

1-7 The Purpose of the Humanities and Sciences Doctoral Program

The purpose of the Humanities and Sciences Doctoral Program is to help students develop the creative abilities that are required to conduct high-level specialized research and advanced interdisciplinary research established on the foundation of the area of specialty, and acquire the research capabilities required to conduct research activities independently or engage in other high-level specialized work, as well as the wealth of knowledge that will serve as a foundation for those abilities.

The purposes of each division of the doctoral program are as follows.

- (a) The purpose of the Division of Comparative Studies of Societies and Cultures is to develop advanced researchers and specialists who reconsider human understanding, social understanding, and cultural structure in response to the nature of humans, society, and culture, who possess the accompanying cross-disciplinary point of view, and who advance interdisciplinary international research that stands on a foundation of mutual multicultural understanding.
- (b) The purpose of the Division of Human Developmental Sciences is to develop high-level researchers and specialists who have advanced ability to conduct research in educational science, psychology, developmental clinical psychology, sociology, social and family policy, and child and child care studies, and who will advance creative research in academic fields related to human psychological development and social environment, from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- (c) The purpose of the Division of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies is to develop high-level researchers and specialists who have a foundation in academic fields in the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, and the ability to analyze a variety of research problems from the viewpoint of gender and deepen the academic field in accordance with awareness of the issues, as well as the ability to consider research problems and make recommendations from an interdisciplinary point of view.
- (d) The purpose of the Division of Life Sciences is to develop researchers and specialists who strive to organically integrate the academic disciplines of biological science and life science, who view humans from the perspectives of both life and daily living, and who have advanced expertise and research capabilities built on the foundation of the various fields in the life sciences.
- (e) The purpose of the Division of Advanced Sciences is to develop the next generation of high-level researchers and specialists who have a broad range of knowledge and vision, while engaging in integrated interdisciplinary educational research in the complex phenomena of the natural world based on contemporary natural science methodology, and aiming for the creation of a new science on a foundation of advanced expertise.
- (f) The purpose of the Cooperative Major in Human Centered Engineering is to develop human resources who are able to take a consumer-centered perspective with a broad understanding of engineering, from the basics to application, and flexibly view issues related to human living from an engineering standpoint.