

THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN JAPANESE STUDIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Department of Applied Japanese Studies
Division of Japanese Studies
Graduate School of Humanities
Osaka University

[October 2024 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: up to several

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, 2024.
 - ② Applicants who have graduated from a university in Japan or expect to graduate by September 30, 2024.
 - ③ Applicants who have obtained or are expected to obtain by September 30, 2024 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, 2024.
 - (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, 2024.

3. SCHOOL FEE

- (1) Enrollment Fee: 282,000 yen
- (2) Tuition Fee: 535,800 yen (First semester: 267,900 yen, Second semester: 267,900 yen)
 - * The amounts described above are valid for the academic year of 2023. 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.
 - * Those who are enrolled into the double-degree program and Japanese Government Scholarship Student are exempted from paying the enrollment fee and the tuition fee.

4. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

- (1) Selection will be made on the basis of the submitted documents and an in-person interview (or interview by phone, internet, or email Q&A).

The interview is scheduled to be held in **mid-June 2024**.
- (2) Notification of acceptance / denial of admission will be sent out to applicants by mail or email on **July 12**.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants must submit the following documents to the address specified in Section 8 during the application period.

[Application Period]

From April 8, 2024 (Mon) to May 10, 2024 (Fri) (Must arrive by the deadline).

Notes for Creating Application Documents:

- For documents created by the applicant, use Japanese or English and create them as much as possible using word processing software on A4-sized single-sided printing.
- For documents (1) and (3) among the application documents, download the designated format from the Osaka University website and create them.
- For documents in languages other than Japanese and English, be sure to attach a translation in Japanese.
- Attach the designated cover page when submitting the application documents.
- If the application documents are not completely and accurately filled out, incomplete, or arrive after the submission deadline, they will not be accepted. Additionally, the application documents will not be returned.

(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 (prescribed form) 2**
Two separate letters of recommendation (including the academic advisor’s)
- (4) Photograph..... 1**
(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
- (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(NB1) · 1**
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(NB1)..... 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) the Receipt of Application Fee Payment(Application Fee 30,000yen)..... 1**
Please pay the examination fee through the payment system. For details, please refer to the attached sheet "[How to Pay the Examination Fee through the Examination Fee Payment System](#)". After payment is completed, download the Certificate of Payment of Application Fee (PDF file), print it out in A4 size, and submit it together with the other application documents. Fees shall be borne by the applicant. **[Payment period] From April 1 to May 10, 2024**
No application fee is required for those who enroll as a Japanese Government Scholarship Student. However, applicants are required to submit documents to prove that they are Japanese Government Scholarship Student.

(NB 1) For items (7) and (8), if you are unable to submit the original documents, please provide certified copies that have been accurately replicated from the originals. These copies should be verified by your previous educational institution, embassy, notary public, or another official public institution.

(NB 2) 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 3) Applicants for the double-degree program are exempted from paying the application fee and submitting items (2), (3), (8), (9) and (10) .

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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