

2026 Admission

International Students Entrance Examination Graduate School of Sociology

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 Sociology accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, and expression, and proactive attitudes and deserve as the graduate school students according to the Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School from a wide range of people including adult members of society and international students:

1. To have sufficient basic knowledge and academic abilities necessary for becoming independent researchers, and/or to have sufficient basic knowledge and academic abilities necessary for professionals provided with advanced expertise.
2. To have a deep consciousness for problems of society and human beings, and to have enough concerns and willingness to research from wider perspectives.
3. To have willingness to contribute academically to society by solving the problems of society and human beings and creating new values.

Ph.D. Degree Program

The Graduate School of Sociology accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, and expression, and proactive attitudes, and deserve as the graduate school students according to the Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School from a wide range of people including adult members of society and international students:

1. To have sufficient basic knowledge and academic abilities of expertise necessary for independent researchers in the future.
2. To have wider research concern, original consciousness for problems, and flexible intelligence necessary for conducting interdisciplinary research of social and human sciences.
3. To have willingness to contribute academically to society by solving the problems of society and human beings and creating new values.

V Application Requirements

Graduate School of Sociology (Master's Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major, Course and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Course (※)	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Sociology	Sociology Major	Academic Career Course	10
		Project Study Course	
	Social System Design Major	—	10
	Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major	—	10

※ There are 2 courses in the Sociology Major, the Academic Career Course and Project Study Course. You should select one course when applying.

For details, refer to the “Regarding the Course System for the Sociology Major (Master’s Degree Program)” below.

Note: The Graduate School of Sociology has not established separate enrollment capacity for each type of entrance examination. However, the enrollment capacity will be 3 persons for the Academic Career Course and 7 persons for the Project Study Course in the Sociology Major..

○ Regarding the Course System for the Sociology Major (Master's Degree Program)

(1) Academic Career Course

〈Course Outline〉

The Academic Career Course is intended to cultivate academic expertise in sociology and is for aspiring researchers.

〈Taking the Course and Earning Credits〉

At least 30 credits must be earned, including Joint Seminars I a, I b, II a, II b, Seminars (or Project Exercises) A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects) and thesis instruction A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects).

〈Completion Requirements〉

Those who have completed at least two years in this course, earned the specified credits and passed their master's thesis defense and final examination will be conferred a master's degree (in sociology).

(2) Project Study Course

〈Course Outline〉

The Project Study Course is intended to cultivate practical sociology skills over a two-year Master's Degree period and is for those who aspire to contribute to the real world.

〈Taking the Course and Earning Credits〉

At least 30 credits must be earned, including Joint Seminars I a, I b, II a, II b, Seminars (or Project Exercises) A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects) and Project Study A, B (4 credits for 2 subjects).

〈Completion Requirements〉

Those who have completed at least 2 years in this course, earned the specified credits and passed the review of their research results for the specified project and passed their final examination will be conferred a master's degree (in sociology).

(3) Selecting a Course, Acceptance Criteria

① Select the desired course during Online Application.

This course selection cannot be changed after submitting your application.

② If you select the Academic Career Course, your candidacy will be considered for the Academic Career Course. If you are not accepted to the Academic Career Course, you will instead be considered for the Project Study Course.

You will be notified as to which course you have been accepted to in your acceptance letter.

③ If you select the Project Study Course, you will only be considered for the Project Study Course.

(4) Advancing to the Ph.D. Degree Program following Expected Completion of the Special Study Course

Those who continue on to the Sociology Major Ph.D. Degree Program are exempt from the specialized subject examination.

■ Becoming a Certified Professional Social Researcher

The Sociology Major course at the Graduate School of Sociology has been certified for training Certified Professional Social Researchers by the Japanese Association for Social Research from 2005.

Those who wish to take an examination for qualifying as a Certified Professional Social Researchers certified by the Japanese Association for Social Research must fulfill the following 4 conditions:

- 1) Have Certified Social Researcher qualifications
- 2) Have earned credits by taking the subjects corresponding to the standard curriculums H~J of the Japanese Association for Social Research
- 3) Have written a master's thesis or other type of research paper using the results of a social survey (refer to the website of the Japanese Association for Society Research for details about the research range)
- 4) Have completed the Master's Degree Program

However, regarding 1), if you have not obtained a social researcher qualification, it is possible to acquire the qualifications of a social researcher and a professional social researcher at the same time by taking both the undergraduate subjects : Social Researcher Standard Curriculums A ~ F of the (E and F are optional) and the graduate subjects (corresponding to the Standard Curriculums H ~ J), it is possible to acquire the qualifications of a social researcher and a professional social researcher at the same time by taking the courses in parallel with the courses corresponding to.

As for 2), it is necessary to acquire credits for the "Social Research Training" (135 minutes × 30 weeks), which is a lesson course established by the major, corresponding to the Standard Curriculums H ~ J.

Standard Curriculums by Japanese Association for Social Research	Subjects Corresponded by Graduate School of Sociology
H. Survey Planning and Design Training (Practice) Subjects (90 minutes × 15 weeks)	Sociology Major "Social Research Training" (135 minutes × 30 weeks)
I. Multivariate Analysis Training (practice) Subjects (90 minutes × 15 weeks)	
J. Qualitative Research Training (Practice) Subjects (90 minutes × 15 weeks)	

Those who wish to acquire the qualifications should contact the Responsible person for Social Researcher at the Graduate School of Sociology (MABUCHI Ryogo, Faculty of Sociology Major) through the Social Survey Training Preparation Room (B201(A) on the 2nd floor of the 3rd Building) as soon as possible after enrolling in Kansai University.

Regarding the "Professional Social Researcher" qualification, read carefully the document "About Professional Social Researcher" distributed after admission, and refer to the website of the Japanese Association for Society Research (<https://jasr.or.jp/>).

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 240 points or higher (including the writing score) on Japanese as a Foreign Language 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) :

(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).

[Important] Before submitting your application, you shall contact the academic advisor you wish to apply after referring to 'Graduate School of Sociology: List of Seminar, Thesis Tutor and Academic Advisors 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
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> <p>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).</p>
Original certificate of (expected) graduation from previous universities and/or other institutions 【④】	<p>Both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates must be listed.</p> <p>If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Note : Applicants with Qualification (3) are required to submit a bachelor's degree certificate in addition to the graduation certificate.</p>

Research Plan in Japanese 【⑤】	About 1,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 4 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】	In case of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) The original of 'Certificate of Result and Score' certifying that you have passed Level N1 (Level 1 of Former Test). ★Be sure to submit the original certificate. In case of Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU) The Online Certificate 'Score Confirmation Report' certifying that you have acquired 240 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.)

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.

For applicants to the Sociology Major Special Study Course, if you are not accepted for the Special Study Course, you will instead be considered for the Project Study Course.

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 Sociology, the number of successful applicants may not reach the enrollment capacity.

5. Examination Components

Major	Course	Written Examination		Oral Examination (100 points)
		10:00 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes)	13:00 ~ 14:30 (90 minutes)	
Sociology Major	Academic Career Course	Specialized Subject (100 points)	English (100 points)	Held after the written examination
	Project Study Course	—	—	
Social System Design Major	—	Specialized Subject (100 points)	—	
Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major	—	Specialized Subject (100 points)	—	

Note 1: The questions for the Specialized Subject of Sociology Major and Social System Design Major will related to your desired professor's Exercises / Task research / Thesis Guidance Research Theme. The questions for the Specialized Subjects of Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major will be the common questions Regardless of your desired professor.

Note 2: The questions for the Specialized Subject will be the same for the Sociology Major Academic Career Course and the Project Study Course.

Note 3: More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

Note 4: Entrance Examination Schedule is refer to 'III Entrance Examination Schedule and Deadlines for 2026 Academic Year' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.2. For details, check on your Examination Admission Slip.

Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major will be held in the below.

【October Examination】

October 4(Sat), 2025 : Written Examination

October 5(Sun), 2025 : Oral Examination

【February Examination】

February 20(Fri), 2026 : Written Examination

February 21(Sat), 2026 : Oral Examination

Note 5: If you are absent from the written examination, you will not be allowed to take the oral examination.

Note: Please select a major 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, because there is a semester or two that the academic advisor does not in charge of Seminar as researchers etc.

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 Sociology: List of Seminar, Thesis Tutor and Academic Advisors for 2026 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

Sociology Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Studies of Contemporary Society	Professor		USHIRO, Teruhito
Studies of Discrimination	Professor	Doctor of Arts (Osaka City University)	UCHIDA, Ryushi
Global Sociology	Professor	Ph.D. (Advanced Social and International Studies) The University of Tokyo	SAKAI, Chie
Environmental Sociology	Professor	Ph.D. (Policy Science) Hosei University	DAIMON, Shinya
Studies of Social Welfare	Professor	Ph.D. (Sociology) The University of Tokyo	TSUCHIYA, Atsushi
Urban Sociology	Professor		NAGAI, Yoshikazu
Studies of Social Survey	Professor		MABUCHI, Ryogo
Methodology of Sociology	Professor		YASUDA, Tokio
Family Sociology	Professor	Ph.D. (Human Sciences) The University of Osaka	YAMATO, Reiko
Cultural Sociology	Professor	Doctor of Sociology (Kwansei Gakuin University)	YUKIMURA, Mayumi
Community Work, Theory & Practice	Professor	Ph.D. (Human Sciences) The University of Osaka	YOSHIOKA, Yoko

Social System Design Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Industrial Information Systems Research	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Osaka City University)	CUI, Yu
Studies on Economic Systems	Professor	Doctor of Economics (Hokkaido University)	TOMODA, Yasunobu
Studies on Economic Policy	Professor	Doctor of Economics (Kyoto University)	OGAWA, Kazuhito
Studies on Public System	Associate Professor	Doctor of Economics (Kyoto University)	KIMURA, Masako
Studies on Human Resource Management	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	MORITA, Masaya
Studies on Regional Revitalization	Professor	Doctor of Human Science (The University of Osaka)	AKAEDA, Naoki
Social Studies in Science and Technology	Professor	Doctor of Letters (Kyoto University)	SUGIMOTO, Mai
Social Network Analysis	Professor	Ph.D. (Sociology) Columbia University	※YASUDA, Yuki
Human Development Studies	Professor	Ph.D. (Development) University of Wisconsin-Madison	KUSAGO, Takayoshi
Studies on Corporate System	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Osaka City University)	HASHIMOTO, Satoru

Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Gender and Media	Professor	Doctor of Social Science (Ochanomizu University)	MORI, Naoko
Media Representation	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Information Studies (The University of Tokyo)	MURATA, Mariko
Media Industry	Professor	Ph.D. (Media and Governance) Keio University	MIURA, Fumio
International Journalism	Professor		Liu, Xueyan
Media and Technology	Professor		MIZUKOSHI, Shin
Media History	Associate Professor	Doctor of Interdisciplinary Information Studies (The University of Tokyo)	MATSUYAMA, Hideaki
Media Research Methods	Associate Professor	Ph.D. of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University	MIZOGUCHI, Yuji
Adversiting	Professor		IBUKI, Yusuke

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

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Sociology	Sociology Major	3
	Social System Design Major	3
	Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major	3

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

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

[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 Sociology: List of Research Thesis and Academic Advisors 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.

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

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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】	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> <p>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).</p>
Original certificate of (expected) completion from previous graduate school, or a notarized document certifying (expected) completion 【④】	<p>Both of the entrance and (expected) completion dates must be listed.</p> <p>If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted.</p> <p>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.</p>
Research Plan in Japanese 【⑤】	<p>About 3,000 words in length.</p> <p>Submit 1 original and 4 copies.</p> <p>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).</p>

Document to be Submitted [Document Number]	Remarks
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 3,000 words in length (1,500 words if written in English). Submit 1 original and 4 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】	5 copies If the master's thesis was not written in Japanese or English, translate the master's thesis into Japanese or English, and submit it instead.
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 3,000 words in length (1,500 words if written in English). Submit 1 original and 4 copies. Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 characters per row and 40 rows per page).
Copy of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis 【7】※	5 copies If the thesis intended to be submitted was not written in Japanese or English, translate the thesis into Japanese or English, and submit it instead. If translating, draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 characters per row and 40 rows per page).

※ 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 Sociology, the number of successful applicants may not reach the enrollment capacity.

5. Examination Components

Written Examination		Oral Examination (100 points)
10:00 ~ 11:30 (90 minutes)	13:00 ~ 14:30 (90 minutes)	
Specialized Subject (100 points)	English (100 points)	Held after the written examination

Note 1: The questions of the specialized subject will related to your desired professor's treatise guidance research theme.

Note 2: Applicants who are expected to complete the Graduate School of Sociology Master's Degree Program at Kansai University by March 2025 and are applying to continue on to the Ph.D. Degree Program in the same major are exempt from the Specialized Subject Examination, excepting those in the Sociology Major Project Study Course.

Note 3: More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

Note 4: Entrance Examination Schedule is refer to 'III Entrance Examination Schedule and Deadlines for 2025 Academic Year' (in the separate file "Common Items of all Graduate Schools" p.2. For details, check on your Examination Admission Slip.

Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major will be held in the below.

【February Examination】

February 20(Fri), 2026 : Written Examination

February 21(Sat), 2026 : Oral Examination

Note 5: If you are absent from the written examination, you will not be allowed to take the oral examination.

Note: Please select a major 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 because there is a semester or two that the academic advisor does not in charge of Seminar as researchers etc.

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.

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Graduate School of Sociology: List of Research Thesis and Academic Advisors for 2026 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)

Sociology Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Studies of Contemporary Society	Professor		USHIRO, Teruhito
Global Sociology	Professor	Ph.D. (Advanced Social and International Studies) The University of Tokyo	SAKAI, Chie
Studies of Social Welfare	Professor	Ph.D. (Sociology) The University of Tokyo	TSUCHIYA, Atsushi
Urban Sociology	Professor		NAGAI, Yoshikazu
Methodology of Sociology	Professor		YASUDA, Tokio
Family Sociology	Professor	Ph.D. (Human Sciences) The University of Osaka	YAMATO, Reiko

Social System Design Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Industrial Information Systems Research	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Osaka City University)	CUI, Yu
Studies on Economic Systems	Professor	Doctor of Economics (Hokkaido University)	TOMODA, Yasunobu
Studies on Economic Policy System	Professor	Doctor of Economics (Kyoto University)	OGAWA, Kazuhito
Studies on Human Resource Management	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	MORITA, Masaya
Social Studies in Science and Technology	Professor	Doctor of Letters (Kyoto University)	SUGIMOTO, Mai
Social Network Analysis	Professor	Ph.D. (Sociology) Columbia University	※YASUDA, Yuki
Human Development Studies	Professor	Ph.D. (Development) University of Wisconsin-Madison	KUSAGO, Takayoshi
Studies on Corporate System	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Osaka City University)	HASHIMOTO, Satoru

Media, Journalism and Communication Studies Major

Major Subject and Academic Advisors			
Gender and Media	Professor	Doctor of Social Sciences (Ochanomizu University)	MORI, Naoko
Media Representation	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Information Studies (The University of Tokyo)	MURATA, Mariko
Media and Technology	Professor		MIZUKOSHI, Shin
Advertising	Professor		IBUKI, Yusuke