



MA Program
in
Japanese and Asian Studies
- Application Guidelines / Forms -

For Fall Semester, 2025

(Note: Requirements and deadlines differ from the MEcon Program.)

Department of Japanese and Asian Studies
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Saitama University
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About the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Contemporary society is clearly witnessing a transformation toward a knowledge-based society wherein new knowledge, information and technology provides a vital foundation for human action in various political, economic, and social arenas. Advancing globalization is stimulating an upsurge in the international mobility of people, goods and capital, and thereby further promoting the interdependence of nations. Asia is one of the most culturally and economically dynamic regions of this increasingly interdependent global society, a fact that underscores the importance of research and education on its culture and society.

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences consists of the three departments of Social and Cultural Studies, Japanese and Asian Studies, and Economy and Management Studies, which together aim to cultivate intellectual leaders for this knowledge-based global society by offering two Master's degree programs in English.

Master's Programs Overview

The university provides learning opportunities for Japanese students, international students, and working adults. Graduate students who wish to study Japanese culture and the economy of Japan and Asia in English are offered two programs entirely in English:

1. Master of Arts (MA) Program in Japanese and Asian Culture
2. Master of Economics (MEcon) Program in Japanese and Asian Economy and Management

All classwork and thesis supervision in these two programs may be conducted in English. Students wishing to begin or continue Japanese language studies after their entrance into the university are encouraged to do so. We offer both beginner's and advanced Japanese language courses, but language study is not compulsory.

The two programs offer students the options of pursuing a degree with a disciplinary focus in either the liberal arts or in economics and business, providing them with broad, in-depth study of Japanese and Asian history, culture, economy and management from a global or multi-cultural perspective. Students will enroll in either the MA or the MEcon program, depending on the focus of their research and study interests.

Students can choose classes from either program in order to obtain an interdisciplinary perspective covering both the humanities and social sciences. Students with the requisite language ability will also have the option of taking classes in Japanese.

The MA program in Japanese and Asian Culture offers students an interdisciplinary selection of classes covering Japanese history, literature, material culture, media, contemporary art, traditional performing arts, and other cultural studies topics. Thesis supervision is conducted

by leading scholars with a strong Japanese focus, and the program provides successful applicants with an ideal forum through which to hone their analytical skills and enhance their ability to comprehend the multiple cultural and historical perspectives characterizing today's global society. Consequently, graduates will leave the program well-prepared to pursue their professional goals in Japan or abroad.

The MEcon program, comprised of classes on Japanese and Asian economy, society, and management, builds on the accumulated store of years of fieldwork by numerous faculty who excel in systems design and policy recommendation, and is committed to creating new socio-economic models for a sustainable Asia. Students enrolled in this program will master theories and methods useful for solving economic problems and graduate with the ability to contribute greatly to the further development of their home societies and of Asia in general.

We welcome motivated students from all over the world and look forward to your application!

Degree Conferred

MA: Master of Arts

Number of Students Admitted Each Year

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences plans to admit around 58 students in total to the MA Program (Japanese and Asian Culture), the MEcon Program (Japanese and Asian Economy and Management), and other programs conducted in Japanese. The Graduate School will decide the number of students admitted to each program after considering numerous factors including the quality of applicants to each program.

Language Requirement

All the lectures and seminars listed below will be conducted in English and students are therefore required to have a good command of English.

Curriculum

MA: Japanese and Asian Culture

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| Courses on Japanese Culture | Japanese Material Culture |
| | Museum Studies |
| | Japan and the Asia Pacific War |
| | The Traditional Performing Arts in Japan |
| | Urban Geography of Japan |
| | Regional Geography of Japan |
| | Seminar in Japanese Literature and Theatre I-IV |
| | Topics in Japanese Studies I·II |
| | Colloquium in Pre-modern Japanese History |
| | Seminar in Pre-modern Japanese History |
| | Seminar in Modern Japanese History |
| | Cultural Studies of Modern Japanese-European Relations |
| | Seminar in the History of US-Japan Relation I·II |
| | Edo Culture and the “Bad Places” |
| | Justice and the Vendetta Culture in Pre-modern Japan |
| | The Golden Age of the Heian Court |
| | Gender & Family in Traditional Japan |
| | Studies in Premodern Japanese History I·II |
| | Colloquium in Social Geography I |
| | The Japanese Welfare State |
| Seminar in Contemporary Japanese Social Theory I·II | |
| Courses on Asian Culture | Governance and Development in Asia and Africa |
| | Contemporary Art & Media in Australia and Asia I-III |
| Thesis Supervision | Seminar I-VI |

Note: After admission, students will be divided into the following departments based on their field of study.

- Department of Japanese and Asian Studies
- Department of Social and Cultural Studies

MEcon: Japanese and Asian Economy and Management

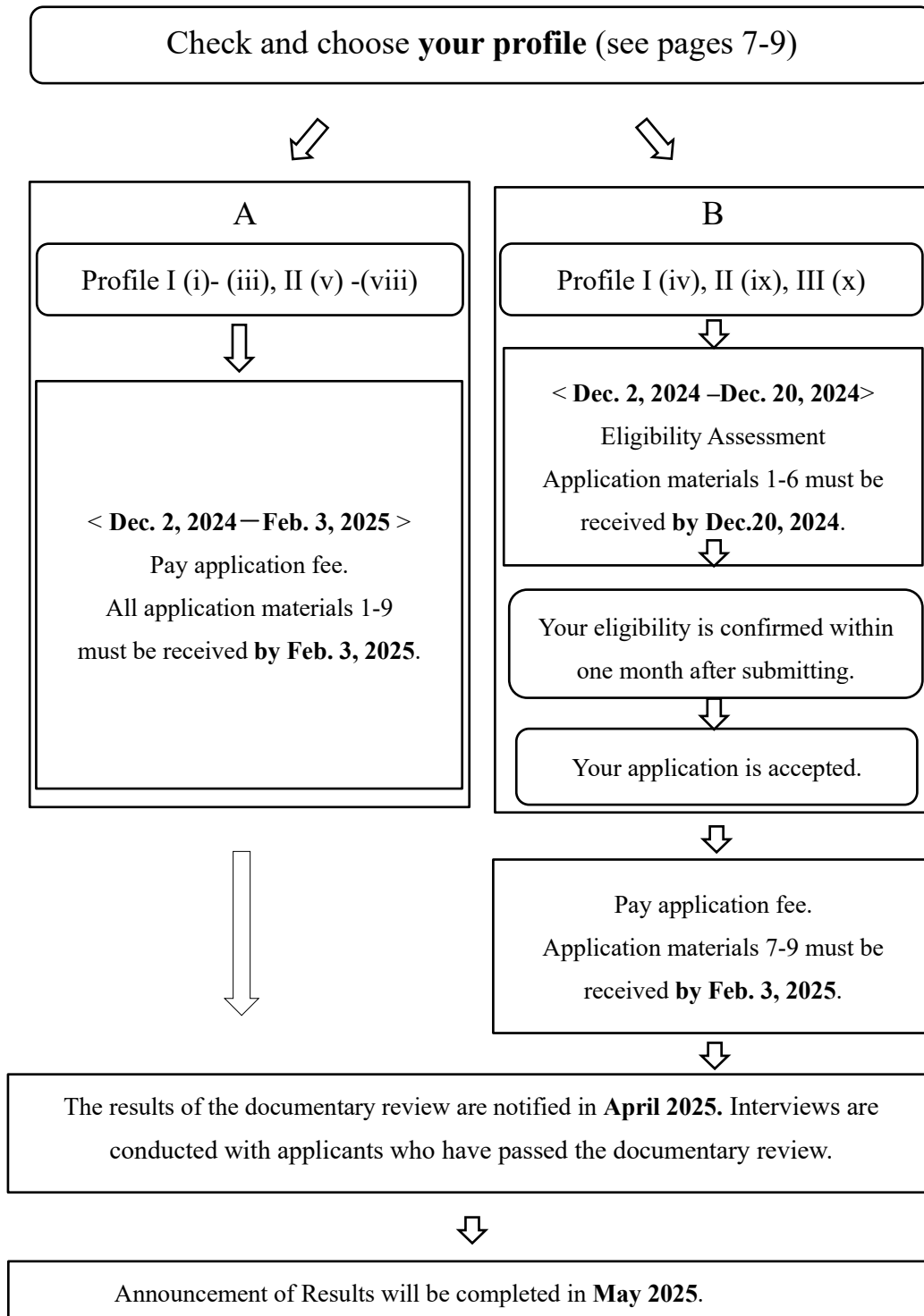
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| Courses on Japanese and Asian Economy | Money, Banking and Financial Markets |
| | Japanese Economy |
| | Public Finance and Socioeconomic Development in Japan |
| | Asian Economy |
| | International Trade in Japan and Asia |
| | International Economic Theory |
| | Economic Development in Asia |
| | Economic Policies in Japan and Asia |
| | Economic Strategies in Japan and Asia |
| | Public Policies in Japan and Asia |
| | Advanced Theory of Public Policies |
| | Advanced Econometrics |
| Courses on Japanese and Asian Management and Society | Global Business Strategy |
| | Global Business in Japan and Asia |
| | Comparative Studies of Management |
| | Japanese Enterprises in Asia |
| | Human Resource Management in Japan and Asia |
| | Marketing in Japan and Asia |
| | Supply Chain Management |
| | Diffusion Studies |
| | Global Environment and Asia |
| | Urban Planning in Japan and Asia |
| | Japanese-style Management |
| | International Marketing |
| Advanced Research in Japanese Society | |
| Thesis Supervision | Seminar I-IV |

Note: The Department of the Japanese and Asian Studies also offers courses on Japanese culture, and economy and management in Japanese. Students in the English-language master's degree programs who have sufficient skills in Japanese may also take these courses for credit.

Quick Guide

— Submission of your application materials —

(See pages 9-12 for details on application materials 1 through 9.)



First, Determine Your Profile

I. Applicants who completed higher education at Japanese educational institutions and meet one of the following profiles:

(i) Applicants who have graduated or are scheduled to graduate by Sept. 30, 2025 from a Japanese university. (⇒ See *Quick Guide A*)

(ii) Applicants who are scheduled to graduate from programs at Japanese junior colleges and colleges of technology by Sept. 30, 2025, who fulfill requirements by Japan's National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, and who will have applied to the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education for degree conferment by Apr. 2025. (⇒ See *Quick Guide A*)

(iii) Applicants who have obtained or are scheduled to obtain a bachelor's degree by Sept. 30, 2025 from Japanese vocational schools. (⇒ See *Quick Guide A*)

(iv) Applicants who will have three years of residence in a Japanese university by Sept. 30, 2025 and who have demonstrated academic excellence. (⇒ See *Quick Guide B*)

II. Applicants who received higher education at educational institutions in a country or countries other than Japan and meet one of the following profiles:

(v) Applicants who have completed or are scheduled to complete by Sept. 30, 2025 a 16-year program of formal education from elementary school through university in a country or countries other than Japan. (⇒ See *Quick Guide A*)

(vi) Applicants who received education through correspondence courses provided by a country or countries other than Japan while residing in Japan and are otherwise identical to applicants in category (v). (⇒ See *Quick Guide A*)

(vii) Applicants who were enrolled in foreign educational institutes located in Japan, such as Temple University Japan Campus, Far Eastern Federal University Hakodate Campus, and Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine Japan Campus, and are otherwise identical to applicants in category (vi). (⇒ See *Quick Guide A*)

(viii) Applicants who have received or are scheduled to receive by Sept. 30, 2025, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through graduation from a program requiring three or more years to complete at an overseas university or other overseas institute. (⇒ See *Quick Guide A*)

(ix) Applicants who have completed or are scheduled to complete 15 years of education in a foreign country by Sept. 30, 2025. (⇒ See *Quick Guide B*)

III. Other Applicants:

(x) Applicants who do not meet any one of the profiles (i)-(viii) above, but who have been recognized by the graduate school of SU in their individual application eligibility assessment as having an ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate, and who are at least 22 years old or will be 22 years old by Sept. 30, 2025. (⇒ See *Quick Guide B*)

[**Special Remarks on Application Eligibility**]

1) The graduate school individually assesses the eligibility of applicants who meet profiles I (iv), II (ix), and III (x) PRIOR to the submission of an application and the payment of any fees.

2) APPLICANT PROFILE I (ii)

Applicants who are scheduled to obtain a bachelor's degree by Sept. 30, 2025. This profile covers those applicants who are scheduled to graduate from programs in Japanese junior colleges and colleges of technology that are recognized as fulfilling requirements by Japan's National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, according to Article 6, Paragraph 1 of the Rules for Degrees and who would have applied for degree conferment to the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education by Apr, 2025.

3) APPLICANT PROFILE II (viii)

Overseas universities or other overseas institutes indicated here are limited to those whose education and research activities have been evaluated by persons who have been accredited by the country's government or a related institution or that have been separately designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to such.

Applicants who are unsure whether they fit PROFILE II (viii) or not, are recommended to apply under PROFILE II (ix).

4) **APPLICANT PROFILE III (x)**

Profile III (x) refers to applicants who do not qualify as university graduates, but who have graduated from junior colleges, colleges of technology, vocational schools, and miscellaneous educational institutions.

Application Period

- 1) **Dec. 2, 2024 – Dec. 20, 2024**: Application Eligibility Assessment Period
(If your eligibility profile is I (iv), II (ix), or III (x), application materials 1-6 except 7-9 MUST reach us by **Dec. 20, 2024**.)
- 2) **Dec. 2, 2024 – Feb. 3, 2025**: Application Period
(All application materials MUST reach us by **Feb. 3, 2025**)
All the dates are in Japan Standard Time.

Application Materials

1. Application Forms

On the application forms enter your profile number, name, date of birth, gender, nationality, address, phone, email, academic background, employment history, research activity history, an English proficiency test score (TOEFL, IELTS or an equivalent test), GPA (if available), two academic references¹, intended field of study, statement of financial support, any request for special needs, and a statement of purpose², and attach your ID photo³. Submit the completed application forms and other documents by postal mail to the Key Address (listed on p. 12).

1. Provide the names, affiliations, addresses, work phones, and official email addresses of two people you have asked to fill in Recommendation Forms.
2. The Statement of Purpose should include information on what you have studied so far, what you wish to study in the program, and your future career goals. (Approx. 1,000 words.)
3. The photo for the application form must be taken within the last three months and must be unedited.

2. Writing sample

Submit a sample of your written work. This can be a copy of your undergraduate thesis, a major term paper, or other formal paper. Print your name in English in the upper left-hand corner of the first page.

3. Academic transcripts for undergraduate education

Academic transcripts must include the school's official seal or signature. Submit transcripts for all the schools you attended if you transferred between schools. Be sure to also submit the standards for grade assessment. If a course title, a grade, or any other information in the certificates contains codes or abbreviations, an explanation should be attached.

4. Certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) from an institute of higher education

The certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) must include the school's official seal or signature. Applicants who obtained a bachelor's degree from a school in a country other than Japan should also submit the certificate of degree conferment unless the degree conferment can be confirmed on academic transcripts.

Applicants who meet profile I (ii) should instead submit the certificate of degree conferment or the certificate of receipt of degree conferment application.

5. Documents showing other strengths

If available, submit these documents.

6. Document validating your nationality and residence status

This document may be, for example, a copy of your passport or a certificate issued by an embassy office in Japan. It should be prepared in English; attach a translation if it is issued in any other language. If you reside in Japan, you must also submit a certified copy of your residence record.

7. English proficiency test scores or university certificate

All applicants whose native language is NOT English or who have not completed their bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction must submit test scores from TOEFL, IELTS, or an equivalent proficiency test. Applicants with TOEFL or IELTS scores must arrange to have official scores sent directly from the testing institution. The ETS institutional code for SU is 7673. Note that in all cases only the results of tests taken after Dec. 1, 2022 will be considered as valid for your application. (See "TOEFL/ IELTS" on pages 15-16)

Applicants with scores from an equivalent proficiency test must submit those together with their other applications materials.

[Special Remarks on the English Language Requirement Waivers]

- 1) The English language requirement will be waived if the applicant is a native of or completed his/her bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction in the U.S, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or at English-language universities in Canada, South Africa, India, the Philippines, Hong Kong, or Singapore.

- 2) Applicants who completed their bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction in other countries, need not submit TOEFL or IELTS scores, but must instead provide an official letter from the university certifying that English was the language of instruction.

8. Two Applicant Recommendation Forms

You will need Applicant Recommendation Forms from two people qualified to judge your abilities. You must provide at least one reference from someone who can comment on your readiness for graduate studies, preferably a professor who taught you. These should describe your academic work in detail. If you have done significant independent research, such as a thesis, the admissions committee will normally expect one of these recommendations to be from your thesis supervisor. References must be submitted on the Recommendation Form. Each Recommendation Form must be sealed in an envelope with the writer's seal or signature over the flap.

9. Application Fee Remittance Certificate

Please pay the application fee **30,000 yen** following the directions below.

(See *How to Pay Application Fee* on pages 16)

After you remit the application fee, enclose the Evidence of Payment of Application Fee or a photocopy of the receipt received when payment was made, with your application forms at the time of application.

In the case of applicants fitting profile B, this fee is payable only after your eligibility is confirmed by the Graduate School.

Note that the application fee received by the university is NON-refundable.

[Important Points on Completing Application Materials and Submitting Your Application]

- 1) The application procedure varies slightly, according to the individual's eligibility profile.
- 2) Required application materials include the following forms:
 - Application Form 1
 - Application Form 2
 - Application Form 3
 - Applicant Recommendation Form (2)
 - Attachment Sheet for Application Fee Remittance Certificate

Please be sure to download, print out, complete and submit all of these forms, in addition to the other required application materials (described on pp. 9-11).

- 3) Do not use nicknames or abbreviations when writing your name on application documents. You must write your name in Roman letters as it appears in your passport.
- 4) It is recommended that you send documents by registered express mail or an equivalent air courier (e.g. Federal Express, DHL, UPS).
- 5) No changes to any of the documents are allowed after submission.
- 6) For non-English-language documents, the document-issuing school or authority must provide a corresponding English or Japanese translation of the original language. If the school or authority does not provide such a service, the documents must be translated and verified by an outside translation organization and certified to be the same as those issued by the school or authority. Be sure to submit both the original documents and the certified translations.
- 7) Application documents submitted cannot be returned.
- 8) If, after admission, it is discovered that any of the documents have been falsified or any necessary details or documents have been omitted, admission will be cancelled, even in the event that the candidate has already matriculated to the university.

Key Addresses and URLs

1. All documents [except the application material 7] must be sent to the following address:

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, MA Program
Saitama University
255 Shimo-Okubo, Sakura-ku,
Saitama City 338-8570
JAPAN

Office of the MA program email: maprogram@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp

2. Website: <https://hss.saitama-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>

Privacy Policy

Saitama University is committed to protecting the individual privacy of applicants and students by restricting the use of all collected information as specified by Policies on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Saitama University based on the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies. In accordance with these policies, the information on this application may be used by SU officials only for appropriate administrative and research purposes.

Applicants with Special Needs

Applicants with physical disabilities, or special needs are welcome and recommended to contact the Graduate School Office as soon as possible to discuss their particular needs.

Evaluation of Applicants

Evaluation of applicants involves a two-stage process: an initial review of documentation and an interview. The interview will be conducted only with applicants who have passed the initial documentary review.

Document Review

Document Review will be the principal method of selecting applicants for admission. Applicants will be notified of the results of the documentary review in April, 2025.

Online or In-Person Interview

Interviews will be conducted to help determine the final candidates for admission. The time and date for the interview are arranged by email. The interview may be waived for extraordinarily competent applicants, who will receive notification by email.

[Important points concerning the online interview]

Please get your PC environment prepared. You must prepare the following items for the interview and test your equipment and software together well in advance of the interview.

- 1) Software: A free software will be used for the interview. It will be specified after the document review.
- 2) Internet connection: Broadband (i.e. high-speed internet connectivity)
- 3) Equipment: You will need a built-in or separate web camera and microphone.

[Important notes for the interview]

To guarantee a fair application process, we ask applicants during the interview to cooperate in the following three points and prepare accordingly. Please understand that in the case the identity of an applicant cannot be verified, or a risk of fraud remains, the interview may be cancelled.

- 1) The interview will be recorded and stored up to one year. This recording will be used solely as reference for the application process and treated under Saitama University's policy for the management of personal information.
- 2) At the beginning of the interview applicants will be asked to present an ID card with photo (e.g. passport).
- 3) At the beginning of the interview, applicants will be asked to show a full view of the room they are in. During the interview no other persons are allowed in the same room and the use of reference materials, except for the application material, is not permitted.

Announcement of Final Results

The results of the screening process will be announced by email. Applicants who pass the final selections will be notified by email in May 2025, with additional details to follow sent by email or postal mail.

Admission Fee and Tuition

Successful applicants will formally enter the program on Oct. 1, 2025.

Incoming students must complete the admission procedure by postal mail by the designated date. Failure to do so will be considered as a withdrawal from the program.

Incoming students must pay precisely the admission fee (282,000 yen) in Japanese yen at the time of the admissions procedure.

[Notes]

- 1) Tuition for the first semester will be 267,900 yen (535,800 yen for the full year). The admission fee and the tuition figures are for 2024 and are subject to change. The tuition is subject to change during the years of enrollment. The revised tuition must be paid from the time the change takes place.
- 2) Tuition / Admission Fee Exemptions may be provided in limited number of special cases.
- 3) Further information will be provided to the applicants who pass the final selections.

TOEFL / IELTS

The official score report MUST reach us by Feb. 3, 2025.

- 1) The Official Score Report of TOEFL must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to SU. The Official Score Report is different from Examinee Score Report sent to individual examinees. Make sure you make arrangements early, using the following institutional codes so the Official Score Report will arrive at SU by the deadline. The TOEFL administration offices in each country explain the procedure for requesting the Official Score Report to be issued, the number of days required for issuing the Official Score Report, etc. on their websites. Keep the Score Report Request Acknowledgement sent to you from ETS after requesting for the Official Score Report to be issued just in case the graduate school needs to verify the fact that you made a request to ETS.

Saitama U MA & MEcon Pro

Institutional Code: 7673

- 2) The IELTS Test Report Form must be sent directly from the IELTS administration office in each country to SU. The Test Report Form is different from what is sent to applicants taking IELTS. Make sure you make arrangements early so the Test Report Form will arrive at SU

by the dead line. The IELTS administration offices in each country explain the procedure for requesting the Test Report Form to be issued, the number of days required for issuing the Test Report Form, etc. on their website. Use the following address:

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| <p><u>Saitama U MA & MEcon Pro</u> 255 Shimo-Okubo, Sakura-ku, Saitama City 338-8570 JAPAN</p> |
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How to Pay the Application Fee

Application Fee: ¥ 30,000

Early payment of the Application Fee is recommended. This fee must be received in Japan by **Feb. 3, 2025 or earlier.**

When making payments, fees may be applied. Any and all such fees are the responsibility of the applicant.

If you are currently living in Japan, Payment Method 1 cannot be used. Instead, please use Payment Method 2.

Payment Method 1: (For Applicants living outside Japan)

Follow the instruments on the Online Payment of Graduate Schools, Saitama University website at <https://payment.flywire.com/pay/payment>

When you have completed the payment procedures, print out the Proof of Payment form, and paste it onto the Attachment sheet for Application Fee Remittance Certificate for submission with the application documents.

The deadline for the payment is four days after application (including the application date).
Note: If payment is not made before the deadline, your application will be automatically cancelled. Also, be aware that this payment period is shorter for those who apply just before the application deadline.

If you cannot pay by Flywire, please contact us: maprogram@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp

Payment Method 2: (For applicants living in Japan)

Make the payment at a convenience store. Please see the guide “コンビニエンスストアでの入学検定料支払方法” included near the end of these guidelines. Be sure to paste 取扱明細書/ 収納証明書 onto the Attachment Sheet for Application Fee Remittance Certificate and submit it with the application documents.

Scholarships

I Government Scholarships

1. JASSO Scholarship

<https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/index.html>

(1) Reservation Program for MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students

Japan Student Services Organization (hereafter “JASSO”) offers the Reservation Program for MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (hereafter “Reservation Program for Honors Scholarship”) to the students who attend a university or other institution of higher education in Japan. In conjunction with this scholarship, JASSO sponsors a reservation program that sets aside scholarships for privately financed international students who enroll in a graduate school in Japan directly from overseas (i.e. applicants do not have to visit Japan before enrollment).

Privately financed international students who enroll in SU’s MA Program MEET these criteria, although the scholarship is not always guaranteed.

The Reservation Program for Honors Scholarship (graduate level) is paid monthly in the amount determined for that Japanese school year (April-March). The amount is subject to change each year. For reference, the monthly stipend for the 2024 school year was 48,000 yen.

After a scholarship has been reserved for an applicant, it is awarded for a certain period, based on the time that the applicant enrolls in a Japanese graduate school. For students enrolling in the MA Program in Oct. 2025, duration of the scholarship is 6 months.

Students need to compete for the MEXT (regular) Honors Scholarships or other scholarships for privately financed international students during the subsequent period.

All applications must be processed through SU. Direct applications from students will not be accepted. The application for Reservation Program for Honors Scholarship must be made after matriculation.

[Important Points on other scholarships related to the Reservation Program for Honors Scholarship]

The Reservation Program for Honors Scholarship cannot be awarded to students scheduled to receive one of the government or non-government/private scholarships.

(2) MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students

Privately financed international students studying at SU are eligible to apply for MEXT Honors Scholarship offered by JASSO. Applications for the scholarship should be made through SU. Please note that the JASSO scholarship is highly competitive.

2. MEXT Scholarship

The Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, hereafter “MEXT”) offers scholarships and support for international travel expenses for international students who study in higher education institutions. The application procedures differ from this guideline. For more information, please see the “MEXT” website.

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/06032818.htm

3. Foreign Government Scholarships

Foreign Government Scholarships are available for those who are sent to Japan to study by the government of their home country. Please inquire at the relevant authority in your country for details.

Foreign Government Scholarship recipients will receive priority in their housing applications for the International House.

II Non-Government and Private Scholarships

Every year, approximately 30 private organizations award scholarships to students. We proactively advertise and recommend international students for these private scholarships although both the number of recipients and the amount paid are limited.

For more information, check the website below:

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/by-style/pamphlet/>

For further information, please contact:

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Quick Guide

1. JASSO

(1) Reservation Program for MEXT Honors Scholarship

⇒ Apply through SU after matriculation. *See pages 17-18.*

(2) MEXT Honors Scholarship

⇒ Selection after enrollment.

2. MEXT Scholarship

Embassy Recommendation

⇒ Contact Japanese Embassy or Consulate as soon as possible if applying.

3. Foreign Government, Private *or* Non- governmental Organization

(1) Foreign Government Scholarship

⇒ Contact your home country's government as soon as possible if applying.

(2) Scholarship from Private and Non-governmental organizations in Japan

⇒ Apply on your own after enrollment.

(3) Scholarships from Private and Non-governmental organizations in your home country.

⇒ Apply on your own.

Housing

International House

The International House is a quality housing complex for the international community of students, researchers, faculty and administrative staff of SU that aims to promote multicultural exchanges and mutual understanding. Commuting time to SU is five minutes. The International House has furnished couple rooms, family rooms, and single rooms with internet connection.

Applications to stay in the International House are accepted in July (moving in October) and January (moving in April). Those wishing to move into the International House should forward applications to the Office of International Affairs. Please understand that, because the number of rooms is limited, an application does not guarantee you a room in the facility. The maximum allowed period of residency is one year.

As of 2024, international students with Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) or foreign government scholarships will be given priority in their housing applications for the International House.

For more information and an application form, visit the following website:

<https://en.saitama-u.ac.jp/studentlife/accommodation-for-international-students-2/>

Visas

If you are not a Japanese citizen or permanent resident, you must hold a proper visa to stay in Japan. For those who need a student visa, the university will support your visa application by issuing the COE (Certificate of Eligibility) and other necessary documents.

To obtain student visas, applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial means to support themselves as students in Japan.

Core Faculty Members

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In April 2025, a new faculty member will join the MA Program in Japanese and Asian Studies who will be available as supervisor for students who want to study Modern Japanese History.

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5. Preferred Field of Study and Principal Research Interest

(For the List of Core Faculty Members and their research fields, see pages 22-24.)

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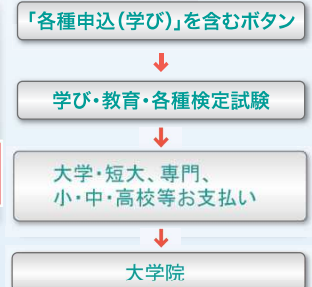
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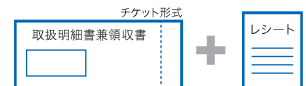
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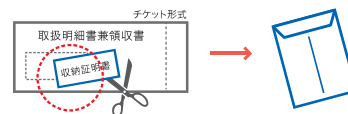


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