験 1	Laboratory in Animal Science 1	2	
	動物科学プログラム実験 2	Laboratory in Animal Science 2	2	
	動物科学プログラム実験 3	Laboratory in Animal Science 3	2	
	卒業研究科目 (Sotsugyo Kenkyu) Senior Project	ディスカバリー演習	Research Seminar	1
		特別演習	Special Research for Senior Project	1~14
		卒業研究	Senior Project	10