

2023 Admission

International Students Entrance Examination Graduate School of Sociology

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

The Graduate School of Sociology accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, and expression, and proactive attitudes and deserve as the graduate school students according to the Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School from a wide range of people including adult members of society and international students:

1. To have sufficient basic knowledge and academic abilities necessary for becoming independent researchers, and/or to have sufficient basic knowledge and academic abilities necessary for professionals provided with advanced expertise.
2. To have a deep consciousness for problems of society and human beings, and to have enough concerns and willingness to research from wider perspectives.
3. To have willingness to contribute academically to society by solving the problems of society and human beings and creating new values.

Ph.D. Degree Program

The Graduate School of Sociology accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, and expression, and proactive attitudes, and deserve as the graduate school students according to the Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School from a wide range of people including adult members of society and international students:

1. To have sufficient basic knowledge and academic abilities of expertise necessary for independent researchers in the future.
2. To have wider research concern, original consciousness for problems, and flexible intelligence necessary for conducting interdisciplinary research of social and human sciences.
3. To have willingness to contribute academically to society by solving the problems of society and human beings and creating new values.

V Application Requirements

Graduate School of Sociology (Master's Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major, Course and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Course (※)	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Sociology	Sociology Major	Academic Career Course	10
		Project Study Course	
	Social System Design Major	—	10
	Mass Communication Major	—	10

※ There are 2 courses in the Sociology Major, the Academic Career Course and Project Study Course. You should select one course when applying.

For details, refer to the “Regarding the Course System for the Sociology Major (Master’s Degree Program)” below.

Note: The Graduate School of Sociology has not established separate enrollment capacity for each type of entrance examination. However, the enrollment capacity will be 3 persons for the Academic Career Course and 7 persons for the Project Study Course in the Sociology Major,.

○ 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 Joint Seminars I a, I b, II a, II b, 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 Joint Seminars I a, I b, II a, II b, Seminars (or Project Exercises) A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects) and Project Study A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects).

〈Completion Requirements〉

Those who have completed at least 2 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 from 2005.

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 4 conditions:

- 1) Have Certified Social Researcher qualifications
- 2) Have earned credits by taking the subjects corresponding to the standard curriculums H~J of the Japanese Association for Social Research
- 3) Have written a master's thesis or other type of research paper using the results of a social survey (refer to the website of the Japanese Association for Society Research for details about the research range)
- 4) Have completed the Master's Degree Program

However, regarding 1), if you have not obtained a social researcher qualification, it is possible to acquire the qualifications of a social researcher and a professional social researcher at the same time by taking both the undergraduate subjects : Social Researcher Standard Curriculums A ~ F of the (E and F are optional) and the graduate subjects (corresponding to the Standard Curriculums H ~ J), it is possible to acquire the qualifications of a social researcher and a professional social researcher at the same time by taking the courses in parallel with the courses corresponding to.

As for 2), it is necessary to acquire credits for the "Social Research Training" (135 minutes × 30 weeks), which is a lesson course established by the major, corresponding to the Standard Curriculums H ~ J.

Standard Curriculums by Japanese Association for Social Research	Subjects Corresponded by Graduate School of Sociology
H. Survey Planning and Design Training (Practice) Subjects (90 minutes × 15 weeks)	Sociology Major "Social Research Training" (135 minutes × 30 weeks)
I. Multivariate Analysis Training (practice) Subjects (90 minutes × 15 weeks)	
J. Qualitative Research Training (Practice) Subjects (90 minutes × 15 weeks)	

Those who wish to acquire the qualifications should contact the Responsible person for Social Researcher at the Graduate School of Sociology (MABUCHI Ryogo, Faculty of Sociology Major) through the Social Survey Training Preparation Room (B201(A) on the 2nd floor of the 3rd Building) as soon as possible after enrolling in Kansai University.

Regarding the "Professional Social Researcher" qualification, read carefully the document "About Professional Social Researcher" distributed after admission, and refer to the website of the Japanese Association for Society Research (<https://jasr.or.jp/>).

Master's Degree Program: International Students Entrance Examination (October Examination and February Examination)

1. Qualification

Applicants who have obtained Level N1 (previously Level 1) on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or scored 240 points or higher (including the writing score) on Japanese as a Foreign Language in the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) which the valid period specified by the issuing institution of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) includes the application start date for the Examination Month, 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 (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).

[Important] Before submitting your application, you shall contact the academic advisor you wish to applicants after referring to 'Graduate School of Sociology: List of Seminar, Thesis Tutor and Academic Advisors for 2023 Academic Year (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](#) 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.
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 4 copies. Draft an overview of your proposed research plan on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page).
Certification for Japanese Language Proficiency 【⑩】	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). ★Be sure to submit the original certificate. In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU) The Online Certificate 'Score Confirmation Report' certifying that you have acquired 240 or higher points (including the writing score) in Japanese language as a Foreign Language. Please print out the certificate on A4 paper.
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.

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 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes)	13:00 ~ 14:30 (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 of Sociology Major and Social System Design Major will related to your desired professor's Exercises / Task research / Thesis Guidance Research Theme. The questions for the Specialized Subjects of Mass Communicating Major will be the common questions Regardless of your desired professor.

Note 2: The questions for the Specialized Subject will be the same for the Sociology Major Academic Career Course and the Project Study Course.

Note 3: More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

Note: Please select a major subject and an 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 or two that the academic advisor does not in charge of Seminar as researchers etc.

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 Sociology: List of Seminar, Thesis Tutor and Academic Advisors for 2023 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

Sociology Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Studies of Modern Society	Professor		USHIRO, Teruhito
Studies of Discrimination	Professor	Doctor of Arts (Osaka City University)	UCHIDA, Ryushi
Study of Theories of Sociology	Professor		KATAGIRI, Shinji
Study of Cultural Anthropology	Professor		KUMANO, Takeshi
Study of Global Sociology	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy (Tokyo University)	SAKAI, Chie
Social Policy	Professor	Ph.D. (sociology) University of Tokyo	TSUCHIYA, Atsushi
Urban Sociology	Professor		NAGAI, Yoshikazu
Study of Social Research	Professor		※MABUCHI, Ryogo
Methodology of Sociology	Professor		YASUDA, Tokio
Sociology of Family	Professor	Ph.D. (Human science) Osaka University	※YAMATO, Reiko
Community Work, Theory & Practice	Professor	Ph.D. (Human science) Osaka University	YOSHIOKA, Yoko

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
Human Resource Studies	Professor		FUNABA, Takuji
Studies on Economic Policy	Professor	Doctor of Economics Kyoto University	OGAWA, Kazuhito
Studies on Public System	Associate Professor	Doctor of Economics (Kyoto University)	KIMURA, Masako
Social Studies in Science and Technology	Associate Professor	Doctor of Literature (Kyoto University)	SUGIMOTO, Mai
Studies on Human Resource Management	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	※MORITA, Masaya
Studies on Sociometrics	Professor		YOSANO, Arinori
Social Network Analysis	Professor	Ph.D. (Sociology) Columbia University	YASUDA, Yuki
Human Development Studies	Professor	Ph.D. (Development) University of Wisconsin-Madison	KUSAGO, Takayoshi
Studies on Corporate System	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Osaka City University)	HASHIMOTO, Satoru

Mass Communication Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Mass Communication Theory	Professor		YOSHIOKA, Itaru
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
Gender and Media	Professor	Doctor of Social Science (Ochanomizu University)	※MORI, Naoko
Media Representation	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Information Studies (University of Tokyo)	※MURATA, Mariko
Media Industry	Professor	Ph.D. (Media and Governance) Keio University	MIURA, Fumio
International Journalism	Professor		Liu, Xueyan
Digital Communications	Professor	Ph.D. (Letters) Kyoto University	MATSUSHITA, Keita
Media Technology Studies	Professor		MIZUKOSHI, Shin
Broadcasting Media	Associate Professor	Ph.D (Interdisciplinary Information Studies) University of Tokyo	MATSUYAMA, Hideaki
Media Law	Associate Professor	Doctor of the Science of Law, Keio University	MIZUTANI, Eijiro
Media Research Methods	Associate Professor	Ph.D. of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University	MIZOGUCHI, Yuji

Graduate School of Sociology (Ph.D. Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Sociology	Sociology Major	3
	Social System Design Major	3
	Mass Communication Major	3

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

Ph.D. Degree Program: International Students Entrance Examination (February 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)~(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 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.

[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).

[Important] Before submitting your application, you shall contact the academic advisor you wish to applicants after referring to 'Graduate School of Sociology: List of Research Thesis and Academic Advisors for 2023 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)' shown after.

2. Application documents

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Please submit the 'Application Document List (Checklist)' as well as the application documents.

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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 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 4 copies. Draft an overview of your proposed research plan on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page).
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 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 in length (1,500 words if written in English). Submit 1 original and 4 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page).
Copy of master's thesis 【⑦】	5 copies If the master's thesis was not written in Japanese or English, translate the master's thesis into Japanese or English, and submit it instead.

Document to be Submitted [Document Number]	Remarks
Applicants who are eligible under 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 in length (1,500 words if written in English). Submit 1 original and 4 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 characters per row and 40 rows per page).
Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis 【7】※	5 copies If the thesis intended to be submitted was not written in Japanese or English, translate the thesis into Japanese or English, and submit it instead.

※ 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 (100 points)
10:00 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes)	13:00 ~ 14:30 (90 minutes)	
Specialized Subject (100 points)	English (100 points)	Held after the written examination

Note 1: The questions of the specialized subject will related to your desired professor's treatise guidance research theme.

Note 2: Applicants who are expected to complete the Graduate School of Sociology Master's Degree Program at Kansai University by March 2023 and are applying to continue on to the Ph.D. Degree Program in the same major are exempt from the Specialized Subject Examination, excepting those in the Sociology Major Project Study Course.

Note 3: More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

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

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Study of Global Sociology	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy (Tokyo University)	SAKAI, Chie
Social Policy	Professor	Ph.D. (sociology) University of Tokyo	TSUCHIYA, Atsushi
Urban Sociology	Professor		NAGAI, Yoshikazu
Methodology of Sociology	Professor		YASUDA, Tokio
Sociology of Family	Professor	Ph.D.(Human science) Osaka University	※YAMATO, Reiko

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 Human Resource Management	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	※MORITA, Masaya
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
Mass Communication Theory	Professor		YOSHIOKA, Itaru
Gender and Media Seminar · Thesis Supervision	Professor	Doctor of Social Sciences (Ochanomizu University)	※MORI, Naoko
Media Representation	Professor	Ph.D. (Interdisciplinary Information Studies), The University of Tokyo.	※MURATA, Mariko
Media Technology Studies	Professor		MIZUKOSHI, Shin