

# **2025 Admission**

## **International Students Entrance Examination Graduate School of Law**

### **Application Guidelines**

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

Note 2: The application guidelines are for the International Students Entrance Examination for Japanese-based programs.

Note 3: All application forms designated by Kansai University are in Japanese.

**Kansai University  
Graduate School**

## **II Admission Policy**

### **Master's Degree Program**

The Graduate School of Law accepts those who are ready to make a contribution to democratic decision making with logical and convincing arguments based on accurate expertise in political society and on necessary information. Applicants are therefore required:

1. To have the basic expertise in the historical development of existing legal and political institutes which is necessary for a researcher or a highly qualified professional, to have enough knowledge on foreign languages to understand arguments in foreign countries about legal and political issues, and to have the sufficient ability in Japanese and/or other languages to exactly express their own views and exactly understand others views.
2. To show willingness to admit the significance of different views derived from different cultures and values, to make a scientific explanation with accurate knowledge on legal and political institutes, and to reach a mutual agreement by convincing plausible arguments well founded on norms and history.
3. To have abilities of problem solution based on fair and flexible thinking, to have an active interest in social phenomena, to form their own opinions about them by reference to expertise in legal and political institutes, to act for problem solution by reconciling different interests and values in a democratic way, and to suggest their own solution in the form of master's thesis.

### **Ph.D. Degree Program**

The Graduate School of Law accepts those who have ability to research developed through master's degree program are ready to make a contribution to democratic decision making with logical and convincing arguments based on accurate and more advanced expertise in political society and on necessary information. Applicants are therefore required:

1. To have the more advanced expertise in the historical development of existing legal and political institutes which is necessary for a researcher or a highly qualified professional, to have enough knowledge on foreign languages to understand and express arguments in foreign countries about legal and political issues, and to have the sufficient ability in Japanese to exactly express their own views and exactly understand others views.
2. To have willingness to admit the significance of different views derived from different cultures and values, to make a scientific explanation with accurate knowledge on legal and political institutes, and to reach a mutual agreement by convincing arguments well founded on norms and history.
3. To have the abilities of problem solution based on fair and flexible thinking, to have an active interest in social phenomena, to form their own opinions about them by reference to more advanced expertise in legal and political institutes, to act for problem solution by reconciling different interests and values in a democratic way, and to suggest their own solution in the form of doctoral dissertation.

## **V Application Requirements**

# Graduate School of Law (Master's Degree Program)

## Graduate School, Major, Course and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Course	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Law	Law and Politics Major	Legal and Political Studies Course	30
		High-quality Professional Research Course	

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

- The Legal and Political Studies Course accepts applicants who are planning to advance to the Ph.D. Degree Program after completing the Master's Degree Program, for example students who are interested in pursuing higher study or in becoming researchers.
- The High-quality Professional Research Course, which are designed to foster the development of advanced, specialized professionals, accept applicants who intend to complete only the Master's Degree Program, for example students who intend to become legal specialists, civil servants, international organization staffs, journalists, or corporate legal staffs.

## **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 270 points or higher on the subject of Japanese as a Foreign Language (including the writing score) 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) conditions:

(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one 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<sup>†</sup> 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 'Pre-qualification Individual Screening' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.4).  
(Note 1) Graduates (or those expected to graduate) from less than 16-year program of school education can also apply. In this case, please contact the Graduate School Admissions Division by the submission deadline of the documents 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】	<p><b>Submit original transcripts.</b> If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ If you are currently enrolled, you should submit the latest transcript (original) when applying.</li> <li>◦ If you have transferred from other universities to your current university, you also should submit transcripts (original) from the previous universities and / or other institutions as well.</li> <li>◦ If you studied abroad during your enrollment period and credits have been approved, but the credits are not listed on the academic transcript of the university you are enrolled in, or the credits have not been approved after studying abroad, you also should submit the academic transcript (original) from the university where you studied abroad as well.</li> <li>◦ If you participated in a DD (Dual Degree/Double Degree) program during your enrollment period, but the credits have been approved are not listed on your academic transcript of the university you are enrolled in, or if credits are recognized in a lump sum, you also should submit the transcript (original) from the university where you participated in the program as well.</li> </ul> <p>Note 1) If the certificate has multiple pages, the seal of the university or the signature of the person in charge of issuing the certificate is required on all pages.</p> <p>Note 2) If you did not take any courses during your enrollment period, or if there is a blank period on your transcript due to studying abroad, please prepare a statement of reasons for that period (free format) and submit it together (School seal is not required).</p>

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. <b>Submit an original certificate of (expected) graduation.</b> 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】	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>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.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU) The Online Certificate 'Score Confirmation Report' certifying that you have acquired 270 or higher points (including the writing score) in Japanese language as a Foreign Language. Please print out the certificate on A4 paper.</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). ★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 270 or higher points (including the writing score) in Japanese language as a Foreign Language. Please print out the certificate on A4 paper.
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In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU) The Online Certificate 'Score Confirmation Report' certifying that you have acquired 270 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 【⑫】	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 three 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 admission decisions are made based on a comprehensive evaluation of document screening, written examination and oral examination.

### 4. Examination Components

Written Examination		Oral Examination
Legal and Political Studies Course	1 Major Subject (100 points) and 1 Elective Subject (100 points)	Held after the written examination
	10:00 ~ 12:00 (120 minutes)	
High-quality Professional Research Course	1 Elective Subject (100 points)	
	10:00 ~ 11:00 (60 minutes)	

Note 1: You will be allowed to refer to a digest of Japanese laws provided by the university during the written examination of the major subject and the elective subject.

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

## 5. Written Examination Subjects

### (1) Legal and Political Studies Course

#### ① Major Subjects

Select 1 major subject in which to major after enrollment from those listed in “Graduate School of Law: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2025 Academic Year (Master’s Degree Program)” on pp.7-8.

#### ② Elective Subjects

Select 1 elective subject from the following list based on the major subject you desire:

(Elective Subjects by Major Subjects for the Legal and Political Studies Course)

Major Subjects	Elective Subjects (1 subject)
Philosophy of Law	Philosophy of Law, History of Legal Thought, History of Japanese Law, Asian Legal History, European and Roman Legal History, Sociology of Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law (You cannot select the same subject as major subject.)
History of Japanese Law	
Asian Legal History	
European and Roman Legal History	
Constitutional Law I・II	Administrative Law, Tax Law, Criminal Law, Law of Criminal Procedure, International Law, Civil Law, Labor Law, Law of Social Security
Administrative Law I・II	Constitutional Law, Tax Law, Civil Law, Law of Social Security, Law of Civil Procedure, Public Administration
Criminal Law	Constitutional Law, Law of Criminal Procedure, Criminal Policy, Civil Law
Law of Criminal Procedure	Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Policy, Law of Civil Procedure
Criminal Policy	Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Law of Criminal Procedure, International Law, Civil Law, Commercial Law
International Law	Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Civil Law, International Politics
Civil Law I~IV	Constitutional Law, Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Law, Law of Civil Procedure
Intellectual Property Law	International Law, Civil Law
Commercial Law I・II	Civil Law, Law of Civil Procedure
Economic Law	Civil Law, Commercial Law, Law of Civil Procedure
Labor Law	Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Civil Law, Commercial Law, Law of Social Security, Law of Civil Procedure
Law of Social Security	Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Civil Law, Labor Law
Law of Civil Procedure	Civil Law, Commercial Law
Public Policy	Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, International Law, Public Policy, Political Process, Public Administration, Political Philosophy, History of Political Ideas, Political History of Modern Japan, European Political History, Diplomatic History, International Politics, International Political Economy (You cannot select the same subject as major subject.)
Political Process	
Public Administration	
Political Philosophy	
History of Political Ideas	
Political History of Modern Japan	
European Political History	
Diplomatic History	
International Political Economy	

Note: The application scope for certain elective subjects has been established as follows.

Civil Law———General Provisions, Real Rights and Obligations

Commercial Law———Commercial Law (General Principles and Commercial Transactions) and Corporation Law

Law of Civil Procedure——Decision-making Procedure



## (2) High-quality Professional Research Course

### Elective Subjects

Select 1 elective subject from the following list:

#### (Elective Subjects for High-quality Professional Research Course)

Elective Subjects (1 Subject)
Philosophy of Law, History of Japanese Law, European and Roman Legal History, Sociology of Law, Constitutional law, Administrative Law, Tax Law, Criminal Law, Law of Criminal Procedure, Criminal Policy, International Law, Civil Law, Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Law, Economic Law, Labor Law, Law of Social Security, Law of Civil Procedure, Public Policy, Political Process, International Politics, Public Administration, History of Political Ideas, Political Philosophy, Political History of Modern Japan, European Political History, Diplomatic History, International Political Economy

Note: The application scope for certain elective subjects has been established as follows.

Civil Law—————General Provisions, Real Rights and Obligations

Commercial Law—————Commercial Law (General Principles and Commercial Transactions) and  
Corporation Law

Law of Civil Procedure——Decision-making Procedure

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.

The major subjects 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.

<[https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Gr\\_sch/](https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Gr_sch/)>

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## Graduate School of Law: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2025 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

Law and Politics Major

Legal and Political Studies Course

Major Subjects and Academic Advisors			
Philosophy of Law	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tohoku University)	KIHARA, Jun
History of Japanese Law	Associate Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Kyoto University)	KOISHIKAWA, Yusuke
Asian Legal History	Professor		SADATE, Haruhito
European and Roman Legal History	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Kyoto University)	AWATSUJI, Yu
Constitutional law I (Bill of Rights)	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tohoku University)	KOIZUMI, Yoshiyuki
	Professor		NISHIMURA, Emi
Constitutional law II (Frame of Government)	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Hitotsubashi University)	MURATA, Hisanori
	Professor		TAKASAKU, Masahiro
Administrative Law I (General Theories)	Professor		ARAKI, Osamu
Administrative Law II (Administrative Remedy Law)	Professor		TANAKA, Ken
Criminal Law	Professor	Dr.iur. (Trier University)	IJIMA, Mitsuru
	Professor		KUZUHARA, Rikizo
	Professor		SAHEKI, Kazuya
Law of Criminal Procedure	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tohoku University)	MATSUSHIRO, Masae
Criminal Policy	Professor		NAGATA, Kenji
	Professor		NAKANO, Tetsuya
International Law	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tokyo University)	NISHI, Taira
	Professor		TERAKAWA, Yo
Civil Law I (Property, Contracts and Torts1)	Professor		BABA, Keita
Civil Law II (Property, Contracts and Torts2)	Professor	Doctor of Juridical Science (Hokkaido University)	MIZUNO, Yoshiaki
	Professor		MURATA, Daiju
Civil Law III (Property, Contracts and Torts3)	Professor	Doctor of Juridical Science (Hokkaido University)	KONNO, Masanori
	Professor		MATSUO, Tomoko
Civil Law IV (Relatives and Succession)	Professor		SHIRASU, Mariko
	Professor		
Intellectual Property Law	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Osaka University)	YAMANA, Mika

Major Subjects and Academic Advisors			
Commercial Law I (Corporation Law)	Professor		ITO, Yoshihiro
	Professor		UEDA, Shinji
	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Kyushu University)	HARA, hiroaki
Commercial Law II (Commercial Transactions)	Professor		SASAMOTO, Yukihiro
	Professor		JIN, Ling
Economic Law	Professor		KASAHARA, Hiroshi
Labor Law	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Kyoto University)	UEMURA, Arata
	Associate Professor		KONO, Natsuki
Law of Social Security	Professor		FUKUSHIMA, Go
Law of Civil Procedure	Professor		YOSHIDA, Naohiro
Public Policy	Professor		※ISHIBASHI, Shoichiro
Political Process	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Osaka University)	SAKAMOTO, Haruya
Public Administration	Professor		※HIROKAWA, Yoshihiro
Political Psychology	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Literature (Osaka University)	KAWAMURA, Kou
History of Political Ideas	Associate Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Human and Environment (Kyoto University)	※MOMOKI, Baku
Political History of Modern Japan	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Literature (Tokyo University)	WAKATSUKI, Tsuyoshi
European Political History	Professor		TSUDA, Yumiko
Diplomatic History	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (University of Tsukuba)	IKEDA, Shintaro
International Political Economy	Associate Professor	Ph.D. (ULB and University of Geneva)	YOSHIZAWA, Hikaru

Note 1: In addition to the above subjects, Core Subjects, Lecture Subjects, and Seminar are dividend.

Note 2: There are two classes for Constitutional law I (Bill of Rights), Constitutional Law II (Frame of Government), International Law, Civil Law II (Property, Contracts and Torts2), Civil Law III (Property, Contracts and Torts 3), Civil Law IV (Relatives and Succession), Commercial Law II (Commercial Transactions), Labor Law, and 3 classes for Commercial Law I (Corporation Law), Criminal Law.

**Graduate School of Law, Law and Politics Major: List of Subjects and Seminars  
for 2025 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)**

High-quality Professional Research Course

Subjects
Lecture
Philosophy of Law Lecture
History of Legal Thought Lecture
History of Japanese Law Lecture
Asian Legal History Lecture
European and Roman Legal History Lecture
Sociology of Law Lecture
Constitutional law I (Bill of Rights) Lecture
Constitutional law II (Frame of Government) Lecture
Administrative Law I (General Theories) Lecture
Administrative Law II (Administrative Remedy Law) Lecture
Tax Law Lecture
Criminal Law Lecture
Law of Criminal Procedure Lecture
Criminal Policy Lecture
International Law Lecture
Civil Law I (Property, Contracts and Torts1) Lecture
Civil Law II (Property, Contracts and Torts2) Lecture
Civil Law III (Property, Contracts and Torts3) Lecture
Civil Law IV (Relatives and Succession) Lecture
Intellectual Property Law Lecture
Commercial Law I (Corporation Law) Lecture
Commercial Law II (Commercial Transactions) Lecture
Economic Law Lecture
Labor Law Lecture
Law of Social Security Lecture
Law of Civil Procedure Lecture
Public Policy Lecture
Political Process Lecture
Public Administration Lecture
Political Philosophy Lecture
History of Political Ideas Lecture
Political History of Modern Japan Lecture
European Political History Lecture
Diplomatic History Lecture
International Politics Lecture
International Political Economy Lecture
Banking Law Lecture
Comparative Study of Constitutional Law Lecture
Law of International Taxation Lecture
International Trade Law Lecture
Political Psychology Lecture
Foreign Legal Literature I (German) Lecture
Foreign Legal Literature II (French) Lecture
Foreign Legal Literature III (Chinese) Lecture
Foreign Legal Literature IV (English) Lecture

Securities Analysis Lecture
Organization and Management Lecture
Foreign Law (each theme) Lecture
Special Lecture (each theme) Lecture
<b>Foundation</b>
Law Politics of Law (each theme)
Research Skill (each theme)
<b>Seminar</b>
Comprehensive Seminar (each theme)
High-quality Professional Seminar
<b>Graduate School Common Subject</b>

# 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”.

**(6) School Fees**

As for School fees, refer to ‘School Fees and Other Fees for 2025’ (in the separate file “Common Items of all Graduate Schools” p.23).

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 10 (Fri), 2025.

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

# Graduate School of Law (Ph.D. Degree Program)

## Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Law	Law and Politics Major	8

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



## **Ph.D. Degree Program : International Students Entrance Examination (October Examination and 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<sup>†</sup>. (Bulletin No. 118 of 1989)  
<sup>†</sup>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 'Pre-qualification Individual Screening' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.4).

## 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.

Documents 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】	<p>Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ If you are currently enrolled, you should submit the latest transcript (original) when applying.</li> <li>◦ If you studied abroad during your enrollment period and credits have been approved, but the credits are not listed on the academic transcript of the graduate school you are enrolled in, or the credits have not been approved after studying abroad, you also should submit the academic transcript (original) from the graduate school where you studied abroad as well.</li> <li>◦ If you participated in a DD (Dual Degree/Double Degree) program during your enrollment period, but the credits have been approved are not listed on your academic transcript of the graduate school you are enrolled in, or if credits are recognized in a lump sum, you also should submit the transcript (original) from the graduate school where you participated in the program as well.</li> </ul> <p>Note 1) If the certificate has multiple pages, the seal of the university or the signature of the person in charge of issuing the certificate is required on all pages.</p> <p>Note 2) If you did not take any courses during your enrollment period, or if there is a blank period on your transcript due to studying abroad, please prepare a statement of reasons for that period (free format) and submit it together (School seal is not required).</p>
Original certificate of (expected) completion from previously attended graduate school, or a notarized document certifying (expected) completion 【④】	<p>Both of the entrance and (expected) completion dates must be listed.</p> <p>If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted.</p> <p>Submit an original certificate of (expected) graduation.</p> <p>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.</p>

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).
If you satisfy the conditions for exemption from the foreign language subject written examination: Submit an original and 1 copy 【⑩】 ★If applicable	<u>Note 1: Submit only if you satisfy the conditions for exemption from the foreign language subject written examination (refer to Note 3 in 【Precautions】 under “5. Written Examination Subjects” below).</u> Note 2: Submit an original and 1 copy. The submitted original document will be returned on the day of the examination.
Copy of Residence Card or Passport 【⑫】	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 three 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 admission decisions are made based on a comprehensive evaluation of document screening, written examination, and oral examination.

### 4. Examination Components

Written Examination		Oral Examination
Major Subject (100 points)	Foreign Language (100 points)	
10:00 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes)	13:00 ~ 14:30 (90 minutes)	Held after the written examination

Note 1: You will be allowed to refer to a digest of Japanese laws provided by the university during the written examination of the major subject.

Note 2: You will be allowed to refer to a dictionary provided by the university during the foreign language examination.

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

### 5. Written Examination Subjects

#### (1) Major Subjects

Select one major subject in which to major after enrollment from those listed in “Graduate School of Law: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2024 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program).”

#### (2) Foreign Language

Select 1 foreign language of the following A~D other than your native language:

- A. English (Note 1)
- B. German (Note 1)
- C. French (Note 1)
- D. Chinese (or Classical Chinese Language) (Note 2)

Note 1: If you choose English or German, select 1 field of the following Application Field A~C when Applying.  
If you choose French, select 1 field of the Application Field A or C.

〈Application Field for English, German, and French (Common)〉

	English	German	French
A. Public Law	○	○	○
B. Politics	○	○	—
C. Private Law	○	○	○

Note 2: If you choose Advanced Study of Asian Legal History as the major subject, the questions will be set from the Classical Chinese Language.

**【Precautions】**

Note 1: If you have completed the Legal and Political Studies Course or Course A of the Kansai University Graduate School of Law's Master's Degree Program and are eligible to take the same-school advancement examination, you are exempted from the foreign language examination in English. Similarly, if you are eligible to take the standard entrance examination, you are exempted from the foreign language examination for the foreign language on which you were tested when enrolling in the Master's Degree Program. Select "Previously Tested Foreign Language (exempt)" in the "Examination Foreign Language" section of the online application and "Graduate of the Legal and Political Studies Course (Course A)" as the exemption condition. Additionally, enter "Legal and Political Studies Course" or "Course A" in the "Examination Foreign Language" section of your statement of reason for applying.

Note 2: If you have earned credits for Foreign Legal Literature I ~ III (or if you enrolled during or before the 2004 academic year, Foreign Legal Literature (1) ~ (3)) of the Kansai University Graduate School of Law's Master's Degree Program (a total of four credits for lectures (1) and (2) of the same subjects), you are exempted from the corresponding foreign language examination. Select "Previously Tested Foreign Language (exempt)" in the "Examination Foreign Language" section of the online application and "Literature Class (expected)" as the exemption condition. Since it is unclear whether you will ultimately earn the corresponding credits if you are currently taking the subject, enter your desired foreign language in the "Examination Foreign Language" section of their statement of reason for applying. You will be exempted from the corresponding foreign language examination if approved by the Graduate School of Law Committee, and you will be notified of the committee's decision on your entrance examination admission slip.

Note 3: If you satisfy any of the following conditions, you are exempted from the corresponding foreign language examination. Submit the document (an original and 1 copy) certifying the basis of your exemption along with your application documents. The original document will be returned on the day of the examination.

○ English

- (1) Score of Grade Pre-1 or better on the Practical English Proficiency Test
- (2) Score of 68 or better on a TOEFL iBT® test (including My Best™ Score) taken within 2 years  
As for My Best™ Score, it will be unavailable if there are some scores taken within the last 2 years from the application start date of each Examination Month.
- (3) Score of 650 or better on a TOEIC® L&R test (excluding IP tests) taken within 2 years from the application start date of each Examination Month.  
However, the Digital Official Score Certificate of the TOEIC® L&R test will not be accepted.

○ German

- (1) Score of Grade 2 or better on the Diplom Deutsch in Japan
- (2) Score of B1 or better on the Goethe-Zertifikat taken within 2 years from the application start date of each Examination Month.

○ French

- (1) Score of Grade 2 or better on the Diplome d'Aptitude Pratique au Francais
- (2) Score of B1 or better on the DELF
- (3) Level 3 or better on the TCF (Test de cannaissance du Francais) taken within 2 years from the application start date of each Examination Month.

○ Chinese

- Score of Grade 2 or better on the Chinese Proficiency Test

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.

The major subjects 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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2025 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)**

Major Subjects and Academic Advisors			
Advanced Study of Philosophy of Law	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tohoku University)	KIHARA, Jun
European and Roman Legal History	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Kyoto University)	AWATSUJI, Yu
Advanced Study of Asian Legal History	Professor		SADATE, Haruhito
Advanced Study of Constitutional Law I (Bill of Rights)	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tohoku University)	KOIZUMI, Yoshiyuki
	Professor		NISHIMURA, Emi
Advanced Study of Constitutional Law II (Frame of Government)	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Hitotsubashi University)	MURATA, Hisanori
	Professor		TAKASAKU, Masahiro
Advanced Study of Administrative Law	Professor		ARAKI, Osamu
	Professor		TANAKA, Ken
Advanced Study of Criminal Law	Professor		KUZUHARA, Rikizo
Advances Study of Law of Criminal Procedure	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tohoku University)	MATSUSHIRO, Masae
Advanced Study of International Law	Professor		NAKANO, Tetsuya
	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Tokyo University)	NISHI, Taira
Advanced Study of Civil Law I (Property, Contracts and Torts1)	Professor		TERAKAWA, Yo
Advanced Study of Civil Law II (Property, Contracts and Torts2)	Professor		BABA, Keita
Advanced Study of Civil Law IV (Relatives and Succession)	Professor		MATSUO, Tomoko
Advanced Study of Intellectual Property Law	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Osaka University)	YAMANA, Mika
Advanced Study of Commercial Law I (Corporation Law)	Professor		UEDA, Shinji
Advanced Study of Commercial Law II (Commercial Transactions)	Professor		SASAMOTO, Yukihiro
Advanced Study of Law of Civil Procedure	Professor		YOSHIDA, Naohiro
Advanced Study of Public Policy	Professor		※ISHIBASHI, Shoichiro
Advanced Study of Political Process	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Osaka University)	SAKAMOTO, Haruya
Advanced Study of Public Administration	Professor		※HIROKAWA, Yoshihiro

Major Subjects and Academic Advisors

Advanced Study of Political Psychology	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Literature (Osaka University)	KAWAMURA, Kou
Advanced Study of History of Political Ideas	Associate Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Human and Environment (Kyoto University)	※MOMOKI, Baku
Political History of Modern Japan	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Literature (Tokyo University)	WAKATSUKI, Tsuyoshi
Advanced Study of the European Political History	Professor		TSUDA, Yumiko
Advanced Study of Diplomatic History	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Law (University of Tsukuba)	IKEDA, Shintaro
International Political Economy	Associate Professor	Ph.D. (ULB and University of Geneva)	YOSHIZAWA, Hikaru

Note: There are two classes for Advanced Study of Constitutional Law I (Bill of Rights), Advanced Study of Constitutional Law II (Frame of Government), Advanced Study of Administrative Law, Advanced Study of International Law.