

2026 Admission

International Students Entrance Examination Graduate School of Psychology

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 Psychology Major at the Graduate School of Psychology widely accepts, through various entrance examinations, those who have learned psychology, those from other academic fields and international students who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of critical thinking, judgement, and expression as well as pragmatic attitudes in accordance to the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School:

1. To have the specialized knowledge and skills of the academic field studied during in the undergraduate courses.
2. To have the ability to think independently from a global perspective, the skills to smoothly communicate with their peers, and the desire to contribute to society through the capabilities of "Think and Act".
3. To have strong willingness to study proactively in a specialized academic field.

Ph.D. Degree Program

The Graduate School of Psychology widely accepts, through various entrance examinations, those who have graduated from the Master's Degree Program and have a Major of Professional Clinical Psychology from the Graduate School of Psychology as well as graduates of master's degree programs from other universities. Within these parameters, those who have research experience from various enterprises or organizations and international students, especially those from Asian countries or regions, who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities critical thinking, judgement, and expression as well as pragmatic attitudes in accordance with the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School:

1. To have the specialized knowledge and skills gained through their undergraduate courses and master's degree programs.
2. To have the ability to think independently from a global perspective, the skills to smoothly communicate with their peers, and the desire to contribute to society through the capabilities of "Think and Act".
3. To have a strong willingness to study proactively in a specialized academic field.

V Application Requirements

Graduate School of Psychology (Master's Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

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

Master's Degree Program : International Students Entrance Examination (October Examination and February Examination)

1. Qualification

Applicants who have obtained Level N1 (previously Level 1) 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, and who 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.

[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-year program of school education can also apply. In this case, please contact the Graduate School Admissions Division 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 the Graduate School Admissions Division as soon as possible.

[IMPORTANT] Before submitting your application, you shall contact the academic advisor you wish to apply after referring to 'Graduate School of Psychology: List of Major Subject and Academic Advisor for 2026 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)' shown after.

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 |
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| 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】 | <p>Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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. <p>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.</p> |

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| Original transcript from previous universities and/or other institutions 【③】 | 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 1,600 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft an overview of your proposed research plan on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). |
| Certification for Japanese Language Proficiency 【⑩】 | <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> |
| 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.) |

3. Screening Method

The Graduate School will determine whether or not to admit applicants based on a comprehensive evaluation of document screening, written examination and oral examination.

4. The Pass/Fail Criteria

Pass/Fail is determined by the higher total score on the written and oral examinations, in descending order. If either the written or oral examination score does not meet the criteria, the applicant may fail in spite of the total score.

In order to examine and screen the necessary erudition to study in the Graduate School of Business and Commerce, the number of successful applicants may not reach the enrollment capacity.

5. Examination Components

| Written Examination (150 points) | Oral Examination (150 points) |
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| 10:00 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes) | Held after the written examination |
| Specialized Subject (Psychology in general) | For the oral examination: ① Research topic and methods after enrollment ② Details of previous research |

Note: More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

※ Please select a subject and an academic advisor on applying.

If you will select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance.

The subject and academic advisor may change as need. If it changes, we will notify applicants via posting a notice (Japanese Version) on our website, please check our website before applying.

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Graduate School of Psychology, Psychology Major: List of Major Subject and Academic Advisor for 2026 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

Psychology Major

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| Psychology Seminar | Professor | Ph.D. | ※ ABE, Shingo | Social Psychology, Personality Psychology |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | IKEUCHI, Hiromi | Consumer Psychology, Social Psychology |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | ISHIZU, Tomohiro | Neuroaesthetics, Cognitive Neuroscience of Art and Aesthetics |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | KADO, Yoko | Neurodevelopmental Disorder, Special Needs Education, Psychological Assessment |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | KIDO, Ayae | Cultural Psychology, Qualitative Psychology |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | KUSHIZAKI, Masashi | Psychology of Emotions, Personality Psychology |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | SUGAMURA, Genji | Constructivist Psychology, Embodied Praxeology |
| | Professor | | SEKIGUCHI, Rikuko | Cognitive Psychology, Experimental Psychology, Autobiographical Memory |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | HAYASHI, Nahoko | Social Psychology, Social Capital Theory |
| | Professor | | HIRUMA, Futoshi | Psychology of Explanation |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | FUKUSHIMA, Hirokata | Psychophysiology on Bodily Awareness and Self-consciousness |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | ※ FUJITA, Masahiro | Law and Psychology, Social Psychology |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | MORIYA, Jun | Abnormal Psychology, Personality Psychology, Psychology of Emotions |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | WAKITA, Takafumi | Psychological Research Method, Test theory, Quality of Life |
| | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | AKIYAMA, Takashi | Psychometrics, Psychology and Educational Measurement |
| | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | SUGIMOTO, Hideharu | Career Psychology, Career Guidance |
| | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | MATSUDA, Goh | Cognitive Neuroscience, Media Psychology |
| | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | MURAKAMI, Yusuke | Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, Educational and School Psychology |
| | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | YAMASHITA, Naoto | Psychometrics, multivariate analysis |

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

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| 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.

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| 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.

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

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

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

| Graduate School | Major | Enrollment Capacity |
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| Graduate School of Psychology | Psychology Major | 6 |

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

Ph.D. Degree Program : International Students Entrance Examination (October Examination and February Examination)

1. Qualification

【October Examination】

Applicants who have obtained Level N1 (previously Level 1) 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, and who shall satisfy one of the following (1)~(5) conditions:

(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one of the following (1)~(3) conditions by October, 2025)

- (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.

【February Examination】

Applicants who have obtained Level N1 (previously Level 1) 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, and who 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*.

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- (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.

【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】 Before submitting your application, you shall contact the academic advisor you wish to apply after referring to 'Graduate School of Psychology: List of Major Subject and Academic Advisor for 2026 Academic Year (Ph. D. Degree Program)' shown after.

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 |
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| 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】 | About 400 words in length. Use the form designated by the University. |
| Original transcript from previous graduate school 【③】 | <p>Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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. <p>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.</p> |

| Document to be Submitted 【Document Number】 | Remarks |
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| Original transcript from previous graduate school 【③】 | 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 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). |
| Certification for Japanese Language Proficiency 【⑩】 | <u>In case of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)</u> 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. <u>In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU)</u> 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. |
| 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) to (3) above and have already submitted a master's thesis | |
| Outline of master's thesis in Japanese or English 【⑥】 | About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). |
| Copy of master's thesis 【⑦】 | 4 copies |
| Applicants who are eligible under qualification (1) to (3) above and expect to submit a master's thesis | |
| Outline of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis in Japanese or English 【⑥】 ※ | About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). |

| Document to be Submitted 【Document Number】 | Remarks |
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| Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis 【⑦】 ※ | 4 copies |
| Applicants who are eligible under qualification (4) or (5) above and those with a professional degree (or who are expected to obtain one) and have not written a master's thesis | |
| Results Report 【⑧】 | Overview of your research results or your research activities. About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 3 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page). |
| Research Results 【⑨】 | 4 reprints or copies each of academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers. |

※ If you are expected to graduate from your graduate school in March, 2026 and apply for the February Examination, you can submit “Outline of master's thesis” 【⑥】 and “Copy of master's thesis” 【⑦】 as late as January 16 (Fri), 2026. Other application documents must also be submitted by this due date. However, if you cannot submit a copy of master's thesis and an outline of master's thesis by January 16 (Fri), 2026, you must submit “Outline of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis” 【⑥】 and “Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis” 【⑦】 within a predetermined period.

3. Screening Method

The Graduate School will determine whether or not to admit applicants based on a comprehensive evaluation of document screening, written examination and oral examination.

4. The Pass/Fail Criteria

Pass/Fail is determined by the higher total score on the written and oral examinations, in descending order. If either the written or oral examination score does not meet the criteria, the applicant may fail in spite of the total score.

In order to examine and screen the necessary erudition to study in the Graduate School of Business and Commerce, the number of successful applicants may not reach the enrollment capacity.

5. Examination Components

| Written Examination (150 points) | Oral Examination (150 points) |
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| 10:00 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes) | Held after the written examination |
| Specialized Subject (Psychology in general) | For the oral examination: ① Results to date (including master's thesis) ② Research methods and details after enrollment |

Note : More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

※ Please select a subject and an academic advisor on applying.

If you will select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance.

The subject and academic advisor may change as need. If it changes, we will notify applicants via posting a notice (Japanese Version) on our website, please check our website before applying.

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Graduate School of Psychology, Psychology Major: List of Major Subject and Academic Advisor for 2026 Academic Year (Ph. D. Degree Program)

Psychology Major

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| Psychology Seminar | Professor | Ph.D. | ※ ABE, Shingo | Social Psychology, Personality Psychology |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | IKEUCHI, Hiromi | Consumer Psychology, Social Psychology |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | ISHIZU, Tomohiro | Neuroaesthetics, Cognitive Neuroscience of Art and Aesthetics |
| | Professor | | OKADA, Hiroshi | Clinical Psychology, Clinical Psychological Approach |
| | Professor | | KAGAWA, Kaoru | Clinical Psychology, Mental Health |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | KADO, Yoko | Neurodevelopmental Disorder, Special Needs Education, Psychological Assessment |
| | Professor | Ph.D. | KIDO, Ayae | Cultural Psychology, Qualitative Psychology |
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