

Guidelines for the Kobe Interdisciplinary Master Program (KIMAP) in Management of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Kobe University - Academic Year 2025-2026 -

1. Overview

This document summarizes the requirements for Kobe Interdisciplinary Master Program in Management (hereinafter “KIMAP in Management”) of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Kobe University (hereinafter “Graduate School”). The KIMAP in Management emphasizes the interdisciplinary nature of technical knowledge and aims to develop human resources equipped with the abilities of policymaking, strategic planning, and execution to solve social issues. The goal of the program is to develop interdisciplinary knowledge, compound thinking, and evidence-based decision-making abilities with the advanced analytical skills that are required in a progressive society.

2. Key Information

Degree Earned	M.A. in Business Administration M.A. in Commerce
Language	English
Program Start	Every October
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years, full time (standard pathway) • 1.5 years, full time (accelerated pathway)
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An interdisciplinary curriculum • Coursework in collaboration with overseas outstanding researchers • International research seminars and workshops

3. Courses and Credits

- (1) Courses and credits of the KIMAP in Management shall be as stated in the Appendix 1.
- (2) Courses of the KIMAP in Management shall be classified into Course Groups K1 to K6 as given in Appendix K.

4. Research Supervision

- (1) A preliminary supervisor for the KIMAP in Management shall be designated by the KIMAP/KIBER Steering Committee at the beginning of the Master’s program.
- (2) The research supervisors for the KIMAP in Management shall be re-designated by the KIMAP/KIBER Steering Committee in April, at the beginning of the second semester of the Master’s program.

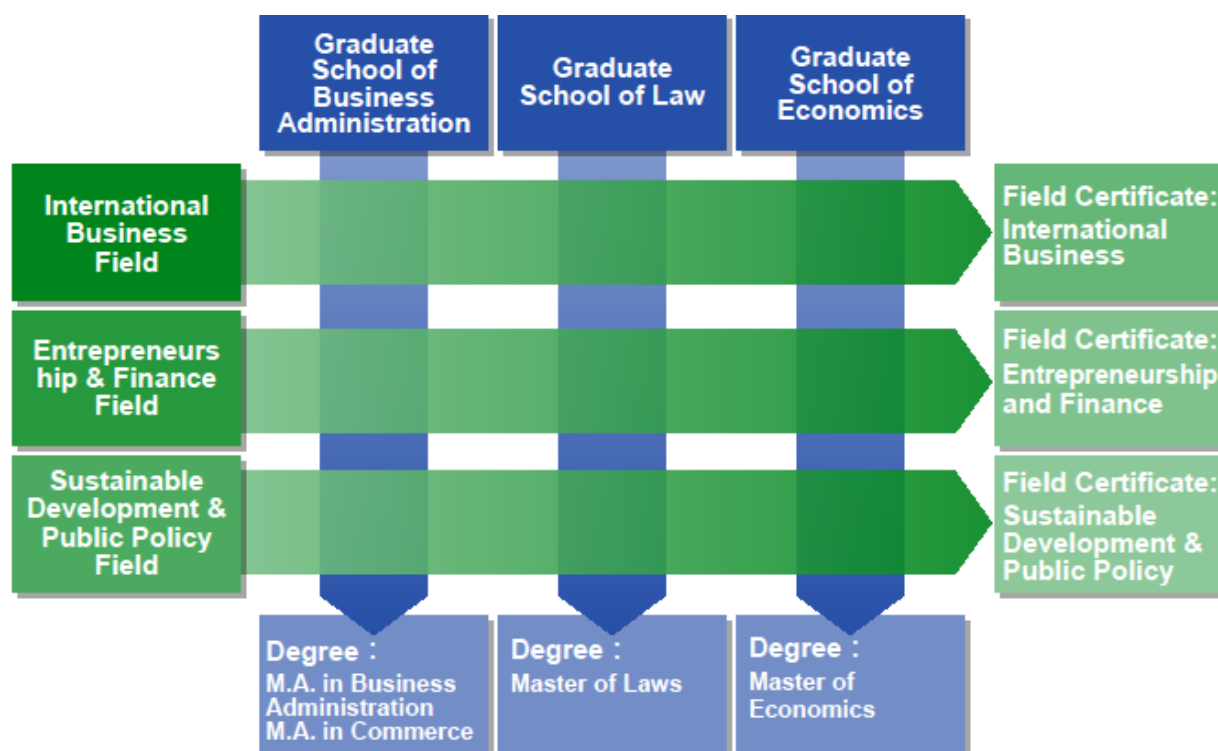
5. Taking Courses

The KIMAP in Management students shall earn at least 30 credits as specified by the items below, which are selected from the Appendix 1 and approved by the research supervisor:

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| (a) Social Science Basic Courses | 4 credits |
| (b) Methodology Courses | 5 credits |
| (c) Elective Courses | 13 credits |
| (d) Seminar | 8 credits |

6. Field Certification

The KIMAP is structured around three key fields: “International Business,” “Entrepreneurship & Finance,” and “Sustainable Development & Public Policy.” These fields are supported by the Graduate Schools of Business Administration, Law, and Economics, offering a diverse range of courses and resources. The overarching objective of the program is to equip students with the ability to seamlessly integrate technical knowledge and analytical skills across disciplines.



Field Certification Requirement (IMPORTANT)

- Register for one specific field upon enrollment
- Complete a minimum of 13 credits from the chosen field, with at least 6 credits from the Graduate School of Business Administration.

(1) International Business Field:

In the field of "International Business," students will gain insights into global markets, marketing, international trade, and the complexities of operating in diverse cultural contexts.

(2) Entrepreneurship and Finance Field:

The "Entrepreneurship & Finance" field will nurture innovative thinking, financial acumen, and the skills necessary to drive entrepreneurial initiatives.

(3) Sustainable Development and Public Policy Field:

The "Sustainable Development & Public Policy" field will explore the intersection of economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social welfare, fostering solutions to create a more equitable and sustainable future.

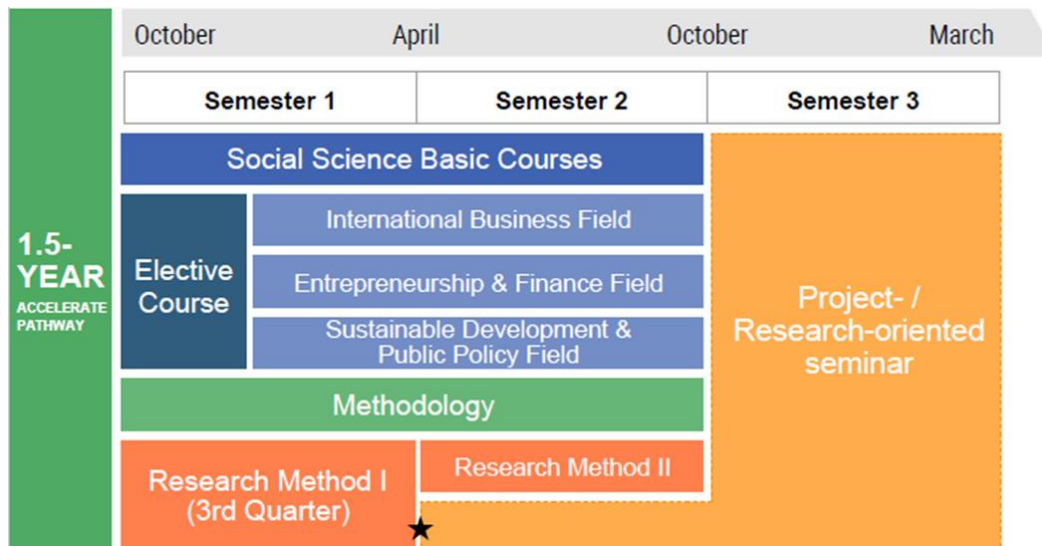
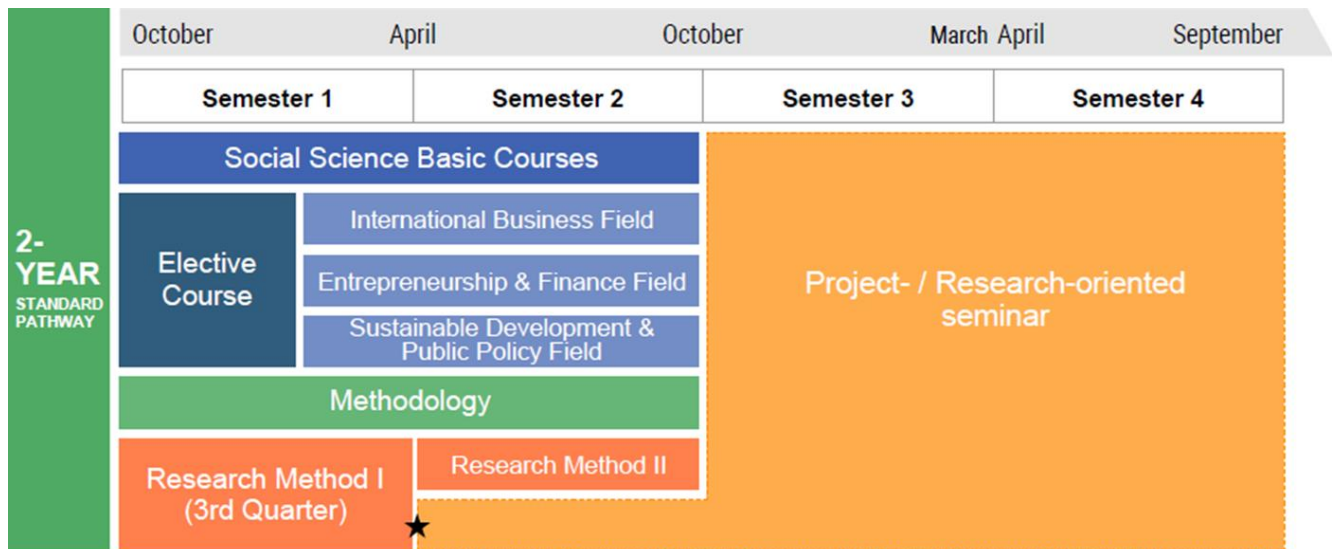
Appendix 1 Courses and Credits of the KIMAP in Management

Course Classification		Course	Credit
Group K1	Social Science Basic Courses	Japanese Legal System I	2
		Japanese Legal System II	2
		KIMAP Intermediate Microeconomics	2
		KIMAP Intermediate Macroeconomics	2
Group K2	Methodology Courses	Qualitative Method	2
		Econometrics for Business Economics	2
		Econometric Analysis I	2
		Research Method I	1
		Research Method II	2
		(Temporary additional courses)	1or2
Group K3	Elective Courses	KIMAP Introduction to Finance	2
		KIMAP Introduction to Marketing	2
		Business Economics	2
		Econometric Analysis II	2
		International Trade	2
		Financial Management	2
		Corporate Finance	2
		Advanced International Business	2
		Public Administration and Project Evaluation	2
		Sustainability Accounting and Reporting	2
		Advanced Entrepreneurial Finance	2
		(Temporary additional courses)	1or2
		KIMAP courses offered by the Graduate Schools of Law and Economics	1or2
Group K6	Seminar	Seminar	8

Appendix K Course Requirements for Completion (KIMAP in Management)

Course Classification		Required Number of Credits		
Group K1	Social Science Basic Courses	4 credits		
Group K2	Methodology Courses	Research Method I	1 credit	5 credits
		Research Method II	2 credits	
Group K3	Elective Courses	KIMAP courses offered by the Graduate School of Business Administration	At least 6 credits	At least 13 credits
		KIMAP courses offered by the Graduate Schools of Law and Economics		
Group K6	Seminar	Seminar	8 credits	
Total		At least 30 credits		

Typical Timetable of the KIMAP in Management



★After completing the Research Method I, you will have the opportunity to choose between a research-oriented seminar or a project-oriented seminar based on your career plans and personal aspirations. The decision you make will shape the direction of your academic journey and provide you with specialized skills and experiences aligned with your future goals.

The accelerated pathway is available to students who meet the completion requirements and fulfill the specific field certification requirements. Additionally, eligibility for the accelerated pathway is subject to evaluation by the KIMAP/KIBER Steering Committee to ensure that students have demonstrated a systematic mastery of the coursework.