



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW:

PDM is planned as a 3-year academic program. Students are expected to take at least three lecture classes as electives during the program to build an

analytical and conceptual basis of understanding of disaster management. As core requirements, students are expected to take seminar classes to work on for their doctoral thesis under the guidance of one of our full-time professors of their choice. All classes are taught in English. Along with the taught modules, students are expected to participate as co-researchers in research projects that professors in the PDM are engaged in. Through this highly hands on training, students can learn how to work as independent researchers and will have plenty of opportunity to publish research papers. During the third year of this program or later, students are required to write a Ph.D. dissertation on a selected topic under the guidance of a supervising professor.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION:



This program is designed for students whose first language is not Japanese. Applicants are not expected to be proficient in Japanese, but must be proficient enough in English to conduct

research in the PDM. We welcome applicants from all countries who have, or are expected to have a Master's Degree in any field. See Application Guidelines for details.

## SCHOLARSHIP:

Kansai University provides financial support for selected students. See Application Guidelines for details.

## APPLICATION AND ADMISSION:

Students can enroll at the PDM either from the beginning of April (spring semester) or late September (fall semester). Admissions process begins approximately 3 months before the beginning of each semester. However, applicants should contact the professor they wish to be supervised by in advance.

Visit our website for details.

### Application Information:

[http://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Gr\\_sch/english/eng/index.html](http://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Gr_sch/english/eng/index.html)



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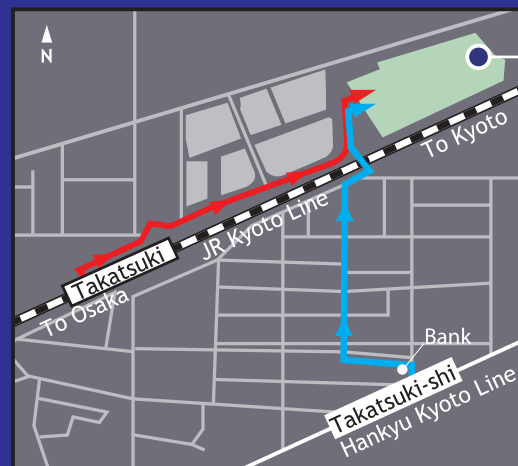
# PDM

## PH.D. OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

## Access



### Kansai University Takatsuki Muse Campus



Take the Airport Express "Haruka" from JR Kansai International Airport and get to Shin-Osaka. Change to the JR Kyoto line and take the train to Kyoto, and get off at Takatsuki station. (About 90 min. from Kansai International Airport)

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

The Kansai University Ph.D. course in Disaster Management (PDM) will prepare you with a high level of analytical skills and knowledge to make a difference in the fields of disaster management, including disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The curriculum combines interdisciplinary training in engineering, economics, psychology, and management in order to produce leaders with innovative ideas for disaster reduction in both practice and the academic field.

The Kansai region, where we are located, is one of Japan's most disaster prone areas. The 1995 Kobe (Hanshin-Awaji Great Earthquake) is one of the most severe earthquake disasters in human history. The Kansai region has also experienced large scale floods and landslides, such as those that occurred during Typhoon No.12 (Severe Tropical Storm Talas) in 2011 resulting in 82 fatalities. Moreover, Kansai is facing another major threat; earthquakes occurring on the Nankai Trough, which has been occurring regularly every 90–150 years.

The possible largest activity of the next Nankai Trough earthquake is estimated to reach as much as M9.1 by the Japanese government, therefore designating it a catastrophe that is a matter of national alert.

Our faculty staff guiding the PDM have been engaged in the study of and recovery from disaster for a long time, and has a rich

network with local residents and government. They have also been working on ways to reduce future disaster risks in close collaboration with both local and national stakeholders.

Professional research and analysis on cutting edge topics produced in our schools have always been an integral part of this collaboration. With this environment full of opportunities to engage in practical study, PDM students can learn how Japanese disaster management policy works collaboratively with scientists, mass media, government, the private sector, and also how academic researchers can contribute to disaster reduction and disaster management.



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