

N.B. These Admission Guidelines and Admission Requirements do not apply to GMAP in Law Course.

Admission Guidelines for the Graduate School of Law (GSL)
Foreign Graduate Student Course (MA degree program)

[Note: The information contained here provides only a general outline of the admissions guideline. For further and more concise detail, please see the official Japanese language page that is updated on a routine basis. It should be noted that in order to be accepted to the GSL program, a student must be sufficiently proficient in the Japanese language.]

Majors:

Legal Studies:

Civil Law, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law, Labor Law, Economic Law, Civil Procedure Law, Private International Law, International Exchange Law, International Economic Law, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Tax Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Legal Philosophy, Japanese Legal History, Anglo-American Law, Chinese Law, Russian Law, International Law, Sociology of Law

Political Science:

International Relations, Political Science (theory and thought), Japanese Political History, Western (European) Political History, Comparative Politics

Notes:

- 1) Please see the faculty introduction page for a complete listing of the area of expertise of the academic staff.
- 2) It is strongly advised that you contact your major advisor *prior* to applying as he/she may not be available for the academic year which you plan to enroll.

Basic Admission Requirements:

The applicant must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited four year institution and/or completed sixteen years of formal education or the equivalent. To ascertain if you meet the requirements, contact the GSL admissions office.

Admissions Criteria:

Admission decisions will be based on a cumulative evaluation of undergraduate grades and entrance exam scores.

Entrance Exams:

1) Writing section

A: Japanese Language Essay (500-1000 characters).

B: Essay Exam (select the appropriate exam for your major)

Civil Law, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law, Labor Law, Economic Law, Civil Procedure Law, Private International Law, International Exchange Law, International Economic Law, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Tax Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Legal Philosophy, Japanese Legal History, Western Political History, Anglo-American Law, Chinese Law, Russian Law, International Law, Legal Sociology, International Relations, Political Science, Japanese Political History, Western (European) Political History, Political Process

[Note: confirm with the office to ascertain what type of dictionaries you may bring with you to the exam. However, all electronic devices are prohibited.]

2) Oral exam (questions will be related to your major)

Application Dates:

Applications will typically be accepted from the last Monday in July thru the first Monday of August. However, these dates may change from year to year. It is strongly advised that you consult the official Japanese language page for the precise dates. Applications should be sent by *kakidome* (certified) mail only.

Application Procedure and Fees:

Admissions processing fee of ¥30,000 is required by all applicants. Deposit the money in the specified account and mail the proof of payment along with the other application materials (see below) to the GSL admissions office. The admissions processing fee will *not* be refunded under any circumstance.

Required Applications Documents :

The following documents should be mailed to the GSL admissions office in the envelope provided.

- 1) Application Form and Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Official Diploma (photocopy)
- 3) Official Transcript
- 4) Exam Card and Photo Card (enclosed)
- 5) Photograph (must be taken within three months of application submission; 4 cm by 3 cm)

- 6) Self-stamped (¥350) return envelope
- 7) Address Sheet (2)
- 8) Application Processing Fee (¥30,000)
- 9) Alien Registration Card or Copy Passport
- 10) Japanese Language Proficiency Statement
- 11) Letter of Recommendations (not mandatory)

Entrance Exam Dates and Times:

Typically the first Monday of September but confirm with the official Japanese Language Page for the exact dates.

Writing Portion: Japanese Language Essay (100 points) = 1 hour
Major Related Essay Questions (200 points) = 2 hours

Oral Portion: usually after 14:00 (20-30 minutes)

Exam Venue:

2-1 Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe
Graduate School of Law Building
(See main page for directions.)

Notification of Acceptance:

Typically notices will be mailed within two weeks of the admission exams. It will also be posted on the GSL bulletin board next to the main gates (see Official Japanese Language Page for the exact date and time.)

Medical Check-up:

All students who enroll will be required to take a medical check-up at the university health center. Further details will be provided at the appropriate time.

Physically Disadvantaged Applicants:

You are required to contact the GSL admissions office to make special prearrangements (see Official Japanese Page for the deadline information.)

Notice:

Application documents may not be revised or altered in anyway once submitted.

Admission Fees and Tuition [2004 rates – subject to change]:

- 1) Admission Fees = ¥282,000
- 2) Tuition (Semester One) = ¥260,400 (or ¥520.800 per academic year)

Disclosure of Admission Results:

The cumulative score will be disclosed upon written request to the GSL office. However, only those who were not admitted may exercise this option. Be sure to enclose a self addressed and stamped (¥500) envelope.

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