

2026 Admission

International Students Entrance Examination Graduate School of Informatics

Application Guidelines

Note 1: Common items of all graduate schools are published in separate files. Please check together.

Note 2: The application guidelines are for the International Students Entrance Examination for Japanese-based programs.

Note 3: All application forms designated by Kansai University are in Japanese.

**Kansai University
Graduate School**

II Admission Policy

Master's Degree Program

The Graduate School of Informatics widely accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities for thinking, judgement, and expression, and proactive attitudes, and are deemed to be “information specialists” as the graduate school students according to the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy for fostering researchers and highly skilled professionals of the Graduate School:

1. To have specialized knowledge and skills obtained in undergraduate or equivalent programs.
2. To have a strong willingness to be a researcher and/or “information specialists” provided with rich academic knowledge and advanced research abilities.
3. To have abilities to realize the theory and application of informatics based on the “Think and Act” capabilities to contribute to the development of information society.

Ph.D. Degree Program

The Graduate School of Informatics widely accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, and expression, and proactive attitudes, and are deemed to be “information pioneers” as graduate school students according to the Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School in order to foster those challenging creative and pioneering research in fields of informatics which is rapidly developing:

1. To have specialized and advanced knowledge and skills in the undergraduate and master's degree or its equivalent programs.
2. To have rich academic knowledge and a strong willingness to be researchers through challenging creative and pioneering research in fields of informatics.
3. To have potentials as researchers to develop new academic fields crossing over the border of human and natural sciences and to create advanced research results.

V Application Requirements

Graduate School of Informatics (Master's Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Informatics	Social Informatics Major	15
	Intelligent Informatics Major	35

Note: The Graduate School of Informatics has not established separate enrollment capacity for each type of entrance examination.

■Road to Professional Social Researcher

The Master's Degree Program of the Graduate School of Informatics has been certified by the Japanese Association for Social Research as a graduate school with "Professional Social Researcher Certification Program".

Those who wish to apply for the qualification of "professional social researcher" certified by the Japanese Association for Social Research must meet the following 4 requirements.

- ①Have the Social Researcher Certificate (can apply simultaneously with the certificate of the Professional Social Researcher)
- ②To acquire credits for "Organizational Survey Research Method", "Multivariate Data Analysis Method in Behavioral Science", and "Field Research Methodology" which are the subjects of the Graduate School of Informatics.
- ③Writing research papers (including master's thesis) using the results of social surveys
- ④Complete the Master's Degree Program

For more information, please refer to the website of the Japanese Association for Social Research (<https://jasr.or.jp>).

Master's Degree Program : International Students Entrance Examination (Spring Enrollment: October Examination and February Examination/Fall Enrollment: July Examination)

1. Qualification

Applicants shall satisfy one of the following (1)~(5) conditions:

(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one of the following (1)~(4) conditions before enrolling at the Graduate School)

- (1) Applicants who have completed a regular 16-year program of school education outside Japan (Note 1).
- (2) Applicants who have graduated from Japanese universities as international students.
- (3) Persons who have completed a 3-year program or a program of more than 3 years and have been awarded a degree by an overseas university or school (Note 2) which is recognized as being equivalent to a bachelor's degree.
(the 2016 ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, No. 19)
- (4) Applicants who have completed Specialized Course at Japanese special training schools after the designated date by the minister of MEXT[†] as international students. The training schools must satisfy the conditions designated by MEXT including that the length of term required for graduation be at least four years.
[†] MEXT; Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (5) Applicants who are recognized as having scholastic abilities equivalent or superior to the graduates of university through Pre-qualification Individual Screening for Entrance Examination of the Graduate School. (This requirement shall not apply to the foreigners who are recognized as having received Japanese regular school education program.)

Note 1: Those enrolled in the following schools are considered to be the same as application qualification

(1), as long as the period is less than four years in total.

- Elementary school, junior high school, high school etc. based on Japanese school education law
- Foreign school in Japan
- Overseas educational facilities accredited or designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Note 2: The university or the school shall be evaluated by an organization approved by a relevant official institution in the country for their education and research activities or recognized as so by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Applicants who satisfy qualification (1), (3) and (5) above and, in addition to the above conditions, who have obtained Level N1 (Level 1 at 2009) on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or scored 270 points or higher on the subject of Japanese as a Foreign Language (including the writing score) in the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) which the valid period specified by the issuing institution of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) includes the application start date for the Examination Month.

[IMPORTANT] Notes regarding Pre-qualification Individual Screening for Entrance Examination

1. Subjects:
Applicants under qualification (5)
2. Application Procedures and Deadline:
Refer to 'Pre-qualification Individual Screening' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.4).
(Note 1) Graduates (or those expected to graduate) from less than 16-years program of school education can also apply. In this case, please contact Takatsuki Office by the submission deadline of the documents for the screening as soon as possible.
(Note 2) Applicants who have received (or are expected to receive) the degrees in their home countries equivalent to those of Japanese universities can also apply. In this case, please inquire to Takatsuki Office as soon as possible.

【IMPORTANT】

Applicants of the Graduate School of Informatics should refer to the 'Graduate school of Informatics: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2026 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)' and contact the supervisor of the directed research course they wish to take before submitting their application. Then, please write the "date" and "name of faculty member" they contacted in the designated field on the "Statement of Reason for Applying".

2. Application Documents

After you have paid the application fee of ¥35,000, submit the documents listed below.

Review **Cautionary Note** published at the end of the Application Guidelines (Japanese Version), and carefully check your application documents before submitting them.

Please submit the 'Application Document List (Checklist)' as well as the application documents.

Document to be Submitted [Document Number]	Remarks
Documents to be submitted by all applicants	
Application Form (for submission) 【①】	Print out and submit after finalizing your online application.
Statement of Reason for Applying (in Japanese) 【②】	Use the form designated by the University.
Original transcript from previous universities and/or other institutions 【③】	Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions. ◦ If you are currently enrolled, you should submit the latest transcript (original) when applying. ◦ If you have transferred from other universities to your current university, you also should submit transcripts (original) from the previous universities and / or other institutions as well. ◦ If you studied abroad during your enrollment period and credits have been approved, but the credits are not listed on the academic transcript of the university you are enrolled in, or the credits have not been approved after studying abroad, you also should submit the academic transcript (original) from the university where you studied abroad as well. ◦ If you participated in a DD (Dual Degree/Double Degree) program during your enrollment period, but the credits have been approved are not listed on your academic transcript of the university you are enrolled in, or if credits are recognized in a lump sum, you also should submit the transcript (original) from the university where you participated in the program as well. Note 1 : If the certificate has multiple pages, the seal of the university or the signature of the person in charge of issuing the certificate is required on all pages. Note 2 : If you did not take any courses during your enrollment period, or if there is a blank period on your transcript due to studying abroad, please prepare a statement of reasons for that period (free format) and submit it together (School seal is not required).

Original certificate of (expected) graduation from previous universities and/or other institutions 【④】	Both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates must be listed. If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted. Submit an original certificate of (expected) graduation. If you cannot submit an original certificate, please submit a certificate of (expected) graduation that has been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions. Note) Applicants with Qualification (3) are required to submit a bachelor's degree certificate in addition to the graduation certificate.
Research Plan (in Japanese) 【⑤】	About 1,000 words in length. Use the form designated by the University.
Copy of Residence Card or Passport 【⑪】	For a residence card, submit a copy showing both sides. For a passport, submit a copy of pages showing your name, date of birth, photograph, expiration date, residence status, and the most recent period of stay.
Two Photographs	Affix a photograph taken within the last 3 months to the application form (for submission) and to the statement of reason for applying. Your photographs should not be retouched or edited. (The photograph affixed to your application form will be used on the student ID issued after enrollment, should you be admitted.)
Applicants who are eligible under qualification (1), (3) and (5) above	
Certification for Japanese Language Proficiency 【⑩】	In case of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) The original of 'Test Result' or 'Certificate of Result and Score' certifying that you have passed Level N1 (Level 1 of Former Test). ★ Be sure to submit the original. In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU) The Online Certificate 'Score Confirmation Report' certifying that you have acquired 270 or higher points (including the writing score) in Japanese language as a Foreign Language. Please print out the certificate on A4 paper.

3. Screening Method

Documents screening, written examination and oral examination

4. The Pass/Fail Criteria

Pass/Fail is determined as the results on the screening documents, written and oral examinations.

If either the written or oral examination score does not meet the criteria, the applicant may fail in spite of the total score.

To examine and screen the necessary erudition to study in the Graduate School of Informatics, the number of successful applicants may not reach the enrollment capacity.

5. Examination Components

Examination Subjects	Points	Examination Time	Remarks
Written Examination [Specialized Subject]	100	10:00 ~ 11:30	Prepared for each directed research course.
Oral Examination	—	13:00 ~	

English proficiency may be tested in the written examination, in which case dictionary (*Kenkyusha's New College English-Japanese Dictionary 7th Edition* (KENKYUSHA)) will be provided.

Note: The subject and academic advisors may change as needed.

If it changes, we will notify applicants via posting a notice (Japanese Version) on our website, please check our website before applying.

<https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Gr_sch/>

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Graduate School of Informatics: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2026 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

<Social Informatics Major>

Directed Research Courses (★)

Research Area	Faculty
☆Information and Communication Media in Education	
★ICT (Information & Communication Technology) and Educational Innovation	● KUROKAMI, Haruo *1 Professor
	● OYANAGI, Wakio Professor Ph.D. (Hiroshima University)
	KAWASHIMA, Yuko Associate Professor Ph.D. (Tronto University)
☆Information Society and Communications Media	
★Media and Communication Studies	● OKADA, Tomoyuki Professor
	● TANIMOTO, Naho Professor Ph.D. (Osaka University)
	● SAKAGUCHI, Yusuke Professor Ph.D. (Osaka University)
★Psychological Models of Information and Human Behavior	● MORIO, Hiroaki Professor Ph.D. (Florida Atlantic University)
	● FURUTANI, Kaichiro Professor Ph.D. (Hiroshima University)
	NISHIDA, Koichi Associate Professor
☆Industrial Information Systems	
★Value Creation in the Digital Society	● ISADA, Fumihiko Professor Ph.D. (Osaka University)
	● KOGA, Hiroshi Professor
	● SAITO, Masako Professor Ph.D. (Kwansei Gakuin University)
	● SHYI, Shae-Chang *1 Professor
	● TOKUYAMA, Mitsue Professor
	● NAKAO, Yuriko Professor Ph.D. (Kobe University)
	● HATO, Masahiko Professor Ph.D. (Kansai University)
	● MATSUMOTO, Wataru Professor Ph.D. (The University of Tokyo)
☆Information in the Public Domain	
★Theory and Practice of Databases in the Public Domain	● IZUMI, Katsuyuki Professor Ph.D. (Kobe University)
	● ITO, Toshihide *1 Professor Doctor of Engineering (Waseda University)
	● JINUSHI, Toshiki *1 Professor Ph.D. (Harvard University)
	● NATORI, Ryota Professor
	● OHORI, Shuichi Professor Ph.D. (Kyoto University)
	● OTA, Katsunori Professor Ph.D. (Kobe University)
	● NAKAMOTO, Yasuhiro Professor Ph.D. (Osaka University)
	● SONG, Jaehyun Associate Professor Ph.D. (Kobe University)
	IKEDA, Shun Associate Professor Ph.D. (Kyoto University)

<Intelligent Informatics Major>

Directed Research Courses (★)

Research Area		Faculty	
☆Human Computer Interaction			
★Interdisciplinary Investigations and Construction of Human-Computer Interactions in a Human-Symbiotic Society	● TOGIYA, Norio	Professor	Ph.D. (The University of Tokyo)
	● YONEZAWA, Tomoko	Professor	Doctor of Information Science (Nagoya University)
	● SEJIMA, Yoshihiro	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Okayama Prefectural University)
	● SASAKI, Kyoshiro	Associate Professor	Ph.D. (Kyushu University)
★Theory and Practice of Interaction Design	● HORI, Masahiro *2	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
	● MATSUSHITA, Mitsunori	Professor	Ph.D. (Osaka University)
	● YAMANISHI, Ryosuke	Professor	Ph.D. (Nagoya Institute of Technology University)
★Study on Information Expression by Digital Media Technology and Media Art Works.	● HAYASHI, Takefumi *2	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Nagoya University)
	● IURA, Takashi	Professor	Ph.D. (Kyoto City University of Arts)
	HASE, Kaihei	Associate Professor	
☆Intelligent Computing			
★Intelligent Computing Applications	● TOMOEDA, Akiyasu	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (The University of Tokyo)
	● TANAKA, Shigenori	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Kansai University)
	● TAKENAKA, Yoichi	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
★Mathematical Sciences and Application of Smart Systems Design	● HIROKANE, Michiyuki *1	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Hiroshima University)
	● HAYASHI, Isao *1	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Osaka Prefecture University)
	● INOUE, Shinji	Professor	Ph.D. (Tottori University)
	● NARA, Mitsunori	Professor	Ph.D. (Tokyo Institute of Technology)
	● HORIGUCHI, Yukio	Professor	Ph.D. (Kyoto University)
★Mobile Robotics for Emergence of Social Innovation	● TAGASHIRA, Shigeaki	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Nara Institute of Science and Technology)
	● OGINO, Masaki	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
☆Computing Algorithms			
★Computational Methodology for Decision Making	● ASANO, Akira	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
	● HAYASHI, Takahiro	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Kanazawa University)
☆Distributed Computing			
★Multidimensional Research on Communication Network Technologies	● HORII, Yasushi	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
	● KONNO, Kazuhiro *1	Professor	Doctor of Science (Tohoku University)
	● KUWAKADO, Hidenori	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Kobe University)
	● SASABE, Masahiro	Professor	Doctor of Information Science (Osaka University)
	● KOBAYASHI, Takashi	Associate Professor	

Note 1: Research Areas and Directed Research Courses are marked with ☆ and ★ respectively.

Note 2: Supervising faculty are marked with ●, and supervisors marked with *1 do not take new students and marked with *2 do not take students of Fall enrollment.

**Graduate School of Informatics: List of Directed Research Course
for 2026 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)**

Supervisors marked with *1 do not take new students and
marked with *2 do not take students of Fall enrollment

【Social Informatics Major】

ICT (Information & Communication Technology) and Educational Innovation

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With the innovative development of information and communication technology, a new world called Society 5.0 is about to be realized. The way and the meaning of communication, the perspective of learning, and learning environment are changing along with that. This project aims to conduct empirical study on the desire condition and systems related to education, and communication.

1. Research on development and assessment of ICT based leaning and curriculum.
2. Research on communication strategies and related education in global society.
3. Research on changes in meaning and mechanism of learning, and systems to promote the learning.
4. Research on the concept of learning, such as self/other understanding that emerges in the context of relationships.

Media and Communication Studies

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The advancement of information and communication technologies not only accomplished globalization of communications but also are accelerating radical changes of industries, economy, lifestyles and other social realms. Regarding the signs of formations of new media cultures, this project aims to pursue the following themes:

1. Developments of media ecosystems.
2. Transformations of culture, communication, or styles of social activities.
3. Researches of media innovations in social history.

Psychological Models of Information and Human Behavior

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We live a daily life surrounding with a variety of information. This project aims to consider relationship of information and human mental process and to clarify psychologically what information people want to acquire, how they interpret it, how they are influenced with it, and how they exchange it with other people

1. Psychological research for social cognition of information
2. Psychological research for social influence of information
3. Psychological research for self-cognition of information
4. Psychological research for interpersonal communication

Value Creation in the Digital Society

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Today, modern companies facing environmental changes such as digitalization, globalization, and ecologicalization and changes in social structure are required to undergo organizational change utilizing data and digital technology. In this research project, we will consider such changes as “reorganization of value creation activities” and clarify the issues in realizing them. In particular, we will examine the issues of value creation in the digital society by crossing over various research fields of business administration that contribute to the sustainable improvement of corporate value.

Theory and Practice of Databases in the Public Domain

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To solve public problems, we need to grasp the current situation accurately and clarify the causes by using appropriate research methods.

Therefore, as the primary purpose of this project, we clarify the actual situation by using various data sources such as official statistics, social surveys and documentary information from White Papers and ordinances and so on. Then our project uses numerous analytical approaches; for example, statistical analysis, computational simulation, mathematical analysis and qualitative analysis. For the secondary purpose, we gather and process outlying data and investigate ways of storing them in the database. By following these two approaches, this project analyses socially unsolved issues.

[Intelligent Informatics Major]

Interdisciplinary Investigations and Construction of Human-Computer Interactions in a Human-Symbiotic Society

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We widely and multi-directionally study human-computer interaction (HCI) and computer-mediated communication (CMC) from cognitive science, media-science, philosophical, cultural, and historical perspectives. Our research approach includes empirical investigation, theoretical examination, and practical system implementation and evaluation. Through these studies, our project also addresses socio-cultural issues such as technology standardization and ethics in HCI and CMC.

Theory and Practice of Interaction Design

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From the perspective of knowledge-information processing, this project aims to realize well-organized interactive systems, environments, and services on the basis of human-computer interaction and human communication that occurs through the use of electronic devices. To meet this goal, we conduct studies involving the development of practical applications as well as the construction of radical theories in the field. Graduate students in this project need to have a strong interest in either modeling human information processing, designing interactive environments, or evaluating user experiences.

Study on Information Expression by Digital Media Technology and Media Art Works.

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This project aims to clarify better ways of expressions in information content. Through the construction and evaluation of information content with digital media technology and art, such as visualization, auralization, production of video and media art works, understanding and utilizing subjective information processing mechanisms are performed, and optimal information expression are realized based on it. Related topics include auditory and visual information processing, music and video theory, installations, human-computer interaction, projection mapping, virtual reality, and more.

Intelligent Computing Applications

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This project aims to learn fundamental intelligent computing theories such as machine learning, neural networks, genetic algorithms, data science, and mathematical modeling. The application fields of our project include developing practical systems for control, scheduling, text mining, resolving various jamming phenomena, route setting, creation of optical illusions, and biological information analysis. In addition, we have studied GIS-based and GPS-based measurement processing of people, things, and events, especially sports information processing, and the application of intelligent computing to the field of natural science.

Mathematical Sciences and Applications of Smart Systems Design

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This project aims to research on mathematical sciences and applications of smart systems design that realizes comfortable, safe, and secure “smart society” based on intelligent computing technology. Our research interests include (1) Soft computing and AI models for intelligent information processing to realize the smart society with high levels of comfort, enjoyment, flexibility and efficiency (2) Probability and Statistical models for evaluating the reliability and safety of smart systems (3) Analytical models and numerical simulations, and (4) Their practical applications.

Mobile Robotics for Emergence of Social Innovation

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In this project, we focus on the creation of new value for future mobile robotics, such as augmented ability, massive parallel and distributed operations, and immersive experience sharing. In addition, we aim to realize social implementations of mobile robots in manufacturing, medical, service, crime prevention, and disaster reduction fields, and to analyze the problems towards such implementations in these fields from multiple perspectives including technology, cognition, ethics, and economics.

Computational Methodology for Decision Making

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Human factors should be considered in computational methodologies to support decision-making using computers, for example, user interfaces and presentations of selections considering human perceptual abilities and characteristics and the design of multimedia databases that integrate information from different modalities, such as video and audio. In this project, we research and develop computational methodologies that consider human factors. Specifically, our project includes the following themes (but is not limited to): methods of supporting smooth comprehension considering human perceptual abilities through the research of human color and object recognition and the design of multimedia databases that integrate diverse types of information.

Multidimensional Research on Communication Network Technologies

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The progress of various network devices is changing our everyday life significantly. The aim of this subject is to make our life more comfortable using communication network technologies from multidimensional perspectives, that is, from the physical layer to the application layer. A major research area of this subject involves (i) network application technology and information sensing technology, (ii) cryptography and information security, (iii) methodology for the network security and for the efficient use of network resources, (iv) biological information processing technology for development of new functional devices.

Extended Enrollment System

In order to better meet the diverse needs of enrollees and expand opportunities for graduate-level learning and research, the Graduate Schools of Law, Letters, Informatics, Foreign Language Education and Research, Psychology (Psychology Major), East Asian Cultures, Governance, Health and Well-being offer a three-year course, in addition to the standard two-year Master's Degree Program. This program offers the following characteristics.

(1) Annual Course Credit Limits

Under this program the limit of annual credit is as follows:

【Graduate Schools of Law, Informatics, Psychology (Psychology Major), Governance】

Course	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Two-year Course	28	28	—
Three-year Course	20	20	16

【Graduate Schools of Letters, Foreign Language Education and Research, East Asian Cultures, Health and Well-being】

Course	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Two-year Course	30	30	—
Three-year Course	20	20	20

(2) Assignment of Classes by Year for the Three-year Course

Graduate School of Law	Seminar (1)A and (1)B, a major subject in the Legal and Political Studies Course is assigned to first- and second-year students. Seminar (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. Seminar in the Business Law Course and Public Policy Course are assigned to third-year students.
Graduate School of Letters	Seminar (1)A and (1)B is assigned to as a research guidance class for their master's thesis; while Seminar (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. The master's thesis is submittal in the third-year.
Graduate School of Informatics	A research guidance class for students' master's thesis is assigned to third-year students. Submission of master's thesis is in the third-year.
Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research	The classes taught by the student's faculty advisor as well as the Master's Degree Program Seminars 1a and 1b are assigned to first-year students. Master's Program Seminars 2a and 2b are assigned to third-year students.
Graduate School of Psychology (Psychology Major)	Seminar of Psychology (1)A and (1)B is assigned to first-year students, while Seminar of Psychology (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. Submission of master's thesis is in the third-year.
Graduate School of East Asian Cultures	Seminar (1)A and (1)B is assigned to as a research guidance class for their master's thesis; while Seminar (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. The master's thesis is submittal in the third-year.
Graduate School of Governance	Seminar of Governance I and II is assigned to first-year students, while Seminar of Governance III and IV, a research guidance class that focuses on a specific topic, is assigned to third-year students. Submission of master's thesis or a report on a specific theme of research is in the third-year.
Graduate School of Health and Well-being	Seminar of Health and Well-being (1)A and (1)B is assigned to as a research guidance class for their master's thesis; while Seminar of Health and Well-being (2)A and (2)B is assigned to third-year students. The master's thesis is submittal in the third-year.

(3) Changing Courses after Enrollment

At the time enrollees become second-year students, they can request to switch from the three-year course to the two-year course if they satisfy the following conditions as designated by each Graduate School. If they do so, at the Graduate Schools of Law, Informatics, Psychology (Psychology Major), Governance, the course limit

of their second-year will be 28 credits, and at the Graduate Schools of Letters, Foreign Language Education and Research, East Asian Cultures, Health and Well-being, the course limit of their second-year will be 30 credits.

Eligible students will be notified during the fall semester of their first-year (Enrollees from the fall semester: spring semester of their first-year) by the University's Information System. Please note that it is impossible to switch from the two-year course to the three-year course.

Graduate School of Law	The student must have earned 20 credits, which is the requirement for submitting a master's thesis, as of the end of his or her first-year.
Graduate School of Letters	
Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research	
Graduate School of Psychology (Psychology Major)	
Graduate School of East Asian Cultures	
Graduate School of Health and Well-being	The student must have earned 16 credits, which is the requirement for submitting a master's thesis, as of the end of his or her first-year.
Graduate School of Informatics	
Graduate School of Governance	The student must have earned 20 credits, which is the requirement for submitting a master's thesis or a report on a specific theme of research, as of the end of his or her first-year.

(4) Limit of Years Enrolled

Limit of years enrolled for both the two-year course and three-year course is 4 years.

(5) Graduation Requirements

The graduate requirements are the same for both the two-year and three-year courses. Students enrolled in the three-year course shall take three years to complete the same requirements as students enrolled in the two-year course. For more information, please refer to the Kansai University student handbook 'KAN-CAN!'.

(6) School Fees

As for School fees, refer to 'School Fees and Other Fees for 2026' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.23).

If applicants change their course from the three-year program to the two-year program, the total amount of school fees and other fees will be adjusted to match the amount required for the two-year program.

Please confirm the exact amount of school fees and other fees at the time of the course change procedure.

If you wish to apply for the three-year course under the Extended Enrollment System, select "Three-year Course" for the "Extended Enrollment" field on the Online Application. Your selection of either course will have no effect on the admission decision.

If you wish to switch courses after being admitted, inform the Graduate School Admissions Division by Spring enrollment: January 9 (Fri), 2026, Fall enrollment: July 24 (Fri), 2026.

Please note that applicants admitted under the University's February Examination are not able to switch courses prior to their enrollment.

Graduate School of Informatics (Ph.D. Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Informatics	Informatics Major	8

Note: The Graduate School of Informatics has not established separate enrollment capacity for each type of entrance examination.

Ph.D. Degree Program: International Students Entrance Examination (Spring Enrollment: October Examination and February Examination/Fall Enrollment: July Examination)

1. Qualification

Applicants shall satisfy one of the following (1)~(5) conditions:

(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one of the following (1)~(3) conditions before enrolling at the Graduate School)

- (1) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree at the graduate schools outside Japan.
- (2) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree from Japanese graduate schools as international students.
- (3) Applicants who have completed programs and received degrees equivalent to a master's degree from the United Nations University*.

* United Nations University; established by the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 11, 1972, as stipulated in Article 1 Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University.

- (4) Applicants designated by the minister of MEXT[†]. (Bulletin No. 118 of 1989)

[†] MEXT; Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

- (5) Applicants who are recognized as having degrees equivalent or superior to a master's degree by our graduate school and have reached the age of 24 (before enrolling at the Graduate School). This requirement shall not apply to the foreigners who are recognized as having received Japanese regular school education program.

Applicants who satisfy qualification (1), (4) or (5) above and, in addition to the above conditions, who have obtained Level N1 (Level 1 at 2009) on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or scored 270 points or higher on the subject of Japanese as a Foreign Language (including the writing score) in the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) which the valid period specified by the issuing institution of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) includes the application start date for the Examination Month.

[IMPORTANT] Notes regarding Pre-qualification Individual Screening for Entrance Examination

1. Subjects:
Applicants under qualification (4) or (5)
2. Application Procedures and Deadline:
Refer to 'Pre-qualification Individual Screening' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.4)

[IMPORTANT]

Applicants of the Graduate School of Informatics should refer to 'Graduate school of Informatics: List of Major subjects and Academic Advisors for 2026 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)' contact the supervisor faculty of the directed research field they wish to take before submitting their application. Then, please write the "date" and "name of faculty member" they contacted in the designated field on the "Statement of Reason for Applying".

2. Application Documents

After you have paid the application fee of ¥35,000, submit the documents listed below.

Review **Cautionary Note** published at the end of the Application Guidelines (Japanese Version), and carefully check your application documents before submitting them.

Please submit the 'Application Document List (Checklist)' as well as the application documents.

Document to be Submitted [Document Number]	Remarks
Documents to be submitted by all applicants	
Application Form (for submission) 【①】	Print out and submit after finalizing your online application.
Statement of Reason for Applying (in Japanese) 【②】	Use the form designated by the University.
Original transcript from previous graduate school 【③】	Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions. ◦ If you are currently enrolled, you should submit the latest transcript (original) when applying. ◦ If you studied abroad during your enrollment period and credits have been approved, but the credits are not listed on the academic transcript of the graduate school you are enrolled in, or the credits have not been approved after studying abroad, you also should submit the academic transcript (original) from the graduate school where you studied abroad as well. ◦ If you participated in a DD (Dual Degree/Double Degree) program during your enrollment period, but the credits have been approved are not listed on your academic transcript of the graduate school you are enrolled in, or if credits are recognized in a lump sum, you also should submit the transcript (original) from the graduate school where you participated in the program as well. Note 1 : If the certificate has multiple pages, the seal of the university or the signature of the person in charge of issuing the certificate is required on all pages. Note 2 : If you did not take any courses during your enrollment period, or if there is a blank period on your transcript due to studying abroad, please prepare a statement of reasons for that period (free format) and submit it together (School seal is not required).
Original certificate of (expected) completion from previous graduate school, or a notarized document certifying (expected) completion 【④】	Both of the entrance and (expected) completion dates must be listed. If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted. Submit an original certificate of (expected) completion. If you cannot submit an original certificate, please submit a certificate of (expected) completion that has been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.
Research Plan (in Japanese) 【⑤】	About 1,000 words in length. Use the form designated by the University.

Copy of Residence Card or Passport 【⑪】	For a residence card, submit a copy showing both sides. For a passport, submit a copy of pages showing your name, date of birth, photograph, expiration date, residence status, and the most recent period of stay.
Two Photographs	Affix a photograph taken within the last 3 months to the application form (for submission) and to the statement of reason for applying. Your photographs should not be retouched or edited. (The photograph affixed to your application form will be used on the student ID issued after enrollment, should you be admitted.)
Applicants who are eligible under qualification (1), (4) and (5) above	
Certification for Japanese Language Proficiency 【⑩】	In case of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) The original of 'Test Result' or 'Certificate of Result and Score' certifying that you have passed Level N1 (Level 1 of Former Test). ★ Be sure to submit the original. In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU) The Online Certificate 'Score Confirmation Report' certifying that you have acquired 270 or higher points (including the writing score) in Japanese language as a Foreign Language. Please print out the certificate on A4 paper.

3. Screening Method

Documents screening, written examination and oral examination

4. The Pass/Fail Criteria

Pass/Fail is determined as the results on the screening documents, written and oral examinations.

If either the written or oral examination score does not meet the criteria, the applicant may fail in spite of the total score.

To examine and screen the necessary erudition to study in the Graduate School of Informatics, the number of successful applicants may not reach the enrollment capacity.

5. Examination Components

Examination Subjects		Points	Examination Time	Remarks
Written examination	Specialized Subject	100	10:00 ~ 11:30	Prepared for each research field.
	English	100	13:00 ~ 14:30	Allow to refer to a dictionary provided by the University (<i>Kenkyusha's New College English-Japanese Dictionary, 7th Edition</i> (KENKYUUSHA)) for the English questions
Oral Examination		—	15:00 ~	

Note: The subject and academic advisors may change as needed.

If it changes, we will notify applicants via posting a notice (Japanese Version) on our website, please check our website before applying.

<https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Gr_sch/>

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Graduate School of Informatics: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2026 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)

<Informatics Major>

Research Field		Faculty
★Advanced Information Systems		
Microwave Devices for Wireless Data Communications	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●HORII, Yasushi Professor Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
Information Security and its Analysis	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●KUWAKADO, Hidenori Professor Doctor of Engineering (Kobe University)
Mobile Information and Communication System	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●TAGASHIRA, Shigeaki Professor Doctor of Engineering (Nara Institute of Science and Technology)
Advanced Information Networking	LectureA LectureB	SASABE, Masahiro Professor Doctor of Information Science (Osaka University)
★Applied Soft Computing		
Intelligent Information System for Computational Brain	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●HAYASHI, Isao *1 Professor Doctor of Engineering (Osaka Prefecture University)
Practical Engineering of Soft Computing	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●TANAKA, Shigenori Professor Doctor of Engineering (Kansai University)
Visual Information Processing in Soft Computing	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●ASANO, Akira Professor Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
Application of Soft Computing to Sensing	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●HIROKANE, Michiyuki Professor Doctor of Engineering (Hiroshima University)
Application of Soft Computing to Earth and Planetary Science	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●ITO, Toshihide *1 Professor Doctor of Engineering (Waseda University)
Advanced Study on Mathematical Modeling and Analysis	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●TOMOEDA, Akiyasu Professor Ph.D. (The University of Tokyo)
Bioinformatics and Systems Biology	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●TAKENAKA, Youichi Professor Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
Reliability and Availability Mathematics	Lecture A Lecture B	INOUE, Shinji Professor Ph.D. (Tottori University)
Advanced Study on Nonlinear Analysis	Lecture A Lecture B	NARA, Mitsunori Professor Ph.D. (Tokyo Institute of Technology)
Intelligent Systems Design	Lecture A Lecture B	HORIGUCHI, Yukio Professor Ph.D. (Kyoto University)
★Cognitive Information Processing		
Advanced Topics in User Centered Design	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●HORI, Masahiro Professor Doctor of Engineering (Osaka University)
Visual Perception and Cognition	Lecture A Lecture B Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3	●HAYASHI, Takefumi Professor Doctor of Engineering (Nagoya University)

Interaction Design			Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● MATSUSHITA, Mitsunori Professor Ph.D. (Osaka University)
Visual Materials			Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● TOGIYA, Norio Professor Ph.D. (The University of Tokyo)
Human Information Science			Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● HAYASHI, Takahiro Professor Doctor of Engineering (Kanazawa University)
Virtual Communication Media Science			Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● YONEZAWA, Tomoko Professor Doctor of Information Science (Nagoya University)
Content-oriented Computational Science			Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	YAMANISHI, Ryosuke Professor Ph.D. (Nagoya Institute of Technology University)
Research Field					Faculty
★Decision-Making					
	Decision Support	Algebraic Geometry and Applications	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● KONNO, Kazuhiro *2 Professor Doctor of Science (Tohoku University)
		Knowledge Management	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● KOGA, Hiroshi Professor
		Survey Methodology	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● MATSUMOTO, Wataru Professor Ph.D. (The University of Tokyo)
		Information and Business Management	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	SHYI, Shae-Chang Professor
	Social Decision-Making	International Corporate Strategy	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● ISADA, Fumihiko Professor Ph.D. (Osaka University)
		Special Course on Accounting	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● SAITO, Masako Professor Ph.D. (Kwansei Gakuin University)
		Monetary Policy	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● JINUSHI, Toshiki Professor Ph.D. (Harvard University)
		Environmental Economics	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● OHORI, Shuichi Professor Ph.D. (Kyoto University)
		Japanese Politics and Government	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● NATORI, Ryota Professor
		Special Study of Intellectual Property Law	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● IZUMI, Katsuyuki Professor Ph.D. (Kobe University)
★Multimodal Communication					
	Learning Environment Design	Media Mix and Teaching-Learning Process	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● KUROKAMI, Haruo Professor
		Digital Technology and Innovative Learning	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● OYANAGI, Wakio Professor Ph.D. (Hiroshima University)
	Studies on Communication Environment	Psychology of the Internet	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● MORIO, Hiroaki Professor Ph.D. (Florida Atlantic University)
		Cultural Sociology	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	● TANIMOTO, Naho Professor Ph.D. (Osaka University)
		Mediated Communications	Lecture A Seminar 1 Seminar 3	Lecture B Seminar 2	OKADA, Tomoyuki Professor

Note 1: Research Fields are marked with ★.

Note 2: In “Intended Research Field” of the application form, indicate your intended research field selected from the 5 research fields marked with ★.

Note 3: Supervising faculty are marked with ●, and supervisors marked with *1 do not take new students and marked with *2 do not take students of Fall enrollment