

Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research

Admissions Policy

The Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research's Master's Degree Program seeks to foster the development of highly skilled professionals capable of balancing theory and practice. Consequently, we welcome a broad range of applicants from both Japan and overseas, regardless of background in terms of university, undergraduate program, or program of study, who understand this objective, possess the language proficiency necessary to achieve it, and desire to put the theoretical foundation they have studied in various domains such as foreign language education, multicultural communication, translation, and interpretation to work in a practical setting. The program also strongly welcomes the participation of faculty members at other institutions as part of its mission of offering recurrent education in foreign language instruction.

Our Ph.D. Degree Program seeks to foster the development of researchers and leaders in the various domains it covers. To that end, we welcome a broad range of applicants from both Japan and overseas who possess the competitive ability to make a contribution on the global stage through research as well as advanced teaching ability, including practical skills in the educational setting, and the advanced level of foreign language proficiency needed to carry out research and other practical pursuits.

Master's Degree Program

Major	Enrollment Capacity
Foreign Language Education and Research Major	25

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Ph.D. Degree Program

Major	Enrollment Capacity
Foreign Language Education and Research Major	3

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M. Entrance examination for international students (Master's Degree Program) (for October, December and February applications)

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.

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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.
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)	Submit an original and 3 copies writing horizontally within 4 pages in A4 format in Japanese or English. Write about the following (1) to (4) items. For the item (4), pick suitable points according to your research plan. (1) Title of your research (2) Your name (3) Keywords of your research (3 to 5 keywords to understand your research plan) (4) Body text · Significance, social necessity, originality and creativity of your research. · Present condition, problems and issues to be solved of your discipline and relevance to your research. · Theory, framework and method to be used. · Phenomena to be targeted, the method to collect data, the analyzing method of phenomena and data. · Expected effects through your research · Reference; using APA style or standard style for your language or fields. * When the text consists of chapters and sections, add the suitable titles to them.
Copy of resident card or passport (16)	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.

Document to be submitted (document number)	Remarks
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.

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
Foreign language	Held after the written examination
10:00 am to 11:30 am (90 minutes)	

Note 1. The Graduate School does not accept any requests regarding the time for holding your oral examination.

Note 2. More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

5. Examination subjects and allocation of points

Written Examination (100 points)	Oral Examination (200 points)
Foreign language	You will be asked questions in relation to the following: (1) Prior knowledge of the specialized field (2) Oral language proficiency required for the research (3) Research plan submitted with application (4) Other relevant points
Japanese	

6. List of Professors with Seminars (Academic Advisors)

Referring to the new 「2020 Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research; (Prospective) List of Professors with Seminars (Academic Advisors), Master's Degree Program」, select your preferred 「Language of Research」, 「Academic Field」 and 「Academic Advisor」 (You may enter up to two preferences).

Please select the second Academic Advisors, in case of Language of Research is except for Korean and German.

If you wish to choose 「Translation and Interpreting Studies」 as your academic field, please select "Other".

It should be noted that your Academic Advisor will be determined at the time of your enrollment, at which time your preferences will be taken into account.

It should also be noted that it is also possible to take the classes of subjects which fall outside of your Academic Field.

2020 Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research; (Prospective) List of Professors with Seminars (Academic Advisors), Master's Degree Program

Academic Field	Academic Advisor	Subject to be tutored
English		
Foreign Language Education	IKEDA, Maiko Ph.D.※	Applied Linguistics (Learning Strategies, Teacher Education)
	IMAI, Hiroyuki	Applied Linguistics (Classroom Research)
	KATOH, Masato Ph.D.※	Semantics, Philosophy
	SHINTANI, Natsuko Ph.D.	Applied Linguistics (Second Language Acquisition, Second Language Writing, Task-based Language Teaching, Individual Learner Differences)
	TAKEUCHI, Osamu Ph.D.	Applied Linguistics, Learning Strategies, Self-regulated Learning, L2 Motivation, Language Testing, Educational Technology
	NABEI, Toshiyo Ph.D.	Applied Linguistics, Sociocultural Theory and SLA, Input-Interaction-Output Model, English Language Pedagogy
	YASHIMA, Tomoko Ph.D.※	Applied Linguistics, Intercultural Communication
	MIZUMOTO, Atsushi Ph.D.	Corpus Studies, Vocabulary Learning and Teaching, Language Testing, Learning Strategies, Research Methodology
	YAMANE, Shigeru Ph.D.※	English phonetics, Pronunciation Instruction, TEFL
Intercultural Communication	BARKE, Andrew Ph.D.	Language and Culture (Identity Construction, Politeness) Contrastive Linguistics
	MASUMOTO, Tomoko Ph.D.	Communication Intercultural Communication
	MORISAKI, Seiichi Ph.D.	Intercultural Communication
	YASHIMA, Tomoko Ph.D.※	Intercultural Communication, Applied Linguistics
Translation and Interpreting Studies	KAWAHARA, Kiyoshi	Interpreting and Translation Studies Social Semiotics Media English Studies
	KIKUCHI, Atsuko Ph.D.※	Translation and Interpreting Studies: Cognitive linguistic approach to translation and interpreting; contrastive linguistic approach to translation; linguistic theory and translation
	YAMADA, Masaru Ph.D.	Translation & Interpreting Studies / Translation Studies, including Translation Process Research, Translation Technology Research (i.e. CAT tools, MT+PE, etc.), Translation in Language Teaching, and Audio-visual Translation Studies.
Japanese		
Foreign Language Education	ANAN Jyunko Ph.D.	Japanese Cultural Studies
	BARKE, Andrew Ph.D.	Pragmatics, Sociolinguistics, Discourse analysis
	SHIMAZU, Momoyo Ph.D.※	Japanese language education, Discourse analysis, Applied linguistics (Second language acquisition)
	TAKANASHI, Shino Ph.D.	· Japanese Linguistics (Modern Japanese Grammar) · Japanese Pedagogy
Intercultural Communication	ANAN Jyunko Ph.D.	Japanese Cultural Studies, Japanese Theatre and Visual Arts (including comparative approaches to British and American cultures)
	BARKE, Andrew Ph.D.	Language and Culture (Identity Construction, Politeness) Contrastive Linguistics
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Chinese		
Foreign Language Education	GEN, Yukiko	Chinese Linguistics, History of Chinese Language, Chinese Language Education
	KOJIMA Miyuki Ph.D.*	Chinese Linguistics, Contrastive Linguistics
	SHIN, Kokui Ph.D.*	Chinese Language Education, Contrastive Study of Japanese/Chinese Lexicon
	YAMAZAKI, Naoki	Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, Development of Teaching Materials, Pedagogical Grammar, Chinese Linguistics (Comparative Syntax, Discourse Structure, Politeness Strategy)
Korean		
Foreign Language Education	KO, Myung Gyun Ph.D.	Korean Linguistics, Lexical Semantics
Germany		
Foreign Language Education	TAKAHASHI, Hideaki Dr. Phil	Language Education Policy, Didactics of Pronunciation, German Language Education
Intercultural Communication	TAKAHASHI, Hideaki Dr. Phil	Sociolinguistics (Language Variation, Language and Gender, Pluricentric Languages, Language Norms), Language Policy, Didactics of Pronunciation, German Language Education

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- (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)
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- (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 the Graduate School). This requirement shall not apply to the foreigners who are recognized as having received Japanese regular school education program..

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Chinese	
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