

Doshisha Business School

Global Business and
Management Studies - MBA

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Welcome to Global Business and

Tradition and two programs

Doshisha University is widely recognized as one of Japan's top comprehensive universities, with a long history and rich tradition. Founded in Kyoto, the university will celebrate its **150th anniversary** in 2025. Kyoto was Japan's capital for over a thousand years and is known for its culture of tradition, innovation, and sustainability. A major feature of Doshisha Business School (DBS) is that it has two distinct programs: Global Business and Management Studies, which offers classes in **English** mainly for international students from all over the world, and Business Studies, which offers classes in **Japanese** for persons who are working in Japan. DBS encourages active interaction between the two programs. You can take classes in the other program if you meet certain requirements.

Diversified community

Since its inception, a striking feature of the DBS's Global Business and Management Studies has been the **diversity** of the people who make our MBA experience special. The students come from a wide variety of backgrounds: to

illustrate, from 2009 to the present year we have welcomed students from ninety-two countries. Correspondingly, we welcome applications from aspiring and inspiring individuals regardless of gender, ethnicity, nationality, or religion.

Conscience education and Kyoto

One of the unique features of DBS is that our business education is based on "**conscience education**," the founding spirit of Doshisha University. Doshisha is located in **Kyoto**, a unique city that is home to many long-lived and sustainable companies that are well-known not only in Japan but throughout the world. The culture that supports business management in Kyoto is rooted in a long-term perspective, the combination of tradition and innovation, and a focus on diverse stakeholders, including the environment and people in the local community. These management principles have been refined over a long period of history and constitute a valuable storehouse of human wisdom. They lead to management that emphasizes sustainability and human dignity, qualities that today's global society demands.

"Think with conscience, Act with conscience."



Management Studies at DBS

Features

At DBS, these values are expressed in the mission of the school. Our programs are designed to develop business leaders who not only have excellent business skills but are also innovative and have a strong sense of responsibility to create a better society. The unique mission of DBS is also reflected in our curriculum, with the Global Business and Management Studies program offering many courses in “Sustainability,” “Culture and Creativity,” and “Business in Asia,” along with a variety of other advanced business courses. Students may freely choose courses from all these areas.

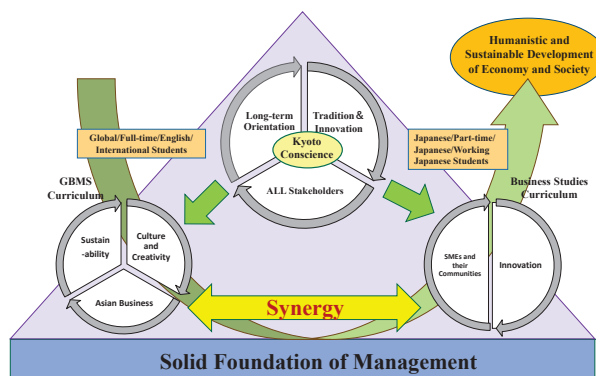
In sum, DBS offers a globally unique MBA program that responds to the needs of the times, in both English and Japanese, built on a solid business education foundation and shaped by the unique business principles and culture of Kyoto. If you are thinking a career boost and would like to make a difference through business, take a good look at our Global Business and Management Studies.

Our Mission

To develop leaders who respect human dignity and promote the growth of business organizations based on “conscience education”—a core value of Doshisha University—and the wisdom of tradition and innovation cultivated in Kyoto.

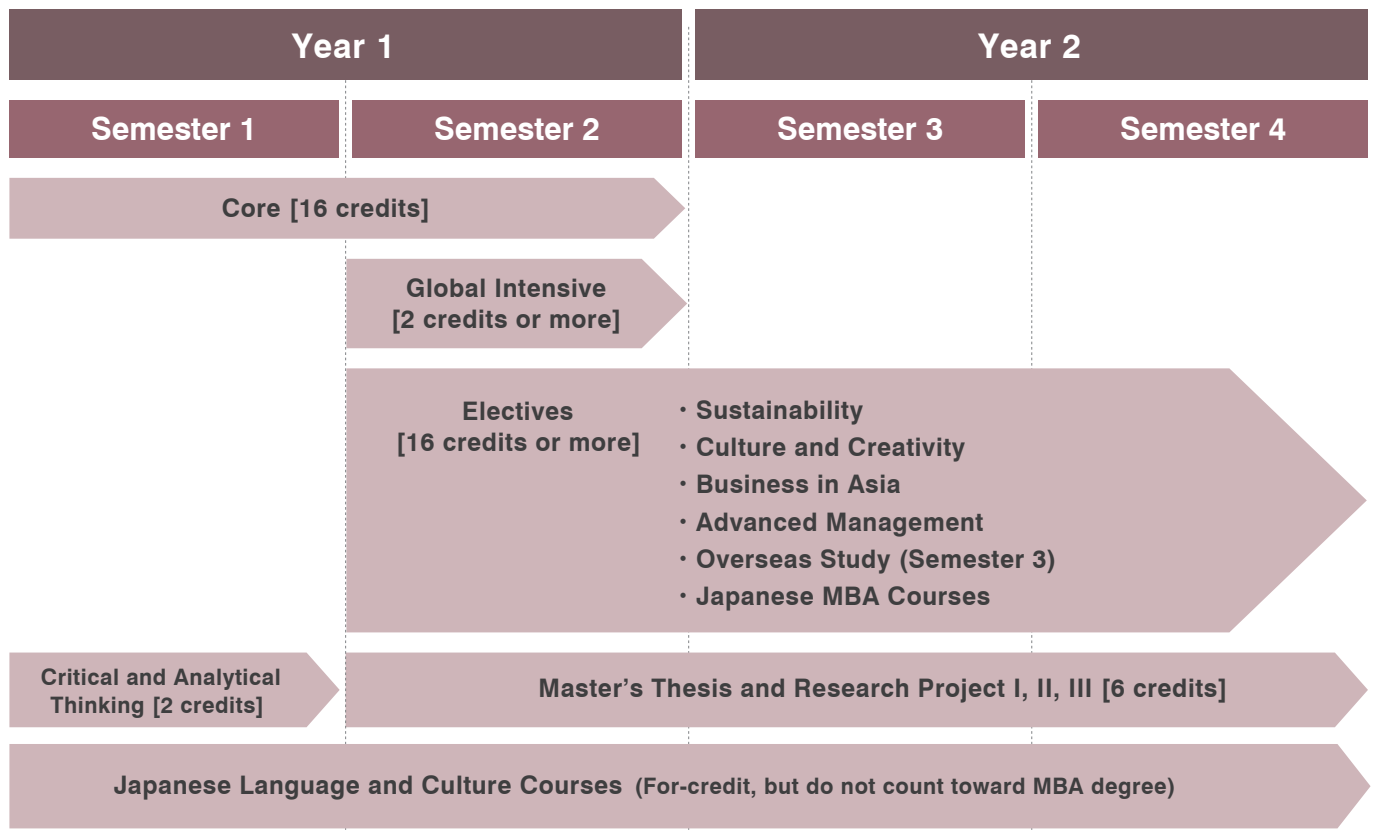
Learning Goals :

Responsible Innovative Leadership



Doshisha Business School (DBS, Graduate School of Business) obtained international accreditation for its MBA program from AMBA (The Association of MBAs: United Kingdom) on October 18, 2023. Established in 1967 in the UK, AMBA is one of the three most prestigious international accreditation bodies in the world, alongside AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business: United States) and EFMD (The European Foundation for Management Development: Belgium). As of October 2023, only about 2% of business schools worldwide, totaling 305 schools, have obtained international accreditation from AMBA. This achievement by Doshisha Business School marks only the fourth Business School in Japan to achieve AMBA accreditation, also making it the first AMBA accredited Business School in the Kansai region. This international accreditation certifies that the education provided by DBS embodies the spirit of conscientious education and leverages the wisdom that blends Kyoto's tradition and innovation, nurturing leaders possessing high levels of integrity who can also contribute to the sustainable development of economies and societies globally. DBS will continue to utilize AMBA's global network to constantly improve the quality of education that is offered and aim to continue to improve the value that it provides to its students and alumni. Through its unique MBA program, offered in both Japanese and English, DBS promises to nurture leaders who will forge a new era and contribute to the creation of a better society.

Curriculum of the Global MBA Program



*Subject to change

Curriculum

The Global MBA curriculum at Doshisha Business School is structured to be completed in two years and is designed to give you a solid foundation in the core business subjects, and to allow you to shape your program of study to match your interests by choosing from a broad menu of electives.

To earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Global Business and Management Studies at Doshisha Business School, you will be required to complete courses totaling 46 credits as well as successfully complete a master's thesis or research

project report.

Most courses are worth 2 credits.

The curriculum is made up of four parts:

- Core (16 credits)
- Global Intensive (2 credits or more)
- Electives (16 credits or more)
- Required Courses (8 credits)

Core

16 credits

The core consists of 8 courses (2 credits each) that build a foundation of knowledge in the key areas of management. You are required to take these 8 courses. The core courses are:

Foundation Subjects

- Accounting
- Marketing
- Finance
- People and Organizations
- Business Economics
- Strategic Management
- Operations Management
- Business and Society in the Global Context

Global Intensive

2 credits or more

These courses are offered in a compressed (typically one-week or two-week) format by renowned visiting professors. You are required to take at least one Global Intensive course.

Electives

16 credits or more

There are two categories of electives:

- Global MBA electives
- Courses taken at overseas partner universities and/ or Japanese MBA courses

A. Global MBA Electives

These courses cover a broad range of business subjects, including those in our three focus areas of Sustainability and Green Business, Culture and Creativity, and Business in Asia. All elective courses are open to all students.

Sustainability

Foundations for Sustainable Management
Green Management in Action
Environmental Accounting
Sustainable and Responsible Marketing
Sustainable Human Resource Management
Economics for Sustainable Development

Business in Asia Courses

Understanding Japanese Corporations
Japanese Business Practices
Marketing in Asia
Human Resource Management in Asia
Investment in Asia
Operations Management in Asia

Culture and Creativity Courses

Cultural and Creative Industries
The Business of Japanese Pop Culture
The Business of Fashion Industry
Cultural Tourism
e-Marketing
Creativity in Organizations
Creativity and Communication

Advanced Management Courses

Business Analysis and Valuation
Business Law
Business Research Method
Knowledge and Innovation Management
Marketing Research
Making Sense of the Global Economy
Statistics
Strategic Cost Management
Strategic Management for Innovation and Change
Professional Development
Writing Skills for Effective Communication
Information Technology / Management
Data Science in Business
Entrepreneurship
Project-based Internship

B. Courses Taken at Overseas Partner Universities and Japanese MBA Courses

If you apply to spend a term or semester studying at one of our overseas partner universities and/or take courses offered by our sister Japanese MBA program (Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1 required), up to 10 credits can be counted toward your MBA degree. (Approval of course professor required.)

Required Courses

8 credits

The required courses help students to develop conceptual understanding and critical thinking and analytical skills as a foundation for their major project.

- Critical and Analytical Thinking
- Master's Thesis and Research Project I
- Master's Thesis and Research Project II
- Master's Thesis and Research Project III

Japanese Language and Culture Courses

Doshisha's Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) offers a wide range of courses for international students studying in undergraduate and graduate programs at Doshisha. A certain number of these courses are open to Global MBA students, free of charge. Please note, however, that these courses cannot be included in the 46 credits required for the MBA degree.

Our Learning Facilities



Classrooms intended for face-to-face discussions.

Excellent 24/7 facilities dedicated for Business School students.





Faculty

Global MBA Faculty Team



1 Mari Iizuka



6 Hiroko Okudaira



11 Anya Doi-Benson
(From September 2024)

5 Etsuaki Yoshida

- A** International Finance
Business in Emerging Economies
- B** Finance
Japanese Business Practices
Investment in Asia
Making Sense of the Global Economy
Critical and Analytical Thinking
Master Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- ※ *PhD Kyoto University / Bank of Japan*

6 Hiroko Okudaira

- A** Labor Economics
Economics of Organization and Human Resource Management
Data Analysis on Economic Issues
- B** Business Economics
Sustainable Human Resource Management
Creativity in Organizations
Human Resource Management in Asia
Critical and Analytical Thinking
Master's Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- ※ *PhD Osaka University*

7 Arif Iqbal

- A** Executive Leadership Effectiveness
High Performance Leadership Teams
Japanese and Asian Leadership
Global Business Strategy & Organization
- B** Strategic Management
Professional Development
Understanding Japanese Corporations
Project-based Internship
Critical & Analytical Thinking
Master's Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- ※ *Former Global CFO Benesse Holdings, Inc.*



2 Yoko Ogushi



7 Arif Iqbal
(From April 2024)



12 Koji Takahashi

Global MBA Faculty Team

1 Mari Iizuka

- A** Global Business Strategy and Organization
Sustainability and Business Ethics
Mindfulness and Leadership
Japanese and Asian Business Management
- B** Responsible Leadership in the Global Context
People and Organizations
Critical and Analytical Thinking
Master's Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- J** Global Management and Global Human Resource Development
- ※ *PhD Kyoto University*

8 Vera Paola Shoda

- A** Affective Engineering
Data Science
Computational Social Science
- B** Information Technology/Management
Business Research Methods
- ※ *PhD University of Tsukuba*

9 Robert William Aspinall

- A** The political and educational systems of Japan and the UK
- B** Writing Skills for Effective Communication
- ※ *D.Phil. University of Oxford*



3 Philip Sugai



8 Vera Paola Shoda
(From September 2024)

2 Yoko Ogushi

- A** Business and Performance Evaluation
Consensus-Building and Commitment
IT and Robotics Management
Management Accounting
- B** Business Analysis and Valuation
Strategic Cost Management
Entrepreneurship
Accounting
Critical and Analytical Thinking
Master Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- ※ *PhD Kyushu University*

10 Masumi Izumi

- A** Global Migration
North American Race Relations
National Security, Law, and Civil Liberties
- B** Master Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- ※ *PhD Doshisha University*



4 Yong Yin



9 Robert William Aspinall

3 Philip Sugai

- A** Marketing
Innovation
Responsible Marketing
- B** Marketing
Sustainable and Responsible Marketing
e-Marketing
Marketing Research
Critical and Analytical Thinking
Master's Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- ※ *PhD Waseda University*

11 Anya Doi-Benson

- A** Contemporary Japanese media
Children's and youth media cultures
- B** Cultural and Creative Industries
- ※ *PhD University of York*

12 Koji Takahashi

- A** International Trade Law, Commercial and Investment Arbitration, Cryptoassets law
- B** Business Law
- ※ *PhD, University of London*



5 Etsuaki Yoshida



10 Masumi Izumi

4 Yong Yin

- A** Operations Management
Sustainable Operations
Flexible and Agile Organization
Manufacturing Strategy
- B** Operations Management
Foundations for Sustainable Management
Operations Management in Asia
Critical and Analytical Thinking
Master's Thesis and Research Project I, II, III
- J** Supply Chain Management
- ※ *PhD Tohoku University*

Other DBS and Doshisha Faculty



1 Eugene Choi



6 Yoshiaki Nose



11 Ken Arii

8 Se-il Mun

- A** Urban Economics
Transportation Economics
- J** Japanese MBA: Business Economics
Microeconomic Analysis
- ※ *PhD Kyoto University*

9 Kentaro Nobeoka

- A** Innovation Management
Art Thinking
New Product Development
- J** Specialized Research in Innovation
- ※ *Ph.D Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) / Mazda*



2 Koichi Fujiwara
(DBS Dean From April 2024)



7 Takako Yamashita

Other DBS and Doshisha Faculty

1 Eugene Choi

- A** Strategy & Global Business
Kyoto & Kyoto-Based Enterprises
Technology & Innovation Management,
Knowledge Creation & Entrepreneurship
- B** Strategic Management
- J** Knowledge Management
Strategic Management
Kyoto Heritage Industry & Cultural Business
- ※ *PhD University of Cambridge*

2 Koichi Fujiwara

- A** Financial Engineering
Statistics
Economics
- J** Business Statistics
Corporate Finance
Financial Engineering
- ※ *MA Waseda University*

3 Fukuko Inoue

- A** Organizational Behavior
Human Resource Management
Organization Change
- J** Human Resource Management
Organization Management
Specialized Research in General Management:
Organizational Innovation
Specialized Research in General Management:
Leadership
- ※ *PhD Kobe University*



3 Fukuko Inoue



8 Se-il Mun

4 Toshihiro Kodama

- A** Small Business Management
- J** Business Creation Management
Venture Business Management
Industrial Clusters and Business Location Strategy
Small Business Management
- ※ *Former Special Advisor, Japan Finance Corporation*



4 Toshihiro Kodama



9 Kentaro Nobeoka
(From April 2024)

5 Yoshihiro Mori

- A** Innovation Management
- B** Strategic Management for Innovation and Change
- J** Innovation Management
Business Model Innovation
Open Innovation
- ※ *PhD Kyushu University*



5 Yoshihiro Mori



10 Akio Umeda
(From April 2024)

6 Yoshiaki Nose

- A** Corporate Finance
- J** Business Finance
Small Business Finance
Investment
Personal Finance
- ※ *PhD University of Tsukuba*

7 Takako Yamashita

- A** Marketing
Consumer Behavior
- J** Marketing
Consumer Behavior
Product and Brand Development
- ※ *PhD Kobe University*

10 Akio Umeda

- A** Corporate Governance
Corporate Finance
- J** Corporate Governance
Accounting
Accounting and Auditing
- ※ *MSc, University of London (Imperial College)
MEcon, Kobe University*

11 Ken Arii

- A** Ecology
Environmental Modeling
Sustainability Science
- J** Green Management in Action
- ※ *PhD McGill University*

- A** Research Interest
- B** Subject
- J** Japanese MBA
- ※ *Academic Degree / Practical Experience*

Information accurate as of April 1, 2024.

Program Highlights

Focus Areas of Global MBA Program

Sustainability

Drawing on Kyoto's legacy as birthplace of the Kyoto Protocol, and on the advances of Japanese companies in developing green technologies and adopting sustainable business practices, our Sustainability courses provide students with a solid foundation in the theory and practice of managing firms in a sustainable way, including increasing energy efficiency, reducing waste, managing the environmental impact of business, and finding ways to promote sustainability in all aspects of a company's operations.

Culture and Creativity

Cultural and creative industries — ranging from anime, music, video games, and film to fashion, design, traditional crafts, and cultural tourism — are dynamic sectors in today's knowledge economy with far reaching economic, social, and political implications. Japanese pop culture, for example, is not just big business; it is considered a form of "soft power" that brings the world closer together.

More broadly, creativity and innovation are increasingly demanded of individuals, companies, and societies in today's competitive business environment. Global MBA Culture and Creativity courses prepare students to manage successfully in the cultural sector and give them a creative edge that can be applied in any company or industry.

Business in Asia

Accounting for one third of world GDP — greater than that of the United States or the EU — Asia is the most dynamic region of the world economy. And not just as a cheap-labor based producer of manufactured goods; Asian companies are leading innovators and Asian markets for other countries' products and services are the fastest growing in the world.

Asia is a mosaic — of traditional and modern, of diverse histories, geography, cultures, political systems, and business practices. Our Business in Asia courses give students the tools to understand and navigate these various differences and dynamics.

Overseas Partner Universities

Adding another dimension to their experience, students have the opportunity to apply to study at one of our overseas partner universities. We also welcome exchange students from these institutions, adding to the cosmopolitan nature of the Doshisha Global MBA.



Norway:
University of Stavanger,
Uis Business School



Sweden:
University of Gothenburg,
School of Business,
Economics and Law



Germany:
University of Tübingen,
Faculty of Economics and
Social Sciences



China:
Renmin University of China,
School of Business



Taiwan:
National Taiwan Normal University,
College of Management



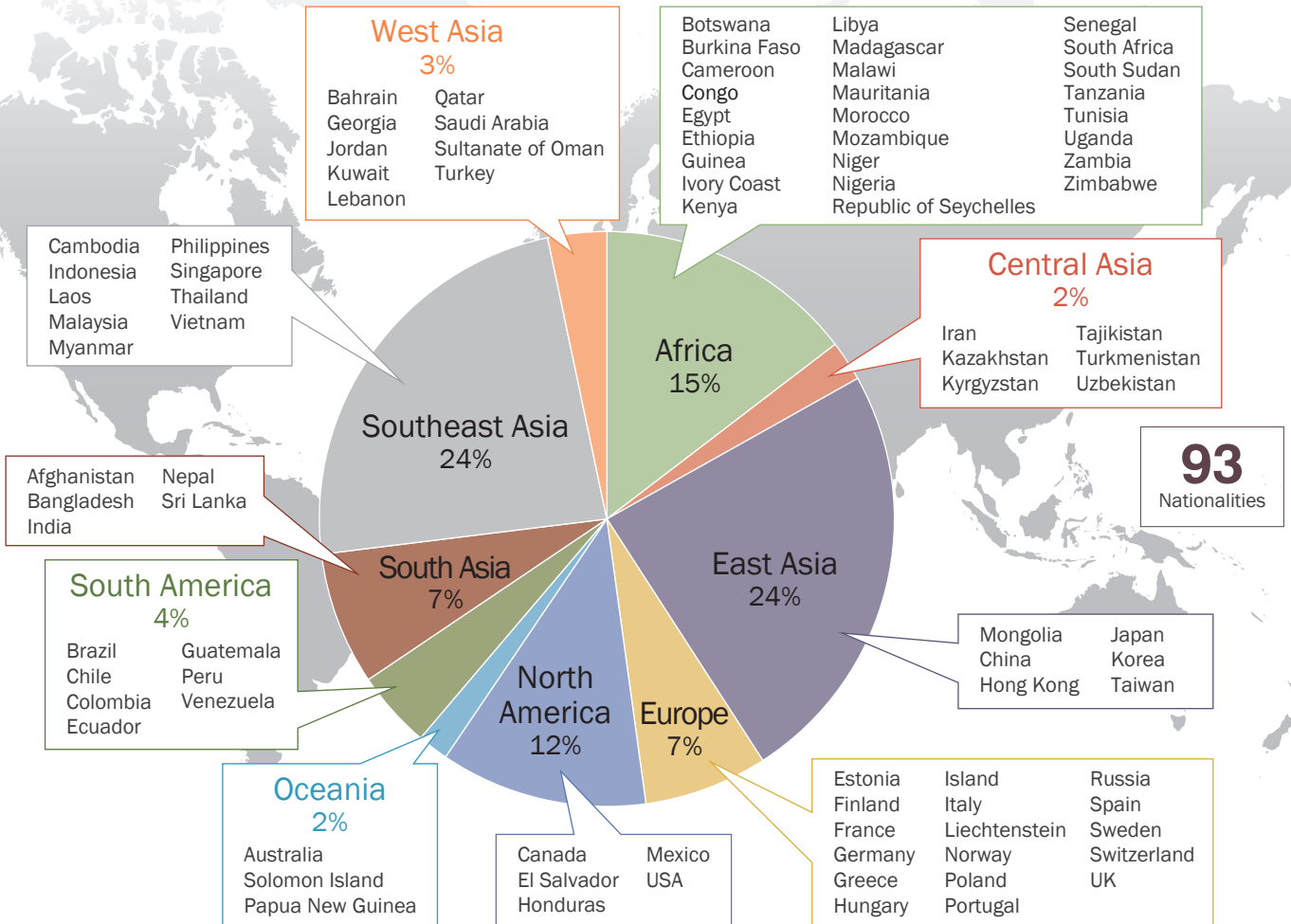
Indonesia:
Universitas Gadjah Mada,
Faculty of Economics and Business



Germany:
Free University of Berlin,
School of Business and Economics

International Atmosphere

Student Enrollment by Geographical Region (2009-2023)



Career and Alumni Network

Career Advancement

An MBA is an investment in your future, whether you are looking to change careers or to move into a managerial position in your present field. Today's job market for MBAs is strong. According to a corporate recruiter's survey conducted by the Graduate Management Admissions Council (GMAC), demand for business school graduates is particularly high in Asia Pacific with 83% of companies surveyed planning to hire MBA holders in 2022.



Japanese Firms Recruiting International Students

With a shrinking domestic market and a generation of young Japanese that tends to look more inward than abroad, Japanese companies are sharply increasing their recruitment of non-Japanese as they expand their global operations. What these companies seek in their non-Japanese recruits are language ability, an understanding of Japanese business practices, strong drive, and the communication skills and perspective that come from experience in a multicultural environment.

Corporate Internships

Corporate internships offer students a chance to apply what they've learned in the classroom to the real world, to experience business practices first-hand, and to expand their network of business connections. They also give students and companies a chance to get to know each other, and can lead to employment opportunities after graduation.

Many Global MBA students do internships, either in Japan or overseas. Among the business areas they have worked in are market entry research, business development, data analysis, diversity management, and corporate communications. Students may also use an internship as part of the research for their Master's Thesis or Research Project Report.

Career Resources

Our career center provides resources, information, and advice on employment opportunities, job fairs, and the job-hunting process to help you explore and realize your career goals. We regularly invite external speakers to provide seminars for MBA students and coordinate with the university for on-site recruitment events.

Our career services include:

- Career assessment and planning
- Resume and cover letter writing assistance
- Job interview coaching
- One-on-one career consultation
- Up-to-date job listings
- E-Career web portal
- Career fairs, recruiting events, and workshops
- Contact list of recent graduates



Where Do Our Graduates Work?

While many of our students seek positions with established companies in Japan and abroad, a growing number look to develop their own businesses or join up-and-coming small and medium enterprises. With the skills and international experience gained during their MBA studies, our graduates are prepared to work in a range of companies and environments.

A few of the well-known companies our graduates have gone on to work for include:

- Amazon.com, Inc. (China)
- Auqusta Aikens and Associates (India)
- Berlitz Japan Ltd.
- Bertrand Co.
- Bosch Vietnam Co., Ltd. (Vietnam)
- Calsonic Kansei
- Coca Cola Bottlers Japan Holdings
- Daimler Trucks Asia (Mitsubishi Fuso Trucks & Bus Corporation)
- Daikin Corporation
- Dell Inc. Japan
- Dism
- Enviro Tech International Inc.
- Eskom (South Africa)
- Fujifilm Corporation (Denmark)
- Gekkeikan Sake Co., Ltd.
- Hays Specialist Recruitment Japan K.K.
- Hacarus Inc.
- Hitachi Capital Corporation
- Hitachi Construction Machinery
- iKala Thailand
- Infosys Limited Japan
- ITOCHU Corporation
- Jinzaibase K.K.
- JW Marriott Hotel Nara
- Kodomonosono GinnoSuzu
- Konica Minolta Business Technologies Inc.
- Kuehne Nagel Japan
- KYOCERA Corporation
- Leonis Co.,Ltd.
- Lyym Home
- Microsoft China
- Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia
- Ministry of Industry and Trade of Tanzania
- Mitsubishi Corporation (Turkmenistan)
- Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking Corporation
- Monster Energy Japan
- Nabtesco Corporation
- Nagase & Co., Ltd. (USA)
- NIPRO Corporation (Thailand)
- NTT Data
- Pasona Inc.
- Qatar National Bank Group (Qatar)
- Rainmaking Innovation Japan
- Rakuten Group, Inc.
- Rohto Pharmaceutical Company
- The Ritz Carlton Kyoto
- Toyota Boshoku Corporation
- Shanghai Ventures (Mexico)
- Smith + Nephew
- Tex Technology Inc.
- Toshiba
- UCC Holdings Co.,Ltd.
- UD Trucks Corporation
- Universal Campus
- Yamaha Motor Co Ltd
- Yamato Transport
- Yamada Electric Ind. Co., Ltd.
- WITS

(Employed in Japan when not otherwise indicated. Data reflects employer information at the point of graduation from 2011-2023 graduates)



Doshisha Business School Network

The Doshisha Business School Network was organized in 2006, connecting students, professors, alumni, and members of the Kansai business community. Current students and recent alumni from both the Global MBA and the Japanese MBA programs regularly collaborate to produce the DBSN student newsletter as well as organize seminars and networking events, providing opportunities to build relationships outside of the classroom. Access to the DBS Network is an important benefit of studying in our Global MBA and can open doors to support you in your business career.

Doshisha Alumni Association (Doshisha Kōyū-kai)

Doshisha Kōyū-kai originated from the "Alumni-kai" that was organized in 1885, ten years after Doshisha was founded. This association includes graduates from all Doshisha institutions, from elementary schools to the university level. Doshisha graduates actively working around the world now total to more than 350,000 people. In addition to the 48 branches throughout Japan, there are overseas chapters and clubs located in 36 cities of 24 countries around the world. With an increasingly international student body at the university, the DAA network is sure to spread far and wide as branches of the vine in the spirit of Doshisha.



Tomokazu Nakamura
Advisory Director
Doshisha Alumni Association



<https://www.doshisha-alumni.gr.jp/>

Learning Environment and Kyoto

University Facilities and Support

Doshisha University's Imadegawa Campus is located in the center of Kyoto City near the spacious, park-like Kyoto Imperial Palace and is easily accessible by subway or bus. Imadegawa Campus is home to a range of academic facilities including libraries, media centers, and the Learning Commons, a 2,550m² study space equipped with a wide variety of the latest information technology and specialized spaces where students can bring their ideas to life. Low-cost cafeterias, a student health center, and counseling center are also conveniently located on campus creating a robust support system for students.

The university encourages exchange between local and international students through efforts such as establishing international lounges, maintaining a student organization under the Office of International Students to plan and hold intercultural events, and offering the International Peer Support Program to help international students adjust to life in Japan and at Doshisha.

Doshisha Business School Facilities

The Business School is located in the modern Kambaikan Building on Doshisha's Imadegawa (Muromachi) Campus. Our facilities include classrooms, project rooms, lounges, and a dedicated business school library. The lounges, project rooms, and library are open to MBA students 24/7, 365 days a year. The school has Wi-Fi internet access and full security is ensured for students studying late at night.



A safe, exciting, and fascinating country — and one fully integrated into the dynamic Asian economy — Japan is an excellent place to study for your MBA. Doshisha Business School is located in the ancient capital of Kyoto, which lies at the heart of the broader Kansai economy.





Kyoto – Ancient Capital and Modern City

Home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites, Kyoto is the location of choice for innovators, academics, and all those wishing to surround themselves with a fascinating balance of the past, present, and future. While traditional Kyoto draws tourists from all over the globe to its temples and gardens, modern Kyoto offers everything that the resident or visitor could desire: exciting shopping districts, a safe and fun night life, a variety of natural and spiritual pursuits and institutions, and access to Japan's international hub cities of Osaka and Kobe. The Kansai region of Japan (centered around Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe) offers a multicultural environment with China-towns, Korea-towns, and a huge range of cultural and entertainment events.



Messages From Our Students and Alumni

CURRENT STUDENTS



ELDAKROURY HOSSAMELDIN MOHSEN ABDELAZIZ
Egypt

As a master's graduate in electrical engineering, I am keen to broaden my expertise through a Global MBA at Doshisha University. Inspired by its commitment to sustainability and "knowledge with conscience," I am drawn to Doshisha's unique blend of Kyoto's heritage and modern business practices. The university's inclusive environment and emphasis on international citizenship resonate with my desire to collaborate with diverse minds worldwide. By immersing myself here, I aim to bridge technology and business, contributing to impactful decision-making and strategy. I believe Doshisha is the ideal place to develop the skills needed for a sustainable future.



LEIRA OLE THOMAS BRANDAL
Norway

I chose Doshisha Business School because of its commitment to fostering innovative thinking and its strategic location in Japan. With a background in corporate banking, I'm here to gain insights into Japan's approach to innovation and develop skills to drive impactful change. I am impressed with the campus and facilities at Doshisha, and I look forward to these next 2 years together with my classmates, where we will work hard to gain knowledge from the competent faculty.



GUTMANN KRISTINA
Estonia

After working in tech startup companies for almost a decade I realized I was not getting the fulfillment I desired from my career. My dream was to have my own creative business, but I had been hesitant to take the first step. This is where an idea to do an MBA came to me.

I wanted to spend the next 2 years in a place that could offer the most interesting experiences and the best education, which is why I chose Kyoto and Doshisha.

The MBA program at Doshisha provides a curriculum that is packed with the classic fundamentals of business, but it also offers innovative subjects and teaches a

more creative approach to business management.

I am looking forward to receiving a well-rounded, contemporary MBA degree that will help me with my future endeavors.



XU BINGRONG
China

After more than a decade of working experience, I've decided to take a career break and seek new, exciting experiences. Working in the Netherlands for many years has been enriching, but my heart is still deeply connected to my Asian roots. I'm passionate about fostering stronger cooperation between Asia and Europe, and I believe now is the perfect time to take this step forward.

One of the things that drew me to DBS is its unique focus on business in Asia and sustainability. These are areas that align perfectly with my career aspirations. The fact that DBS offers an English program is also a big plus, making it a perfect bridge for me as I explore a new country and culture while

continuing to develop my global business perspective.

I've always had a love for Japanese culture, and the charm of Kyoto, with its rich history and vibrant atmosphere, has always fascinated me. I can't wait to immerse myself in this environment and take in all the inspiration it has to offer. But most importantly, I'm looking forward to my school life at DBS — to meeting new people, building meaningful networks, and learning from everyone around me. I'm excited about the unique and inspiring experiences that await and the personal growth this journey will bring.



NGAMLERSUPORN CHAISOPON
Thailand

Prior to joining Doshisha Business School (DBS), I felt limited in my career and uncertain about how to grow myself into a leadership role within an organization. Choosing DBS has been a life-changing experience for me as DBS has offered me the opportunity to sharpen my business acumen I can apply it to real-world business scenarios. The program's focus areas on culture and creativity, sustainability and green management, and business in Asia align perfectly with my professional goals, particularly given my background in hospitality and consulting firm. DBS also provides a seamless blend of tradition and modern business courses, with Kyoto

- a city renowned for its rich cultural heritage and innovation - making the perfect place for my study. Moreover, the program's diversity with classmates from various parts of the world has exposed me to an intercultural society, which broadens my perspective and allows me to analyze business cases from a global standpoint. I am confident that the knowledge, connections, and experiences I gain at DBS will make a lasting and meaningful impact in my future career.



BVALANI ETHEL ATUPELE
Malawi

I primarily chose DBS because of the value placed on "conscience education" as expressed in the Mission statement. This core value aligns perfectly with my own personal belief of integrity being a key quality for effective leadership.

The comprehensive curriculum at DBS also supports my goal of improving Risk Management in Malawi's Energy Sector through policy and business improvements. Courses like Japanese Business practices will offer unique insights to Japanese business longevity and resilience which will be invaluable to my work. The Sustainability courses in the curriculum are also crucial in this pursuit.

Lastly, DBS is perfectly located in Kyoto, away from the bustle of city life. It offers a beautiful and calm environment where I can focus on my education and unwind by taking a walk in the nearby Gyoen National Garden.

ALUMNI



LI SHUAI
Canada

Before joining this program, I received two offers. One was from DBS to become a full-time MBA student, and the other was from Air Canada as a cabin crew to travel the world. I chose to become a student again. Two years later, I didn't regret coming to Kyoto. Not just for the degree, but for the experience and the lessons I learned, which will stay with me for a lifetime. That is something nobody can take away. I also took part in the Harvard Summer School in Kyoto 2023, which was a standout experience during my time at Doshisha. The knowledge I gained from interacting with Harvard students was invaluable. I highly recommend it!"



PEREZ CORTES Jatsiri
Mexico

Studying at DBS has been a milestone in my life. The magic of this experience extends beyond the classrooms and assignments; it is a day-to-day journey enriched by interactions with classmates and professors from diverse cultures, perspectives, and interesting professional backgrounds, all of which have inspired and encouraged my personal and professional goals. My internship at SCREEN Holdings provided me with the opportunity to refine my thesis topic, motivating me to develop research that addressed real-world business challenges and reinforced my passion for multicultural enterprises. The support from professors and administrative staff, combined

with strong student integrity, fostered invaluable learning synergy and the creation of powerful professional networks.



POLTON CHERISKA
South Africa

My journey at Doshisha Business School has profoundly shaped my professional aspirations. Transitioning from an engineering background, I chose DBS for its esteemed global perspective and commitment to sustainability and innovation. The diverse backgrounds of my classmates and the inspiring setting of Kyoto have enriched my understanding of cross-cultural collaboration. The curriculum's emphasis on sustainability resonates deeply with my ambition to drive positive change in technology and engineering sectors. As I look ahead, I am confident that the skills and insights I have gained at DBS will empower me to pursue impactful leadership roles,

fostering growth and innovation in my career.



ELDACRORY MOHAB MOHSEN ABDELAZIZ
Egypt

I chose Doshisha University to build on my 12 years in total quality management and develop as a strategic decision-maker. Kyoto, with its mountains and serene temples, provided the perfect setting for reflection and growth. The city's tranquility offered me the space for deep personal insights, and it's where I found love and lasting friendships. One course that truly shaped my perspective was Sustainable Human Resource Management. It introduced me to coding with the R platform and helped me see how data can reveal the impact of HR strategies. This course has changed how I approach leadership and will be vital to my future career.



DARBEKOVA DIANA
Kazakhstan

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Doshisha Business School for significantly advancing my professional journey on a global scale. This incredible experience not only enabled me to secure a position at Rakuten, one of the top international IT companies that I aspired to join even before pursuing my MBA, but also transformed me personally, making me a better individual. What sets the Doshisha community apart is its unique environment: while the academic standards are among the highest, the professors go beyond delivering formal knowledge. They focus on identifying and nurturing the unique strengths of each

student, helping them unlock their full potential with care and professionalism.

Admission and Scholarships

Admissions Process

Doshisha Business School welcomes applications from motivated and ambitious persons – regardless of age, gender, or nationality – seeking to explore the frontiers of business management and improve the well-being of our society. Our admissions process is designed to evaluate the whole person and to establish a positive ‘fit’ between applicants and our MBA program.

As part of the application process each applicant can attend an Information Session, where general and specific requirements for acceptance to Global Business and Management Studies can be discussed and in more detail with a Global Business and Management Studies professor. Applicants who go on to submit a formal application must pass a Formal Interview, which can be completed via Zoom or in-person at Doshisha Business School. Eligibility requirements and the application process are explained in detail in our admissions guide.

* Below is a list of our previous application rounds. Please check the Doshisha Business School website for updated information related to 2026 admissions.

Admissions Schedule

Round	Application Deadline	Formal Interview Schedule	Admission Decisions
1	November 19, 2024	December 3, 4, or 5	Mid- January
2	January 7, 2025	January 21, 22, or 23	Mid- to late February
3	February 4, 2025	February 18, 19, or 20	Mid- March
4 *1	March 4, 2025	March 17, 18, or 19	Mid- to late April
5	April 1, 2025	April 15, 16, or 17	Mid- to late May
6 *2	May 8, 2025	May 20, 21, or 22	Mid- June (III)
7 *3	June 10, 2025	June 17, 18, or 19	Mid- July

*1 Round 4: Applicants for University Recommendation for Doshisha Undergraduate Students should submit the formal application before Round 4 deadline. Any application received after this deadline will not be considered for this recommendation scheme.

*2 Round 6: Successful applicants of Round 6 should note that the due date of admission fee payment is set much earlier than the other application rounds.

*3 Round 7: This round is only available for applicants who have Japanese nationality or who currently reside in Japan with valid visa for the entire period between your application and enrollment. Please refer to the 2025 Admissions Guide for further details.

Tuition and Fees

The course fees for Global Business and Management Studies at Doshisha Business School for 2025 entry students are as follows.

*Tuition and Fees may be revised from 2026 onwards.

Tuition and Fees for 2025 Enrollment

(Fees in Japanese Yen)

Fees/Semester	YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
	FALL Semester	SPRING Semester	FALL Semester	SPRING Semester
Admission Fee	200,000 (*1)	-	-	-
Tuition	293,000 (*2)	293,000	393,000	393,000
Facilities Fee	66,000 (*3)	66,000	66,000	66,000
Total	1,836,000			

Initial Registration fees: 200,000 (*1) + 293,000 (*2) + 66,000 (*3) = 559,000 yen

Notes:

- i. Students who obtained their undergraduate or graduate degrees at Doshisha University will be charged half of the admission fee, i.e. 100,000 yen.
- ii. In the case a student is enrolled for more than 2 years, tuition will be 786,000 yen per year and the facilities fee will be 132,000 yen per year.

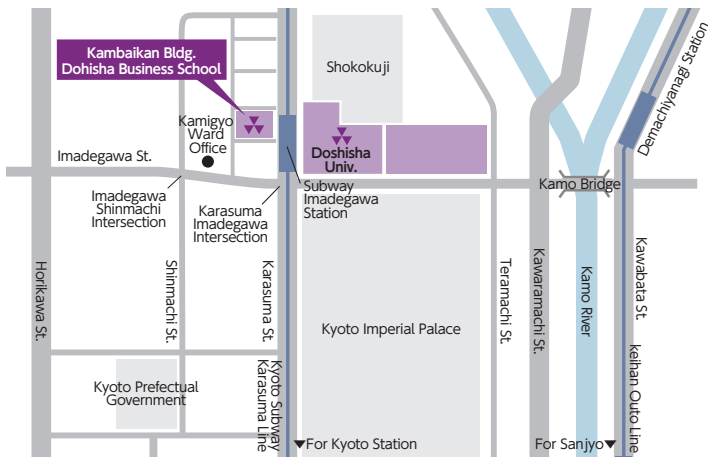
Scholarship Opportunities

In addition to other scholarship opportunities, we are pleased to offer Doshisha University Merit Scholarships for Self-Funded International Students to all international students.* If financial aid is important to you, we advise you to apply early as some funding opportunities may not be available later in the application period. Please refer to our scholarship webpage for the latest information.

*Some conditions may apply.

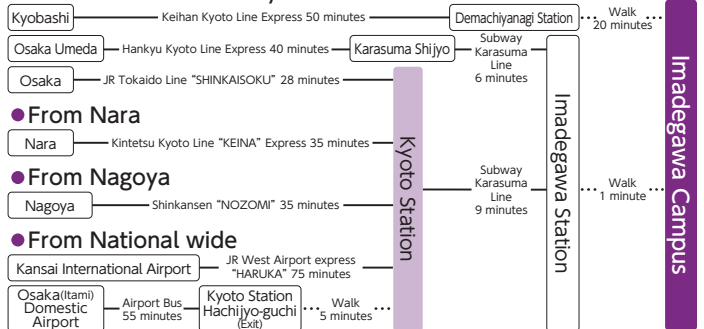


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