English Version

2027 Admission

International Students Entrance Examination
Graduate School of Governance

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

Ⅱ Admission Policy

Master's Degree Program

The Graduate School of Governance (Master's Degree Program) accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, and expression as well as proactive attitudes as the students according to the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School:

1. To have the background knowledge of the problems of global and advanced information societies and to have the basic knowledge of the undergraduate course about any field of social sciences such as jurisprudence, political sciences, economics and business administration, or natural sciences such as urban engineering, environmental studies and statistics because the subjects and methods of policy studies require characteristically interdisciplinary and diversified approaches.
2. To have the basic capabilities of "Think and Act" and the basic abilities for problem finding, policy designing and proper assessment, as well as logical thinking and expression.
3. To have basic communication skills and also have strong willingness to solve both global and regional problems.

Ph.D. Degree Program

The Graduate School of Governance (Ph.D. Degree Program) accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, abilities of thinking, judgement, and expression as well as proactive attitudes as the students according to the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School:

1. To have the background knowledge of the problems of global and advanced information societies and to have the basic knowledge of the master's degree program about any field of social sciences such as jurisprudence, political sciences, economics and business administration, or natural sciences such as urban engineering, environmental studies and statistics as the subjects and methods of policy studies require characteristically interdisciplinary and diversified approaches.
2. To have the basic capabilities of "Think and Act" and the basic abilities for problem finding, policy designing and proper assessment, as well as logical thinking and expression.
3. To have basic communication skills and also have strong willingness to solve both global and regional problems.

Application Requirements

Objectives of the Graduate School of Governance

The Graduate School of Governance offers comprehensive, interdisciplinary education and research opportunities in the international community. It was established with the objective of fostering highly ethical, highly specialized professionals and researchers who can put policies they have developed on their own into practice based on skills for determining issues that also apply on an international level as well as policy forming and evaluation skills.

Goals of Human Resource Development

The Graduate School aims to foster highly-skilled public and private professionals with strong moral ethics who can put policies they have developed on their own into practice based on skills for determining issues that also apply on an international level, policy-forming skills and policy evaluation skills as highly specialized professionals.

Education and Research Objectives

The Graduate School of Governance (Master's Degree Program) aims to cultivate highly-qualified human resources to play active role in public matters, that is, highly-qualified professionals and researchers who internationally and interdisciplinary bear education and research activities and put policies designed by themselves into practice, and also have abilities of finding out the issues accepted worldwide, and planning and evaluating policies, with high level of academic ethics.

The Graduate School of Governance (Ph.D. Degree Program) aims not only to cultivate highly-qualified professionals who internationally and interdisciplinary bear education by making the best of demonstrating their knowledge and skills with high level of the capabilities of "Think and Act", but also to cultivate autonomous researchers who can contribute to both domestic and global societies.

Types of Students Sought

The following students are sought for the Graduate School of Governance (Master's Degree Program):

(1) To have the background knowledge of the problems of global and advanced information societies.
(2) To have the basic knowledge of the undergraduate course about any field of social sciences such as jurisprudence, political sciences, economics and business administration, or natural sciences such as urban engineering, environmental studies and statistics.
(3) To have the basic capabilities of "Think and Act" and the basic abilities for problem finding, policy designing.
(4) To have the proper assessment, as well as logical thinking and expression.
(5) To have basic communication skills and also have strong willingness to solve both global and regional problems.

The following students are sought for the Graduate School of Governance (Ph. D. Degree Program):

(1) To have the background knowledge of the problems of global and advanced information societies
(2) To have the basic knowledge of the master's degree program about any field of social sciences such as jurisprudence, political sciences, economics and business administration, or natural sciences such as urban engineering, environmental studies and statistics as the subjects and methods of political studies require characteristically interdisciplinary and diversified approaches.
(3) To have the basic capabilities of "Think and Act" and the basic abilities for problem finding, policy designing.
(4) To have the proper assessment, as well as logical thinking and expression.
(5) To have basic communication skills and also have strong willingness to solve both global and regional problems.

Educational Advantages

The Graduate School of Governance aims to foster professionals who can discover public issues and design and form policies to resolve those issues with a policy studies foundation.

One advantage of education in the Graduate School of Governance is that research guidance is provided to each student through a system in which guidance is provided by multiple faculty members. This enables students to carry out multi-faceted research on social problems using various approaches.

Practical Study Advisor

Rather than the conventional format of a single specified advisor providing all guidance from admission to the university until completion of the degree, the Graduate School of Governance has multiple faculty members provide such guidance. Set a topic you wish to study for each field, referring to the list of dedicated faculty and specialist fields below. A number of faculty members who are closely involved in those topics will provide research guidance.

Graduate School of Governance (Master's Degree Program)

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Governance	Governance Major	12

Note: The Graduate School of Governance 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 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.

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.

Documents to be Submitted【Document Number】	Notes
Application 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 the University.
Original transcript from previous universities and/or other institutions【③】	Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions. ◦ If you are currently enrolled, you should submit the latest transcript (original) when applying. ◦ If you have transferred from other universities to your current university, you also should submit transcripts (original) from the previous universities and / or other institutions as well. ◦ If you studied abroad during your enrollment period and credits have been approved, but the credits are not listed on the academic transcript of the university you are enrolled in, or the credits have not been approved after studying abroad, you also should submit the academic transcript (original) from the university where you studied abroad as well. ◦ If you participated in a DD (Dual Degree/Double Degree) program during your enrollment period, but the credits have been approved are not listed on your academic transcript of the university you are enrolled in, or if credits are recognized in a lump sum, you also should submit the transcript (original) from the university where you participated in the program as well. Note 1) If the certificate has multiple pages, the seal of the university or the signature of the person in charge of issuing the certificate is required on all pages. Note 2) If you did not take any courses during your enrollment period, or if there is a blank period on your transcript due to studying abroad, please prepare a statement of reasons for that period (free format) and submit it together (School seal is not required).
Original certificate of (expected) graduation from previous universities and/or other institutions【④】	Both of the entrance and (expected) graduation dates must be listed. If the above information is listed on the Application Document ③, this certificate does not need to be submitted. Submit an original certificate of (expected) graduation. If you cannot submit an original certificate, please submit a certificate of (expected) graduation that has been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions. Note) Applicants with Qualification (3) are required to submit a bachelor's degree certificate in addition to the graduation certificate.

Documents to be Submitted【Document Number】	Notes
Research Plan in Japanese【⑤】	About 1,000 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).
Copy of Residence Card or Passport【⑫】	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.
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.

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

5. Examination Components

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

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

6. Examination Details and Allocation of Points

Written Examination (Specialized Subject) (100 Points)	Oral Examination (100 Points)
Select 2 of the following 4 questions, and answer in Japanese or English: ① Basic question on jurisprudence (1 question) ② Basic question on politics and public administration (1 question) ③ Basic question on economics (1 question) ④ Basic question on management (1 question)	You will be asked about the following points: ① Bacic knowledge on the specialized subject ② Details of previous research ③ Research topic, methods and other details after enrollment

Note: If you will select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance.
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://kansaigradsch.kansai-u.ac.jp/> (2026/4)

Graduate School of Governance: List of Seminar Advisor for 2027 Academic Year (Master's Degree Program)

Academic Advisor			Specialized Field
ASANO, Noriyuki	Professor	Ph.D. Nagoya University	Comparative Constitution, South Asian Law
IMAI, Nozomu	Professor		Strategic Management, Organization Studies
※OKAMOTO, Tetsukazu	Professor	Ph.D. Kansai University	Information Policy & Politics, Policy Process
KAJIWARA, Akira	Professor	Ph.D. (Political Science), Kobe University	Political Science, Public Administration
※KARATANI, Rieko	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy (International Relations) the University of Oxford	International Relations, International Politics
KAWASAKI, Nobuki	Professor	Ph.D. in Economics, Kyoto University	International Economic Policy, U.S. Economic History
KWON, Namhee	Professor	Ph.D. The University of Tokyo	International Law
GOTO, Motonobu	Professor		Civil Law, Legal Entities and Partnerships, German / French / European Law
KONISHI, Hideki	Professor		Contemporary Japanese Politics, Political Sociology
※TOKUMARU, Norio	Professor	Ph.D. in Economics, Kyoto University	Economics of Innovation, Comparative Political Economy, Nordic Socio-Economic Systems
NAITO, Tomonori	Professor	Ph.D. Kyoto University	Macroeconomic Policy, Financial History
NISHIZAWA, Kikuo	Professor		Thai Law (Civil Law, Elderly Person Law, Law of People with Disabilities), Comparative Law
※NISHIYAMA, Shinji	Professor	Ph.D. (Law) Nagoya University	Political Science, Political Theory
HATSUMI, Kentaro	Professor	Ph.D. (Applied Economics), Osaka University	Computational Social Science, Public Economics, Cultural Economics
FUKUMI, Atsushi	Professor	Ph.D. (Economics), Kobe University	Indian Economy
MIYASHITA, Shinichi	Professor		Supply Chain Research in Consumer Goods Industry
YASUTAKE, Masataka	Professor	Ph.D. (Law and Politics) Kyushu University	History of European Political Thoughts
YATERA, Akiyuki	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	Human Resource Management, Organization Theory
YAMANAKA, Yuri	Professor	DOCTORIS IURIS GRADUM University of Munich	Criminal Law, Criminal Policy
※YOSHIKAWA, Daisuke	Professor	Ph.D. (Economics), Kyoto University	Finance

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

Class Subject	Assigned School Year	Credit	Academic Advisor
Lecture			
Research Methods	1	2	Note 1
Public Policy	1	2	NISHIYAMA, Shinji
Normative Policy Research	1	2	YASUTAKE, Masataka
Policy Process	1	2	OKAMOTO, Tetsukazu
Public Administration	1	2	KAJIWARA, Akira
Contemporary Politics	1	2	KONISHI, Hideki
Local Government Policy Making	1	2	IMAI, Nozomu

Class Subject	Assigned School Year	Credit	Academic Advisor
Mathematical Analysis in Economics	1	2	HATSUMI, Kentaro
Fiscal Policy	1	2	SUGIURA, Tsutomu
Monetary Policy	1	2	NAITO, Tomonori
Regional Economy Studies	1	2	FUKUMI, Atsushi
Regional Industries Study	1	2	TOKUMARU, Norio
Logistics Policy	1	2	MIYASHITA, Shinichi
Welfare Policy	1	2	KITAI, Mayuko
Modern Community Welfare Studies	1	2	YATERA, Akiyuki
Risk Governance	1	2	YOSHIKAWA, Daisuke
Comparative Study of Constitutional Law	1	2	ASANO, Noriyuki
Administrative Law	1	2	MORITA, Takao
Law and Policy	1	2	Note 2
Comparative Criminal Law Studies	1	2	YAMANAKA, Yuri
Comparative Civil Law Studies	1	2	GOTO, Motonobu
Global and Asian Law and Policy	1	2	NISHIZAWA, Kikuo
International Public Policy	1	2	KWON, Namhee
International Relations	1	2	KARATANI, Rieko
Security Studies	1	2	YAMAGUCHI, Wataru
International Trade Policy	1	2	KAWASAKI, Nobuki
International Economic Policy	1	2	TAKASAKI, Haruka
Spatial Analysis of a Society	1	2	SAEGUSA, Kentaro
Particular Subject	1	2	Note 3
Seminar			
Seminar on Governance I	1	2	Refer to the List of Seminar Advisor
Seminar on Governance II	1	2	
Seminar on Governance III	2	2	
Seminar on Governance IV	2	2	

Note 1: Plural teachers in charge

Note 2: Teachers other than full-time in charge

Note 3: Will not be offered in 2026 Academic Year

Extended Enrollment System

The Graduate School of Governance offers a three-year course in addition to the standard two-year Master's Degree Program. The following provisions apply to these courses.

Annual Course Credit Limits

The annual course credit limits are as follows:

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

Assignment of Classes by Year for the Three-year Course

Seminar of Governance I and II are assigned to first-year students. Seminar of Governance III and IV, which provide research guidance for a master's thesis or a report on a specific theme of research, are assigned to third-year students. The thesis or report is submitted in the third year.

Changing Courses after Enrollment

Students in the three-year course may request to switch to the two-year course when they enter their second year if they have earned 20 credits by the end of their first year, the requirement for submitting a master's thesis or a report on a specific theme of research. If approved, their second-year credit limit will be 28 credits.

Eligible students will be notified through the University's Information System during the fall semester of their first year. Students cannot switch from the two-year course to the three-year course.

Limit of Years Enrolled

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

Graduation Requirements

The graduation 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!".

School Fees

If applicants change their course from the three-year course to the two-year course, the total amount of school fees and other fees will be adjusted to match the amount required for the two-year course. 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 8 (Fri), 2027
Please note that applicants admitted under the University's February Examination are not able to switch courses prior to their enrollment.

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

Graduate School, Major and Enrollment Capacity

Graduate School	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Graduate School of Governance	Governance Major	3

Note: The Graduate School of Governance 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

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 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 “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 for errors before submitting them.
Please submit the "Application Document List (Checklist)" as well as the application documents.

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

Documents to be Submitted【Document Number】	Notes
Copy of Residence Card or Passport【⑫】	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.
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 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 (1,500 words if written in English) 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 3,000 words (1,500 words if written in English) 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 thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis or draft of thesis【⑦】※	4 copies Draft on a computer using A4-size paper (horizontal text with 40 words per row and 40 rows per page).

※ If you are expected to graduate from your graduate school in March, 2027 and apply for the February Examination, you can submi t “Outline of master’s thesis” 【⑥】and “Copy of master’s thesis” 【⑦】as late as January 15 (Fri), 2027. 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 15 (Fri), 2027, 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 Governance, the number of successful applicants may not reach the enrollment capacity.

5. Examination Components

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

Note 1: Refer to dictionaries shall not be permitted.

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

6. Examination Details and Allocation of Points

Written Examination		Oral Examination (100 Points)
Specialized Subject (100 Points)	English (100 Points)	
Major field of your applying advisor	Reading ability for English literature	You will be asked about the following points: ① Knowledge on the specialized subject ② Details of previous research ③ Research topic, methods and other details after enrollment

Note: If you will select an academic advisor marked ※, please contact the Kansai University Graduate School Admissions Division in advance.
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://kansaigradsch.kansai-u.ac.jp/> (2026/4)

Graduate School of Governance: List of Seminar Advisor for 2027 Academic Year (Ph.D. Degree Program)

Advisor			Specialized Field
ASANO, Noriyuki	Professor	Ph.D. Nagoya University	Comparative Constitution, South Asian Law
IMAI, Nozomu	Professor		Strategic Management, Organization Studies
※OKAMOTO, Tetsukazu	Professor	Ph.D. Kansai University	Information Policy & Politics, Policy Process
※KARATANI, Rieko	Professor	Doctor of Philosophy (International Relations) the University of Oxford	International Relations, International Politics
KAWASAKI, Nobuki	Professor	Ph.D. in Economics, Kyoto University	International Economic Policy, U.S. Economic History
KWON, Namhee	Professor	Ph.D. The University of Tokyo	International Law
GOTO, Motonobu	Professor		Civil Law, Legal Entities and Partnerships, German / French / European Law
KONISHI, Hideki	Professor		Contemporary Japanese Politics, Political Sociology
※TOKUMARU, Norio	Professor	Ph.D. in Economics, Kyoto University	Economics of Innovation, Comparative Political Economy, Nordic Socio-Economic Systems
NAITO, Tomonori	Professor	Ph.D. Kyoto University	Macroeconomic Policy, Financial History
NISHIZAWA, Kikuo	Professor		Thai Law (Civil Law, Elderly Person Law, Law of People with Disabilities), Comparative Law
※NISHIYAMA, Shinji	Professor	Ph.D. (Law) Nagoya University	Political Science, Political Theory
FUKUMI, Atsushi	Professor	Ph.D. (Economics), Kobe University	Indian Economy
MIYASHITA, Shinichi	Professor		Supply Chain Research in Consumer Goods Industry
YASUTAKE, Masataka	Professor	Ph.D. (Law and Politics) Kyushu University	History of European Political Thoughts
YATERA, Akiyuki	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University)	Human Resource Management, Organization Theory
YAMANAKA, Yuri	Professor	DOCTORIS IURIS GRADUM University of Munich	Criminal Law, Criminal Policy
※YOSHIKAWA, Daisuke	Professor	Ph.D. (Economics), Kyoto University	Finance

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

Class Subject	Assigned School Year	Credit	Academic Advisor
Lecture			
Public Policy (Policy Studies)	1	2	YASUTAKE, Masataka
Public Policy (Policy Process)	1	2	OKAMOTO, Tetsukazu
Public Policy (Contemporary Japanese Politics)	1	2	KONISHI, Hideki
Public Policy (International Relation)	1	2	KARATANI, Rieko
Public Policy (Political Science)	1	2	Note
Public Policy (Contemporary Political Theory)	1	2	NISHIYAMA, Shinji
Public Policy (Public Management)	1	2	IMAI, Nozomu
Public Policy (Fiscal Policy)	1	2	Note
Public Policy (Monetary Policy)	1	2	NAITO, Tomonori
Public Policy (Regional Industries)	1	2	TOKUMARU, Norio
Public Policy (Logistics Policy)	1	2	MIYASHITA, Shinichi
Public Policy (Welfare Policy)	1	2	Note
Public Policy (Risk Governance)	1	2	YOSHIKAWA, Daisuke
Public Policy (International Trade Policy)	1	2	KAWASAKI, Nobuki
Public Policy (International Economic Policy)	1	2	Note
Public Policy (Asian Economy)	1	2	FUKUMI, Atsushi
Public Policy (Human Resource Management)	1	2	YATERA, Akiyuki
Public Policy (Comparative Constitutional Law)	1	2	ASANO, Noriyuki
Public Policy (Comparative Civil Law Studies)	1	2	GOTO, Motonobu
Public Policy (Global and Asian Law and Policy)	1	2	NISHIZAWA, Kikuo
Public Policy (International Law)	1	2	KWON, Namhee
Public Policy (Comparative Criminal Law Studies)	1	2	YAMANAKA, Yuri
Seminar			
Seminar for Doctoral Thesis 1	1	2	Refer to the List of the Seminar Advisor
Seminar for Doctoral Thesis 2	1	2	
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