

## **Postgraduate programs (Master's Programs and Professional Degree Program)**

### **All Graduate Schools**

#### **Mission Statement**

All postgraduate programs aim to provide in-depth learning experiences with a wide-ranging perspective. These programs are committed to cultivating not only research skills in a field of study but also a high level of competence to meet the demands of highly specialized professions.

#### **Diploma Policy**

Students should acquire the following skills, understandings, and abilities after successfully completing the program. The weight and specifics of these three elements vary in each faculty.

1. High level of expertise and research skills
  - The high-level knowledge of the specialization and the ability to conduct the research required by society and the times
  - The ability to think flexibly and conduct research to identify and solve problems autonomously
2. Collaboration and ethics
  - The ability to cooperate with others to conduct research
  - Research ethics
3. Regional interest and global perspective
  - The ability to contribute to the creation of sustainable society in an international and regional context as a citizen and professional.

#### **Curriculum Policy**

The curriculum at Wakayama University is designed and implemented based on the following perspectives.

#### **Perspective and Content of Curriculum**

1. To cultivate research skills and ethics based on a high level of expertise.
2. To provide students with learning experiences to obtain professional knowledge, practical skills, broader insight, and in-depth knowledge in collaboration with the local community
3. To cultivate critical, creative, and progressive thinking ability in global society

#### **Teaching Mode and Methodologies**

Classes focus on identifying and solving problems via small-group exercises. This teaching method enables students to acquire high-level analytical and evaluation skills, to cultivate problem-solving skills, and to apply specialized knowledge.

Appropriate assistance shall be provided to students as required.

### Assessment Methods

1. The methods and criteria for assessing performance shall be defined for and shared with students.
2. Rigorous performance assessments shall be conducted based on clear assessment criteria.

### Admissions Policy

Wakayama University seeks students who have acquired the following knowledge and abilities.

1. The fundamental knowledge, skills, and research ability for learning advanced specialized expertise
2. The willingness and attitude to contribute to society by independently trying new experiences and ways of thinking
3. Clear goals and the willingness required to cooperate with others to solve problems
4. Commitment to academic study and research

### Expectations after Admissions

Students are expected to increase their knowledge and abilities to the level that enables them to learn the highly specialized education of each graduate school based on the knowledge and abilities gained during their undergraduate degrees.

### Basic Policy for Admissions

An appropriate process for assessing the knowledge and abilities of applicants is implemented according to the characteristics of each graduate school.