

Graduate School of Sociology

Admissions Policy

The Graduate School of Sociology strives to pursue empirical, practical research in the interdisciplinary domains of sociology and human sciences and to develop human resources with advanced, specialized knowledge and independent research skills based on them. To achieve these goals, we are seeking a broad range of applicants as described below, including mature students and international students. The Master's Degree Program requires that applicants exhibit a strong level of awareness of issues related to society and human beings and bring far-reaching interest and motivation to the pursuit of research from a broad perspective. Additionally, applicants should possess the knowledge and scholastic ability that will serve as the foundation for their independence as future researchers or the knowledge and scholastic ability that they will need as professionals with advanced, specialized knowledge. The Ph.D. Degree Program requires that applicants exhibit advanced knowledge and scholastic ability in their field of specialization as well as broad research interest and creative awareness of issues suited to the pursuit of research in the interdisciplinary domains of sociology and human science and the ability to think intelligently and flexibly.

Master's Degree Program

Major	Course	Enrollment Capacity
Sociology Major	Academic Career Course	3
	Project Study Course	7
Social System Design Major	—	10
Mass Communication Major	—	10

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

Ph.D. Degree Program

Major	Course	Enrollment Capacity
Sociology Major	—	3
Social System Design Major	—	3
Mass Communication Major	—	3

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Note: Graduate School of Sociology courses are conducted in Japanese.

○ Regarding the course system for the Sociology Major (Master's Degree Program)

(1) Academic Career Course

〈Course outline〉

The Academic Career Course is intended to cultivate academic expertise in sociology and is for aspiring researchers.

〈Taking the course and earning credits〉

At least 30 credits must be earned, including seminars (or project exercises) A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects) and thesis instruction A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects).

〈Completion requirements〉

Those who have completed at least two years in this course, earned the specified credits and passed their master's thesis defense and final examination will be conferred a master's degree (in sociology).

(2) Project Study Course

〈Course outline〉

The Project Study Course is intended to cultivate practical sociology skills over a two-year Master's Degree period and is for those who aspire to contribute to the real world.

〈Taking the course and earning credits〉

At least 30 credits must be earned, including seminars (or project exercises) A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects), project study A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects) and a comprehensive literature study (2 credits).

〈Completion requirements〉

Those who have completed at least two years in this course, earned the specified credits and passed the review of their research results for the specified project and passed their final examination will be conferred a master's degree (in sociology).

(3) Selecting a course, acceptance criteria

1. Select the desired course during online application.

This course selection cannot be changed after submitting your application.

2. If you select the Academic Career Course, your candidacy will be considered for the Academic Career Course. If you are not accepted to the Academic Career Course, you will instead be considered for the Project Study Course.

You will be notified as to which course you have been accepted to in your acceptance letter.

3. If you select the Project Study Course, you will only be considered for the Project Study Course.

(4) Advancing to the Ph.D. Degree Program following expected completion of the Special Study Course

Those who continue on to the Sociology Major Ph.D. Degree Program are exempt from the specialized subject examination.

■ Becoming a Certified Professional Social Researcher

The Sociology Major course at the Graduate School of Sociology has been certified for training Certified Professional Social Researchers by the Japanese Association for Social Research.

Those who wish to take an examination for qualifying as a Certified Professional Social Researchers certified by the Japanese Association for Social Research must fulfill the following four conditions:

1. Have Certified Social Researcher qualifications
2. Have earned credits for the social research seminar that is a course subject in the Sociology Major
3. Have written a master's thesis or other type of research paper using the results of a social survey
4. Have completed the Master's Degree Program

Visit the Japanese Association for Social Research website for details (<http://jasr.or.jp>).

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

1. Qualification

Applicants who have obtained Level N1 (previously Level 1) on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or scored 240 points or higher on Japanese as a Foreign Language in the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) and who shall satisfy one of the following (1)~(5) : (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 school² 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).

[Important] Before submitting your application, you shall contact the academic advisor you wish to applicants after referring to the list of seminar, thesis tutor, academic advisors 2020 (Master's Degree Program) shown after.

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)	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 40 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies.		
Certification for Japanese Language Proficiency (10) ※ Be sure to submit the original. ※ Submitted certification shall not be returned.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>In case of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)</td> </tr> </table> The original of ‘Test Result’ or ‘Certificate of Result and Score’ certifying that you have passed Level N1 (Level 1 of Former Test). <table border="1"> <tr> <td>In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU)</td> </tr> </table> The original of ‘Score Report’ or ‘Certificate of Score’ certifying that you have acquired 240 or higher points in Japanese language.	In case of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU)
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In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU)			
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.)		

Note1. Submit your transcript or certificate of (expected) graduation on which both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates are listed.

Note2. The accepted documents will not be returned.

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.

For applicants to the Sociology Major Special Study Course, if you are not accepted for the Special Study Course, you will instead be considered for the Project Study Course.

4. Examination Components

Major	Course	Written Examination		Oral Examination (100 points)
		10:00 am to 11:30 am (90 minutes)	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (90 minutes)	
Sociology Major	Academic Career Course	Specialized subject (100 points)	English (100 points)	Held after the written examination
	Project Study Course		—	
Social System Design Major	—	Specialized subject (100 points)	—	
Mass Communication Major	—	Specialized subject (100 points)	—	

Note 1. The questions for the specialized subject will be the same for the Sociology Major Academic Career Course and the Project Study Course.

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

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

If you will select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance, because there is a semester that not in charge of Seminar as researchers etc.

The subject and academic advisors may be changed. Please check our website before application.

<http://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Gr_sch/>

Graduate School of Sociology; List of Seminar, Thesis Tutor, and Academic Advisors 2020

(Master's Degree Program)

Sociology Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors				
Studies of Modern Society	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		※USHIRO, Teruhito
Study of Theories of Sociology	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		KATAGIRI, Shinji
Sociology of Family	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Ph.D.(Human science) Osaka University	YAMATO, Reiko
Urban Sociology	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		NAGAI, Yoshikazu
Sociology of Education	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		YAMAMOTO, Yuji
Community Work, Theory & Practice	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		KANO, Keiko
Study of Cultural Anthropology	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		KUMANO, Takeshi
Study of Global Sociology	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy (Tokyo University)	SAKAI, Chie
Study of Social Research	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		MABUCHI, Ryogo
Methodology of Sociology	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		YASUDA, Tokio

Social System Design Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors				
Studies on Social System	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		TAKASE, Takenori
Studies on Business Management	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	UENO, Yasuhiro
Studies on Socio·Economic System	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Economics (Kyoto University)	TAKAMASU, Akira
Human Resource Studies	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		FUNABA, Takuji
Studies on Economic Policy	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Ph.D. in Economics Kyoto University	OGAWA, Kazuhito
Studies on Public System	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Associate Professor	Doctor of Economics (Kyoto University)	KIMURA, Masako
Social Studies in Science and Technology	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Associate Professor	Doctor of Literature (Kyoto University)	SUGIMOTO, Mai
Studies on Human Resource Management	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	MORITA, Masaya
Studies on Socio-Technology	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		SAITO, Norifumi
Social Network Analysis	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Ph.D. (Sociology) Columbia University	YASUDA, Yuki
Human Development Studies	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Ph.D. (Development) University of Wisconsin-Madison	KUSAGO, Takayoshi
Studies on Corporate System	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Osaka City University)	※HASHIMOTO, Satoru

Mass Communication Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors				
Media Culture Studies	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		OGAWA, Hiroshi
Broadcasting Media	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		KURODA, Isamu
Mass Communication Theory	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor		YOSHIOKA, Itaru
Advertising Research	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Ph.D in Commerce (Kansai University)	※MIZUNO, Yutaka
Socio-Information Media	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Human Sciences (Konan Women's University)	TOMITA, Hidenori
Gender and Media	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Social Science (Ochanomizu University)	MORI, Naoko
Media Representation	Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Information Studies (University of Tokyo)	MURATA, Mariko

D. Entrance examination for international students (Ph.D. Degree Program) (for February 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)~(3) conditions 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*.

*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.

[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).

[Important] Before submitting your application, you shall contact the academic advisor you wish to applicants after referring to the list of research thesis and academic advisors 2020 (Ph.D. Degree Program) shown after.

2. Application documents

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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.
Original transcript from previously attended graduate school, or a notarized document certifying courses and grades (3)	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)	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 3,000 words* in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 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.)
Applicants who are eligible under exam qualification (1) to (3) above and have already submitted a master's thesis	
Outline of master's thesis in Japanese or English (6)	About 3,000 words (1,500 words if written in English) in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies.
Copy of master's thesis in Japanese or English (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 in Japanese or English (6)	About 3,000 words (1,500 words if written in English) in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). Submit one original and three copies.
Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis in Japanese or English (7)	4 copies Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page).

- *1 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
- *2 Submit your transcript or certificate of (expected) graduation on which both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates are listed

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Note 1. Applicants who are expected to complete the Graduate School of Sociology Master’s Degree Program at Kansai University by March 2018 and are applying to continue on to the Ph.D. Degree Program in the same major are exempt from the specialized subject examination. This does not apply to those in the Sociology Major Project Study Course.

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

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

If you will select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance because there is a semester that not in charge of Seminar as researchers etc.

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(Ph.D. Degree Program)

Sociology Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Study of Theories of Sociology	Professor		KATAGIRI, Shinji
Sociology of Family	Professor	Ph.D.(Human science) Osaka University	YAMATO, Reiko
Urban Sociology	Professor		NAGAI, Yoshikazu
Sociology of Education	Professor		YAMAMOTO, Yuji

Social System Design Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Studies on Social System	Professor		TAKASE, Takenori
Studies on Business Management	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	UENO, Yasuhiro
Studies on Socio·Economic System	Professor	Doctor of Economics (Kyoto University)	TAKAMASU, Akira
Studies on Human Resource Management	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	MORITA, Masaya
Studies on Socio-Technology	Professor		SAITO, Norifumi
Social Network Analysis Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Ph.D. (Sociology) Columbia University	YASUDA, Yuki
Human Development Studies	Professor	Ph.D. (Development) University of Wisconsin-Madison	KUSAGO, Takayoshi

Mass Communication Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Advertising Research	Professor	Ph.D in Commerce (Kansai University)	※MIZUNO, Yutaka
Socio-Information Media	Professor	Doctor of Human Sciences (Konan Women's University)	TOMITA, Hidenori
Mass Communication Theory	Professor		YOSHIOKA, Itaru
Gender and Media Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Social Sciences (Ochanomizu University)	MORI, Naoko