

Admission Policy (AP)

[Basic Views on Accepting Entrants (Preamble)]

The Course of International Relations and Area Studies seeks to cultivate individuals who can contribute to international relations work through a curriculum that explores universal truths about people and society from a global perspective and considers solutions to a variety of problems faced by various peoples under complex and rapidly changing social conditions while further improving their foreign language communication skills.

The Course of Japanese Education and Japanese Culture Studies offers a curriculum that further enhances students' foreign language communication skills, especially in English, as well as their already acquired knowledge of the Japanese language, Japanese language education and Japanese culture, and their teaching skills. This provides education that will cultivate individuals who can contribute to Japanese language education for foreign language learners as highly skilled professionals and who can play an active role in the field of international exchange.

In addition, the Data Privacy Expert Development Program in the Digital International Course seeks to face various issues in society, to be enthusiastic about taking on the challenge of solving these issues by learning today's research techniques, and to have the basic academic skills for these purposes.

[Desired applicants]

The Division of International Studies of this Graduate School has two courses, the Course of International Relations and Area Studies and Course of Japanese Education and Japanese Culture Studies, and seeks people who have a strong interest in various problems of the international community and different cultures, and a practical ability to use foreign languages, while further enhancing their foreign language communication ability. In the Course of International Relations and Area Studies, we seek students who aspire to acquire expertise in the international political economy, culture and history of each region. On the other hand, in the Course of Japanese Education and Japanese Culture Studies, we are looking for students who have excellent communication skills in Japanese and basic knowledge of the Japanese language, Japanese culture, and its teaching methods. Those with experience in teaching Japanese language and international students are also accepted actively.

In addition, the Data Privacy Expert Development Program in the Digital International Course seeks to face various issues in society, to be enthusiastic about taking on the challenge of solving these issues by learning today's research techniques, and to have the basic academic skills for these purposes, in addition to the knowledge of either of the above two courses.

[Basic Policy on Selection]

In order to accept students with a variety of backgrounds and orientations, we implement a variety of selection methods: General Selection, Special Selection for Working Adults, Special Selection for International Students, Special Selection by Recommendation for Applicants within the School and Remote Special Selection for “Overseas-Resident” Applicants.

[Subjects to be mastered before admission]

Students are required to have the basic skills to search literature and collect materials for writing a Master's thesis, as well as the basic academic skills for writing a thesis based on their undergraduate experience in writing a graduation thesis.

The International Relations and Area Studies Course also requires the following basic academic skills:

- The student should have an opinion on various issues in the international community that can stand up to criticism, and should have explored and gained actual experience to understand other ethnic groups and different cultures through study and research at the undergraduate level.
- Knowledge and ability that can be used for contribution to international affairs.
- The student should have the practical ability to use foreign languages to communicate sufficiently with individuals from other countries.

The Japanese Education and Japanese Culture Studies Course also requires the following basic academic skills:

- The student should have basic knowledge of the Japanese language, Japanese language education, or Japanese culture.
- In the field of Japanese language education, the student should have knowledge of Japanese language teaching methods and basic operational skills.
- The student should have the necessary level of English language proficiency to study in this course, and for international students, the Japanese language proficiency required to pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1 (formerly Level 1).
- Students entering the Digital International Course, the Data Privacy Expert Development Program are supposed to have the basic knowledge of statistics and survey. Hence, they are required to have the Japan statistical society certificate of survey statistician, or to have the certificate of social researcher (candidate), which is granted by Japanese association for social research after the completion of all the qualified social research courses.