

**Association of International Public Policy Studies, The University of Osaka**  
**Rules of Membership**

(Name)

Article 1: This association shall call itself the Association of International Public Policy Studies, The University of Osaka.

(Purpose)

Article 2: The purpose of this association shall be to contribute to the development of international public policy studies by promoting intellectual exchange among association members regarding international public policy, as well as supporting research and education at the Osaka School of International Public Policy, The University of Osaka.

(Activities)

Article 3: This association shall conduct the following activities in order to achieve the purpose in the preceding article.

- A. Publication of the journal *International Public Policy Studies (electronic edition)*
- B. Support for activities conducted at the Osaka School of International Public Policy, The University of Osaka
- C. Other work which the Board of Councilors recognizes as appropriate

(Members)

Article 4: This association shall consist of general members, student members, and supporters. Terms of membership can be either from April 1 to March 31 of the following year (April members), or from October 1 to September 30 of the following year (October members).

2. The following persons can be general members.
  - A. Professors, associate professors, lecturers, assistant professors, researchers and others affiliated with universities or research institutions
  - B. Persons who have completed a master's degree program from a university; and persons who have been enrolled at a university in a doctoral degree program for three (3) years or more, have acquired certain credits, and have left school after having received the necessary research guidance (hereinafter referred to as "Persons Having Acquired Credits and Leaving School After the Expiration of the Term")
  - C. Other persons approved by the Board of Councilors
3. Students enrolled in a master's degree program or a doctoral degree program can be student members.
4. Persons who support the activities of this association can be supporters.
5. Admission as a general member or student member shall be approved by the Steering Committee based on the recommendation of two (2) councilors. However, persons currently or formerly at the Osaka School of International Public Policy, The University of Osaka, as full-time faculty members or regular students shall not require recommendation by councilors.

(Rights of Members)

Article 5: Members can be contributors to *International Public Policy Studies*.

2. In accordance with the conditions set by the Board of Councilors, members can participate in activities conducted under Article 3(C).
3. Supporters can have the name and institution of affiliation posted on the website of this association.

(Membership Fee)

Article 6: In accordance with the provisions set by the Board of Councilors, members must pay a membership fee.

(Measures for Non-Payment of Membership Fees)

Article 7: Measures against persons who fail to pay the membership fee of the preceding article shall be decided by the Board of Councilors.

(Chairperson)

Article 8: The Dean of the Osaka School of International Public Policy, The University of Osaka, shall hold the post of chairperson.

2. The chairperson will preside over the business of this association, and represent this association.

(Organization)

Article 9: The following organizations will be established in this association.

- A. Board of Councilors
- B. Steering Committee

(Board of Councilors)

Article 10: The management of this association shall be conducted according to the resolutions of the Board of Councilors.

- 2. The councilors shall be drawn from the professors, associate professors, lecturers, and assistant professors of the core program of the Osaka School of International Public Policy, The University of Osaka.
- 3. The Board of Councilors shall be able to appoint persons other than those specified in the preceding paragraph as councilors.
- 4. The Chairperson shall hold the position of head of the Board of Councilors.
- 5. The quorum of the Board, methods for adopting resolutions, and other matters relating to the management of meetings, shall be settled by the Board of Councilors.
- 6. Other than items settled by these rules, the Board of Councilors shall be able to settle the by-laws necessary for the management of this association.
- 7. The budget and financial statements of this association shall require approval by the Board of Councilors.

(Steering Committee)

Article 11: The Steering Committee shall be established in order to fulfill the daily activities of this association.

- 2. The Steering Committee shall comprise the head of the Board of Councilors, the accounting committee members, and auditing committee members, along with other committee members necessary for the management of this association such as planning and editing.
- 3. The committee members of the preceding paragraph (excluding the head of the Board of Councilors) shall obtain the approval of the Board of Councilors, and be appointed by the head of the Board of Councilors from among the councilors.
- 4. The accounting committee members shall conduct the accounting in this association.
- 5. The auditing committee members shall audit the performance of accounting and activities in this association.
- 6. The term of office for committee members (excluding the head of the councilors) shall be two (2) years. It shall not be possible for accounting committee members and auditing committee members to be reappointed consecutively.
- 7. This association shall be able to establish an Editorial Board with the approval of the Board of Councilors.

(Office)

Article 12: The office of this association shall be established within the Osaka School of International Public Policy, The University of Osaka (1-31 Machikaneyama-cho, Toyonaka, Osaka).

(Revision of Rules)

Article 13: The revision of these rules shall be according to resolutions of the Board of Councilors.

#### Additional Rules

These rules shall go into effect from February 18, 2008, and shall be applied from April 1, 2008.

#### Additional Rules

These rules shall go into effect from January 15, 2016.

#### Additional Rules

These rules shall go into effect from July 1, 2017.

#### Additional Rules

These rules shall go into effect from February 18, 2026.

#### By-Laws and Appointments

(1) The Association of International Public Policy Studies, The University of Osaka, Membership Fee Provisions (20 January 2022, approved by the Board of Councilors)

The membership fees of this association are as follows.

- A. General members: 2,500 yen per year
- B. Student members: 2,500 yen per year
- C. Supporters: 2,500 yen per year

(2) The Association of International Public Policy Studies, The University of Osaka, Provisions for Board of Councilors Proceedings (21 May 1998, approved by the First Board of Councilors)

#### (Quorum)

Article 1: If the majority of the councilors are not present, the Board of Councilors cannot hold a meeting or make resolutions.

#### (Resolutions)

Article 2: When the Board of Councilors conducts its resolutions through voting, they will be settled by the majority of councilors who attend and vote, and when there is a tie, the resolution shall be decided by the head of the Board of Councilors.

(3) The term “master’s degree program” as used in Article 4, Paragraph 2, Item B and Article 4, Paragraph 3 shall mean a course for the purpose of conferring a master’s degree (including the first half of a doctoral program). The term “doctoral degree program” shall mean a course for the purpose of conferring a doctoral degree (including the second half of a doctoral program).