

Graduate School of East Asian Cultures

Admissions Policy

The Graduate School of East Asian Cultures seeks human resources who exhibit the following characteristics:

【Master's Degree Program】

1. Basic knowledge about East Asian cultures equivalent to an undergraduate degree
2. The ability to select one's own research topic based on research methods in one of the Graduate School's areas of specialization (languages and symbols, thought and structure, or history and dynamics)
3. Interest in advanced research into East Asian cultures and a desire to contribute to the development of a knowledge-based society through one's own specialized knowledge
4. The basic ability to communicate one's own research findings through oral presentations and written papers

【Ph.D. Degree Program】

1. Specialized knowledge about East Asian cultures equivalent to a master's degree
2. The ability to select and pursue one's own research topic based on research methods in one of the Graduate School's areas of specialization (languages and symbols, thought and structure, or history and dynamics)
3. Interest in advanced research into East Asian cultures and a desire to contribute to the development of a knowledge-based society through one's own specialized knowledge
4. A specialized ability to precisely communicate one's own research findings through oral presentations and written papers to an international audience

Master's Degree Program

Major	Enrollment Capacity
Cultural Interaction Studies Major	12

* The Graduate School of East Asian Cultures has not established separate enrollment capacity for each type of entrance examination.

Ph.D. Degree Program

Major	Enrollment Capacity
Cultural Interaction Studies Major	6

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Note: Graduate School of East Asian Cultures courses are conducted in Japanese.

M. Entrance examination for international students (Master's Degree Program) (Spring Enrollment: October and February applications / Autumn Enrollment : July application)

1. Qualification

Applicants shall satisfy one of the following (1)~(5) conditions:

(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one of the following (1)~(4) conditions before enrolling at the Graduate School)

- (1) Applicants who have completed a regular 16-year program of school education outside Japan *¹.
- (2) Applicants who have graduated from Japanese universities as international students.
- (3) Persons who have completed a 3-year program or a program of more than 3 years and have been awarded a degree by an overseas university or school *² which is recognized as being equivalent to a bachelor's degree.

(the 2016 ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, No. 19)

- (4) Applicants who have completed Specialized Course at Japanese special training schools after the designated date by the minister of MEXT[†] as international students. The training schools must satisfy the conditions designated by MEXT including that the length of term required for graduation be at least four years.

† MEXT; Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

- (5) Applicants who are recognized as having scholastic abilities equivalent or superior to the graduates of university through Qualification Screening for Entrance Examination of the Graduate School. (This requirement shall not apply to the foreigners who are recognized as having received Japanese regular school education program.)

Note;

- *1 Those enrolled in the following schools are considered to be the same as application qualification (1), as long as the period is less than four years in total.
 - Elementary school, junior high school, high school etc. based on Japanese school education law
 - Foreign school in Japan
 - Overseas educational facilities accredited or designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- *2 The university or the school shall be evaluated by an organization approved by a relevant official institution in the country for their education and research activities or recognized as so by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

[IMPORTANT] Notes regarding Qualification Screening for Entrance Examination

1. Subjects: Applicants under condition (5)
2. Application procedures and deadline: Refer to 'II To be recognized before application' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.3).
 - Note 1. Graduates (or those expected to graduate) from less than 16-year program of school education can also apply. In this case, please inquire to the Graduate School Admissions Division by the submission deadline of the documents required for the screening as soon as possible.
 - Note 2. Applicants who have received (or are expected to receive) the degrees in their home countries equivalent to those of Japanese universities can also apply. In this case, please inquire to the Graduate School Admissions Division as soon as possible.

2. Application documents

After you have paid the application fee of ¥35,000, submit the documents listed below.

Review “Cautionary note concerning” published in the separate file “Common Items of all Graduate Schools” on page 10-11, and carefully check your application documents for errors before submitting them.

Please clearly note the document number at the bottom right of each application document based on ‘the application document list (Check List)’. Please submit Check List as well as the application documents.

Document to be submitted (document number)	Remarks
Application form (for submission) (1)	Print out and submit after finalizing your online application.
Statement of reason for applying (in Japanese) (2)	Use the form designated by the University. This should be hand-written by the applicant.
Original transcript from all universities and / or other institutions previously attended, or a notarized document certifying courses and grades (3) *	If you have transferred from another university to your current university, submit transcripts from all previous universities and other institutions as well. Submit original transcripts or transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.
Original certificate of (expected) graduation from previously attended universities and / or other institutions, or a notarized document certifying (expected) graduation (4) *	This document does not need to be submitted if your transcript indicates or certifies that you have graduated, or that you expect to graduate. Submit an original certificate of (expected) graduation, or a certificate of (expected) graduation that has been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions. You must submit an official certificate of (expected) graduation.
Research plan (in Japanese) (5)	Draft an overview of your proposed research plan of about 1,000 words in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies.
Copy of resident card or passport (11)	For a resident card, submit a copy showing both sides. For a passport, submit a copy of pages showing your name, date of birth, photograph, expiration date, residence status, and the most recent period of stay.
Two photographs	Affix a photograph taken within the last three months to the application form (for submission) and to the statement of reason for applying. (The photograph affixed to your application form will be used on the student ID issued after enrollment, should you be admitted.)

Submit your transcript or certificate of (expected) graduation on which both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates are listed.

*Certificate must be in Japanese, English or Chinese. If you are submitting one or more certificates in another language, you must consult with Graduate School Admissions Division before starting of dates for submission of application documents.

3. Screening method

The Graduate School will determine whether or not to admit applicants based on a comprehensive evaluation of document screening, written examination, and oral examination.

4. Examination Components

Written Examination		Oral Examination
Specialized Subject	Foreign Language	Held after the written examination
None	10:00 am to 11:30 am (90 minutes)	

Note; More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

5. Written examination subjects and allocation of points (300 points total)

Written Examination		Oral Examination (Specialized subject) points (Note 2)
Foreign language (Note 1)	Points	
Japanese	100	200

Note 1. You will not be allowed to refer to a dictionary during the foreign language examination.

Note 2. Topics for the oral examination (specialized subject):

- (1) Basic specialist knowledge on the major subject
- (2) Research topic and methods after enrollment
- (3) Details of previous research (e.g. graduation thesis for February application)

Graduate School of East Asian Cultures, Master's Degree Program 2020
List of Major Subject and Academic Advisor

Cultural Interaction Studies Major (Required Subjects)

Seminar on Cultural Interaction in East Asia (Language and Representation)	Professor	Ph.D in Literature, Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	UCHIDA, Keiichi※	Language and cultural interaction between East and West, Chinese linguistics
	Professor	Ph.D in Literature Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	OKUMURA, Kayoko	Chinese Linguistics Chinese Language in East Asia
Seminar on Cultural Interaction in East Asia (Thought and Structure)	Professor	Ph.D in Literature, Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	AZUMA, Juji	Cultural History in East Asia, History of Confucianism
	Professor	Ph.D in Literature, Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	TAO, De-min※	Japanese Sinology, East Asian International History
	Professor	Ph.D in Literature, Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	NIKAIDO, Yoshihiro	Popular Culture of East Asia History of Daoism
Seminar on Cultural Interaction in East Asia (History and Dynamics)	Professor	Ph.D in Literature	SHINOHARA, Hirokata	Early Korean History, Korean Culture
	Professor	Ph.D in Literature	FUJITA, Takao	History of Ancient East Asia, Comparative Study of Modern Academism in East Asia
	Associate Professor	Ph.D in Literature	IKEJIRI, Yoko	History of Early-Modern East Asia, Interactions in the Tibetan Buddhist World

Note: Please select major subject and academic advisor on applying.

If you will select an academic advisor marked※, please contact Graduate School Admissions Division in advance.

Information about subject areas and professors may be changed. Please check our website to find the latest information.

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D. Entrance examination for international students (Ph.D. Degree Program) (Spring Enrollment: October application and February application / Autumn Enrollment: July application)

1. Qualification

【October application】

Applicants shall satisfy one of the following (1)～(5) conditions:

(including the applicants who satisfy any condition of (1)～(3) by October., 2019)

- (1) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree at the graduate schools outside Japan before enrolling at the Graduate School.
- (2) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree from Japanese graduate schools as international students.
- (3) Applicants who have completed programs and received degrees equivalent to a master's degrees from the United Nations University*.

*United Nations University; established by the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 11, 1972, as stipulated in Article 1 Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University.

- (4) Applicants designated by the minister of MEXT[†]. (Bulletin No. 118 of 1989)
[†] MEXT; Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (5) Applicants who are recognized as having degrees equivalent or superior to a master's degree by our graduate school and have reached the age of 24 (before enrolling at the Graduate School). This requirement shall not apply to the foreigners who are recognized as having received Japanese regular school education program.

【February application】 【July application】

Applicants shall satisfy one of the following (1)～(5) conditions:

(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one of conditions (1)～(3) before enrolling at the Graduate School)

- (1) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree at the graduate schools outside Japan.
- (2) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree from Japanese graduate schools as international students.
- (3) Applicants who have completed programs and received degrees equivalent to a master's degrees from the United Nations University*.

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- (4) Applicants designated by the minister of MEXT[†]. (Bulletin No. 118 of 1989)
[†] MEXT; Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (5) Applicants who are recognized as having degrees equivalent or superior or a master's degree by our graduate school and have reached the age of 24 (before enrolling at the Graduate School). This requirement shall not apply to the foreigners who are recognized as having received Japanese regular school education program.

【IMPORTANT】 Notes regarding Qualification Screening for Entrance Examination

1. Subjects: Applicants under condition (4) or (5)
2. Application procedures and deadline: Refer to 'II To be recognized before application' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.3).

2. Application documents

After you have paid the application fee of ¥35,000, submit the documents listed below.

Review “Cautionary note concerning” published in the separate file “Common Items of all Graduate Schools” on page 10-11, and carefully check your application documents for errors before submitting them.

Please clearly note the document number at the bottom right of each application document based on ‘the application document list (Check List)’. Please submit Check List as well as the application documents.

Document to be submitted (document number)	Remarks
Documents to be submitted by all applicants	
Application form (for submission) (1)	Print out and submit after finalizing your online application.
Statement of reason for applying (in Japanese) (2)	Use the form designated by the University. This should be hand-written by the applicant.
Original transcript from previously attended graduate school, or a notarized document certifying courses and grades (3) *1	Submit original transcripts or transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.
Original certificate of (expected) graduation from previously attended graduate school, or a notarized document certifying (expected) graduation (4) *1	This document does not need to be submitted if your transcript indicates or certifies that you have graduated, or that you expect to graduate. Submit an original certificate of (expected) graduation, or a certificate of (expected) graduation that has been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.
Research plan (in Japanese) (5)	About 1,000 words in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies. If you have an academic article or other form of research results that have already been published, note the title of the article, name of the publishing journal, publication date, page number and any other relevant information at the end of your research plan.
Copy of resident card or passport (11)	For a resident card, submit a copy showing both sides. For a passport, submit a copy of pages showing your name, date of birth, photograph, expiration date, residence status, and the most recent period of stay.
Two photographs	Affix a photograph taken within the last three months to the application form (for submission) and to the statement of reason for applying. (The photograph affixed to your application form will be used on the student ID issued after enrollment, should you be admitted.)
Applicants who are eligible under exam qualification (1) to (3) above and have already submitted a master's thesis	
Outline of master's thesis (6)	About 2,000 words in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies.
Copy of master's thesis (7)	4 copies
Applicants who are eligible under exam qualification (1) to (3) above and expect to submit a master's thesis	
Outline of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis (6) *2	About 2,000 words in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies.
Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis (7) *2	4 copies

Applicants who are qualified under condition (4) or (5) above and those with a professional degree (or who are expected to obtain one) and who have not written a master's thesis	
Results report (8)	Draft an overview of your research results or your research activities of about 2,000 words in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies.
Reprint or copy of research results (9)	4 reprints or copies each of academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers

Submit your transcript or certificate of (expected) graduation on which both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates are listed.

- *1 Certificate must be in Japanese, English or Chinese. If you are submitting one or more certificates in another language, you must consult with Graduate School Admissions Division before starting of dates for submission of application documents.
- *2 If you are expected to graduate from your graduate school in March, 2020 and apply for the February Application, you can submit "Outline of master's thesis" (6) and "Copy of master's thesis" (7) as late as January. 17 (Fri), 2020. Other application documents must also be submitted by this due date. However, if you cannot submit a copy of master's thesis and an outline of master's thesis by January. 17 (Fri), 2020, you must submit "Outline of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis" (6) and "Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis" (7) within a predetermined period.

3. Screening method

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Specialized Subject	Foreign Language	
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5. Written examination subjects and allocation of points (300 points total)

Written Examination		Oral Examination (Specialized subject) points (Note 2)
Foreign language (Note 1)	Points	
Select one language from among English, German, French, Chinese (contemporary Chinese), Russian, Spanish, Korean or Japanese (excluding your native language)	100	200

Note 1. Regarding the foreign language examination

- (1) You will not be allowed to refer to a dictionary during the foreign language examination.
- (2) If you have any questions about selecting a foreign language, contact the Graduate School Admissions Division.

Note 2. Topics for the oral examination (specialized subject):

- (1) Specialist knowledge on the major subject
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