



**Masahiro
TAKAHASHI**

高橋 正弘
タカハシ マサヒロ

At a university, learning that consists of solely pursuing the “correct” answers is invalid. Rather, a university could be called a place where one earnestly learns things for which there are no correct answers and it is completely unclear what approach one should take. That is what learning is all about. Sincerely engaging in learning in one’s youth is a special right that only young people have. At the same time, it will undoubtedly prove to be a highly valuable experience in surviving the turbulent society and times that await down the road. As the faculty of Taisho University, we will do our utmost to assist you in your endeavors to engage in your studies with your own unique purpose. I implore you to do your very best in gaining knowledge at this university.

Specialization

Environmental education theory

Brief explanation regarding specialization

My specialization is environmental education required in order to preserve the environment and achieve sustainable development.



**Hiromi
KITAGO**

北郷 裕美
キタゴウ ヒロミ

You will learn about the nature of intra-regional information and communication that accompanies regional revitalization as a resident of that regional community. I also conduct lectures for students to arm themselves with diverse forms of media literacy that they will need to universally adhere to in our chaotic Internet society not just today, but after they become working members of that society.

Specialization

Media, information, communication, regional communities

Brief explanation regarding specialization

My specialty is media society studies and community media theory. I engage in research on media as a tool for communication in regional communities, with a particular emphasis on regional media (community FM) and citizen media. Forming the basis of my research is the question of how media contributes to regions, communities and consumer citizenry. The fundamental approach that I employ is grounded in “commonality” theory, with that of Habermas being a specific example.



Ko
UKAWA

鵜川 晃
ウカワ コウ

The concept behind public policy studies is to “nurture human resources capable of realizing a society where people can live rich, happy lives.” Together with students who possess the ambition to change society while cooperating with people both in Japan and around the world, I hope to deepen our mutual learning. The door to my office is always open. Feel free to come take a peek inside.

Specialization

Transcultural mental health studies, medical anthropology

Brief explanation regarding specialization

The act of switching your point of view between your own culture another as well as the act of recognizing that culture as an event is constantly generating and shifting is referred to as “transcultural.” I have set myself on examining challenges occurring in society with a focus on cultural perspectives.



Chiharu
KASHIWAGI

柏木 千春
カシワギ チハル

I have experience working at a travel agency. For a long time at that agency, I engaged in consulting work such as the planning of travel packages, sales, and tour conductor duties. I will convey the excitement of tourism studies to you based on that practical experience of mine together with theoretical studies. I’ m confident that you, too, will want to get involved in “tourism city development.”

Specialization

Tourism city development, marketing of tourism regions

Brief explanation regarding specialization

Tourism city development constitutes activities in which the aim is to foster endearment towards and pride in residents’ places of work and environments and regions that are easy to live in with the use of the power of tourism. Meanwhile, the marketing of tourism regions entails the creation of value alongside people with a connection to those regions in order to yield regional economic effects while preserving but utilizing local resources.



Yuko
HONDA

本田 裕子
ホンダ ユウコ

The several years that you will spend at a university could be called the freest, most precious time in your life. Studying at a university is different than your studies up to high school in that you will be learning the art of “understanding things that you don’t understand” and that do not necessarily have an answer. While you are free and can do anything, you also have to think on your own, which involves responsibility. Arm yourself with a new, flexible set of values different from those you had up to high school as you go about your university life!

Specialization

Wildlife protection theory

Brief explanation regarding specialization

My research theme is “approaching wildlife protection from the viewpoints of residents.” To ensure that the term “co-existence” is not misinterpreted as “forced co-existence,” I intend to delve into the connection and ways of interaction between humans and wildlife.



Yuko
TSUKASAKI

塚崎 裕子
ツカサキ ユウコ

During the precious four years that you will spend in college, broaden your horizons, reflect on things deeply, and tackle various challenges together with a variety of people.

Specialization

Labor policy

Brief explanation regarding specialization

At the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the Cabinet Office and other agencies, I oversaw policy such as that concerning work-life balance, non-Japanese employment, gender equality and international labor, and have had extensive involvement in matters pertaining to “work” from a policy perspective for many years.



**Masaharu
SUDO**

首藤 正治
スドウ マサハル

People cannot reach goals that are higher than the ones that they set for themselves. Conversely, as long as goals are clearly laid out, there is no shortage of methods for achieving them. What is important is that you are clearly aware of your own ambitions, even if your goals change along with your age. We will support you in that endeavor to the best of our ability.

Specialization

Public policy, local government management, urban development

Brief explanation regarding specialization

For three terms spread across twelve years, I tackled public policy and urban development as the Mayor of Nobeoka City. Before that, I also experienced being researcher at a manufacturer, a company president, and the leader of an urban development organization. I believe my mission to be the promotion of practical regional development based on multilateral vision.



**Katsunori
MURAHASHI**

村橋 克則
ムラハシ カツノリ

Today, tourism and regional revitalization are the sectors with the greatest promise for growth. That being said, they require the power of youth. It would please me if you added one of these sectors as an option for your field of activity. I hope to fully impart to you the wisdom I have cultivated through practical experience.

Specialization

Tourism, regional revitalization

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I have been involved in the domain of tourism for a long time as a businessperson, and have experience serving as the editor-in-chief of a travel information magazine and working on the development of an accommodation reservation website. More recently, I helped initiate regional development efforts in my role as the business supervisor of DMO. My strengths lie in the fields of the communication of information, marketing and product development.



Mizuho
ŌNUMA

大沼 みずほ
オオヌマ ミズホ

The time in your life that you spend as a student is a glorious time during which you will be forgiven even if you make mistakes, meet friends with whom you will share joy and sadness, and be able to live life on your own terms. Take on the challenge of numerous things, build up your "intellect" and "practical experience" for forging your life path on your own, and make your student life a rich one of your own accord!

Specialization

Public policy, regional development, declining birthrate countermeasures

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I served as a Member of the House of Councilors, one of Japan's legislative bodies, which I served at following my service at NHK, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Cabinet Office. Through my experience there tackling the devising of national policy on areas such as the establishment of laws, regional development and declining birthrate countermeasures, I formed a grasp of public policy from multiple angles. Based on that grasp, I examine the question of "What are 'contributions to society' that link to practical implementation based on a hand-on approach. As students at this university, I want you to outfit yourself with a "capacity for action" that gives "shape" to "thoughts."



Masahiro
ONISHI

尾西 雅博
オニシ マサヒロ

Today, we find ourselves in the midst of great changes, from our decreasing and graying population, declining birthrate and technological innovation to globalization, the fluidization of international order, and the degradation of the global environment. It is also possible that you will experience even greater changes in the future. When you do, regardless of what situation you encounter, you will be called upon to think for yourselves and choose or forge your own path. Use Taisho University to build "a foundation of knowledge" for that purpose. I will do what I can to ensure that my long years of experience as an administrative official and subsequent experience as a diplomat are used to your benefit. Please take advantage of that experience of mine.

Specialization

Public servant systems, public administration studies/public policy studies, human resource management

Brief explanation regarding specialization

Public administration is an endeavor undertaken by "people." For precisely that reason, the performance of that endeavor is considerably influenced by the public servant system. Observations have been made on the lax discipline of public servants. Simultaneously, they are being called upon to reform their work style. These are some of the various challenges currently being faced by the public servant system. Next, public administration studies/public policy studies covers themes such as the workings of public administration, the formation of policy by national and local public entities, and the policy evaluation process. From the relationships between the government and public sectors and between the public and private sectors to civic participation, these fields have no shortage of hot topics. At the same time, looking at the climate surrounding corporations, various movements are also arising with respect to human resource management in order to cope with shifts such as further requests for management streamlining, transformations in the employment population, the AI revolution, and the utilization of non-Japanese workers. Having served as an administrative official in central government for a long period of time, I had involvement in planning and operation efforts related to human resource management systems for public servants. During that time, I accumulated knowledge in the sectors indicated above. I hope to demonstrate my experience in that regard at Taisho University.



**Masayuki
TAKAHARA**

高原 正之
タカハラ マサユキ

Lives in present-day Japan are becoming progressively longer. Using average life expectancy as a yardstick, I have less than 20 years left to live. For those of you who are 20 years old, however, you have more than 60 years remaining. I believe that Taisho University is an ideal place to gradually build up your ability at your own pace without being bound by short-term horizons. Use this opportunity to outfit yourselves with specialized knowledge and general education.

Specialization

Labor economics

Brief explanation regarding specialization

The labor market as it actually exists contains a variety of incomplete elements. The efficient allocation of labor as a resource will not be administered solely through the principle of freedom of contract. I am researching social rules for achieving the cancelation of employment agreements in ways that are efficient from a social perspective.



**Toshiaki
ETO**

江藤 俊昭
エトウトシアキ

Figuring out something that you don't understand is always interesting; finding solutions to it even more so!

Specialization

Public policy, local government, local politics

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I search out and propose the meaning of residents having local involvement and methods for doing so.



Emi
TAJIMA

田島 恵美
タジマ エミ

While at Taisho University, unlike before, you will face the need to search out what you will do on your own. I hope to approach that question alongside you so that you can spend your free time independently rather than aimlessly.

Specialization

Social research theory, scientific sociology

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I am researching social research methods as tools for surveying society, and am also using those methods to study the connection between scientific sociology and people.



Hiroo
MICHISHITA

道下 洋夫
ミチシタ ヒロオ

In life, eventually you will need medical or nursing care. That goes for you, your family, and your friends and acquaintances. However, the systems in place are such that when you actually attempt to receive care, things are fairly complicated. While unravelling the complexity of that system together, let's also ponder the future of medical care and welfare in Japan. Doing so will be of benefit to you should you make these sectors your career in addition to simply taking advantage of them.

Specialization

Medical management science, medical policy science, medical law science

Brief explanation regarding specialization

Management, government policy, laws and regulations centered on medical care and welfare



Four years will fly by. While it may be too short to accomplish something, what you learn here at Taisho University will undoubtedly benefit you. Let's learn together to make those four years productive ones.

Specialization

Religious studies, sociology of religion

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I research the workings of religion (and its practitioners) in the public space, including how they assist with and intervene in social issues and prop up networks in the community.

**Akinori
TAKASE**

高瀬 顕功

タカセ アキノリ
