

THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN JAPANESE STUDIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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

[October 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 September 30,2018.
 - ② Applicants who have graduated from a university in Japan or expect to graduate by September 30,2018.
 - ③ Applicants who have obtained or are expected to obtain by September 30,2018 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 September 30, 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 September 30,2018.

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 early June,2018.
- (2) Notification of acceptance / denial of admission will be sent out to applicants by post on July 6.

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 April 27, 2018.

(Original)

- (1) Application for Admission (prescribed form)..... 1
- (2) Essay on applicant's research topic related to Japanese language or culture 1
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 back 1
- (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), (7) and (10).
(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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(Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.)

To applicants enrolled or expected to enroll into the *Master's Program in Applied Linguistics* at the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Mahidol University

Applications for the Double-Degree Program:

In addition to the standard Master's program, the Division of Studies in Japanese Language and Culture (DJLC) at the Graduate School of Language and Culture of Osaka University has established a 3-year double-degree program (DDP) with the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Mahidol University. The DDP is a program aimed at providing students with the opportunity to obtain two Master's degrees simultaneously (each granted by one institution), after accomplishing study and research at both institutions and successfully fulfilling the requirements of each institution. Applicants enrolled or expected to enroll into the Master's Program in Applied Linguistics offered by the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Mahidol University, may apply for this DDP. However, applications for the DDP must be made after reaching a consensus between the applicant, the (to-be-assigned) supervisor at Osaka University and the supervisor at Mahidol University. Note that applicants for the DDP are requested to select the appropriate entry in the application form, and provide the following additional documents when admitted to DDP.

- 1) Letter of Acceptance from the selected DJLC professor at Osaka University, stating the professor's will to accept the applicant as a student under his/ her supervision.
- 2) Letter of Confirmation from the supervisor at Mahidol University, stating that he/she will continue to support the applicant as a DDP student.

For further information, please contact:

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Applicants for the double-degree program

(ダブルディグリープログラム申請者)

※ Only for applicants to the Double-Degree Program (DDP)

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Yes, I want to apply to the DDP

i) Name of partner Institution:

(相手機関名) Faculty of Liberal Arts, Mahidol University

ii) Name of supervisor at partner institution:

(マヒドン大学での指導教員) _____

iii) Name of graduate program at partner institution:

(マヒドン大学の大学院プログラム名称) Master's Program in Applied Linguistics

iv) Date of enrollment or expected date of enrollment at partner institution:

(マヒドン大学への入学日または入学予定日) _____

Data of application:

(申請年月日) _____

Applicant's signature:

(申請者署名) _____

Applicant's name

(in Roman block capitals):

(申請者氏名) _____