

April 2021 Admission

Master's Course / Doctoral Course
(Special Selection for International Course Students)

Admission Guidelines

Graduate School of Science
Osaka City University

Any changes to admission guidelines due to COVID-19 will be announced on the following website:

<https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/>

Purpose

Graduate School of Science (GSS), in an effort to further internationalize and strengthen its educational and research functions, has established new Master's and Doctoral courses offered entirely in English. GSS welcomes applications for admission from a wide range of international students. The application guidelines are provided below.

Admissions Policy

〈Master's Course〉

GSS welcomes individuals who have basic academic ability in a specialized area of natural science and aims to reveal and understand laws of nature, pursuing basic, applied, or interdisciplinary research.

〈Doctoral Course〉

GSS welcomes individuals who have a high level of academic ability in a broad area of natural science and are eager to discover and tackle new problems on their own initiative, aiming to actively work as global leaders in a variety of fields.

Length of Course

The standard course duration for the master's course is two years, and that for the doctoral course is three years.

1 Admissions

Division	Master's Course		Doctoral Course	
	Total	International	Total	International
Mathematics & Physics	31	A few	10	A few
Molecular Materials Science	37	A few	7	A few
Biology & Geosciences	29	A few	9	A few

Notes: 1. No applicant will be granted admission if their entrance examination scores are not satisfactory.
2. The total number of admissions includes those for enrollment in April and in October.

2 Qualifications for Applying

〈Master's Course〉

Qualified applicants are non-Japanese nationals, have good enough proficiency in English to attend lectures and seminars and to carry out research, and meet one of the following conditions.

- (1) The applicant has completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2021, 16 years of formal education in a country other than Japan.
- (2) The applicant has graduated, or is expected to graduate by March, 2021, from a university or college in Japan; or the applicant has completed after a date specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology—Minister of Education for short—or is expected to complete by March, 2021, a postsecondary course, separately specified by the Minister of Education at a specialized training college.
- (3) The applicant has completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2021, a course separately specified by the Minister of Education, offered in Japan by an educational institution that is designated as comparable to a university or college—requiring 16 years of formal education for completion—in the education system of a country other than Japan.
- (4) The applicant has completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2021, 16 years of formal education of a country other than Japan, through distance courses offered in Japan by an educational institution in the country.
- (5) The applicant has completed, or is expected to complete a course of study that extends over at least three years at a university, college, or other academic institution in a country other than Japan, receiving, as a result, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by March, 2021. Here the academic institution must be one that has been evaluated about its overall state, including its educational and research activities, and then accredited by a body authorized by the country's government or a relevant organization; or it must be separately designated as equivalent to such an accredited institution by Japan's Minister of Education. The course of study includes those completed either through distance courses offered in Japan by an educational institution in the said

country or at an educational institution that is part of the educational system of the country and that meets the condition (3) above.

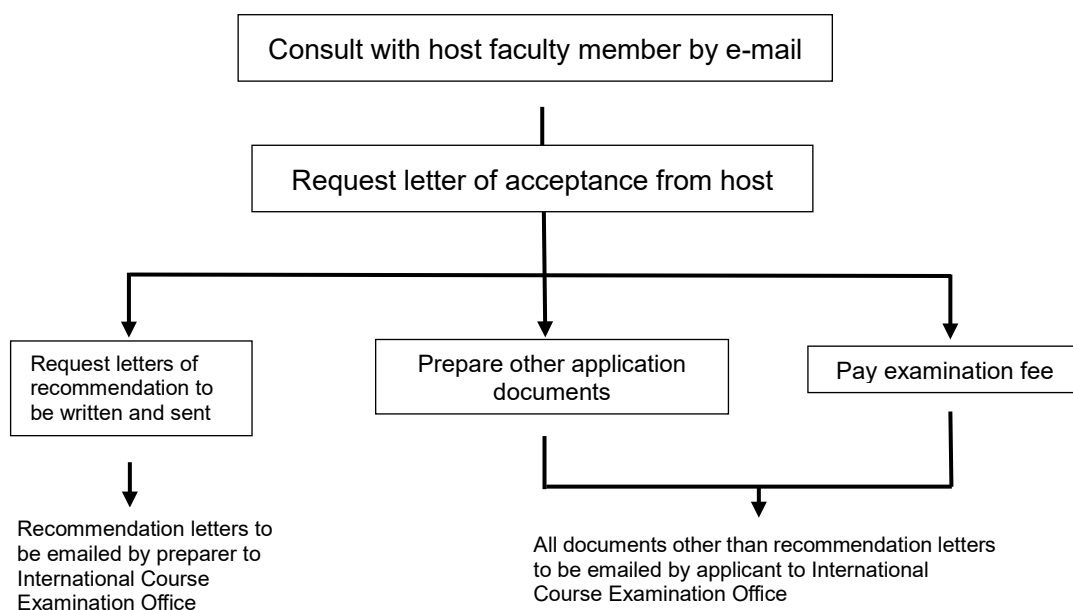
〈Doctoral Course〉

Qualified applicants are non-Japanese nationals, have good enough proficiency in English to attend lectures and seminars and to carry out research and meet one of the following conditions.

- (1) The applicant has received, or is expected to receive by March, 2021, a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree in a country other than Japan.
- (2) The applicant has received, or is expected to receive by March, 2021, a master's or professional degree as an international student from a graduate school in Japan.
- (3) The applicant has completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2021, a course separately specified by the Minister of Education and offered in Japan by an educational institution that is designated as comparable to a graduate school in the education system of a country other than Japan, receiving, as a result, a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree.
- (4) The applicant has received, or is expected to receive by March, 2021, a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree, through distance courses offered in Japan by an educational institution in a country other than Japan.
- (5) The applicant has completed, or is expected to complete a course offered by the United Nations University, receiving a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree by March, 2021.

3 Application Process

The application process is explained below, with the details of each step provided on later pages.



4 Advance consultation by email:

The applicant is required to consult, in advance, with the faculty member they wish to be their advisor about what to do in their research after entering the graduate program, and then to receive a letter of acceptance from the faculty member. The applicant is advised to allow enough time to contact, by email, the faculty member they wish to be their advisor so as not to miss the application deadline, September 18, 2020. For the email addresses of the faculty members, please refer to the Graduate School of Science web site:

https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/index_e.html.

5 Application Documents

All the documents listed below are to be emailed by the applicant themselves, except the letters of recommendation, which are to be emailed by those who have written them, by the deadline to the International Course Examination Office: sci-i-course@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp.

Note: The designated forms are available for download at the university website:

<https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/>

<Mathematics & Physics>

		Master's Course	Doctoral Course
1	Letter of Acceptance	The applicant is required to consult, in advance by email, with the faculty member they wish to be their advisor in the Graduate School of Science at Osaka City University and to request the faculty member to prepare a letter of acceptance stating that the applicant will be accepted into the faculty member's research group on condition that the applicant pass the entrance examination. Please submit the letter of acceptance in an electronic form. A letter of acceptance template is available for download at the following website: https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/admissions.html	
2	Application for Admission	Fill in the application form, which is available for download at the following website: https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/admissions.html	
3	Examination Fee	30,000 yen (JPY). How to make payment of examination fee: see the following website: https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/admissions.html	
4	Statement of Purpose	Importance will be placed on the statement of purpose when applications are reviewed. Using a form available for download at the website below, write a statement of purpose, up to two A4-size pages long, describing the following two points: https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/admissions.html 1. Reasons for choosing the program and the research group 2. Past research experience and research proposal	
5	Certificate of (Expected) Graduation and Transcripts	Bachelor's degree diploma with the degree clearly stated—or a certificate of expected graduation for an applicant still in college—issued by the president of the university the applicant graduated from, and the transcript of the bachelor's program	Master's degree certificate with the degree clearly stated—or a certificate of expected completion for an applicant still in graduate school—issued by the president of the university where the applicant completed a master's program, and the transcript of the master's program
		Send scanned certificates in an electronic form; enrollment will require the original documents. If the certificates are written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach an English translation certified by the university or other relevant body.	
6	Certificate of English Proficiency	Applicants are required to submit TOEFL-PBT, TOEFL-iBT (TOEFL-ITP is not accepted), TOEIC (TOEIC bridge is not accepted) or IELTS scores. Please submit scanned score reports in an electronic form; enrollment will require the original score reports. Note: Applicants who meet any of the following conditions need not submit certificates: • Native English speakers • Applicants who graduated from a university in a native English-speaking country • Applicants who graduated from a university with English as the official language (Please submit an official document, issued by the university or other relevant body, certifying that English is the official language.)	
7	GRE (Graduate Record Examination) Scores	Applicants in Mathematics are required to submit a scanned GRE Subject test (Mathematics) score report and those in Physics a scanned GRE Subject test (Physics) score report in an electronic form	

8	Master's Thesis	<p>Please submit an electronic copy of the master's thesis, which should be written in English. If the master's thesis has not been completed, applicants in mathematics are required to submit a summary, approximately two A4- or letter-size pages long, of their research written in English; applicants in physics are required to submit a paper, twenty or more A4- or letter-size pages long, summarizing their research in English in the format specified below*.</p> <p>* Format: A. Title B. Author C. Abstract D. Main body of the paper 1) Introduction 2) Description of the study you have done 3) Summary and discussion E. Appendix F. References</p>
9	Letters of Recommendation	<p>Submit at least two letters of recommendation. Recommendation letters must be written by either the president of the university the applicant graduated from, the dean, the chairman of the department, or the applicant's academic advisor and must be emailed by the recommender to the International Course Examination Office (sci-i-course@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp).</p> <p>The recommendation letter form is available for download at the following website: https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/admissions.html</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the recommender writes and sends the letter of recommendation to the International Course Examination Office by the deadline.</p>

<Molecular Materials Science>

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		Recommendation letters must be written by either the president of the university the applicant graduated from, the dean, the chairman of the department, or the applicant's academic advisor and must be emailed by the recommender to the International Course Examination Office (sci-i-course@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp). The recommendation letter form is available for download at the following website: https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/admissions.html It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the recommender writes and sends the letter of recommendation to the International Course Examination Office by the deadline.	

<Biology and Geosciences>

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7	GRE (Graduate Record Examination) Scores	Applicants in Geosciences are required to submit a scanned GRE General test score report in an electronic form	

8	Master's Thesis		Write a summary, up to two A4-size pages long, of the master's thesis in English and submit it in an electronic form.
9	Letters of Recommendation	Submit at least two letters of recommendation.	Submit at least one letter of recommendation.
		<p>Recommendation letters must be written by either the president of the university the applicant graduated from, the dean, the chairman of the department, or the applicant's academic advisor and must be emailed by the recommender to the International Course Examination Office (sci-i-course@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp).</p> <p>The recommendation letter form is available for download at the following website: https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/admissions.html</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the recommender writes and sends the letter of recommendation to the International Course Examination Office by the deadline.</p>	

6 How to Apply

Anyone who wishes to apply to the International Course should first pay the examination fee and then submit, by email to the address below, all the application materials except the letters of recommendation, which should be submitted by the recommenders. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the recommenders send the letters of recommendation by email.

Application Period	Send to
September 9, 2020 – September 18, 2020	sci-i-course@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp In the subject line, write "Application documents for OCU_*****", where ***** is the full name of the applicant in the English alphabet.

Note: An application number will be sent by email to an applicant whose application has been received.

Application numbers are scheduled to be sent around September 25, 2020. If you do not receive one even after a week has passed, contact the International Course Examination Office by email (sci-i-course@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp).

7 Selection Process

Master's Course	Doctoral Course
<p>Successful applicants will be selected by comprehensive judgment with application documents and oral examination.</p> <p>Document screening: The Graduate Selection Committee will review the submitted applications. The selected applicants will be notified of the date, place, and procedure for oral examination by email in October.</p> <p>Oral examination: An oral examination will be given at Osaka City University about the applicant's specialization and research proposal. The planned examination day is November 14, 2020 and the details will be provided by email.</p>	<p>Successful applicants will be selected by comprehensive judgment with application documents and oral examination.</p> <p>Document screening: The Graduate Selection Committee will review the submitted applications. The selected applicants will be notified of the date, place, and procedure for oral examination by email in October.</p> <p>Oral examination: An oral examination will be given at Osaka City University about the applicant's research experience, research proposal, and relevant specialization. The planned examination day is November 14, 2020 and the details will be provided by email.</p>

8 Admission Results

(1) Announcement of Admission Decisions

The application numbers of the applicants who have been granted admission will be posted on the website of Osaka City University from 10:00 am on November 26, 2020 to 5:00 pm on December 2, 2020.

(2) Notification of Admission Decisions

“Notification of admission decisions” and “Enrollment Steps” will be sent to the successful applicants by email.

(3) Enrollment/Registration Day

Date: January, 2021

Note: Details will be separately provided to applicants who have been granted admission

9 Tuition and Fees

Admission Fee: Students admitted into the International Course will be exempt from the admission fee.

Note: Students admitted through the general entrance examination will pay an admission fee of ¥382,000 (JPY).

Tuition: ¥535,800 (JPY) for a full year; ¥267,900 (JPY) for a half year (as of April, 2020)

Note: In case the tuition fees are revised while students are still enrolled, the revised tuition rates will apply to them.

10 Notes

- (1) An application may not be canceled under any circumstances after it has been received.
- (2) Inquiries about examination results will not be answered.
- (3) The entrance examination fee, once paid, will not be returned.
- (4) If false statements are detected in an application form or if it is found that an applicant cheated during the entrance examination, the admission may be revoked even after the student has been formally enrolled.
- (5) If an applicant does not meet the qualifications, no admission will be granted even if the applicant passes the entrance examination.
- (6) The University may use the personal information collected through the application and admissions process within the scope deemed necessary for the entrance examination, admissions guide, enrollment steps, selection method study, statistical data generation, and the operations concerning student affairs at this university. If the collected personal information is used outside the aforementioned scope of operations, it will always be done with the applicant's approval. Such personal information collected for the purpose of admissions operations will never be provided to a third party.
- (7) OCU is in charge of Osaka City University Regulations for Security Export Control according to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act and strictly screens all items and technology to be exported from the university. If your issue is in conflict with any regulation put forth by OCU, you may not be allowed to receive your desired education or conduct research. Please direct all inquiries to the following address: gaitame@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp

Contact Information

Website: <https://www.sci.osaka-cu.ac.jp/i-course/>

E-mail: sci-i-course@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp (International Course Office)