



Community Initiative Program



The program aims to produce individuals who can think practically based on local community data they gathered, identify and solve problems, as well as work with the local community. Conducting interviews and surveys are effective in understanding people and society, in addition to observing social phenomena and people's behavior, not only relying on what is printed in books. In this program, you will learn these study techniques and analysis skills to approach the knowledge rooted in the experiences of local people and their feelings about the future of the area. You will also have many opportunities to interact and discuss with people from the local community and government through action research and facilitation.

Program features

Field work for learning social survey methods

You will conduct surveys inside and outside the prefecture and put together survey results through a group learning process. You will learn how to conduct interviews, observe participants, conduct questionnaires and also improve the skills to make presentations on survey results.

Advice for and collaboration with the local community

You will grapple with local community issues, such as sources of income, the decrease in population, regional migration, gender, media culture and the relationship between the younger population and employment. You will develop the ability to interact with, research, advise and collaborate with the local community.

Social researcher certification

There has been increased demand for individuals with specialized knowledge on social surveys and the ability to conduct research when solving increasingly complex social issues. By earning the specified Community Initiative Program credits, you can become a certified social researcher.

Faculty

Name of Researcher	Teaching Subject	Major
Ichijo HABUCHI(Professor)	Sociology	Sociology of Youth, Media Studies
Toru SOGA(Professor)	Anthropology, Social Research Methods	Ecological Anthropology, Human Evolution Studies
Atsushi MASUYAMA (Professor)	Geographical Information Science, Regional Data Analysis	GIS, Urban Planning
Aiko HIBINO(Professor)	Social Psychology, Social Research Methods	Group Dynamics, Science and Technology Studies
Soichiro SHIRAISHI (Associate Professor)	Social Anthropology, Sociology	Social Anthropology, Sociology, African Studies
Fumi KONDO (Associate Professor)	Community Development, Social Research Methods	Area Studies, Ecological Anthropology
Kentaro KOMURA (Associate Professor)	Social Psychology	Close Relationships, Violence, Psychological Measurement
Shinichi HANADA (Associate Professor)	Statistics, Analysis of Statistical Data	Econometrics, Empirical Industrial Organization, Energy Economics
Ayumu MATSUI (Assistant Professor)	Geography, Social Geography	Human Geography, Small-Scale Fisheries Studies
Naoaki IZUMI (Assistant Professor)	Socio-ecological Approach to Livelihood and Locality	Cultural Ecology