

Admission Policy (AP)

[Basic Views on Accepting Entrants (Preamble)]

The Department of Regional Development Studies aims to nurture highly-skilled professionals and researchers with specialized and interdisciplinary “regional development skills” that lead to individualized solutions in accordance with regional characteristics. The Regional Development Studies Course aims to nurture human resources who can solve regional problems, and the Educational Support Development Course aims to nurture human resources who can work as a team to support education at school sites.

[Desired applicants]

We accept students who are willing to develop their basic regional creativity cultivated in their Bachelor's Degree Programs and acquire the ability to deal with various problems in local communities. The program also accepts working adults who wish to objectively and academically reevaluate various regional issues they face at their workplaces and in their local communities, and acquire knowledge and methods useful for problem solving from specialized and interdisciplinary perspectives, as well as international students who wish to learn about regional issues and their solutions in Japan and work as leaders in regional creation in their home countries.

Basic academic skills for admission

- Clear understanding of the issue to be studied as a subject of research with a high level of interest and strong inquisitiveness to local communities
- Basic knowledge of the research field or area to professionally learn the issue to be studied as a subject of research
- Basic skills to conduct surveys to accurately grasp the current status of the region and to analyze the collected data
- Broad education by reading literature and books in a variety of related fields to culture the ability to perceive things critically and from a variety of perspectives
- Basic communication skills to understand the people living in the community, to connect with them, and to build consensus

[Basic Policy on Selection]

General Selection and Special Selection for International Students A written examination consisting of basic questions and specialized questions on one subject to be majored in after admission and an oral examination on the submitted research plan and the specialized subject taken are conducted.

Special Selection for Working Adults A written examination consisting of basic questions and specialized questions on one subject to be majored in after admission, a submitted research plan, and an oral examination on the specialized subject taken are conducted.

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Selection for the Short-term (1 Year) Enrollment-type System	An oral examination on the submitted research plan
Remote Special Selection for “Overseas-Resident” Applicants	An oral examination on the submitted research plan
[Subjects to be mastered before admission]	