

2023 Admission

International Students Entrance Examination Graduate School of East Asian Cultures

Application Guidelines

Note 1: Common items of all graduate schools are published in separate files. Please check together.

Note 2: The application guidelines is the English Version for Japanese-based Program of the International Students Entrance Examination.

Note 3: The application documents which are designated by Kansai University only have Japanese Version.

**Kansai University
Graduate School**

II Admission Policy

Master's Degree Program

According to the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy, the Graduate School of East Asian Cultures accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgment, and expression, as well as proactive attitudes befitting the M.A. students:

1. To have basic knowledge of East Asian cultures at the B.A. level and abilities to produce his or her research results through oral presentations and written papers.
2. To be able to set his or her own research topics according to the research methods of East Asian cultural studies.
3. To have strong concerns for East Asian cultures and willingness to contribute to the development of knowledge-based society by exhibiting their expertise.

Ph.D. Degree Program

According to the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy, the Graduate School of East Asian Cultures accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, the abilities of thinking, judgment, and expression, as well as proactive attitudes befitting the Ph.D. students:

1. To have knowledge about specialized contents and research methods of East Asian cultures at the M.A. or its equivalent level, and abilities to produce appropriately and internationally his or her research results through oral presentations and written papers.
2. To be able to set and develop his or her own research themes according to the research methods of East Asian cultural studies.
3. To have strong concerns for advanced research on East Asian cultures, an awareness as an independent researcher, and a willingness to lead the development of knowledge-based society through the inheritance and creation of specialized knowledge.

V Application Requirements

Graduate School of East Asian Cultures (Master's Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of East Asian Cultures	Cultural Interaction Studies Major	18

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

Master's Degree Program : International Students Entrance Examination (Spring Enrollment: October Examination and February Examination / Fall Enrollment : July Examination)

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 (Note 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 (Note 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 Pre-qualification Individual 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

Note 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 Pre-qualification Individual Screening for Entrance Examination

1. Subjects:
Applicants under qualification (5)
2. Application Procedures and Deadline:
Refer to 'I Check Qualification before Applying' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.1).
(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](#) published at the end of the Application Guidelines (Japanese Version), and carefully check your application documents before submitting them.

Please submit the 'Application Document List (Checklist)' 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. ★Must be hand-written by the applicant.
Original transcript from previously universities and / or other institutions 【③】	If you have transferred from another university to your current university, you also should submit transcripts from the previous universities and / or other institutions as well. Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.
Original certificate of (expected) graduation from previously universities and / or other institutions 【④】	Both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates must be listed. If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted. Submit an original certificate of (expected) graduation. If you cannot submit an original certificate, please submit a certificate of (expected) graduation that has been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions. Note) Applicants with Qualification (3) are required to submit a bachelor's degree certificate in addition to the graduation certificate.
Research Plan in Japanese 【⑤】	About 1,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft an overview of your proposed research plan on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page).
Copy of Residence Card or Passport 【⑪】	For a residence 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 3 months to the application form (for submission) and to the statement of reason for applying. Your photographs should not be retouched or edited. (The photograph affixed to your application form will be used on the student ID issued after enrollment, should you be admitted.)

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 ~ 11:30 (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 (Foreign Language ※)	Oral Examination (Specialized Subject)
100 Points	200 Points
Japanese	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 (February Examination : details of graduation thesis)

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

Note: Please select an academic advisor on applying.

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

The subject and academic advisors may change as needed. If it changes, we will notify applicants via posting a notice (Japanese Version) on our website, please check our website before applying.

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Graduate School of East Asian Cultures: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisor for 2023 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

Cultural Interaction Studies Major

Required Subject (Field)	Seminar on Cultural Interaction in East Asia (Language and Representation)	Professor	Ph.D in Literature	※IKEDA, Tomoe	(Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature)
		Professor	Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	ISHIZAKI, Hiroshi	(Chinese Historical Linguistics, Ryukyuan Historical Linguistics)
		Professor	Ph.D in Literature Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	OKUMURA, Kayoko	(Chinese Linguistics, Chinese Language in East Asia)
		Professor	Ph.D in Literature	HASEBE, Tsuyoshi	(Chinese Classical Poetry, Comparative Literature between Japan and China)
	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 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 Aciest 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)
		Associate professor	Ph.D in Literature	YOSHIKAWA, Kazuki	(History of Vietnam during Early Modern Period, International Relations of East Asia during Early Modern Period)

Extended Enrollment System

In order to better meet the diverse needs of enrollees and expand opportunities for graduate-level learning and research, the Graduate Schools of Law, Letters, Informatics, Foreign Language Education and Research, Psychology (Psychology Major), East Asian Cultures, Governance, Health and Well-being offer a three-year course, in addition to the standard two-year Master's Degree Program. This program offers the following characteristics.

(1) Annual Course Credit Limits

Under this program the limit of annual credit is as follows:

【Graduate Schools of Law, Informatics, Psychology (Psychology Major), Governance】

Course	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Two-year Course	28	28	—
Three-year Course	20	20	16

【Graduate Schools of Letters, Foreign Language Education and Research, East Asian Cultures, Health and Well-being】

Course	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Two-year Course	30	30	—
Three-year Course	20	20	20

(2) Assignment of Classes by Year for the Three-year Course

Graduate School of Law	Seminar (1)A and (1)B, a major subject in the Legal and Political Studies Course is assigned to first- and second-year students. Seminar (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. Seminar in the Business Law Course and Public Policy Course are assigned to third-year students.
Graduate School of Letters	Seminar (1)A and (1)B is assigned to as a research guidance class for their master's thesis; while Seminar (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. The master's thesis is submittal in the third-year.
Graduate School of Informatics	A research guidance class for students' master's thesis is assigned to third-year students. Submission of master's thesis is in the third-year.
Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research	The classes taught by the student's faculty advisor as well as the Master's Degree Program Seminars 1a and 1b are assigned to first-year students. Master's Program Seminars 2a and 2b are assigned to third-year students.
Graduate School of Psychology (Psychology Major)	Seminar of Psychology (1)A and (1)B is assigned to first-year students, while Seminar of Psychology (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. Submission of master's thesis is in the third-year.
Graduate School of East Asian Cultures	Seminar (1)A and (1)B is assigned to as a research guidance class for their master's thesis; while Seminar (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. The master's thesis is submittal in the third-year.
Graduate School of Governance	Seminar of Governance I and II is assigned to first-year students, while Seminar of Governance III and IV, a research guidance class that focuses on a specific topic, is assigned to third-year students. Submission of master's thesis or a report on a specific theme of research is in the third-year.
Graduate School of Health and Well-being	Seminar of Health and Well-being (1)A and (1)B is assigned to as a research guidance class for their master's thesis; while Seminar of Health and Well-being (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. The master's thesis is submittal in the third-year.

(3) Changing Courses after Enrollment

At the time enrollees become second-year students, they can request to switch from the three-year course to the two-year course if they satisfy the following conditions as designated by each Graduate School. If they do so, at the Graduate Schools of Law, Informatics, Psychology (Psychology Major), Governance, the course limit

of their second-year will be 28 credits, and at the Graduate Schools of Letters, Foreign Language Education and Research, East Asian Cultures, Health and Well-being, the course limit of their second-year will be 30 credits.

Eligible students will be notified during the fall semester of their first-year (Enrollees from the fall semester: spring semester of their first-year) by the University’s Information System. Please note that it is impossible to switch from the two-year course to the three-year course.

Graduate School of Law	The student must have earned 20 credits, which is the requirement for submitting a master’s thesis, as of the end of his or her first-year.
Graduate School of Letters	
Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research	
Graduate School of Psychology (Psychology Major)	
Graduate School of East Asian Cultures	
Graduate School of Health and Well-being	The student must have earned 16 credits, which is the requirement for submitting a master’s thesis, as of the end of his or her first-year.
Graduate School of Informatics	
Graduate School of Governance	The student must have earned 20 credits, which is the requirement for submitting a master’s thesis or a report on a specific theme of research, as of the end of his or her first-year.

(4) Limit of Years Enrolled

Limit of years enrolled for both the two-year course and three-year course is 4 years.

(5) Graduation Requirements

The graduate requirements are the same for both the two-year and three-year courses. Students enrolled in the three-year course shall take three years to complete the same requirements as students enrolled in the two-year course. For more information, see the “Graduate School Guidelines,” which you will receive at the time of enrollment.

(6) School Fees

As for School fees, refer to ‘8 School Fees and Other Fees for 2023’ (in the separate file “Common Items of all Graduate Schools” pp.20-26).

If you change your attendance period of the Graduate School in the course of study, you must also pay the tuition of the 3rd grade at the beginning of the 2nd grade.

(Confirm the exact amount of the school fees and other fees to pay when you take the changing procedures.)

If you wish to apply for the three-year course under the Extended Enrollment System, select “Three-year Course” for the “Extended Enrollment” field on the Online Application. Your selection of either course will have no effect on the admission decision.

If you wish to switch courses after being admitted, inform the Graduate School Admissions Division by Spring enrollment: January 13(Fri), 2023, Fall enrollment: July 28(Fri), 2023.

Please note that applicants admitted under the University’s February Examination are not able to switch courses prior to their enrollment.

Graduate School of East Asian Cultures (Ph.D. Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of East Asian cultures	Cultural Interaction Studies Major	12

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

Ph.D. Degree Program: International Students Entrance Examination (Spring Enrollment: October Examination and February Examination / Fall Enrollment: July Examination)

1. Qualification

【October Examination】

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

(including the applicants who satisfy any condition of (1)~(3) by October, 2022)

- (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 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 Examination】 【July Examination】

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 degree 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 Pre-qualification Individual Screening for Entrance Examination

1. Subjects:
Applicants under qualification (4) or (5)
2. Application Procedures and Deadline:
Refer to 'I Check Qualification before Applying' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.1).

2. Application Documents

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

Review Cautionary Note published at the end of the Application Guidelines (Japanese Version), and carefully check your application documents before submitting them.

Please submit the 'Application Document List (Checklist)' 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. ★Must be hand-written by the applicant.
Original transcript from previously graduate school 【③】	Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.
Original certificate of (expected) completion from previously attended graduate school, or a notarized document certifying (expected) completion 【④】	Both of the entrance and (expected) completion dates must be listed. If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted. Submit an original certificate of (expected) completion. If you cannot submit an original certificate, please submit a certificate of (expected) completion that has been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.
Research Plan in Japanese 【⑤】	About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft an overview of your proposed research plan on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page). If you have some research achievements such as published articles, please provide the information about the article name, journal name, publication date, number of pages at the end of the research plan.
Copy of Residence Card or Passport 【⑩】	For a residence 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 3 months to the application form (for submission) and to the statement of reason for applying. Your photographs should not be retouched or edited. (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. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page).
Copy of master's thesis 【⑦】※	4 copies

Document to be Submitted [Document Number]	Remarks
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】※	About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page).
Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis 【⑦】※	4 copies
Applicants who are qualified under qualification (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】	About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft an overview of your research results or your research activities on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 36 rows per page).
Reprint or copy of research results 【⑨】	4 reprints or copies each of academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers

※ If you are expected to graduate from your graduate school in March, 2023 and apply for the February Examination, you can submit "Outline of master's thesis 【⑥】" and "Copy of master's thesis 【⑦】" as late as January 17 (Tue), 2023. 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 (Tue), 2023, 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

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	
None	10:00 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes)	Held after the written examination

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 (Foreign language (※))	Oral Examination (Specialized Subject)
100 Points	200 Points
Select one language from among English, German, French, Chinese (Contemporary Chinese), Russian, Spanish, Korean or Japanese (excluding your native language and national language)	Topics for the oral examination (specialized subject): (1) Specialist knowledge on the major subject (2) Research topic and methods after enrollment (3) Details of master's thesis

※ 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: Please select an academic advisor on applying.

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

The subject and academic advisors may change as needed. If it changes, we will notify applicants via posting a notice (Japanese Version) on our website, please check our website before applying.

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Graduate School of East Asian Cultures: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisor for 2023 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)

Cultural Interaction Studies Major

Required Subject (Field)	Seminar on Cultural Interaction in East Asia (Language and Representation)	Professor	Ph.D in Literature	※IKEDA, Tomoe	(Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature)
		Professor	Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	ISHIZAKI, Hiroshi	(Chinese Historical Linguistics, Ryukyuan Historical Linguistics)
		Professor	Ph.D in Literature Ph.D. in Cultural Interaction Studies	OKUMURA, Kayoko	(Chinese Linguistics, Chinese Language in East Asia)
		Professor	Ph.D in Literature	HASEBE, Tsuyoshi	(Chinese Classical Poetry, Comparative Literature between Japan and China)
	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 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, Interaction in the Tibetan Buddhist World)