

Master's, Doctoral and Professional Degree Programs [Regular Students]

This section provides general information on matters such as admission requirements and the procedures for international applicants to become privately financed master's, doctoral or professional degree students* at Kyoto University. For details of particular programs, admission requirements, selection and the awarding of degrees etc., please contact the relevant administration offices.

For those who wish to enroll as non-regular (non-degree seeking) students (e.g. research students and exchange students), please refer to the "Non-Regular Students" section on page 17-18.

For information on English-taught degree programs, please refer to page 11-16.

* If you wish to enter Kyoto University on a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship, please refer to page 19-20.

Graduate Schools

Kyoto University has eighteen graduate schools. For details of each program, please visit the graduate school websites at the website below.

▣ **Kyoto University**: <http://www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/study/en/curriculum/graduate/>

Graduate Schools	Degree Programs	Courses
Letters	Master's & Doctoral	Philology and Literature, Philosophy, History, Behavioral Studies, Contemporary Culture, Kyoto University and Heidelberg University Joint Degree Master of Arts Program in Transcultural Studies (Master's course only)
Education	Master's & Doctoral	Interdisciplinary Studies in Education
Law	Master's & Doctoral	Legal and Political Studies
	Professional	Law School
Economics	Master's & Doctoral	Economics
Science	Master's & Doctoral	Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Astronomy, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Chemistry, Biological Sciences
Medicine	4-year Doctoral	Medicine, Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative School in Genomic Medicine
	Master's & Doctoral	Medical Science
	Professional & Doctoral	Public Health
	Master's & Doctoral	Human Health Sciences
Pharmaceutical Sciences	4-year Doctoral	Biomedical Sciences
	Master's & Doctoral	Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bioinformatics and Chemical Genomics
Engineering	Master's & Doctoral	Civil and Earth Resources Engineering, Urban Management, Environmental Engineering, Architecture and Architectural Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Science, Micro Engineering, Aeronautics and Astronautics, Nuclear Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Science and Engineering, Material Chemistry, Energy and Hydrocarbon Chemistry, Molecular Engineering, Polymer Chemistry, Synthetic Chemistry and Biological Chemistry, Chemical Engineering
Agriculture	Master's & Doctoral	Agronomy and Horticultural Science, Forest and Biomaterials Science, Applied Life Sciences, Applied Biosciences, Environmental Science and Technology, Natural Resource Economics, Food Science and Biotechnology
Human and Environmental Studies	Master's & Doctoral	The Department of Human Coexistence, the Department of Cultural Coexistence, the Department of Interdisciplinary Environment
Energy Science	Master's & Doctoral	Socio-Environmental Energy Science, Fundamental Energy Science, Energy Conversion Science, Energy Science and Technology
Asian and African Area Studies	5-year Doctoral	Southeast Asian Area Studies, African Area Studies, Global Area Studies
Informatics	Master's & Doctoral	Intelligence Science and Technology, Social Informatics, Advanced Mathematical Sciences, Applied Mathematics and Physics, Systems Science, Communications and Computer Engineering
Biostudies	Master's & Doctoral	Integrated Life Science, Systemic Life Science
Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability	5-year Doctoral	Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability
Global Environmental Studies	Doctoral	Global Environmental Studies
	Master's & Doctoral	Environmental Management
Government	Professional	Public Policy
Management	Professional	Business Administration
	Doctoral	Management Science

Language of Instruction

For international students, classes other than those of English-Taught Degree Programs are generally taught in Japanese, unless specified otherwise. Those who wish to enroll in an undergraduate program, a master's program, or a professional degree program must have sufficient proficiency in Japanese upon enrollment.

Kyoto University does not have an independent faculty for the study of the Japanese language. If you wish to prepare for admission to the university, please study at an appropriate Japanese language school.

For information on English-Taught Degree Programs, please refer to page 11-16.

Awarding of Degrees

● Master's Degree Programs

A Master's degree is awarded to those who successfully complete two or more years of required course work and research, pass the examination, and have their thesis accepted.

● Professional Degree Programs (Other Than Law School)

A professional (Master's) degree is awarded to those who successfully complete two or more years of required course work.

● Professional Degree Program (Law School)]

A Juris Doctor (professional degree) is awarded to those who successfully complete three or more years of required course work at the Law School.

● Doctoral Degree Programs

A doctoral degree is awarded to those who successfully complete three or more years of required course work and research, pass the examination, and have their thesis accepted.

● Four-Year Doctoral Degree Programs of the Graduate Schools of Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Sciences

A doctoral degree is awarded to those who successfully complete four or more years of required course work and research, pass the examination, and have their thesis accepted.

● Five-Year Doctoral Degree Programs of the Graduate Schools of Asian and African Area Studies, and Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability

A doctoral degree is awarded to those who successfully complete five or more years of required course work and research, pass the examination, and have their thesis accepted.

Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

Each graduate school has separate admission requirements. The following is a general overview for master's, doctoral and professional degree programs. In addition, preliminary eligibility screening may be conducted prior to the submission of application forms. For full details, please read the guidelines on the graduate school website (see P. 9-16) and contact the relevant administration offices if you have any questions or inquiries.

● Master's Degree Programs, Professional Degree Programs, and Five-Year Doctoral Programs of the Graduate Schools of Asian and African Area Studies, and Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability

- Candidates who have graduated from a Japanese university.
- Candidates who have completed 16 years of schooling outside of Japan.*
- Candidates who have reached 22 years of age or older and have been awarded a bachelor's degree or higher, or equivalent as recognized by the graduate school to which the application is being made.

● Doctoral Degree Programs

- Candidates who have been awarded a master's degree, professional degree, or Juris doctor degree from a university in Japan.
- Candidates who have completed a program at an overseas university that is equivalent to a master's program or a professional degree program at Kyoto University.
- Candidates who have reached 24 years of age or older and have a master's degree, professional degree, Juris doctorate (or higher degree), or equivalent as recognized by the graduate school to which the application is being made.

● Four-Year Doctoral Degree Programs of the Graduate Schools of Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Candidates who have graduated from a six-year medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or pharmacy course at a Japanese university.
- Candidates who have completed 18 years of schooling outside of Japan.*
- Candidates who have reached 24 years of age or older, and have been deemed by the appropriate authorities at the Graduate School of Medicine or Pharmaceutical Sciences to have academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a graduate from a six-year medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or pharmacy course at a Japanese university.

* Note that candidates who have not completed 16 years of schooling outside of Japan (or 18 years for four-year doctoral degree programs) may still be eligible to apply if they meet certain requirements. For more detailed information, please read the guidelines on the graduate school website (see P.9-16) and contact the relevant administration offices if you have any questions or inquiries.

Selection

The application deadlines and the test schedules for the Graduate Entrance Examination vary among the graduate schools. In addition, preliminary eligibility screening may be required prior to the submission of application forms. The Graduate Entrance Examination consists of sections on the field of specialization, a foreign language, and an oral examination. The academic year begins in April, with the exception of some graduate schools which also accept students in October.

For more detailed information, please read the guidelines on the graduate school website (see P. 9-16) and contact the relevant administration offices if you have any questions or inquiries.

Release Schedule for Graduate School Entrance Examination Application Guidelines

The tables below show the months in which the application guidelines for the respective graduate schools are expected to be made available. If two or more months are listed together, it indicates the schedules for the summer session exam and winter session exam, respectively. For information on English-taught degree programs, please refer to pages 11–16.

The schedule for the new academic year is subject to change. Please visit the websites listed below for the latest information, and contact the relevant administration offices if you have any questions and inquiries.

Applicants who graduated from universities in Mainland China, Hong Kong, or Taiwan, and who intend to apply for the status of a research student, master's degree student, doctoral degree student, or professional degree student are advised to begin the AAO application procedure prior to beginning the graduate admissions process. For further details, please refer to the following link:

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(Simplified Chinese) <http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zh-cn/education-campus/international/students1/aao.html>

(Traditional Chinese) <http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zh-tw/education-campus/international/students1/aao.html>

Master's Degree Programs (As of December, 2017)

Graduate Schools	April Enrollment		October Enrollment		Website
	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	
Letters	May • Oct.* ¹	—	—	—	www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Education	June* ²	June	—	—	www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/home
Law (Legal and Political Science)	June	July	—	—	law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Economics	June	—	October	—	www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Science	May	December* ³	May* ⁴	December* ^{3,4}	www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Medicine (Medical Science)	May	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Medicine (Human Health Science)	June	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Pharmaceutical Sciences	May	October	—	May	www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Engineering	May* ⁵	November* ⁵	—	—	www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en
Agriculture	June	November	—	—	www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Human and Environmental Studies	Jun. • Nov.	—	—	—	www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php
Energy Science	April	October	—	—	www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/index.html
Informatics	May • Oct.-Nov.* ⁶	November	May • Oct.-Nov.	November	www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Biostudies	April	—	—	—	www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/j/
Global Environmental Studies	Apr. • Oct.* ⁷	Mar. • Sep.	April* ⁷	* ⁷ Mar. • Sep.	www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

*1 Application guidelines scheduled to be released in May are for the summer session exam of selected divisions. Application guidelines scheduled to be released in October are for the winter session exams of all divisions.

*2 Schedules vary for different programs. Applicants are advised to contact the relevant administration office.

*3 Only for the Mathematics Course in the Division of Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences.

*4 Application guidelines are the same for both April and October enrollments.

*5 Only available on the website (web application).

*6 If there is a winter session exam in addition to the summer session exam, application guidelines for the Department of Advanced Mathematical Sciences (AMS) will be released in October, and application guidelines for other departments will be released in November.

*7 Admission guidelines will be released only if there is a call for the second (or other relevant) application period. Please visit the graduate school website for updated information.

Three-Year Doctoral Degree Programs (As of December, 2017)

Graduate Schools	April Enrollment		October Enrollment		Website
	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	
Letters	October	—	—	—	www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Education	June	June	—	—	www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/home
Law (Legal and Political Science)	November	July	—	—	law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Economics	October	—	—	—	www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Science	December	—	May	—	www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Medicine (Medical Science)	October	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Medicine (Human Health Science)	June	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Pharmaceutical Sciences	September	September	June	June	www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Engineering	May • Nov. *1	—	May*1	November*1,2	www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en
Agriculture	November	November	—	—	www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Human and Environmental Studies	November	—	—	—	www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php
Energy Science	April • October	April • October	April	April	www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/index.html
Informatics	May • Nov. *3	May • Nov. *3	May • Nov. *3	May • Nov. *3	www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Biostudies	December	—	—	—	www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/j/
Global Environmental Studies	Apr. • Oct.*4	Mar. • Sep.	April *4	*4Mar. • Sep.	www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Management	June	—	—	—	www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/*5

*1 Only available on the website (web application).

*2 Applicants are advised to contact the administration office concerned.

*3 If there is a winter exam session in addition to a summer exam session, application guidelines for the winter session will be released in November.

*4 Admission guidelines will be released only if there is a call for the second (or other relevant) application period. Please visit the graduate school website for updated information.

*5 Only the Japanese-taught course is available. Please confirm the required Japanese skills as detailed in the admission guidelines.

Four- and Five-Year Doctoral Degree Programs (As of December, 2017)

Graduate Schools	April Enrollment			October Enrollment		Website
	General Admission	Special Selection for Int'l Applicants	Transfer to the Third Year	General Admission	Special Selection for Int'l Applicants	
Medicine (4-year Medicine)	August	—	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Pharmaceutical Sciences (4-year Biomedical Science)	June	—	—	June	—	www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Asian and African Area Studies (5-year doctoral)	April*1	—	October	—	*2	www.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (5-year doctoral)	April	—	—	—	—	www.gsais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en-top/

*1 Including the guidelines for the winter session exam of the Division of Southeast Asian Area Studies and Division of African Area Studies.

*2 Special selection for international applicants is applicable only to Japanese government (Monbukagakusho [MEXT]) scholarship students. For details, please contact the relevant administration office.

Professional Degree Programs (as of December, 2017)

Graduate Schools	April Enrollment		October Enrollment		Website
	General Admission	Special Selection for Int'l Applicants	General Admission	Special Selection for Int'l Applicants	
Law School	May	—	—	—	lawschool.law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ (in Japanese language only)
Medicine (Public Health)	May	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Government	July	July	—	—	www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/index.html
Management	June	—	—	—	www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/*1

*1 Only the Japanese-taught course is available. Please confirm the required Japanese skills as detailed in the admission guidelines. Please refer to pages 11 and 16 for details of the English-taught course.