

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

Admission requirements and procedures in Master's, Doctoral or Professional Degree Programs for privately financed international applicants vary depending on the graduate schools. First, please check the information on the web page of the graduate school you wish to enter, and then if you have any questions, please contact the administration office (ref. P.27-28).

- * Please refer to P.17-18 for the information on a non-regular student such as a research student or an exchange student.
- * Please refer to P.11-16 for the English-Taught Degree Programs.
- * Please refer to P.19-20 for the information on a Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship student.

Please refer to the following website for graduate admissions including the information on how to find a course, an academic supervisor, or application guidelines.

▣ Graduate Admission Guide for International Applicants:

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/intl-admissions>

Graduate Schools https://u.kyoto-u.jp/yfnvc		
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, International Joint Master Degree Program in Global Markets, Local Creativities
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
	5-year Doctoral	Medicinal Frontier Sciences
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

Classes and examinations are generally conducted in Japanese except "English-Taught Degree Programs". 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 Degree

● Master's degrees

Master's degrees are awarded to those who have successfully completed two or more years of required course work and research, passed the required examination, and have had a thesis accepted.

● Professional degrees (other than from the Law School)

Professional (master's) degrees are awarded to those who have successfully completed two or more years of required course work.

● Professional degrees from the Law School

Juris Doctor degrees (professional degrees) are awarded to those who have successfully completed three or more years of required course work at the Law School.

● Doctoral degrees

Doctoral degrees are awarded to those who have successfully completed three or more years of required course work and research, passed the required examination, and have had a thesis accepted.

● Doctoral degrees from a four-year program at the Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative School in Genomic Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Doctoral degrees are awarded to those who have successfully completed four or more years of required course work and research, passed the required examination, and have had a thesis accepted.

● Doctoral degrees from the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (GSAIS), and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Doctoral degrees are awarded to those who have successfully completed five or more years of required course work and research, passed the required examination, and have had their thesis accepted.

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must meet the application qualifications set by each graduate school. Preliminary eligibility selection may take place in some cases before the submission of application forms. Those who have graduated or expect to graduate from non-Japanese universities, and wish to study at KyotoU graduate schools as regular or research students are advised to visit the website of the graduate school/institute of their choice for application guidelines and to learn about requirements regarding the AAO process before submitting application forms. For full details, please contact the graduate school concerned (ref.P.27-28). Note: AAO is tasked with facilitating the postgraduate application process for graduates of universities outside of Japan. Its responsibilities include preliminary screening followed by notification to applicants, depending on which they may then proceed to apply for a graduate program.

☑ Apply through AAO: <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/graduate-admissions-for-overseas-graduates>

The following are the excerpts from the application eligibility ;

1. Master's, professional, and five-year doctoral programs at the Graduate Schools of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (GSAIS), and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Candidates must have:

- Graduated from a Japanese university,
- Completed 16 years' schooling abroad, or
- Reached or passed 22 years of age, and been awarded a bachelor's degree or higher, or equivalent as recognized by the Graduate School concerned

2. Doctoral programs

Candidates must have:

- Been awarded a master's or professional degree from a university in Japan,
- Completed an academic program overseas that is equivalent to Kyoto University's master's or professional degree program, or
- Reached or passed 24 years of age, and been awarded a master's, professional, or Juris Doctor degree (or higher), or equivalent as recognized by the Graduate School concerned

3. Four-year doctoral programs at the Graduate Schools of Medicine, Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative School in Genomic Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Candidates must have:

- Graduated from a six-year course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy at a Japanese university,
- Completed 18 years' schooling abroad, or
- Reached or passed 24 years of age, and been deemed by the Graduate School concerned to have academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a graduate of a six-year course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy at a Japanese university

* Note: 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 details, please contact the Graduate School concerned.

Application · Selection

The application deadline and test schedule vary by School. The screening consists of written and oral examinations to assess language proficiency and knowledge of the chosen field. Preliminary screening may be required in some cases prior to the submission of application documents. The academic year begins in April, with the exception of some Schools that accept students in October as well. For more details, please email the administrative office of the Graduate School concerned (ref. P.27-28) , or visit the following websites:

- ☑ Graduate Schools: <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/yfnvc>
- ☑ English-taught degree programs: <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/j-hd1>

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. The schedule is subject to change. Please visit the relevant graduate school's website for the latest information. For information on English-Taught Degree Programs, please refer to pages 11-16. Should you have any questions, please contact the relevant administration office (ref. P.27-28).

- ▣ Graduate Admission Guide for International Applicants:

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/intl-admissions>

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>

Publishing schedule of application guidelines for Master's Degree Programs (in general) (As of December 2021)

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	Jun.*2	Jun.	—	—	www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/home
Law (Legal and Political Studies)	May	Jun.	—	—	law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Economics	Jun.	—	Sep.	—	www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Science	May	—	May*3	—	www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Medicine (Medical Science)	May	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Medicine (Human Health Science)	Jun.	—	—	—	www.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Pharmaceutical Sciences	May	Oct.	—	Jun.	www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Engineering	Apr.*4	Nov.*4	—	Nov.*7	www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en
Agriculture	Jun.	Nov.	—	—	www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Human and Environmental Studies	May · Nov.	—	—	—	www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php
Energy Science	Apr.	Oct.	—	—	www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Informatics	May · Oct.-Nov.*5	Nov.*6	May · Oct.-Nov.	Nov.*6	www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Biostudies	Apr.	—	—	—	www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/
Global Environmental Studies	Apr. · Oct.*8	Mar. · Sep.	—	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 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

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

*8 Application guidelines scheduled to be released in October are for the winter session examination, which might not be held in consideration of admission quota. Refer to the website for details.

Publishing schedule of application guidelines for Three-Year Doctoral Degree Programs (in general) (As of December 2021)

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)	Oct.	Jun.	—	—	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.	—	—	—	www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/
Global Environmental Studies	Apr.-Oct.*5	Mar.-Sep.	Apr.	Mar. · Sep.	www2_ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Management	Jun.	—	—	—	www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/ *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.

*5 Application guidelines scheduled to be released in October are for the winter session examination, which might not be held in consideration of admission quota. Refer to the website for details.

Publishing schedule of application guidelines for Four-and Five Year Doctoral Degree Programs (in general) (As of December 2021)

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) (5-year Medicinal Frontier Sciences)	May.	—	—	—	—	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.	Apr.	—	—	—	www.gsais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en-top/

*1 Including the guidelines for the winter session exam of the 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.

Publishing schedule of application guidelines for Professional Degree Programs (in general) (As of December 2021)

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	Jun.	Jun.	—	—	www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sg/
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.