

07 Mooting

The Faculty of Law and the Graduate School of Law have a strong tradition of international mooting. Students participate in various regional and national mooting competitions. Mooting participants benefit from financial support and coaching for international competitions.



08 When to Apply

Application Guidelines	Application Period	Examination & Interview Date	Results Announced	Enrollment
late May	mid - late June	late Aug (online)	late Sept	April (1st)
late Oct	late Nov - early Dec	early Jan (online)	late Jan	April (2nd)
late Feb	late May - early June	late June (online)	late July	October



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Kobe LL.M.

KIMAP in
Global Business Law



01 Mission

KIMAP in Global Business Law is an LL.M. program of global business law. As part of the Kobe University Interdisciplinary Master Program (KIMAP), developed in collaboration between the Graduate Schools of Law, Economics and Business Administration, its objective is to provide interdisciplinary knowledge as well as specialized skills and knowledge in law.

In addition, the program aims to help students develop practical skills in English and to produce individuals who can flourish in their lives as international business legal practitioners.

02 Features at a Glance

- Graduate degree in international business law taught in English
- Combines an LL.M. program with experiential training
- 1.5-2 years to complete with commencement in fall or spring
- Instruction by top international academics and lawyers
- Internships in law firms, arbitral institutions, international organizations, and corporations
- Coaching and financial support for international moot competitions
- Completion of a master's thesis under close professor supervision
- Idyllic wooded campus in Kobe, Japan

03 Three Fields

Students enrolled in KIMAP in Global Business Law may take interdisciplinary courses offered by the Graduate Schools of Economics and Business Administration. In addition to the Master of Laws degree, students may earn a certificate of completion in a chosen field such as "Sustainable Development & Public Policy," by completing the required courses in one or more specialized fields.

		Graduate School of			Field Certificate
		Business Administration	Law	Economics	
KIMAP Interdisciplinary Fields	International Business Field	→			International Business Field
	Entrepreneurship & Finance Field	→			Entrepreneurship & Finance
	Sustainable Development & Public Policy Field	→			Sustainable Development & Public Policy
Degree	Master of Arts in Business Administration Master of Arts in Commerce	Master of Laws	Master of Economics		

International Business Field

In this field, students can study international business not only from a legal perspective but also from the viewpoints of business administration and economics.

Entrepreneurship & Finance Field

This field focuses on how to promote entrepreneurship and utilize finance.

Sustainable Development & Public Policy Field

This field focuses on how to promote sustainable development by public policy making and corporate governance.

04 Curriculum

Graduation Requirements (30 credits)	Compulsory (4 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's thesis (4 credits)
	Electives (26 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Science Basic Courses (2 credits) • Legal English Courses and Practice Courses (6 credits) • Advanced Legal Courses (at least 10 credits) • KIMAP Elective Courses of Economics / Business Administration Courses (2 credits)

05 English Language Support & Legal English

All courses are conducted in English. Lecturers include not only those from Kobe University, but also many foreign experts in the relevant fields who are specially 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. Throughout the program, students can receive support in their English language development. In addition to legal English courses from intermediate to advanced levels, a native-speaking professor is assigned to assist students with all aspects of their English language needs.

06 Internship Program

Students can participate in internships at Japanese or foreign law firms and other institutions. By experiencing an internship of two weeks to one month, students can develop practical legal skills. Through the internship, they can also experience how the knowledge they have learned at the graduate school can be applied in the real business world. In addition, the internship can cultivate students' personal networks and improve their employability.

