

Division of Maritime Policy Studies

Students will develop scientific and technological methods in the effective operation and advancement of international logistics and supply chain and their contribution to global environmental conservation, the development and improvement resources and institutions that support the transportation system. Students will also acquire specialized knowledge and improve their academic skills in planning, designing, operation, management and policies to establish the optimal logistics systems from a strategic and comprehensive perspective.

Education and Research Area

- Logistics Policy and Management

Courses at Master's Degree Program (: Courses in English)

- Transport Engineering for Network Analysis
- Logistics Management
- Project Evaluation
- Logistics and Environment
- Transport Economics
- Network Industry
- Transportation System Planning
- Data Science for Transport
- Management Systems
- Law of Ocean Resource and Energy
- Regional Environmental Science
- Ocean Environment and Climate Studies
- Ocean Exploration Technology
- General Study of Ocean Floor Material
- General Study of Ocean Floor Physics
- General Legal Study of Marine Resources

Message from International Student



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1. Why did you choose the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, Kobe University?

Along history, Kobe has been a crucial port city for Japan, being the busiest port in the world prior 1996, now a days the city has all kind of transport connections, with 3 airports close-by, train lines, national highways, and a huge amount of docks that connect the city to the rest of the country and the world. The city has one of the best academic institutions in the country, Kobe University, which has a long history in the

business/trade/transportation areas, and particularly, the faculty of Maritime Sciences has a history of more than 100 years, and I choose it immediately.

2. How do you feel after enrolling at Kobe University?

It is incredible, it is such an amazing place, where different ideas converge and new ones are born, the friendliness of the students and the staff makes you feel at home, while the guidance and expertise of the professors help you to focus and achieve your goals.

3. Please explain briefly what your research is.

My research is about air transportation, and airline competition between traditional airlines and low-cost airlines.

4. Do you have opportunities for cultural exchange?

So many; in the faculty of maritime sciences I have met many students from abroad, some of my professors are from overseas, and all of my professors have been abroad so the faculty itself is a melting pot of different cultures and experiences; but Kobe University as a whole is actively promoting cultural exchange through different activities and events along the year.

5. What are your plans for after graduation?

Currently I'm planning to extend my stay in Kobe University all the way up to PhD. If not, I'm aiming to work for a prestigious Japanese logistics company in the international division to work all around the globe.

6. What was your biggest culture shock after coming to Japan?

Punctuality and personal space. First, being on time is highly important in Japan, in my country, being late by 5-10 mins it is not only accepted, but expected, whereas in Japan everything is on time. Second, the strict respect for personal space is something that being from a country where shaking hands, hugging, kissing the cheeks, fist bumping and high five-ing is normal, it is a shock to suddenly stop doing it.

7. What are the appeal points of the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences for you?

The long academic history of the faculty, the expertise of the professors, and the multidisciplinary of its students create an amazing academic spirit between the people within the faculty. The connections of the faculty with the stakeholders on all the areas of the faculty's research interests. And finally, all the equipment that the faculty has to conduct research such as the many boats, specialized laboratories, testing facilities, simulation equipment, and even its own ship, the Kaijin Maru

8. Please give a message or advice to anyone who wishes to study abroad.

Study abroad is a life-changing experience that cannot be described by words, it opens your mind and allow you to appreciate both your origins and other countries/cultures, just remember to face everything with an open mind and be flexible to change, otherwise you would have a not-so-good experience. Thanks to studying abroad I have friends all around the world, in every single continent which otherwise I would never have met o; if you decide to study abroad, my advice is that, even though it might be a little frightening at the beginning, remember that other exchange students face the same difficulties and are in a somewhat equal situation, you are not alone, so don't be afraid and talk to new people, you never know who would turn out to be one of your best friends in the world.

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