



Kobe LL.M./KIMAP in Global Business Law will start in Spring 2023.

1. What is KIMAP in Global Business Law?

This program is the successor of the current [GMAP in Law](#). It is a part of the brand-new Kobe University Interdisciplinary Master Program (KIMAP) which will be offered by the collaboration of the Graduate Schools of Law, Economics and Business Administration. KIMAP in Global Business Law will start in the spring of 2023.

2. Entrance Examination and Enrollment

Entrance Examination	Program	Enrollment
June 2022	GMAP in Law	October 2022
August 2022	KIMAP in Global Business Law	April 2023
January 2023*	KIMAP in Global Business Law	April 2023
June 2023	KIMAP in Global Business Law	October 2023

* Entrance examination in January 2023 is not yet formally decided. It will be announced on the website as soon as formally decided.

3. Educational Objectives and the Ideal Students Qualities Sought by the Program

In the field of international business, the ability to do everything in English is required in addition to having specialist knowledge. Moreover, challenges in international business are becoming more and more complicated as it is required to ensure compliance, among others, with environmental as well as human rights standards throughout the domestic and overseas supply chains. In response, the objective of this program is to provide interdisciplinary knowledge in business administration and economics as well as specialist skills and knowledge in law. In addition, the program is to help students acquire practical skills in English and to produce people that are able to flourish in their lives as international business legal practitioners.

This program seeks applicants who wish to play an active role in the field of international business and to acquire English communication skills and basic experience of working abroad in addition to interdisciplinary knowledge in business administration and economics and specialized and advanced knowledge in law.

4. Curriculum: Six key characteristics

(1) **All courses are offered in English.** Lecturers include not only those from Kobe University but also many foreign specialists in the relevant fields specifically invited from external institutions. By choosing from a wide selection of courses in global business law, students can acquire a solid foundation in business law in English. For example, International Investment Law and International Business Transactions are offered as elective courses. Furthermore, students can receive **support on their English language development continuously** through the program. Introduction to Legal English and Advanced Legal English courses are offered throughout the academic year. Additional support is offered to students starting with a weaker level of English ability at the beginning of the program as well as to all students on their writing skills throughout the program

(2) Students are required to take at least one Social Science Basic Course (compulsory) and can also take **interdisciplinary courses** (elective). These are offered by the Graduate Schools of Economics and Business Administration. By taking them, students can study global business interdisciplinarily, from not only the legal viewpoint but also those of economics and business administration. If students satisfy the requirements for completing courses in specific fields such as “Sustainable Development”, they can obtain a certificate confirming their achievement in the specified field.

(3) Students can join **internships** in domestic or overseas law firms or arbitration institutions (elective). By experiencing an internship of one month, students can develop practical legal skills. Through the internship, they can also experience how their knowledge learned at graduate school can be used in the real business world. In addition, the internship can cultivate students’ personal networks and improve their employability.

(4) Students are required to write their **master’s theses in English** (compulsory). In global business, writing ability is needed more than conversational ability. For this purpose, students are required to write logically constructed theses in English. Utilising their internship experience, students are required not only to explore academic issues at a deeper level but also to deal with them from a practical perspective.

(5) Students can join **the summer school** (elective). Professors and students from a large number of universities in Asia get together in Kobe. Participants can take front-line

lectures in global business law and enjoy exchanges with students from other universities.

(6) Students can join **mooting competitions** (elective). They can obtain credits by participating in international commercial or investment arbitration mooting competitions.