

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

This section provides general information regarding admission requirements and procedures for privately financed international applicants who are interested in Master's, Doctoral or Professional Degree Programs. For details, please contact the relevant administration office (ref. P.27-28).

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.

### Graduate Schools ([https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education\\_and\\_admissions/graduate-degree-programs/graduate\\_schools2.html](https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education_and_admissions/graduate-degree-programs/graduate_schools2.html))

Graduate Schools	Degree Programs	Courses
<b>Letters</b>	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)
<b>Education</b>	Master's & Doctoral	Interdisciplinary Studies in Education
<b>Law</b>	Master's & Doctoral	Legal and Political Studies
	Professional	Law School
<b>Economics</b>	Master's & Doctoral	Economics
<b>Science</b>	Master's & Doctoral	Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Astronomy, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Chemistry, Biological Sciences
<b>Medicine</b>	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
<b>Pharmaceutical Sciences</b>	4-year Doctoral	Biomedical Sciences
	Master's & Doctoral	Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bioinformatics and Chemical Genomics
<b>Engineering</b>	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
<b>Agriculture</b>	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
<b>Human and Environmental Studies</b>	Master's & Doctoral	The Department of Human Coexistence, the Department of Cultural Coexistence, the Department of Interdisciplinary Environment
<b>Energy Science</b>	Master's & Doctoral	Socio-Environmental Energy Science, Fundamental Energy Science, Energy Conversion Science, Energy Science and Technology
<b>Asian and African Area Studies</b>	5-year Doctoral	Southeast Asian Area Studies, African Area Studies, Global Area Studies
<b>Informatics</b>	Master's & Doctoral	Intelligence Science and Technology, Social Informatics, Advanced Mathematical Sciences, Applied Mathematics and Physics, Systems Science, Communications and Computer Engineering
<b>Biostudies</b>	Master's & Doctoral	Integrated Life Science, Systemic Life Science
<b>Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability</b>	5-year Doctoral	Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability
<b>Global Environmental Studies</b>	Doctoral	Global Environmental Studies
	Master's & Doctoral	Environmental Management
<b>Government</b>	Professional	Public Policy
<b>Management</b>	Professional	Business Administration
	Doctoral	Management Science

### Language of Instruction

Classes and examinations are generally conducted in Japanese except "English-Taught Degree Programs" (ref. P.11-16). Sufficient Japanese proficiency is necessary at the time of enrollment. Kyoto University does not have an independent faculty for Japanese studies nor Japanese language preparatory programs.

## 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, and have their thesis accepted.

### ● Professional (Master's) Degree Programs (Graduate School of Medicine, Government, and Management)

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, and have their dissertation 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, and have their dissertation 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, and have their dissertation accepted.

## Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

Each graduate school has individual admission requirements. The following information is the main extracts of eligibilities. In addition, preliminary eligibility screening may be conducted prior to the submission of application forms. For details, please see the application guidelines posted on the website of relevant graduate school (ref.P.9-16). Any questions, please contact the relevant administration office (ref. P.27-28).

### ● 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 of 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 recognized by the relevant graduate school as its equivalent.

### ● 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 (ref. P.9-16) and contact the relevant administration offices if you have any questions or inquiries.

## Application · Selection

Each graduate school has individual application deadlines and entrance examination schedules. Preliminary eligibility screening via AAO (Admissions Assistance Office) may be required prior to the submission of application documents. For details, please see the application guidelines posted on the relevant graduate school's website (ref. P.9-16).

(For details of the AAO: <http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/international/students1/ku-aa.html>)

Entrance examinations for the graduate school consist of the subjects of specialized fields, a foreign language, and an oral examination. Most graduate schools accept students enrolling in April but some graduate schools accept students both in April and October. Inquiries, please contact the relevant administration offices (ref.P.27-28).

## Application Guidelines for Entrance Examinations (Graduate Schools)

Application Guidelines are mainly posted on each Graduate School's website. The below tables indicate the available months of application guidelines for graduate schools. 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.

Schedule of the new academic year is subject to change. Please visit the relevant graduate school's website listed below for the latest information. Should you have any questions, please contact the relevant administration office (ref. P.27-28).

**Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate from non-Japanese universities may apply to study at KyotoU graduate schools as regular or research students.** The application process for each graduate school differs, and may or may not include a preliminary AAO review (the "AAO process"). For further information, please refer to the following link:

▣ **“Admissions guide for graduates of overseas universities”**

<https://u.kyoto-u.jp/graduate-admissions-for-overseas-graduates>

### Releasing schedule of application guidelines for Master's Degree Programs (As of December 2019)

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	—	—	—	<a href="http://www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Education	Jun. *2	Jun.	—	—	<a href="http://www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/home">www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/home</a>
Law (Legal and Political Studies)	Jun.	Jul.	—	—	<a href="http://law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/">law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/</a>
Economics	Jun.	—	Nov.	—	<a href="http://www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Science	May	—	May *3	—	<a href="http://www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Medicine (Medical Science)	May	—	—	—	<a href="http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Medicine (Human Health Science)	Jun.	—	—	—	<a href="http://www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Pharmaceutical Sciences	May	Oct.	—	Jun.	<a href="http://www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Engineering	Apr. *4	Nov. *4	—	—	<a href="http://www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en">www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en</a>
Agriculture	Jun.	Nov.	—	—	<a href="http://www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/">www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/</a>
Human and Environmental Studies	May • Nov.	—	—	—	<a href="http://www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php">www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php</a>
Energy Science	Apr.	Oct.	—	—	<a href="http://www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Informatics	May • Oct.-Nov. *5	Nov. *6	May • Oct.-Nov.	Nov. *6	<a href="http://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Biostudies	Apr.	—	—	—	<a href="http://www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/">www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/</a>
Global Environmental Studies	Apr. • Oct.	Mar. • Sep.	—	Mar. • Sep.	<a href="http://www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/">www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/</a>

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

\*4 Only available on the website (web application).

\*5 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.

\*6 April Enrollment: Only for the department of Communications and Computer Engineering

October Enrollment: Only for the department of Systems Science and the department of Communications and Computer Engineering

## Releasing schedule of application guidelines for Three-Year Doctoral Degree Programs (As of December 2019)

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

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

## Releasing schedule of application guidelines for Four-and Five Year Doctoral Degree Programs (As of December 2019)

Graduate Schools	April Enrollment			October Enrollment		Website
	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	Admission for Third Year Transfer Applicants	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	
Medicine (4-year Medicine ; Genomic Medicine)	Aug.	—	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Pharmaceutical Sciences (4-year Biomedical Science)	Jun.	—	—	Jun.	—	www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Asian and African Area Studies (5-year doctoral)	Apr. *1	—	Oct.	—	*2	www.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (5-year doctoral)	Apr.	—	—	—	—	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.

## Releasing schedule of application guidelines for Professional Degree Programs (As of December 2019)

Graduate Schools	April Enrollment		October Enrollment		Website
	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	General Admission	Special Selection for International Applicants	
Law School	May	—	—	—	lawschool.law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ (Japanese only)
Medicine (Public Health)	May	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Government	Jul.	Jul.	—	—	www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/index.html
Management	Jun.	—	—	—	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. For details of the English-Taught Degree Programs, please refer to P.11-16.