

Graduate School of Psychology

Admissions Policy

The Graduate School of Psychology offers a Master's/Ph.D. Degree Program and Professional Degree Program, both of which have completely independent admission processes, curricula, and degrees. The Master's Degree Program actively accepts a diverse range of applicants, including applicants from outside the university, applicants from other fields, working adults, and international students, with a core group of applicants who studied psychology at Kansai University's Faculty of Letters and Faculty of Sociology. The Ph.D. Degree Program actively accepts not only graduates of the Master's Degree Program and the Professional Degree Program's Clinical Psychology Major, but also graduates of master's degree programs at other universities, mature students with experience in research at various companies and institutions, and international students, particularly from countries and regions in Asia. The Professional Degree Program's Clinical Psychology Major accepts applicants who possess a desire to become clinical psychology professionals, an aptitude for assisting individuals with emotional issues, and a broad range of knowledge in the field of psychology equivalent to an undergraduate degree in psychology.

Master's Degree Program

Major	Enrollment Capacity
Psychology Major	12

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

Ph.D. Degree Program

Major	Enrollment Capacity
Psychology Major	6

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

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

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 270 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) 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)	About 400 words. 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 1,600 words in length on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 characters 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> <tr> <td>The original of ‘Test Result’ or ‘Certificate of Result and Score’ certifying that you have passed Level N1 (Level 1 of Former Test).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The original of ‘Score Report’ or ‘Certificate of Score’ certifying that you have acquired 270 or higher points in Japanese language.</td> </tr> </table>	In case of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	The original of ‘Test Result’ or ‘Certificate of Result and Score’ certifying that you have passed Level N1 (Level 1 of Former Test).	In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU)	The original of ‘Score Report’ or ‘Certificate of Score’ certifying that you have acquired 270 or higher points in Japanese language.
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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.)				

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

Note 2. 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 written examination and oral examination.

4. Examination Components

Written Examination	Oral Examination
10:00 am to 11:30 am (90 minutes)	
Specialized examination	Held after the written examination

Note 1. The Specialized examination will test your knowledge of basic psychology and Japanese discourse skills.

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

Note 3. For the oral examination:

- (1) Research topic and methods after enrollment
- (2) Details of previous research

※ Please select the 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.

Please consult the academic advisor prior to your application.

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

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Graduate School of Psychology, Master's Degree Program 2020

List of Major Subject and Academic Advisor

Psychology Major

Psychology seminar	Professor	Ph.D.	ABE, Shingo	Social Psychology, Personality Psychology
	Professor	Ph.D.	IKEUCHI, Hiromi	Consumer Psychology, Social Psychology
	Professor		KAWASAKI, Tomotsugu	Psychology of career development
	Professor	Ph.D.	SUGAMURA, Genji	Psychology of embodiment, Constructivism
	Professor		SEKIGUCHI, Rikuko	Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience
	Professor	Ph.D.	HAYASHI, Nahoko	Social Psychology, Social Capital Theory
	Professor	Ph.D.	FUKUSHIMA, Hirokata	Psychophysiology on bodily awareness and self-consciousness
	Professor	Ph.D.	FUJITA, Masahiro	Law and psychology, Social Psychology
	Associate Professor	Ph.D.	KIDO, Ayae	Cultural psychology
	Associate Professor	Ph.D.	HOSOGOSHI, Hiroki	Gestalt therapy, Cognitive behavioral therapy, Psychotherapy outcome research
	Associate Professor	Ph.D.	MORIYA, Jun	Abnormal Psychology, Personality Psychology, Psychology of emotions

D. Entrance examination for international students (Ph.D. Degree Program) (for October and February applications)

1. Qualification

[October application]

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(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one of the following (1) ~ (3) conditions by October, 2019)

- (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 degree 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]

Applicants who have obtained Level N1 (previously Level 1) on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or scored 270 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) conditions:

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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).

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Outline of master's thesis in Japanese or English (6)	About 2,000 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 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 in Japanese or English (6) *1	About 2,000 words in length. Submit one original and three copies.
Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis (7) *1	Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). Submit 4 copies
Applicants who are eligible under exam qualification (4) or (5) above and those with a professional degree (or who are expected to obtain one) and 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 40 rows per page). Submit four copies.
Research results (9)	4 reprints or copies each of academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers

*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

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1. Results to date (including master's thesis)
2. Research methods and details after enrollment

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Graduate School of Psychology, Ph.D. Degree Program 2020

List of Major Subject and Academic Advisor

Psychology Major

Psychology seminar	Professor	Ph.D.	IKEUCHI, Hiromi	Consumer Psychology, Social Psychology
	Professor	Ph.D.	IKEMI, Akira	Psychotherapy Theories, Theory of Experiencing
	Professor		KAWASAKI, Tomotsugu	Psychology of Career development
	Professor	Ph.D.	KUSHIZAKI, Masashi	Community and Clinical psychology
	Professor	Ph.D.	SUGAMURA, Genji	Psychology of embodiment, Constructivism
	Professor		SEKIGUCHI, Rikuko	Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience
	Professor		TERASHIMA, Shigenori	Research in psychological assessment and stress
	Professor	Ph.D.	NAKATA, Yukishige	Person-Centered Therapy
	Professor		HIRUMA, Futoshi	Psychology of semiosis
	Professor	Ph.D.	FUKUSHIMA, Hirokata	Psychophysiology on bodily awareness and Self-consciousness
	Professor	Ph.D.	FUJITA, Masahiro	Applied social psychology on problems in criminal justice system
	Professor	Ph.D.	WAKITA, Takafumi	Psychological research method, Test theory
	Associate professor	Ph.D.	HOSOGOSHI, Hiroki	Gestalt therapy, Cognitive behavioral therapy, Psychotherapy outcome research
	Associate professor	Ph.D.	MORIYA, Jun	Abnormal Psychology, Personality Psychology, Psychology of emotions