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Graduate School of Informatics
Osaka Metropolitan University

Doctoral Degree Program
Admission Guidelines for International Students

April 2025 Admission

September, October 2024 Admission

[Department of Interdisciplinary Informatics]



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Osaka Metropolitan University Admission Guidelines Website

<https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/> (In Japanese only)



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Admission Policy of Graduate School of Informatics

The basic philosophy of the Graduate School of Informatics is to contribute to the development of a sustainable society and the creation of culture by human resources with (1) the ability to realize human information processing capabilities in computers and machines, (2) the ability to enhance human information processing capabilities with the help of computers and machines, (3) the systematic thinking ability to analyze various organically connected phenomena as one system and find the best solution, and (4) the ability to understand research in other fields and collaborate, which are all necessary to solve the various problems that emerge in society, and, thus, who can provide appropriate and effective solutions to real-world problems. Based on this basic philosophy, our education and research philosophy is to nurture engineers, researchers, and educators who have acquired a deep knowledge of fundamental information and communication technology and who have the ability to apply and develop it and pioneer new academic fields. To achieve and realize this philosophy of education and research, our Graduate School seeks students with the following qualities, abilities, and motivation.

1. A person who has a desire to contribute to society as a highly specialized engineer and a researcher who can work independently.
2. A person who possesses basic research skills in informatics, interest in, and understanding toward research findings from different fields, and the ability to apply them to specific problems.
3. A person with high level of communication skills capable to communicate globally.
4. A person who can think logically and have an inquisitive mind that takes a fair and multifaceted viewpoint.
5. A person with the desire to improve and willingness to learn from the latest knowledge and a proactive stance toward the realization of a sustainable society.

Based on the above, in order to welcome students who are a good fit to our Graduate School, we select students who have acquired the following five abilities and aptitudes.

1. A person who has taken a wide range of subjects at the undergraduate level and acquired a high level of basic academic skills and a rich knowledge of informatics.
2. A person who has acquired expert knowledge and basic methodology in informatics.
3. A person who can read the literature and communicate in English.
4. A person who possesses the logical thinking and analytical skills necessary for research.
5. A person with a strong motivation toward research and a proactive stance toward the realization of a sustainable society.

Admission Policy of Department of Interdisciplinary Informatics

We hope to bring in students with foundational academic abilities in informatics and who are passionate about learning cutting-edge knowledge of in the area of “informatics in a broad sense,” and who are passionate about engaging in academic creation and research for technological development that will contribute to the development of informatics in the future based on this knowledge that was learned. To achieve and realize this philosophy of education and research, the Department of Interdisciplinary Informatics seeks students with the following qualities, abilities, and motivation.

1. A person who has a desire to contribute to society as a highly specialized engineer and a researcher who can work independently.
2. A person who possesses basic research skills in informatics, interest in and understanding toward research findings from different fields, and the ability to apply them to specific problems.
3. A person with high level of communication skills capable to communicate globally.
4. A person who can think logically and have an inquisitive mind that takes a fair and multifaceted viewpoint.
5. A person with the desire to improve and willingness to learn from the latest knowledge and a proactive stance toward the realization of a sustainable society.

Based on the above, in order to welcome students who are a good fit to our department, we select students who have acquired the following five abilities and aptitudes.

1. A person who has taken a wide range of courses through his/her undergraduate education and master’s program and have acquired a high level of basic academic ability and a rich knowledge of informatics.
2. A person who has acquired expert knowledge and basic methodology in informatics.
3. A person who can read the literature and communicate in English.
4. A person who possesses the logical thinking and analytical skills necessary for research.
5. A person with a strong motivation towards research and a proactive stance toward the realization of a sustainable society.

[1] Admission Places

Department	Enrollment Capacity	
	April 2025 Admission (First screening / Second screening)	September, October 2024 Admission
Interdisciplinary Informatics	Few	Few

If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.

Please select your desired admission term (April 2025 Admission or September, October 2024 Admission) at the time of application. However, students who expect to complete (expect to receive) a degree in the March 2025 can only choose to enroll in the April 2025 Admission.

[2] Applicant Qualifications

《April 2025 Admission》

Non-Japanese nationals who have or are expected to obtain by the time of enrollment a valid "Student" visa as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and meet one of the following criteria.

- (1) Those who received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree in a foreign country and those who expect to obtain one by March 31, 2025.
- (2) Those who have received a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a school in a foreign country and completed or expect to complete a master's course at a graduate school in Japan by March 31, 2025.
- (3) Those who have completed in Japan a course offered by a foreign school through correspondence and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree. This also includes those who expect to obtain one by March 31, 2025.
- (4) Those who have completed the relevant course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an education institution positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as a graduate school that provides graduate courses in that country. This also includes those who have received the equivalent of a Master's degree or professional degree and those who expect to receive one by March 31, 2025.
- (5) Those who completed the program at the United Nations University and received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree and those who expected to be awarded one by March 31, 2025.
- (6) Those who are recognized as having completed an education course at a foreign school and have passed the equivalent of Qualifying Examination (QE) or expected to pass by March 31, 2025, and also those who have an academic ability that is equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.
- (7) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Sep. 1, 1989 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notification No. 118)
 - a) Those who have graduated from a university in Japan, have engaged in research at a university or research institute etc. for more than 2 years, have received a Master's degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.
 - b) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country or have completed courses offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan, have engaged in research for over 2 years at a university or research institute, have received a Master's degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.
- (8) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having Master's degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree or a professional degree and are also 24 years of age by March 31, 2025.
- (9) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having Master's degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree or a professional degree.

【Notes】

Applicants who apply under Items (7), (8) or (9) must undergo examinations specified in Section 3 of the “Qualification Screening”.

Applicants who do not have or will not obtain a “Student” visa, please contact the Admissions Office at least two weeks prior to the start of the online application registration period.

《September, October 2024 Admission》

Non-Japanese nationals who have or are expected to obtain by the time of enrollment a valid “Student” visa as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and meet one of the following criteria.

- (1) Those who received a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or a professional degree in a foreign country and those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2024.
- (2) Those who have received a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree from a school in a foreign country and completed or expect to complete a master’s course at a graduate school in Japan by September 30, 2024.
- (3) Those who have completed in Japan a course offered by a foreign school through correspondence and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or a professional degree. This also includes those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2024.
- (4) Those who have completed the relevant course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an education institution positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as a graduate school that provides graduate courses in that country. This also includes those who have received the equivalent of a Master’s degree or professional degree and those who expect to receive one by September 30, 2024.
- (5) Those who completed the program at the United Nations University and received a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree and those who expected to be awarded one by September 30, 2024.
- (6) Those who are recognized as having completed an education course at a foreign school and have passed the equivalent of Qualifying Examination (QE) or expected to pass by September 30, 2024, and also those who have an academic ability that is equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree.
- (7) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Sep. 1, 1989 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notification No. 118)
 - a) Those who have graduated from a university in Japan, have engaged in research at a university or research institute etc. for more than 2 years, have received a Master’s degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree.
 - b) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country or have completed courses offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan, have engaged in research for over 2 years at a university or research institute, have received a Master’s degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree.
- (8) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having Master’s degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree or a professional degree and are also 24 years of age by September 30, 2024.
- (9) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having Master’s degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree or a professional degree.

【Notes】

Applicants who apply under Items (7), (8) or (9) must undergo examinations specified in Section 3 of the “Qualification Screening”.

Applicants who do not have or will not obtain a “Student” visa, please contact the Admissions Office at least two weeks prior to the start of the online application registration period.

[3] Qualification Screening

Applicants who apply under Criteria (7), (8) or (9) should prepare the following documents.

Before submitting the documents, please consult with the faculty members you would like to be supervised by.

	April 2025 Admission (First screening) September, October 2024 Admission	April 2025 Admission (Second screening)
Application schedule	May 20, 2024 – May 22, 2024 【Deadline May 22, 2024】	November 11, 2024 – November 13, 2024 【Deadline November 13, 2024】
Submission address	<p>Please send by registered mail before the deadline. Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Building A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please use an envelope and ensure it is sealed.</p> <p>Osaka Metropolitan University, Admissions Office (Nakamozu Campus) 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Mailed documents must bear the following on the envelope in red ink: “Documents to apply for the qualification screening for admission into the Graduate School of Informatics.”</p>	
Qualification Screening Documents	<p>The form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics can be downloaded from the university website. https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/graduate/gs_info/</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Application Qualification Screening Record Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. Research History Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. Please attach the offprint or photocopy of your main research paper(s). Research Progress Report Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. Certificate of graduation (completion) or Prospective certificate of graduation or Certificate of enrollment Certificate issued by the president of the applicant's previous university. Academic Transcript A transcript issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating the number of credits and the grades of courses taken. Copy of residence card or Copy of Passport Please submit photocopies of both sides of the residence card. Overseas residents must submit a photocopy of their passport (page with face photo). 	
The results of the qualification screening	Scheduled to be mailed on May 31, 2024	Scheduled to be mailed on November 22, 2024
	Results will be provided in writing and mailed by simplified-registration mail addressed to the applicant. We will send the Applicant's Qualification Certificate to the qualified applicant.	

【Notes】

- If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.
- Original copies of the above certificates are required for application. Copies will not be accepted.
- When using a certificate bearing the test taker's maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register, etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname). *Original copy (duplicates are not allowed)
- Submission of documents in languages other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by translations into either English or Japanese.
- If you are asked to submit additional documents by the graduate school, please follow the instructions carefully.

[4] Application Procedures

The application procedure will be conducted via the internet.

Before submitting the documents, please consult with the faculty members you would like to be supervised by.

There is no examination fee for applicants coming out of Osaka Metropolitan University's master's programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University's master's programs or Osaka City University's master's programs, doctoral programs, the Graduate School of Medicine's master's programs, or professional degree programs. Applicants will be notified of the application procedure separately, so please send an email to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-informatics@omu.ac.jp) by the following date, including your name and the department of choice and the school registration number.

April 2025 Admission (First screening) September, October 2024 Admission	April 2025 Admission (Second screening)
By May 24, 2024	By November 22, 2024

1. Application Period

	April 2025 Admission (First screening) September, October 2024 Admission	April 2025 Admission (Second screening)
Online application schedule	May 31, 2024 10:00 – June 12, 2024 17:00	November 29, 2024 10:00 – December 11, 2024 17:00
Application period	June 10, 2024 – June 12, 2024 【Postmarked by June 12, 2024*】	December 9, 2024 – December 11, 2024 【Postmarked by December 11, 2024*】
	Please send by registered mail before the deadline. * If the application is sent from overseas, it is valid as long as it arrives in Japan by the last day of the application submission period. Please be sure to send the documents using a method that can be tracked. Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Building A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please use an envelope and ensure it is sealed.	

【Notes】

If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.

2. Method of Application

Please follow **Steps 1 – 6** below to submit your application.

• Advance Preparations	
PC or other Operating Environment	• Applications can be registered from a PC, smartphone, or other device connected to the internet.
Printing Requirements	• Print the documents that need to be mailed on A4 paper.
Email Settings	• A notification email will be sent when you register your application. Ensure that you have added @sak-sak.net to your safelist as an authorized sender so that you can receive emails from this domain.
Documents Necessary for Application	• Please refer to [4] Application Procedures 4. Application Documents and prepare them, so they may be submitted on time.
Envelope	• Please be sure to enclose your application documents in a commercially available C4 envelope (International), square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) (Japan) with an “address label” attached, or equivalent envelope. The “address label” can be printed from the online application site after payment of the examination fee, etc.



Step2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing the Online Application Site 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can find the Online Application Site on the university website during the application registration period. <p>University Website https://www.omu.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/inet-apply/</p> 		

Step3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Registration 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please read the “User's Guide,” “Application Procedures,” and “Q&A” on the Internet Application Site before you register your application. • Please verify all your entered information on the final confirmation screen, as you cannot change the input information after the application registration is completed. 		

Step4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of Examination Fee 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pay the examination fee (30,000 yen) by any of methods (1)–(4), as per the instructions on the online application site. (See [4] Application Procedures 3. Examination Fee Payment Method) • In addition to the examination fee, a handling fee (990 yen) is required. 			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Credit card	Convenience stores	ATM (Pay-Easy)	Internet banking

Step5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing the Application Confirmation Slip and Address Label 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please print it single-sided on A4-size white sheets of paper. • Please complete printing within the registration period for the online application. 		

Step6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending the Required Documents 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send the application documents by registered mail. (See [4] Application Procedures 4. Application Documents) • If the required documents do not arrive before the deadline, and your application will not be accepted, please take postage into account and send your application well in advance. (See [4] Application Procedures 1. Application Period) 		

3. Examination Fee Payment Method

The fees required for application registration are as follows.

- Examination fee ¥30,000
- Handling fee ¥990

There is no examination fee for applicants coming out of Osaka Metropolitan University’s master’s programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University’s master’s programs or Osaka City University’s master’s programs, doctoral programs, the Graduate School of Medicine’s master’s programs, or professional degree programs. Applicants will be notified of the application procedure separately, so please send an email to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-informatics@omu.ac.jp) by the following date, including your name and the department of choice and the school registration number.

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Payment may be made through any of the following payment methods available. For detailed information on payment methods, please check the screen for the payment method selected on the “Select Payment Method” page of the online application site.

Payment Method	Handling Agency
(1) Credit card	VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club Note: Only lump-sum payments are accepted.
(2) Convenience stores	7-Eleven, Lawson, Ministop, FamilyMart, Daily Yamazaki, Seicomart Note: Only cash payments are accepted.
(3) ATM (Pay-Easy)	Payments can be made at ATMs of financial institutions with the Pay-easy mark.
(4) Internet banking	You can use the banking services of more than 1,000 banks across Japan, including major megabanks that support Pay-easy. ※To avail yourself of this method, you need to have signed up for Internet banking.

4. Application Documents

Before submitting the documents, please consult with the faculty members you would like to be supervised by.

After registering your application and paying the examination fee, please submit all the following documents within the submission period.

Applicants who underwent Qualification Screening may omit documents that are duplicates of those used in the screening.

The “Application Confirmation Form” and “Address Label” can be printed from the online application site after payment of the examination fee, etc., is completed. Please be sure to enclose your application documents in a commercially available C4 envelope (International), square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) (Japan) with an “address label” attached, or equivalent envelope.

The form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics can be downloaded from the university website.

https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/graduate/gs_info/

Application Documents	Preparation
1 Application Confirmation Form (submission to the university)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please print on A4 paper.
2 Address Label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please print it on A4 paper and attach it to a commercially available square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm). • For those who will be mailing the requirement from outside Japan, please do not use an address label. Use the following address instead. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">Osaka Metropolitan University, Admissions Office 3F, Building A3, 1-1 Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka 599-8531, Japan</p> </div>
3 Application for Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. • Paste a photo (4 cm × 3 cm) taken within the past 3 months. • Additionally, you may submit a printed copy of the form with a clear photograph of your face digitally inserted into the form.
4 Photo Card	
5 Resume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. • Not required for applicants who underwent Qualification Screening.
6 Certificate of graduation (completion) or Prospective Certificate of graduation (documents certifying eligibility for application)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating that the applicant has received (or expects to receive) the degree. • In case Graduation Certificates and Proof of Degree Certificates were issued separately, please submit both (original copies). • For those who meet the applicant qualification criterion (6), submit a document certifying that you passed (or expect to pass) an examination equivalent to the “Qualifying Examination.” • Applicants who have qualified under [3] Qualification Screening must submit the Application Eligibility Certificate.

Application Documents		Preparation
7	Academic Transcript (undergraduate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A transcript issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating the number of credits and the grades of courses taken. • Transfer students must also submit transcripts of grades from the educational institution they attended before transferring.
8	Academic Transcript (master)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A transcript issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating the number of credits and the grades of courses taken.
9	Research Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. • Please describe what you have learned about research areas that you wish to pursue, as well as the research contents you plan to implement after admission.
10	Research History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. • Please attach the offprint or photocopy of your main research paper(s). • Not required for applicants who underwent Qualification Screening.
11	Summary of papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the master's thesis or a summary of previous research. (About 1,000 characters in A4-sized paper. About 500 words if it is in English) • Please submit 3 copies for the Department of Interdisciplinary Informatics (photocopies are acceptable).
12	Copy of residence card Copy of Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit photocopies of both sides of the residence card. • Overseas residents must submit a photocopy of their passport (page with face photo).

【Notes】

- If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.
- Original copies of the above certificates are required for application. Copies will not be accepted.
- When using a certificate bearing the test taker's maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register, etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname). *Original copy (duplicates are not allowed)
- No changes in the information will be accepted after the application procedure.
- Submission of documents in languages other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by translations into either English or Japanese.

5. Notes for Applications

- (1) Please complete all the procedures within [4] Application Procedures: 1. Application period: registering applications, payment of examination fees, printing of an application confirmation slip and an address label, and mailing of application documents (by registered mail or brought in manually within the submission period).
Please note that the application procedure is not completed merely by online registration and paying the examination fee.
- (2) Input of Applicant Information
Please enter an address where you can receive mail. If your address has changed since the announcement of successful applicants, please contact the Admissions Office (E-mail : gr-nyu-informatics@omu.ac.jp) or submit a change of residence notification to the post office.
- (3) You cannot change the details in the application once registration has been completed. If you notice a mistake before paying the examination fee, please do not pay the fee, and begin registration again from the beginning. Additionally, you are not permitted to cancel an application once it has been accepted.
- (4) The “Application Receipt Number” listed on the application confirmation slip is not the examination number.
- (5) We cannot accept incomplete Applications for Admission. When registering the application, please ensure you include a contact number and email address where you can be reached, as we may contact you if the application is incomplete.
- (6) Once paid, the examination fee shall not be refund except for the following reasons.
 - Grounds for refund:
 1. If you paid the examination fee but did not apply.
 2. If the application documents are incomplete or otherwise unacceptable.
 3. In case of duplicate payment of examination fee.
 4. In the case that a continuing student pays the entrance examination fee.
 5. If you are a Japanese Government Scholarship student who is enrolled in the graduate school program.

(Note) For information on how to obtain a refund for cases 1 through 4, please contact the Admissions Office within one month of the last day of the application submission period. In the case of 5, a refund will be made after enrollment.

6. Entrance Examination Card

For those who have completed the application procedure, you will be received a notification by e-mail (to registered address specified in the application), The notification includes (1) Information for Entrance Examination Card, and (2) Instructions for the Examination. Please prepare a hard copy of “Entrance Examination Card” displayed on the online application site (URL is provided in the notification mail) and bring it on the day of examination. (The Entrance Examination Card will not be mailed). Also, please read carefully the instructions and guidelines before the examination. If you do not receive any e-mail by the scheduled dates, or if you find any corrections on your Entrance Examination Card, please contact the Admissions Office by e-mail (E-mail: gr-nyu-informatics@omu.ac.jp).

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7. Considerations for Examination

Persons with disabilities or in another situation that requires consideration for the examination, please contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible before submitting your application. (E-mail : gr-nyu-ask3@omu.ac.jp)

[5] Applicant Selection Method

Applicants will be subject to comprehensive evaluation based on the oral examination, application documents, and other factors.

	April 2025 Admission (First screening) September, October 2024 Admission	April 2025 Admission (Second screening)
Examination Subject	Oral Examination Applicants will be asked about their Research Plan.	
Examination Date	August 22, 2024 13:30-	February 13, 2025 13:30-
Examination Spare Date	August 23, 2024	February 14, 2025
	In the event that the entrance examination cannot be conducted as planned due to a natural disaster, etc., an “Emergency Notice” will be published on the university's website, so be sure to check it. https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/news/	
Examination Location	B3 Building of the Nakamozu Campus The location of examination rooms will be posted at the entrance of the B3 Building. Applicants reside outside of Japan (overseas), may take the examination by teleconference.	

The start time of the oral examination is subject to change. Only in the case of a change, the applicant will be notified individually. Even if the entrance examination date for the Doctoral Degree Program is not affected by a natural disaster or other causes, the examination may be held on a different date.

[6] Announcement of Examination Results

1. Announcement of Examination Results

Successful applicants will be notified directly. The successful applicant ID numbers will be listed on the website of Osaka Metropolitan University. (In Japanese only)

Please note that the university will not respond to any inquiries regarding the results by telephone or other means.

https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/pass/



April 2025 Admission (First screening) September, October 2024 Admission	April 2025 Admission (Second screening)
September 2, 2024 10:00 – September 8, 2024 17:00	February 26, 2025 10:00 – March 4, 2025 17:00

2. Letter of Acceptance

Successful applicants will receive the letter of acceptance along with the enrollment procedure documents via registered mail.

[7] Enrollment Procedures

1. Date of Enrollment

April 2025 Admission	September, October 2024 Admission
April 1, 2025	September 24, 2024 Note: Date of enrollment of those who meet application qualification during September 24, 2024 to September 30, 2024 will be October 1, 2024.

2. Enrollment Procedures

April 2025 Admission (First screening)	April 2025 Admission (Second screening)	September, October 2024 Admission
October 1, 2024 – October 4, 2024 【Deadline October 4, 2024】 If the documents arrive after Friday, October 4, they must be postmarked by Wednesday, October 2 *	March 10, 2025 – March 14, 2025 【Deadline March 14, 2025】 If the documents arrive after Friday, March 14, they must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 12 *	September 9, 2024 – September 13, 2024 【Deadline September 13, 2024】 If the documents arrive after Friday, September 13, they must be postmarked by Wednesday, September 11 *

The application must arrive by mail within this period.

Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Building A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Successful applicants will be notified of the details of the procedure.

Applicants who do not complete the Enrollment Procedures will be treated as having declined admission.

* Only in the case of simplified-registration express mail postmarked at a post office in Japan.

If the application is sent from overseas, it is valid as long as it arrives in Japan by the last day of the application submission period. Please be sure to send the documents using a method that can be tracked.

[8] Tuition (Enrollment Fees and Tuition etc.)

The current schedule for academic fees (enrollment and tuition fees) is as follows, both of which are subject to revision. Please be sure to check the details in the enrollment procedure documents that will be sent to successful applicants.

Note: fees already paid will not be refunded.

1. Enrollment fees

Osaka residents and their children: 282,000 yen Others: 382,000 yen

“Osaka residents and their children” shall apply to the following persons who have completed the prescribed procedures and have been approved.

《Eligibility》

Either the applicant or his/her parents who appear on the same family registry as the applicant must present a certificate of residence in Osaka Prefecture for at least one year prior to the date of admission (on or before April 1, 2024 for admission in April 2025, on or before September 24, 2023 for admission in September or October 2024). The same requirement applies to applicants who do not have Japanese citizenship.

* Those who qualify for admission between September 24 and September 30, 2024, must have a certificate of residence in Osaka Prefecture continuously starting from a date that is before October 1, 2023. The same requirement applies to those who do not have Japanese citizenship.

《Required Documents》

Certificate of residence (for all eligible applicants), certificate of all items of the family register (for those applicable), and other official documents.

* These documents must be issued within one month prior to the date of the enrollment procedures.

Details will be provided at the time of sending the enrollment procedure documents.

- There is no enrollment fee for applicants coming out of Osaka Metropolitan University’s master’s programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University’s master’s programs or Osaka City University’s master’s programs, doctoral programs, the Graduate School of Medicine’s master’s programs, or professional degree programs.
- The enrollment fee must be paid by the time of the Enrollment Procedures using the designated bank transfer form.
- Payment of the enrollment fee is not sufficient to complete the Enrollment Procedures, and the enrollment fee must be paid before the Enrollment Procedures can be completed.
- The enrollment fee is not refundable for any reason after the completion of the enrollment procedure.
- The university does not allow for deferrals of the enrollment fee payment.

2. Tuition fees

[Annual amount] 535,800 yen

- Tuition is to be paid semi-annually (first and second semester) in the amount equivalent to half of the annual tuition fee by direct debit from the bank account you register.
- The tuition fee will be debited from your bank account on May 27 for the first semester and October 27 for the second semester. If the debit date falls on a holiday of a financial institution, the debit date will be the next business day.
- If the tuition fee is revised during the student's enrollment, the revised amount may apply.
- For students who have applied for tuition reduction and exemption or are long-term study students, the amount of tuition fee and the date of withdrawal for the relevant year may differ from the above.

3. Others

- (1) Separate fees are required to join various organizations.
- (2) Expenses (transportation, etc.) for moving between campuses may be required.
- (3) Personal laptop computer (required)

In addition to class registration, viewing grades, and various other communications, students will be expected to use the computer system for classes. We will be promoting education and research using computers by distributing materials and submitting assignments using electronic files as much as possible. We ask that all new students have a laptop computer ready by the time classes begin. The required specifications for the personal computers are posted on the university's website.

<https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/course/academic-calendar/index.html#pc>



- (4) Some graduate schools require a practical training fee. Details on the amount, etc. will be announced at the orientation of the graduate school.

[9] Long-Term Study System

The standard term of study for the Doctoral Degree Program is three years.

For students who have difficulty completing the program within the standard three-year period because they are working or have difficulty finding sufficient time to study due to childcare, nursing care, etc., a long-term study system is available to enable them to complete the program over a certain period of time beyond the standard three-year period.

Details are posted on the university's website.

<https://www.omu.ac.jp/contribution/recurrent/longcourse/index.html>

[10] Others

1. Handling for the Protection of Personal Information

- (1) The names, addresses, and other personal information submitted at the time of application will be used solely to conduct the admission process, prepare for admission, prepare statistical materials, and provide information on individual results. However, we may use applicants' examination results in connection with the educational purposes and student life at this university.
- (2) In the event that the university outsources the computerized processing of personal information to a third party in order to carry out the operations of the university, a contract will be made with the third party stating that information will be protected and handled in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information.

2. Providing Information on Individual Results

Information on individual results will be provided as follows.

(1) Period

April 2025 Admission (First screening) September, October 2024 Admission	April 2025 Admission (Second screening)
November 1, 2024 10:00 – November 29, 2024 15:00	May 8, 2025 10:00 – June 6, 2025 15:00

(2) Eligible Persons

Only the examinees themselves.

(3) Method of Request

Access the following URL and follow the on-screen instructions to enter the required information.

https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/score/



- A. If you wish to receive information on your individual result, please make sure to register your four-digit score disclosure PIN at the time of application. This can only be created during application registration. The PIN will be printed on the application confirmation slip (your copy), but please handle it with care.
 - B. For the password for result disclosure, please enter your score disclosure PIN registered at the time of application, followed by your examination number.
For example, if your score disclosure PIN registered during application is “1230,” and your examination number is “98765,” the password will be “123098765.”
 - C. You will need to enter your date of birth for identification.
3. In the event that the entrance examination cannot be conducted as planned due to a natural disaster, etc., an “Emergency Notice” will be published on the university's website, so be sure to check it.
<https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/news/>
 4. If any false information is found in the Application documents, or if the applicant is found to have committed any misconduct on the entrance examination, the admission approval may be revoked even after the enrollment procedure has been completed.
 5. If a student who has applied and completed the enrollment procedures with the expectation of completing (graduating) or receiving (being conferred) a degree fails to complete (graduate) or obtain (be conferred) a degree by March 31, 2025 for the April admission or September 30, 2024 for the September, October admission, admission will be cancelled.
 6. The second semester starts from September 24, and the classes are open for those admitted in October 1.
 7. OMU (Osaka Metropolitan University) stipulates the regulations for security export control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and strictly reviews all items and technologies to be exported from the university. If you have conflict of interest with any regulations set by OMU, you may not be eligible for education and research of OMU.

[11] Financial Aid

The University has financial aid programs available to students, such as tuition fee reductions and scholarships. Details on these programs and how to apply are available on the university's website.

<OMU (Osaka Metropolitan University) Financial Aid and Scholarships>

Tuition reduction <https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/information/exemption/>

Scholarships <https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/information/scholarship/>



Tuition reduction



Scholarships

[12] Inquiries

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Department of Interdisciplinary Informatics

The purpose of this course is to develop design and management skills of information systems that organize a wide variety of information and knowledge to solve various issues in modern society, in which a sense of values are changing and diversified. This course cultivates systematic knowledge and skills of interdisciplinary application ability that triggers a new paradigm shift through informatics in a variety of fields.

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(As of April 1,2024)

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The faculty staff member marked with ^{※1} will retire on March 31, 2026 and marked with ^{※2} will retire on March 31, 2027.