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Kyoto University School of Public Health Double Degree Program for Master's degree



Information for **inbound** students

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What is Double Degree Program (DDP)?



- A program that provides students with an opportunity to obtain two master's degrees within a period of two years (**or more**), namely a Master of Public Health (MPH) from **Kyoto University School of Public Health (KUSPH)** and a related degree from your **home** university.



1. Shortens time:

It usually takes 4 years to obtain 2 master's degrees, however, this program enables students to complete 2 degrees in 2 years (or more), maximizing time by offering intensive courses, a summer-school program, a credit transfer system, and a joint research.



2. Partial scholarship:

When up-taking the DDP, students who are enrolled at **home** university will also be officially enrolled at KUSPH, however, they do not pay tuition fees at KUSPH. The students pay tuition fees at **home** university only.



3. Personal growth: The DDP enables candidates to acquire the ability and skills to plan, manage, solve problems, think analytically and develop a broad understanding of his/her chosen field of study.

4. International experience

5. Career opportunity: Diverse career opportunities in academia, research, industry, government and many other areas.



- As explained above, intensive workload within short timeframe;
2 sets of coursework (with some credit transferable) and 2 **different** theses.

Academic degrees

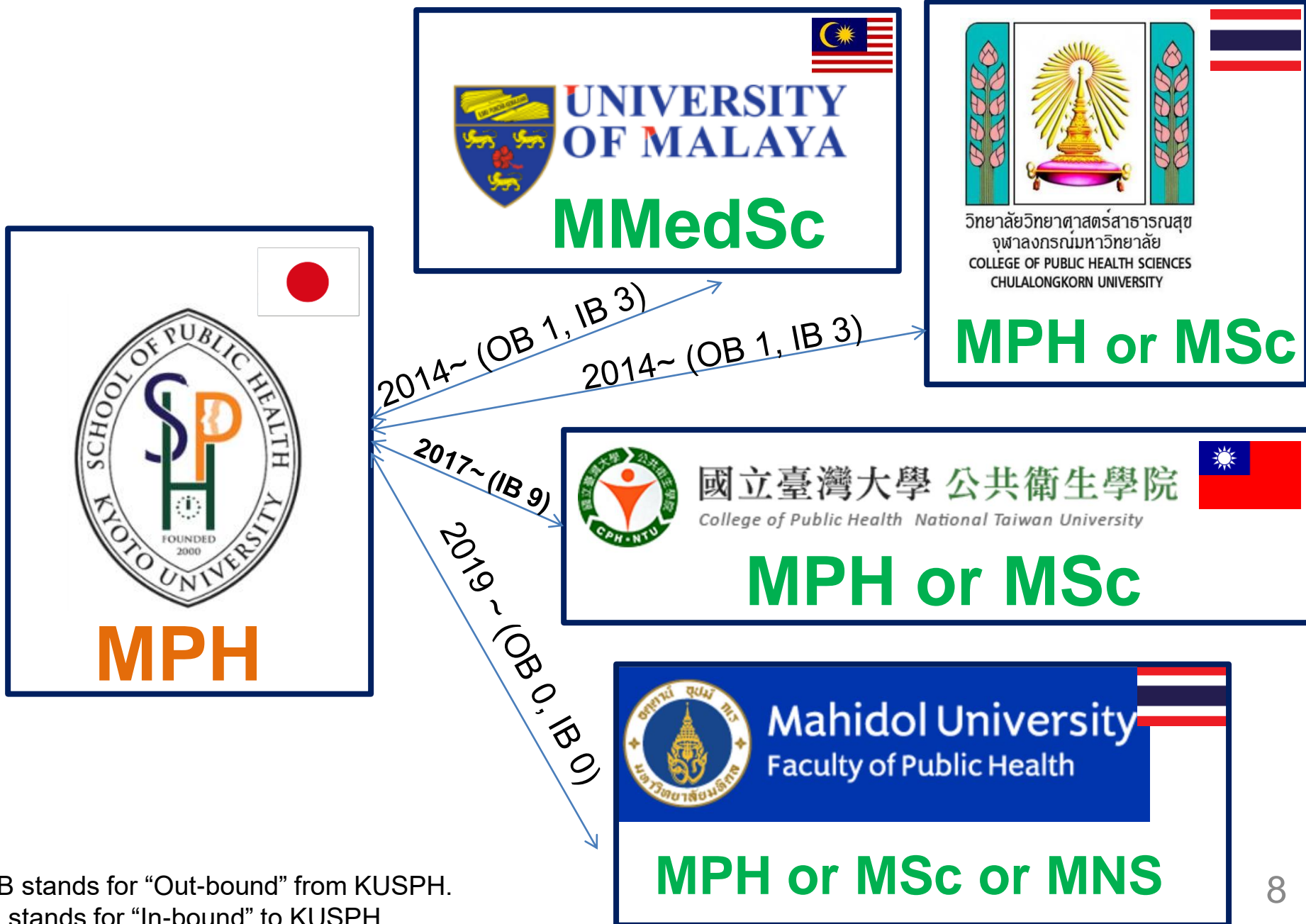
Students will be conferred 2 academic degrees by

1. **Home** university

- University of Malaya Faculty of Medicine, confers MMedSc by research
- Chulalongkorn University College of Public Health Sciences, confers either MPH or MSc
- National Taiwan University College of Public Health, confers either MPH or MSc
- Mahidol University Faculty of Public Health, confers either MPH, MSc or MNS

2. **Host** university: Kyoto University School of Public Health (KUSPH), confers MPH

Master's DDP and degrees conferred (as of April 2020)



OB stands for "Out-bound" from KUSPH.
IB stands for "In-bound" to KUSPH.



- **Master of Public Health (MPH)**

- Research and coursework

- <http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Bulletin-2019-2020-Brief-ENG-20190403.pdf>



- <http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/organization-staff/research/sph/>
- <http://sph.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/field/>

Curriculum for KUSPH's MPH (Professional Degree) Course



Category of classes	For students with medical background [†]	For students without medical background
Core Areas (All 5 areas should be included) ^a	10	10
Mandatory (Basic Medicine I ^b , II, Introduction to Clinical Medicine) ^c	—	6
Task research ^{**}	4	4
Elective	16	10
Total	30	30

^a Earning more than 10 credit hours from Core Area classes will be counted toward 'elective' category credits.

^b Basic Medicine I will not be offered after FY2020, so the credit of Basic Medicine I (Anatomy), Basic Medicine I (Physiology I), or Basic Medicine I (Neurophysiology I) will be counted alternatively.

^c The credit earned by students with medial background will not be counted towards the requirement of 30 credits for the completion of an MPH degree.

* Students with medical background including graduates of medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy (6-year course) and other medical departments. Students who are graduates of the departments other than the above and wish to be recognized as those with medical background must obtain a permission authorized by the school.

** **Task research:** Students will choose the most appropriate department for their research topic, receive mentoring for developing a research question and research protocol, data collection and analysis, and interpretation of the results. At the end of the program, students are required to present their research projects completed. Students are allowed to deliver such presentation only if they are expected to complete their graduate course in the same academic year as the one in which the said presentations are planned to be conducted.

*** Accreditation of completed credits: Up to 10 credits can be accredited if you have completed courses in other graduate schools which correspond with Core Areas 1 through 5. If you want accreditation, you need to submit the necessary papers upon entrance into MPH.

Core areas (list as of 2020)



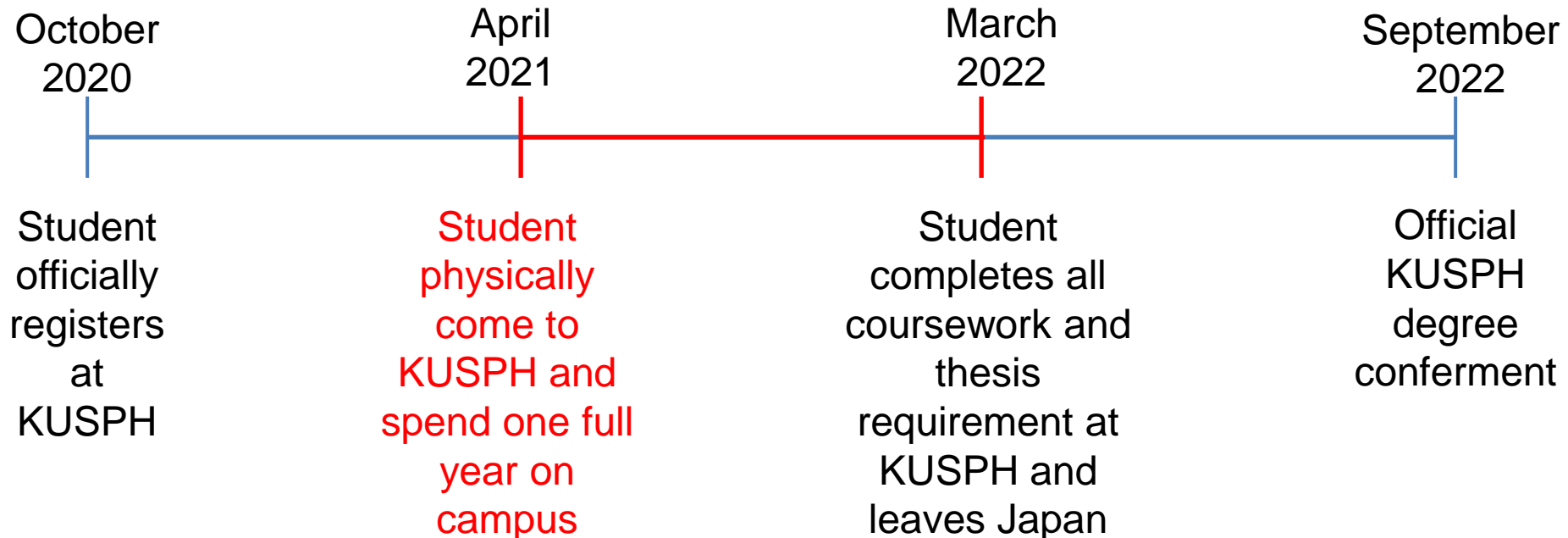
Curriculum for Master degree program in the fiscal year of FY2020

Category of classes	Code	Title	Semester		Organizer	Credits	Remarks	English syllabus	Level
			1st	2nd					
Core Area 1 (mandatory)	H118	Epidemiology I	●*		Prof. Nakayama	1	Required	●	B
	H119	Epidemiology II	●1		Lec. Fukuhara	1	Required	●	B
Core Area 2 (mandatory)	H001	Fundamentals of Biostatistics	●		Prof. Sato	2	Required	●	B
Core Area 3 (at least one class)	H070	Infectious Disease Epidemiology		●*	Prof. Furukawa	1		●	B
	H124	Occupational health and environmental health sciences	●1		Assoc. Prof. Harada	1		●	B
Core Area 4 (at least one class)	H125	Healthcare System and Policy	●2		Prof. Imanaka	1		●	B
	H127	Health Policy and Academia	●		Prof. Imanaka	2		●	B
	H109	Drug Policy and Regulation		●1	Prof. Kawakami	1		●	I
	H126	Economic Evaluation in Health Care	●1		Prof. Imanaka	1		●	I
	H128	Healthcare Systems and Policies around the World	●1		Prof. Imanaka	1	Non-Japanese or TOEFL iBT ≥ 100	●	I
Core Area 5 (at least one class)	H075	Behavioral Science	●1		Assoc. Prof. Watanabe	1		●	B
	H076	Basic Medical Ethics	●1		Prof. Kosugi	1		●	B
	H077	Medical Communication: Introduction	●1		Assoc. Prof. Iwakuma	1		●	B
Mandatory	H153	Basic Medicine I (Anatomy)	●		Prof. Kosugi	2	Choose one of them: mandatory for students without medical background. Elective for those with medical background.	●	B
	H154	Basic Medicine I (Physiology I)	●		Prof. Kosugi	2		●	B
	H155	Basic Medicine I (Neurophysiology I)		●	Prof. Kosugi	2		●	B
	H007	Basic Medicine II		●	Prof. Ueshima and Lec. Kawata	2	Mandatory for students without medical background. Elective for those with medical background.	●	B
	H008	Introduction to Clinical Medicine		●	Lec. Watanabe, Lec. Chiba	2		●	B
		Task Research		2nd year	Mentors in each Department	4	See annex table		-

- Please refer to URL: <http://sph.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/syllabus.html> for additional classes available from other schools within Kyoto University. These courses cannot be counted towards credits necessary for completion of the Master's program.



- For the MPH to be awarded, the students are to be enrolled in the program for at least 2 years.
 - i.e. officially joining KUSPH in Oct but physically be on campus from the following April



DDP Timeline and duration

Year	1												2													
Month	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
	Register at home university		Register at KUSPH																							KUSPH degree conferred
Home university	Coursework (1 st term)						Coursework (2 nd term)												Coursework (2 nd term)			Coursework (summer)				Home's degree conferred
	Research																		Research + Thesis submission + Exam at home university							
KUSPH			Please make the most of these months by communicating with your KUSPH supervisor to develop clear research plan before coming to Japan					Coursework+ Research + Thesis submission at KUSPH																		

KU official Spring term: April 1 - September 30 (Class dates: April 8- August 5)

Fall term: October 1 - March 31 (Class dates: October 1 - February 10)

- Students are enrolled as **full-time** degree students at **host** university; MPH at KUSPH is 2 years but students will **physically** come to the **KUSPH** for only **1 year (2 semesters)** from April until the following March

[Important] DDP Timeline and duration

- KUSPH-MPH: In principle, the students can meet all of the requirements within 2 years.
- The period of enrollment at **home** universities **VARIES** by degree. This depends on the requirements of that particular degree of your **home** university. (i.e.. if a peer-reviewed publication is required; the faster you could publish, the faster you could graduate!)
- Some previous DDP students could completed both degrees within 2 years and a half.
- Some students could take longer than 3 years.

General DDP application and selection timeline

- 2020 end of June: Deadline of application from your home university
- 2020 Jul-Aug: KUSPH's internal process (identify KUSPH supervisor, skype interview, etc.)
- 2020 Sept: KU's office admin process and approval from KU's medicine and KUSPH faculty meeting (student registration), JASSO scholarship application
- 2020 Oct: Students officially registered at KUSPH
- 2021 Jan-Feb: JASSO scholarship results announcement
- 2021 April: Student comes to KUSPH
- 2022 March: Student leaves KUSPH
- 2022 September: KUSPH degree conferred



- Only students **enrolled** at **home** university are eligible for the DDP at KUSPH
- Under the DDP, students pay all required fees (application, tuitions, etc.) only at **home** university
- Under the DDP, students are benefited from tuition fees exemption at the **host university (KUSPH)** and will be officially enrolled at **KUSPH** with tuition costs.

Graduation requirements

- Students are required to meet **home** and **host** institution's degree requirements; coursework, thesis, exam
- A maximum of 10 credits can be transferred from **home** university to **KUSPH**
 - Provided that courses are viewed equivalent by the relevant course instructor
 - Acknowledged by KUSPH Education Committee
 - Both Core or Elective classes
- A **separate** thesis must be submitted to each institution

DDP student selection & eligibility

In order to be eligible for the DDP, students must:

- Be officially registered at **home** university
- Will not graduate from **home** university before completing the one-year stay at KUSPH
- Have an appropriate academic record, reference from the **current** supervisor, etc.
- Possess the necessary language abilities
 - English proficiency: TOEFL, IELTS

Research

Since the student will be physically on KUSPH's campus for only one year, it is quite challenging to complete all requirements of coursework and research within that limited timeframe. Therefore, we highly recommend that the student communicate with the KUSPH advisor to develop the research protocol, prepare for IRB, etc. before coming to KUSPH.

Research

To fulfil degrees' requirement, students are required to submit 2 **different** theses, one to KUSPH (4 credits) and another to **home** university. **The theses could be of related topics, coming from a single research project.** KUSPH's thesis is a research report. We do not require ISI-indexed publication, though it is strongly encouraged!

Research

Some possible options for research at KUSPH are;

1. Working on the secondary data analysis of the existing datasets that KUSPH's supervisor has in his/her department.
2. Bringing any data that you may have at **home** university and may be do a desk review for a comparative study with Japanese context (population, risk factors, perception, attitude, behavior, environment, etc.) under the guidance of the KUSPH's supervisor.
3. Conducting a totally new research project during your stay at KUSPH. A very ambitious plan, though please also consider several important points such as ethical review board application (usually takes at least 3-4 months at KU for the first review), timeline, language barrier if you were planning to conduct interviews, and especially research budget.
4. Others, any other ideas are always welcomed. Another suggestion is also for you to discuss with your mentor at your home university for ideas.

CLASSES at KUSPH

Classes are majorly in Japanese at KUSPH. 26 credits of coursework are required (see slide 11-12). The course instructor will provide English materials for international students to self-study. Some instructors may additionally offer English classes depending on the subject. Every year international students form a peer-study group also. Generally, the students will be able to manage.

Credit transfer

To reduce the students' workload, KUSPH accept 10 credits transferable from your **home** university. Provided that the courses are viewed comparable by the KUSPH course instructor and the Education Committee.

Documents required are

1. your official transcript from home university
2. the syllabus of that particular subject

Credit transfer

For example, if you have taken “Basic epidemiology” at your university and you feel that it is closely similar to our “Epidemiology 1” course, please bring your syllabus to KUSPH to apply for credit transfer. The committee will evaluate whether the courses are equivalent.

Scholarship & Financial support

Tuition fee at KUSPH is waived by the universities' DDP agreement. **You will pay tuition fees only at your home university. You DO NOT have to pay tuition fees at KUSPH.** Currently, KUSPH does not have financial support for air-ticket, accommodation costs, and monthly allowance. For these, we will help you apply to JASSO scholarship around September 2020. The result will be announced by the following Jan/Feb 2021. There is no guarantee. Please be reminded as well of this point.

Visa and accommodation at KU

Our office will guide you through the application process, please follow the instructions.

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