English Version

2027 Admission

International Students Entrance Examination
Graduate School of Business and Commerce

Application Guidelines

Note 1: Please be sure to check the Application Guidelines Supplement (Common to all Graduate Schools) on our Graduate School Admissions website.

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

Admission Policy

Master's Degree Program

The Graduate School of Business and Commerce aims to train students to become researchers who can conduct creative research with advanced knowledge or to become highly qualified professionals with expertise and practical knowledge who can solve complex and diverse problems of business. The Graduate School is widely open also to international students through original entrance examinations, thereby contributing to internationalizing the Graduate School.

The Master's Degree Program has two courses of Academic Research Course and Professional Research Course and provides adequate subjects for each of the courses. The Graduate School accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, expression, and proactive attitudes and deserve as the graduate school students according to the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School:

1. To have the specialized knowledge and skills of the academic field of Business and Commerce of the undergraduate course.
2. To have the following qualities and abilities through their study of the undergraduate course:

(1) Academic Research Course

To have willingness to positively absorb and develop the existing research results through study of specialized subjects and to establish themselves as researchers of Business and Commerce by advancing to the Ph.D. Degree Program.

(2) Professional Research Course

To have potentialities to develop their abilities of problem solution, flexible thinking, and sharp sense of reality.

3. To have strong willingness to study proactively the academic field of Business and Commerce.

Ph.D. Degree Program

The Graduate School of Business and Commerce (Ph.D. Degree Program) aims to train students to become researchers through creative research with advanced knowledge and highly qualified professionals with expertise and practical skills to solve complex and diverse problems of business. The Graduate School is widely open also to international students through original entrance examinations, thereby contributing to internationalizing the Graduate School.

The Ph.D. Degree Program is provided with specialized subjects about Distribution, Finance International Business, Management, and Accounting.

The Graduate School 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:

1. To have the specialized knowledge and skills of the academic field of Business and Commerce of the undergraduate course and master's degree program.
2. To have the abilities of problem solution, leadership, and logical and critical thinking through their study of the undergraduate course and master's degree program, and to be able to contribute to society with their research and practical activities in the academic field of Business and Commerce.
3. To have strong willingness to study proactively the academic fields of Business and Commerce.

Application Requirements

Graduate School of Business and Commerce (Master's Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major, Course and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Course	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Business and Commerce	Business and Commerce Major	Academic Research Course	35
		Professional Research Course	

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

Applicants who wish to study at the Graduate School of Business and Commerce, please read the following information carefully before applying.

At the Graduate School of Business and Commerce, the Master's Program offers 2 courses and you can choose 1 course when applying.

For each course, you can select major subjects and academic advisor from the list called "Graduate School of Business and Commerce: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2027 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)" (p.9-12).

For the "Academic Research Course", only 1 major subject can be selected, and for the "Professional Research Course", 3 major subjects can be selected. If you do not have the 2nd (or 3rd) desired major subject, please select "None" instead.

And for the "Professional Research Course", the graduate school may not be able to meet your desired major subjects.

【Caution】 After applying, you cannot change the course, major subjects or specialized subjects of your choice.

(1) About the Course

① Academic Research Course

The "Academic Research Course" aims to provide students with the advanced skills essential to the conduct of effective independent research in their respective areas of specialization, and to foster a high level of scholarship that will form a sound basis from which to conceive and pursue further research projects.

This Course consists mainly of seminars and thesis guidance. And it is intended for applicants who desire to go on to a Ph.D. Degree Program after completion of a Master's Degree Program.

② Professional Research Course

The "Professional Research Course" aims to educate future professionals including business consultants, securities analysts, or certified tax accountants, with a flexibility of mind and a sense of reality.

Its curriculum combines lectures by full-time professors and practitioners, and the subjects are classified and systematized into 3 types: Strategic Management, Distribution and International Business, and Finance and Accounting.

In addition, Graduate school of Kansai University has a school of Accountancy, a school for those who wish to be exempted from the subject of Short-answer Test of Certified Public Accountant.

(2) About the Research Guidance System

① Academic Research Course

The academic advisor in charge of the major subject that you selected when applying will be your academic advisor. Graduate students must take seminars and thesis guidance of the desired academic advisor and submit a master's thesis of approximately 40,000 characters.

② Professional Research Course

The academic advisor in charge of the major subject that you selected (one of the 1st to 3rd choices) when applying will be your academic advisor. Graduate students must take lectures and study guidance of their academic advisors and submit a research thesis of approximately 30,000 characters. Those who wish to proceed to the Ph.D. Degree Program of the Graduate School of Business and Commerce must write about 40,000 characters.

If graduate students wish to be exempted from the subjects of the Certified Public Tax Accountants (Zeirishi) examination, they must complete the "Tax & Accounting Strategy Program". In addition, students are required to submit a research thesis of approximately 40,000 characters after receiving study guidance from their academic advisor in the "Tax & Accounting Strategy Program".

For details on the "Tax & Accounting Strategy Program", please refer to the Graduate School of Business and Commerce website (https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Fc_com/grad/) and the digital pamphlet called "Kansai University Graduate School Information".

For details of the "Entrepreneurship & Management Program", please refer to the Graduate School of Business and Commerce website (https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Fc_com/entre/) and the digital pamphlet called "Kansai University Graduate School Information".

(3) English Proficiency Level Required in the Academic Research Course

English literature is frequently used in research thesis guidance for Academic Research Course.

(4) Completion Requirements

If you have been enrolled in the Master's Degree Program for 2 years or more, acquired 32 credits or more, passed the examination of the master's thesis or the research thesis, and passed the final examination, you will be awarded the master's degree (Business and Commerce).

■Reference Books

On entering the Graduate School of Business and Commerce, examples of basic literature whose contents should be minimally understood before enrolment can be seen in the following Kansai University Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website. Please refer to them for entrance preparation.
https://kansaigradsch.kansai-u.ac.jp/admission/graduate/com.html

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

1. Qualification

Academic Research Course: Applicants who meet both (1) and (2) below
Professional Research Course: Applicants who meet (1) below

(1): Applicants shall satisfy one of the following (A)～(E) conditions:
(including applicants who are expected to satisfy one of the following (A)～(D) conditions before enrolling at the Graduate School)

(A) Applicants who have completed a regular 16-year program of school education outside Japan (Note 1).
(B) Applicants who have graduated from Japanese universities as international students.
(C) 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)
(D) 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.
(E) Applicants who are recognized as having scholastic abilities equivalent to or superior to that of 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.

(2) Applicants who meet any one of the following conditions (A) ～(F):

(A) Applicants who have passed the United Nations Official English Proficiency Test at Level B or higher
(B) Applicants who have passed the Practical English Proficiency Test at Pre-1 Level or higher
(C) Applicants who have passed the Cambridge English Qualifications at Level B2 First or higher
(D) Individuals who have obtained a TOEFL iBT® score (including My Best™ scores) of 80 or higher within two years prior to the application start date for each exam session.
In addition, My Best™ scores will be invalid if they include scores from tests taken more than two years prior.
(E) Applicants who have obtained a TOEIC® L&R test score of 750 or higher within two years prior to the application start date for each exam session
(F) Applicants who have obtained an IELTS score of 6.0 or higher within two years prior to the application start date for each exam session

【IMPORTANT】 Notes regarding Pre-qualification Individual Screening for Entrance Examination

1. Subjects:
Applicants under qualification (1)-(E)
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 the Graduate School Admissions Division as soon as possible by the submission deadline of the documents for the screening.

Note 2： Applicants who have received (or are expected to receive) the degrees in other 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.

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 Confirmation Form (for university submission) 【①】	Print out and submit after finalizing your online Application. (Color Printing Recommended)
Statement of Reason for Applying (in Japanese) 【②】	Use the form designated by Kansai 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 (1)-(C) are required to submit a bachelor's degree certificate in addition to the graduation certificate.

Document to be Submitted【Document Number】	Remarks
Research Plan (in Japanese) 【⑤】	About 1,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 4 copies. Please provide your research overview typed on A4 paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page).
Original documents proving eligibility under Qualification (2) 【⑥】 ★ Academic Research Course only	Original certificates must be submitted. However, for "EIKEN," "TOEIC," and "TOEFL" under Qualification (2), please submit the documents specified below.
	●EIKEN Printed "Digital Proof of EIKEN Certification" in A4 size
	●TOEIC L&R 【Examinee in Japan】 Downloaded and printed PDF file of "Digital Official Score Certificate" of TOEIC® L&R Test in A4 size ※Please follow the "Procedures for Score Confirmation Service" on page 20 and submit the score from the TOEIC application site. 【Examinee outside Japan】 The original of the TOEIC® L&R Official Score Certificate Note: We do not accept the certificates of group tests such as TOEIC® L&R Test (IP).
	●TOEFL iBT® After arranging for your scores to be sent directly from your ETS account to Kansai University Graduate Schools (Designated Institution (DI) Code: G128), please be sure to submit both of the following: ① and ②. ① A printout on A4 paper of the "Test Taker Score Report (PDF file)" downloaded from your ETS account. ② A printout on A4 paper of the screen confirming that the direct score transfer request has been completed. *The document must clearly show that G128 (Kansai University Graduate Schools) has been selected as the recipient and include the 16-digit Appointment Number (formerly known as the Registration Number). (Note) Scores from group special testing programs such as the TOEFL ITP® test, or from the TOEFL iBT® Home Edition, will not be accepted.
If the applicant meets the requirements for exemption from the written specialized subject examination, please submit the original and its copy of certification. 【⑪】 ★Applicable persons only	・If only the applicant meets the requirements for exemption from the written specialized subject examination (refer to 6. Written Examination Subjects and Allocation of Points, Note 2 and 3), please submit the original and its copy of certification. ・The submitted original will be returned on the day of the examination. ・Please write the 【Document Number】only on copies.
Copy of Residence Card or Passport 【⑫】	【Residents in Japan】 A copy of both sides of the residence card. 【Residents outside Japan】 A copy of the passport page showing the applicant's name, date of birth, photograph, and expiration date. Applicants without a passport must submit a copy of an ID issued by their home country.
One Photograph	Affix a photograph taken within the last 3 months to the Statement of Reason for Applying. Your photograph should not be retouched or edited.

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.

【Applicants exempted from the written examinations】

Pass/Fail is determined by the higher total score on the oral examinations, in descending order.

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		Oral Examination (Note 2)
Specialized Subject	Taxation Systems [Professional Research Course] (Note 1)	
10:00 ～ 11:30 (90 minutes)	13:00 ～ 14:30 (90 minutes)	Held after the written examination

Note 1: Candidates who select "Tax Law" or "Tax Systems" as their major subject must take the "Taxation Systems" exam in addition to their specialized subjects.

Note 2: More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

6. Written Examination Subjects and Allocation of Points

Course	Specialized Subject	Points	Taxation Systems	Points	Examination Points
Academic Research Course	Select one of the following 5 subjects (Notes 1 and 2) 【Commercial Science, Business Administration, Economics, Accounting, and Statistics】	100	—	—	100
Professional Research Course	Select one of the following 5 subjects (Notes 2 and 3) 【Commercial Science, Business Administration, Economics, Accounting, and Statistics】	100	Taxation Systems [As requested] (Note 4)	100	100

Note 1: In cases of the Academic Research Course, examination subjects may be appointed according to your applying major, so please check "List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors"(p.9-10) before applying.

Note 2: If you satisfy any of the following conditions in the both courses, you are exempt from the Specialized subject examination "Statistics".

(1) Score of Grade 2 or higher in the statistics examination (including CBT) administered by the Japanese Association for Promoting Quality Assurance in Statistics

(2) Score of Grade 2 or higher in the quality control examination held by the Japanese Standards Association

Note 3: If you request the Professional Research Course and satisfy any of the following conditions, you are exempt from the Specialized Subject (Accounting) examination.

(1) Those who have passed some subjects of tax law subject of the certified tax accountant examination or have the qualification to become a tax accountant

(2) A person who has passed the short-answer test for certified public accountant examination or who is qualified to become a certified public accountant

(3) Those who have passed the Official Business Skill Test in Book-keeping of Grade 1.

Note 4: Candidates who select "Tax Law" or "Tax Systems" as their major subject must take the "Taxation Systems" exam in addition to their specialized subjects.

Note: Please select a major subject and an academic advisor on applying.
If you select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance, because there is a semester or two in which they do not teach the subjects as they engage in research, at home or abroad.
The subjects 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 Business and Commerce: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2027 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

【Academic Research Course】

The course is for those who would like to enter the Ph.D. Degree Program after Master's Degree Program, and it aims to foster researchers with high-quality learning.

Major Subject	Position	Degree	Academic Advisor	Designated Subject
Problems of Market Economy I・II	Professor		SUGIMOTO, Takashi	—
Logistics I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Meijo University	AMENO, Hiroko	—
Marketing Communication I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	KISHIYA, Kazuhiro	Commercial Science
Marketing I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Keio University	* IWAMOTO, Akinori	Commercial Science
Consumer Behavior Research I・II	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering, Osaka University	* TAKAI, Keiji	Statistics
Tourism Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	SANO, Kaede	—
Business Studies for Economic Development I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	OIKAWA, Hiroshi	—
Emerging Market Economies I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	TOKUNAGA, Masahiro	Business Administration / Economics
Applied Oligopoly Theory I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	TAKAUCHI, Kazuhiro	Economics
Business Economics I・II	Associate Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	* HU, Qing	Economics
International Monetary Systems I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	TAKAYA, Sadayoshi	Economics
Tax Law I・II	Professor	Doctor of Law, Kansai University	TSUJI, Mie	—
Tax Systems I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Waseda University	ISHIDA, Kazuyuki	—
Empirical Finance Study I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Osaka University	TANAKA, Takanori	Economics
Monetary Theory and Policy I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	* HANABUSA, Kunihiro	—
Insurance Theory I・II	Professor		* TOKUTSUNE, Yasuyuki	—

Major Subject	Position	Degree	Academic Advisor	Designated Subject
Accounting Framework I・II	Professor		SAINO, Junko	Accounting
Accounting Information and Financial Strategy I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Nagoya University	OTOMASA, Shota	—
Empirical Accounting Study I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, University of Tsukuba	※ OTA, Koji	—
Auditing I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Kobe University	KOZUMA, Kyoko	Accounting
Accounting for Public Sector I・II	Professor	Doctor of International Public Policy, Osaka University	BABA, Hideaki	—
Cost Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kansai University	OKA, Shoji	Accounting
Management Accounting I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	* ASADA, Hirofumi	—
Innovation Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Tokyo University	PARK, Taehoon	—
Management Information Systems I・II	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Kobe University of Commerce	YADA, Katsutoshi	Statistics
Organization Theory I・II	Professor	Ph.D., University of Edinburgh	HARA, Takuji	Business Administration
Strategic Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Ritsumeikan University; Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	※ SAEKI, Yasuo	Business Administration
Management of Technology I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Kobe University	*※ KAGEYAMA, Yoshiki	Business Administration
Micro Marketing I・II	Professor		* CHIBA, Takahiro	Commercial Science
Management Science I・II	Professor	Doctor of Information Science, Osaka University	* MURAKAMI, Keisuke	Statistics
Human Resource Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Osaka University	* HOSOMI, Masaki	Business Administration
Digital Marketing I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	* LI, Zhen	Commercial Science / Statistics

Note1: The Academic advisors marked * may change if you proceed to the Ph. D. Degree Program.

Note2: The faculty members in charge of the “Entrepreneurship Management Program” may be selected only when applying to the Professional Research Course.

In addition, applicants who wish to advance to the doctoral program after completing the “Entrepreneurship Management Program” must apply through the Professional Research Course.

Note: Please select a major subject and an academic advisor on applying.
If you select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance, because there is a semester or two in which they do not teach the subjects as they engage in research, at home or abroad.
The subjects 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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【Professional Research Course】

The course aims to foster high-quality profession who can be engaged in business fields.

Major Subjects and Major Advisors			
Strategic Management Group			
Innovation Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Tokyo University	PARK, Taehoon
Management Information Systems I・II	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Kobe University of Commerce	YADA, Katsutoshi
Organization Theory I・II	Professor	PhD, University of Edinburgh	HARA, Takuji
Marketing Science I・II	Associate Professor	Doctor of Human science, Waseda University	ZHOU, Xiaokang
Strategic Management I・II	Professor	Ritsumeikan University Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	※ SAEKI, Yasuo
Management of Technology I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Kobe University	※ KAGEYAMA, Yoshiki
Micro Marketing I・II	Professor		CHIBA, Takahiro
Management Science I・II	Professor	Doctor of Information Science, Osaka University	MURAKAMI, Keisuke
Human Resource Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Osaka University	HOSOMI, Masaki
Digital Marketing I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	LI, Zhen
Faculty Members in Charge of the Entrepreneurship Management Program			
Entrepreneurship Research I	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Hokkaido University	YOKOYAMA, Keiko
Entrepreneurship Research I	Professor	PhD, University of Edinburgh	※ NISHIOKA, Kenichi
Entrepreneurship Research I	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Hitotsubashi University	SHIM, Jung Wook
Distribution and International Business Group			
Problems of Market Economy I・II	Professor		SUGIMOTO, Takashi
Logistics I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Meijo University	AMENO, Hiroko
Marketing Communication I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	KISHIYA, Kazuhiro
Marketing I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Keio University	IWAMOTO, Akinori
Consumer Behavior Research I・II	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering, Osaka University	TAKAI, Keiji
Tourism Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	SANO, Kaede

Major Subjects and Major Advisors			
Business Studies for Economic Development I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	OIKAWA, Hiroshi
Emerging Market Economies I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	TOKUNAGA, Masahiro
Applied Oligopoly Theory I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	TAKAUCHI, Kazuhiro
Business Economics I・II	Associate Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	HU, Qing
Finance and Accounting Group			
International Monetary Systems I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	TAKAYA, Sadayoshi
Empirical Finance Study I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Osaka University	TANAKA, Takanori
Monetary Theory and Policy I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	HANABUSA, Kunihiro
Insurance Theory I・II	Professor		TOKUTSUNE, Yasuyuki
Accounting Information and Financial Strategy I・II	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Nagoya University	OTOMASA, Shota
Empirical Accounting Study I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, University of Tsukuba	※ OTA, Koji
Auditing I・II	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Kobe University	KOZUMA, Kyoko
Accounting for Public Sector I・II	Professor	Doctor of International Public Policy, Osaka University	BABA, Hideaki
Cost Management I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kansai University	OKA, Shoji
Management Accounting	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	ASADA, Hirofumi
Tax & Accounting Strategy Program			
Tax Law I・II	Professor	Doctor of Law, Kansai University	TSUJI, Mie
Tax Systems I・II	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Waseda University	ISHIDA, Kazuyuki
Accounting Framework I・II	Professor		SAINO, Junko

Note: If you are applying for the "Entrepreneurship Management Program" or the "Tax & Accounting Strategy Program," be sure to select the faculty member in charge of the program.

Graduate School of Business and Commerce (Ph.D. Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Business and Commerce	Business and Commerce Major	5

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

<About specialized subjects and teachers>

Please refer to ① to ③ below and select the Major Subject and Academic Advisor you are interested in.

After applying, you cannot be allowed to change any choice of major subjects.

① Refer to p.18-19:
"Graduate School of Business and Commerce: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2027 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)"

② Graduate School of Business and Commerce Website (https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Fc_com/grad/)

③ Kansai University Graduate School Information (Digital Pamphlet)

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

1. Qualification

Applicants who meet both (1) and (2) below

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

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

(A) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree at the graduate schools outside Japan.

(B) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree from Japanese graduate schools as international students.

(C) 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.

(D) Applicants designated by the minister of MEXT. (Bulletin No. 118 of 1989)

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

(E) Applicants who are recognized as having degrees equivalent to 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.

(2) Applicants who meet any one of the following conditions (A) through (F):

(A) Applicants who have passed the United Nations Official English Proficiency Test at Level B or higher

(B) Applicants who have passed the Practical English Proficiency Test at Pre-1 Level or higher

(C) Applicants who have passed the Cambridge English Qualifications at Level B2 First or higher

(D) Individuals who have obtained a TOEFL iBT® score (including My Best™ scores) of 80 or higher within two years prior to the application start date for each exam session.
In addition, My Best™ scores will be invalid if they include scores from tests taken more than two years prior.

(E) Applicants who have obtained a TOEIC® L&R test score of 750 or higher within two years prior to the application start date for each exam session

(F) Applicants who have obtained an IELTS score of 6.0 or higher within two years prior to the application start date for each exam session

【IMPORTANT】 Notes regarding Pre-qualification Individual Screening for Entrance Examination

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

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 Confirmation Form (for submission) 【①】	Print out and submit after finalizing your online Application. (Color Printing Recommended)
Statement of Reason for Applying (in Japanese) 【②】	Use the form designated by Kansai 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 2,000 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).

Document to be Submitted【Document Number】	Remarks
Original documents proving eligibility under Qualification (2) 【⑥】 ★ Academic Research Course only	Original certificates must be submitted. However, for "EIKEN," "TOEIC," and "TOEFL" under Qualification (2), please submit the documents specified below.
	●EIKEN Printed "Digital Proof of EIKEN Certification" in A4 size
	●TOEIC L&R 【Examinee in Japan】 Downloaded and printed PDF file of "Digital Official Score Certificate" of TOEIC® L&R Test in A4 size ※Please follow the "Procedures for Score Confirmation Service" on page 20 and submit the score from the TOEIC application site. 【Examinee outside Japan】 The original of the TOEIC® L&R Official Score Certificate Note: We do not accept the certificates of group tests such as TOEIC® L&R Test(IP).
	●TOEFL iBT® After arranging for your scores to be sent directly from your ETS account to Kansai University Graduate Schools (Designated Institution (DI) Code: G128), please be sure to submit both of the following: ① and ②. ① A printout on A4 paper of the "Test Taker Score Report (PDF file)" downloaded from your ETS account. ② A printout on A4 paper of the screen confirming that the direct score transfer request has been completed. *The document must clearly show that G128 (Kansai University Graduate Schools) has been selected as the recipient and include the 16-digit Appointment Number (formerly known as the Registration Number). (Note) Scores from group special testing programs such as the TOEFL ITP® test, or from the TOEFL iBT® Home Edition, will not be accepted.
Copy of Residence Card or Passport 【⑫】	【Residents in Japan】 A copy of both sides of the residence card. 【Residents outside Japan】 A copy of the passport page showing the applicant's name, date of birth, photograph, and expiration date. Applicants without a passport must submit a copy of an ID issued by their home country.
One Photograph	Affix a photograph taken within the last 3 months to the Statement of Reason for Applying. Your photograph should not be retouched or edited.
Applicants who meet one of qualifications (A)-(C) and have already submitted a master's thesis	
Overview of master's thesis in Japanese 【⑥】	About 2,000 words in length. 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
Applicants who meet one of qualifications (A)-(C) and expect to submit a master's thesis by the end of the academic year	
Master's Thesis Plan in Japanese 【⑦】	About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 4 copies. The applicants need to submit the completed Master's thesis and its overview to the Center of Academic Affairs after enrollment. 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
Applicants who meet the qualification (1)-(D) or (E), or who have or are expected to have a professional degree without having written a master's thesis	
Results report in Japanese【⑧】	About 2,000 words in length. Submit 1 original and 4 copies. Draft an overview of your research results or your research activities on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 characters per row and 40 rows per page).
Research results【⑨】	5 reprints or copies each of academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers

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.

【Applicants exempted from the written examinations】

Pass/Fail is determined by the higher total score on the oral examinations, in descending order.

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	Oral Examination (Note 2)
Specialized Subject (Note 1)	
10:00 ～ 11:30 (90 minutes)	Held after the written examination

Note 1: Applicants who have completed an Academic Research Course with the Graduate School of Business and Commerce (or expect to complete one) are exempt from the Specialized subject section of the written examination if the Academic Advisor is the same as the Master's Degree Program.

Note 2: More information about the oral examination will be provided on the day of the written examination.

6. Written Examination Subjects and Allocation of Points

Specialized Subject	Points	Oral Examination Points
For requested Major subject	100	100

Note: Please select a major subject and an academic advisor on applying.
If you select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance, because there is a semester or two in which they do not teach the subjects as they engage in research, at home or abroad.
The subjects 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://kansaigradsch.kansai-u.ac.jp/> (2026/4)

Graduate School of Business and Commerce: List of Major Subjects and Academic Advisors for 2027 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)

【Business and Commerce Major】

Major Subject	Position	Degree	Academic Advisor
Problems of Market Economy	Professor		SUGIMOTO, Takashi
Logistics	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Meijo University	AMENO, Hiroko
Marketing Communication	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	KISHIYA, Kazuhiro
Tourism Management	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kobe University	SANO, Kaede
Business Studies for Economic Development	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	OIKAWA, Hiroshi
Emerging Market Economies	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	TOKUNAGA, Masahiro
Applied Oligopoly Theory	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	TAKAUCHI, Kazuhiro
International Monetary Systems	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Kobe University	TAKAYA, Sadayoshi
Tax Law	Professor	Doctor of Law, Kansai University	TSUJI, Mie
Empirical Finance Study	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Osaka University	TANAKA, Takanori
Tax Systems	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Waseda University	ISHIDA, Kazuyuki
Accounting Framework	Professor		SAINO, Junko
Accounting Information and Financial Strategy	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Nagoya University	OTOMASA, Shota
Empirical Accounting Study	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, University of Tsukuba	※ OTA, Koji
Assurance Engagements	Professor		MATSUMOTO, Yoshinao
Auditing	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Kobe University	KOZUMA, Kyoko
Accounting for Public Sector	Professor	Doctor of International Public Policy, Osaka University	BABA, Hideaki
Cost Management	Professor	Doctor of Commerce, Kansai University	OKA, Shoji
Innovation Management	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Tokyo University	PARK, Taehoon
Management Information Systems	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Kobe University of Commerce	YADA, Katsutoshi
Venture Business	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Hokkaido University	YOKOYAMA, Keiko
New Business Creation	Professor	Ph.D., University of Edinburgh	※ NISHIOKA, Kenichi
Organization Theory	Professor	Ph.D., University of Edinburgh	HARA, Takuji

Major Subject	Position	Degree	Academic Advisor
Strategic Management	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration, Ritsumeikan University; Doctor of Economics, Kyoto University	※ SAEKI, Yasuo
Family Business	Professor	Doctor of Economics, Hitotsubashi University	SHIM, Jung Wook

Procedure of TOEIC Score Confirmation Service

【STEP 1】 Log into the TOEIC Application Site

Enter your Login ID and password to log into the TOEIC Application Site.
TOEIC Application Site: https://ms.toeic.or.jp/Usr/Pages/Entry/Login.aspx

【STEP 2】 TOEIC Application Site

Click the [大学・企業等へのスコア提出 (Click here to submit your score to universities, companies, ets)] on the bottom right of [テスト結果 (Test Results)] on the top page of the TOEIC Aplliccation Site.

【STEP 3】 Select where to submit scores and which tests you are eligible for

Enter the application code (**Graduate School Admissions Division of Kansai University: 00015802**) in the [提出先団体選択 (Select where to submit scores)], and click the [検索 (Search)] button. Select the test you wish to submit scores from in the [テスト種別選択 (Select which tests you are eligible for)], and click the [次へ (Next)] button.

【STEP 4】 Select the score you wish to submit

Select the score you wish to submit from the TOEIC Listening & Reading scores in Secure Program and click the [次へ (Next)] button.

【STEP 5】 Review the submission details, check the precautions and complete the submission

Please confirm the following:

- Application code
- Name of the organization to which the application is to be submitted
- Score to be submitted
- Precautions

Check the checkbox for agreement to precautions, and click the [提出する (Submit)] button.
You can check the submission history from the [スコア提出一覧 (Score Submission List)] in the [テスト結果一覧 (Test Results List)].