

THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN JAPANESE STUDIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Studies in Japanese Language and Culture Graduate School of Language and Culture Osaka University

[April 2018 ADMISSION]

1. FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND NUMBER OF APPLICANTS TO BE ACCEPTED

- (1) Fields of research: Japanese language, culture or a closely related field
- (2) Number of applicants to be accepted: few

2. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) Nationality: Applicants must be foreign nationals (with the exception of permanent residents).
 - (2) Academic background eligibility requirement: Only those applicants from the following categories are eligible to apply:
 - ① Applicants who have either completed or will have completed a sixteen-year course of primary and secondary education by March 31, 2018
 - ② Applicants who have graduated from a university in Japan or expect to graduate by March 31, 2018.
 - ③ Applicants who have obtained or are expected to obtain by March 31, 2018 a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's degree by completing coursework for a period of at least three years at a foreign university or a foreign educational institution.
 - ④ Applicants recognized by the Graduate School of Language and Culture, Osaka University to have a level of academic competence equivalent to or superior that of graduates from Japanese universities and are at least twenty-two years of age as of March 31, 2018.
 - (3) Recommendation: Applicants must be recommended by their affiliated university or institution or an advisor or equivalent belonging to their affiliated university or institution.
 - (4) Health: Applicants must be free from any mental or physical condition that might interfere with their studies.
 - (5) Language: Applicants must be proficient in either English or Japanese.
 - (6) Registration: Applicants must be able to complete the entrance procedure by the appointed date.
- * Admission will be cancelled if students fail to graduate from their university by March 31, 2018.

3. SCHOOL FEE

- (1) Matriculation fee: 282,000 yen
 - (2) Annual tuition: 535,800 yen
- * The amounts described above are valid for the academic year of 2017. In the case these fees are revised, at the time of entrance or during enrollment, the newly revised fees are to be applied from the date of revision.

4. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

- (1) Selection will be made on the basis of the submitted documents and an in-person interview (or, alternatively, a telephone or e-mail interview).
The interview is scheduled to be held in mid-January 2018.
- (2) Notification of acceptance / denial of admission will be sent out to applicants by post on February 16.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Graduate School of Language and Culture, Osaka University. Applications must reach the address below by November 30, 2017.

(Original)

- (1) Application for Admission (prescribed form).....1
- (2) Essay on applicant's research topic related to Japanese language or culture1
To be written either in English (around 2,000 words) with a summary in Japanese (around 500 characters), or in Japanese (around 4,000 characters) with a summary in English (around 400 words).
- (3) Letters of recommendation
Two separate letters of recommendation (including the academic advisor's) (prescribed form)2
- (4) Photograph (taken within the past 6 months; 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm; showing the upper body, facing front; no hat) to be pasted on the designated place of the application form with the applicant's name and nationality written on the back1
- (5) Photocopy of the page of the applicant's passport that shows his/her name, or attested copy of applicant's family register, or certificate of citizenship.....1
- (6) Certified academic record of undergraduate or graduate course of university attended.....1
(NB) If the academic transcript does not show the grading scale or the semester in which credits were earned, applicants must submit documents showing the grading scale (including indication of which point on the scale constitutes a non-passing grade) and the semester in which credits were earned. Transcripts of non-degree research students, non-degree-seeking students, or students enrolled in Japanese language school are invalid.
- (7) Official copy of graduation (or prospective graduation) certificate of the university attended.....1
- (8) Document(s) certifying language proficiency.....1
(Includes at least one of the following: photocopy of an English language proficiency test (ex. TOEFL, IELTS) score report; photocopy of Japanese Language Proficiency Test score report or a letter evaluating the applicant's language proficiency written by a university professor, etc.)
- (9) Abstract (in English or Japanese) of applicant's honors thesis (if applicable)1
- (10) Document(s) certifying high achievement of the applicant (GPA, ranking, etc.) (if any).....1
- (11) Application fee: 30,000 yen
(NB 1) Applicants are advised, if possible, to use a consistent format and type all documents in A4 size. Information given in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied by a Japanese translation.
(NB 2) For items (1) and (3), prescribed forms must be submitted. **Information given in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied by a Japanese translation.**
(NB 3) Those who are research students of Osaka University's Graduate School of Language and Culture, Studies in Language and Society or Studies in Japanese Language and Culture program at the time of application are exempted from submitting items (6) and (7).
(NB 4) Improperly completed applications—including those submitted past the deadline or missing any of the above required documents—will not be accepted.
(NB 5) The submitted documents will not be returned.
(NB 6) The application fee cannot be refunded.

6. NOTICES

Accepted students are advised to study the Japanese language and have some general knowledge of the Japanese climate, customs, manners and university education and conditions before coming to Japan.

7. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

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