

Graduate School of Sociology

Rikkyo University's College of Sociology, which serves as the parent body for the Graduate School of Sociology, underwent a significant reorganization in April 2006. The Graduate School of Sociology also took this opportunity to adopt a new education and research structure. The School, by clearly defining its position within the discipline, changed from a two-part structure comprising the Graduate Programs in Sociology and Applied Sociology to a Graduate Program in Sociology. At this time it established six social research fields: Policy, Culture, Urban Areas, Media, and Communication, and established a curriculum that develops from basic theory in each of these fields. Furthermore, the School established a research method theory course was established as a program whereby students acquire certification as specialized social researchers.

Sociology is a discipline which requires its practitioners to systematically master the theories and methodologies that underpin research, while simultaneously approaching actual contemporary problems in a realistic and practical manner. The Graduate School of Sociology provides six research fields and a systematic educational curriculum.

Field of Study: Sociology

1. In 2006, Rikkyo University established the Graduate Degree Program in Sociology, with academic fields in Sociological Research, Policy Research, Cultural Research, Urban Research, Media Research, and Communication Research, to promote systematic and interdisciplinary research and education.
2. In addition to teaching the fundamental theories of the various fields of research through lectures and seminar-style lessons, the masters degree program also offers research seminars in subjects essential for obtaining specialized social researcher certification.
3. Students working on doctoral theses receive support from faculty members in their field of research, from guidance counselors, and through participation in regular research meetings.
4. The program promotes the globalization of its fields through active efforts to recruit international students from abroad.