

Doctoral Program in Bioindustrial Sciences

Name of the degree to be conferred	Doctor of Philosophy in Biotechnology
Educational purpose	<p>Based on bioindustrial sciences, the researchers shall be trained that have a research and development ability that can contribute to creation of novel bioindustry technologies and creation of new technologies and intellectual property rights etc. to ensure/distribute/use bioresources as their materials.</p> <p>Additionally, also in the social scientific aspects, such as international transaction and various kinds of regulations essential for industrial usage of bioresources and technological support/transfer to the developing countries, correspondence to social acceptance etc., the researchers shall have an ability to aim at solving problems while seeing the relationship with life ethics and protection of biodiversity with bird's eye, and practical intention with international leadership of specialized engineers and policy makers.</p>
Vision of human resources development	<p>The desired student shall have a research and development ability that can contribute to creation of novel industry technologies and intellectual property rights etc. to ensure/distribute/use bioresources as their materials from a view of bioengineering and thorough knowledge of life ethics and protection of biodiversity as the factor unique to "life" industry and the situations of various countries relating to various regulations of environmental impact assessment etc. who is of global standard and have leadership that can also respond to practical instruction of technology transfer and international strategy/policy making with their research ability/knowledge.</p>

Diploma Policy

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biotechnology is commenced to those who have fulfilled the requirements for the completion of the Doctoral programs, as set out in the Graduate School Regulations of the University of Tsukuba and related university regulations, and who are deemed to have the following competencies.

Competencies	Evaluation perspectives
1. Knowledge creation competence: Ability to create new knowledge that can contribute to future society	① Are there any research findings that can be considered new knowledge? ② Can we expect you to create knowledge that will contribute to future society?
2. Management competence: Ability to plan and implement measures to identify and solve challenges from a higher perspective	① Can you make and implement long-term plans for critical challenges? ② Can you identify challenges, even in other areas of expertise, and solve them from a higher perspective?
3. Communication competence: Ability to express the true nature of academic findings positively and clearly	① Can you explain the true nature of research content and specialized knowledge clearly and logically to researchers from different areas and to people other than researchers? ② Do you proactively share your findings with researchers and experts from your field of expertise and accurately answer questions?
4. Leadership competence: Ability to have objectives get accomplished under your leadership	① Can you set attractive and compelling goals? ② Are you capable of building systems to realize goals and accomplish objectives as the leader?
5. Internationality competence: Possession of a high level of awareness and motivation to be internationally active and contribute to international society	① Do you have strong awareness and motivation to contribute to international society and international activities? ② Have you obtained adequate linguistic skills for international information collection and action?

6. Research ability: high knowledge and ability that can contribute to problem setting and creation of knowledge in bioengineering.	① If having acquired high knowledge in the area of biomaterials and broad basic knowledge in relevant area. ② If conducting problem setting by appropriately grasping R&D trend inside and outside Japan and having ability to be able to contribute to creation of new technologies and intellectual property rights etc.
7. Adjusting ability: deep understanding of international regulations etc. in the area of bioengineering and ability of problem-solving as the basis.	① If having deeply understood various regulations etc. relating to life ethics and protection of biodiversity in international interaction and correspondence to regulation etc. in the area of biomaterials. ② If having an ability to aim at internationally solving problems while ensuring accountability.
8. Leadership ability: an ability to take the leading position in industry creation and correspondence to society, and transfer of industry etc. in the area of bioengineering.	① If having acquired the knowledge to be able to ensure social correspondence/accountability relating to ensuring/distributing/using bioresources as the foundation in the area of biomaterials. ② If having an ability to be able to take leading position of engineers and politicians of various countries in creation of industry, technology support/transfer etc.

Dissertation evaluation criteria

The thesis that satisfies all the following evaluation items shall be a pass as the thesis for doctoral degree after going through the final examination. The final examination shall be conducted by the thesis examination committee composed of one chief examiner and three or more sub-chief examiners through peer-reviewing of the thesis and oral examination.

1. Title: The research outcomes are appropriately indicated.
2. Research purpose: The relationship with the research tasks after comprehensively grasping the previous research inside and outside Japan is specified, and creativity/progress of research is clearly extracted.
3. Research method: the research method is properly selected and can be verified by the third parties. In the selected research method, various regulations and research ethics are complied with.
4. The research is performed according to research outcomes/ consideration/research methods and clearly presented by charts and tables etc. In light of the conventional knowledge, consistent academic interpretation is provided. In handling the data, various regulations and research ethics are complied with.
5. Conclusions: it is concluded that the contents of the research will bring new development in the said research area.
6. The citation and use of the literature/data is appropriate and the research ethics is complied with.

Curriculum Policy

This Degree Program has the characteristics of its education to train the doctors with practical intention who has thorough knowledge in the aspect of social science such international interaction and correspondence to regulation, social acceptance etc., focusing on “creation of novel bioindustry technologies” and “security” /” distribution” /” use” of bioresources as its material, based on R&D ability that can contribute to creation of new technologies in bio engineering area and intellectual property rights etc.

Curriculum organization policy	<p>The R&D ability shall be acquired that can contribute to creation of new technologies relating to creation of novel bioindustry technologies and security/distribution/use of bioresources as its material and intellectual property rights etc. Additionally, by setting a part of courses as the required ones, active interaction among students whose mother countries and original organizations are different shall be promoted, and the difference of social conditions and demand by industries, and possessed resources and regulations etc. shall be experienced, and global awareness shall be refined. With the research ability/knowledge acquired through such consistent curriculum, the doctors with international leadership by which problem solving can be aimed at from both aspects of natural science and social science in the area of bioengineering.</p> <p>•By Special Research in Bioindustrial Sciences IA, IB, IIA, IIB, the students shall perform the research activities in the students’ own area of expertise, achieve the research outcomes suitable for the doctoral degree, and present their academic thesis. Through these, the students shall have deep knowledge, set the problems after appropriately grasping the trend of R&D inside and outside Japan and acquire a high R&D ability to be able to contribute to creation of new technologies and intellectual property rights etc.</p>
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- By Bioindustrial Sciences Seminar IA, IB, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, the students shall deepen the knowledge in the students' own area of expertise and acquire an ability to set the problems after appropriately grasping the trend of R&D inside and outside Japan. Additionally, the students shall have a broad vision in other areas relating to bioindustrial sciences and an ability to be able to flexibly correspond to the problems of the areas other than their specialized ones as well.
- By "Advanced International Bioindustrial Science" as the required course, the students shall acquire an ability to aim at internationally solving problems while seeing the relationship with life ethics and protection of biodiversity with bird's eye. Additionally, by setting this course as a required course, active interaction and discussion among students whose mother countries and original organizations and research areas shall be promoted. Through these, the students shall refine global awareness and acquire an ability to be able to flexibly respond to global issues.
- By "Regulatory Aspects in Bioindustry" as Foundation Subjects for Major, the students shall understand various regulations etc. essential for industrial use of bioresources more deeply and have an ability to ensure accountability in international transaction and social correspondence etc. and to respond to adjust themselves.
- By "Transfer of Industrial Technique on Life Science" as Foundation Subjects for Major, the students shall deepen their understanding of creation of bioindustry, social correspondence relating to security/distribution/use of bioresources, accountability from scientific knowledge and technological support/technological transfer etc. to developing countries and acquire a management ability to be able to the leading position as professional engineers and policy makers in various countries.

Learning methods •
Processes

The advisory committee composed of three or more instructors shall be established for each student upon enrollment and continuously provide education/research instructions until completion of the degree course. The advisory committee shall conduct the interim evaluation held in the 2nd year in order to confirm the progress status of research and degree of learning achievement. Additionally, as necessary, it shall indicate additional registration of courses. The advisory committee shall participate in other master' programs, as necessary.

- At the time of enrollment, the students shall learn Advanced International Bioindustrial Science, in which they can acquire an ability to adjust/instruct to aim at problem solving relating to international industry use of bioresources and active exchange and discussion with various human resources in various countries shall be promoted.
- By having students register the seminars systematically from the 1st year to 3rd year, the specialized knowledge/ability required for degree awarding shall be acquired in order.
- By confirming the degree of learning achievement in accordance with the interim evaluation and preliminary examination etc., and providing advice, the students shall be trained in order to be consistent with the human resources who are required for degree awarding of this Program.

Evaluation of learning
outcomes

The learning results shall be comprehensively evaluated by the contents of presentation performed by the students in the lecture subjects and examination/report. Regarding seminars, the contents of presentation performed by the students and questions and answers shall be evaluated. In the research, in addition to the final examination, by around one year after enrollment, the interim evaluation shall be performed by the advisory committee, in which the progress in the research and relevant knowledge, and presentation ability shall be comprehensively evaluated. Additionally, voluntary learning/research activities shall also be evaluated such as the presentation and awards in academic conferences and citizen seminars, experience of TA/RA, acquisition of competitive research funds and international joint research etc.

Admission Policy

Desired students

The desired students shall have the specialization in the area of bioengineering as a matter of course, a broad culture, the intention to internationally proceed research/work, and desire to have foreign language skills and communication skills that enable sufficient communication within international research groups and organizations. As for working individuals, the desired persons shall have international leadership in addition to enhancement of specialization and seek for communication skills and management ability to be able to take leading position of engineers and politicians of various countries. For the purpose of severe selection of the capacities of entrants, the oral examination by “interview form of “task presentation type” shall be focused on. Additionally, in order to check English ability, the oral presentation in English shall be set. While focusing on if the intention/ability of the student is consistent with the human resources training policy in this Program, the human resources shall be selected according to the purpose of this Specialized Course.

Selection policy

- The following shall be measured: if the student can logically, accurately and clearly explain the research contents conducted so far and the actual results of business practices etc. such as the master’s course with the fixed time. Additionally, if the questions and answers are appropriate.
- Regarding the research policy after enrolling the doctoral course, the following shall be measured: if the academic significance of the research, its detailed methods, and its expected results shall be able to be explained, based on the relationship with the relevant research.
- Through questions and answers, consistency between intention/ability of the examinee and the human resources training policy in this Program, his/her motivation, his/her basic academic skills, English ability and balance in personality etc. shall be comprehensively measured.