Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University

Doctoral Program
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Exam no. SD01

Academic Year 2027　Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University

Requirements for Application to the Doctoral Program

This document provides information for external candidates. Internal candidates i.e. those currently on a master's program at Hitotsubashi University or who already hold a master's degree from Hitotsubashi University, should see the 進学要項 (in Japanese only).

The Graduate School of Social Sciences aims to produce both outstanding academic researchers and highly skilled professionals. The Graduate School offers two areas of specialization; through the Institute for the Study of Social Sciences and the Institute for the Study of Global Issues. Applicants select their major based on the research expertise of their preferred advisor, whom they identify in their application. The Institute for the Study of Social Sciences, equips students with the skills and creativity needed to conduct original research in specialized fields and apply the results more widely. The Institute for the Study of is Global Issues, focuses on developing students' capacity to address global issues through interdisciplinary approaches, emphasizing innovative and practical solutions. The doctoral program seeks to foster independently minded and capable researchers with high-level expertise, knowledge, and research skills. Applicants wishing to pursue academic or non-academic careers are equally welcome.

1. Number to be admitted:

Institute for the Study of Social Sciences: 30. This number includes both internal and external candidates.
Institute for the Study of Global Issues: 5. This number includes both internal and external candidates.

2. Admissions Policy

The Graduate School of Social Sciences at Hitotsubashi University conducts admissions in accordance with the University's principle of cultivating well-educated, civic-minded specialists, innovative intellectuals, and business and political leaders. The selection criteria are as follows.

1. Ideal Student Profile

The Graduate School of Social Sciences at Hitotsubashi University cultivates scholars and professionals with both specialized expertise and broad knowledge in the social sciences and humanities, fostering creative leaders who respond thoughtfully to contemporary social issues from diverse perspectives. To realize this goal, the Graduate School offers two areas of specialization: the Institute for the Study of Social Sciences and the Institute for the Study of Global Issues.

The Institute for the Study of Social Sciences aims to cultivate individuals with the motivation, creativity, and research skills necessary to pursue academic inquiry and contribute to the advancement of their respective fields. The Institute for the Study of Global Issues is designed to develop individuals who can address global challenges creatively and practically, guided by principles that emphasize problem-focused analysis, solution-oriented thinking, and perspectives beyond Western-centric frameworks.

Therefore, the Graduate School seeks individuals from both Japan and abroad who possess the following qualities.

- Those with a strong intellectual foundation for conducting academic research in their respective fields, as well as the motivation and perseverance to pursue independent scholarly inquiry.
- Those with an adventurous spirit and strong problem-setting ability to explore new interdisciplinary frontiers of knowledge, supported by the broad knowledge base and academic ability necessary for graduate-level study.
- Those who possess a clear sense of purpose to advance their academic interests and experiences toward solving practical societal challenges, along with the knowledge and ability required for specialized graduate education.

2. Basic Policy for Student Selection and Holistic, Multifaceted, Evaluation Methods

To select students with the above qualities, the Graduate School will conduct a comprehensive admissions process as described below.

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(1) The Institute for the Study of Social Sciences conducts a first-stage document screening based on submitted theses and application materials, evaluating the applicant's research ability, the significance of the research topic, suitability for the program, and the feasibility of the proposed research plan. The second stage consists of an interview, assessing the applicant's ability to engage in, explain, and carry out research. The overall

screening is based on a comprehensive evaluation, which may include assessment of language proficiency or the ability to analyze historical documents in Japanese.

(2) The Institute for the Study of Global Issues conducts a first-stage screening based on submitted theses and application materials, evaluating the applicant's ability to conduct research, the academic significance of the research theme, suitability for the program, and the feasibility of the proposed research. The second stage consists of an interview, assessing the applicant's ability to engage in, present, and carry out research. The overall screening is based on a comprehensive evaluation, including assessment of language proficiency.

3. Eligibility to apply

Applicants to the program must satisfy one of the following criteria:

(1) Have completed a master's program in the graduate school of another university or expect to complete it by March 2027.
(2) Have completed the program of a professional graduate school or expect to complete it by March 2027.
(3) Have a master's degree or professional degree or equivalent from a country outside Japan or expect to be awarded such a degree by March 2027.
(4) Have a master's degree or professional degree or equivalent by taking subjects in Japan in a correspondence course of a school outside Japan, or expect to be awarded such a degree by March 2027.
(5) Have a master's degree or professional degree or equivalent by completing a program, designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, at an educational facility in Japan offering programs of a graduate school of another country accredited by that country's educational system.
(6) Have a master's degree or equivalent by completing a program at the United Nations University, established based on a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of December 11, 1972 and pursuant to Article 1 Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan Regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976).
(7) Be at least 24 years old by April 1, 2027 and be recognized by this Graduate School through an individual qualification review as having academic ability at least equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree.
(8) Have graduated from university, and have engaged in research at a university or a research institute, etc. for not less than two years, and be recognized by this Graduate School based on their achievement as having academic ability at least equivalent to a master's degree.
(9) Have engaged in research at a university or a research institution for not less than two years after completing 16 years of school education outside Japan, or after completing 16 years of school education by taking subjects in Japan in a correspondence course of a school outside Japan, and be recognized by this Graduate School based on their achievement as having academic ability at least equivalent to a master's degree.

Note 1: Persons applying under criteria (3) (8) (9) must inquire in advance by email to the Administration Office of the Graduate School of Social Sciences regarding their eligibility, no later than November 20, 2026.
Note 2: Persons applying under criterion (7) will undergo an individual qualification review prior to the application period. Please inquire to the Administration Office of the Graduate School of Social Sciences by email. Documents necessary for the individual qualification review should be submitted between November 9, 2026 and November 20, 2026. The results of the review are expected to be sent by around December 11, 2026.

4. Application period

Application period for online form completion and document submission:

December 24, 2026 (Thursday) to January 7, 2027 (Thursday)

Application documents will be accepted no later than 17:00 JST on Thursday, January 7, 2027.

5. Application procedures

The application process has two parts: online registration and submission of documents by post. You need to do both parts in order to apply for the program.

(1) Registration of your application on the Graduate School Online Application page

Please access the following website within the application period and enter information as required.

https://reg31.smp.ne.jp/regist/is?SMPFORM=nitj-lesbpf-6eb53e20eb925ee7dec0f2c79c02fe25

Information to be entered online

Please refer to "Graduate School Application Process" posted on the web application page and proceed with the registration according to the instructions on the page.

You do not have to fill in the "Qualifications" field of the online form.

In the "Research topic" field of the online form, enter the same information as the title of your research project of "Research Plan" in **5. Application and examination fees**.

In the "Matters requiring special mention 1" field of the web application form, enter the name of the desired academic supervisor you specified in the "Research Plan". ("Undecided" is not possible.)

In the "Matters requiring special mention 2" field of the online form, enter the name of the major you specified in the "Research Plan" (either "Social Sciences" or "Global Issues").

In the "Matters requiring special mention 3" field of the online form, enter the field of study you specified in the "Research Plan" (one of "Sociological Studies", "Studies for Well-being and Inclusive Society", "Studies in History and Culture", and "Cross-Boundary Studies".)

Your photograph will be used for identity verification on the day of the exam. Please provide a clear image for accurate verification during the exam. Failure to verify your identity may result in disqualification from taking the exam.

You must upload a photo of yourself on the online form, but you do not need to upload your application documents online. Please submit your application documents by post.

(2) Postage of the application documents

Persons wishing to apply from outside Japan should follow the procedures given in the attachment "Applying from Outside Japan" rather than those given in this section.

Enclose the full set of application documents in an envelope marked in red on the lower left with **APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**, bring them to a post office counter, and send **by registered mail** to the following address.

Administration Office, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University, Naka 2-1, Kunitachi, Tokyo 186-8601, JAPAN

6. Application and examination fees

【Important Notice】

Please read carefully the "Admissions Policy" on pages 1–2 to ensure that your research plan is designed to achieve your goals and that all submitted documents are prepared under your own responsibility.

Documents and materials	Remarks
Application for Admission Form	Four printouts of the Application for Admission Form that can be downloaded from the Individual Candidate Page after registering the application on the Graduate School Online Application page. Please staple each copy individually.
Master's thesis, etc.	Three copies of thesis. Applicants who have earned or expect to earn a master's degree or equivalent without submitting a master's thesis should provide three copies of a research paper in place of the thesis. Note that in case of a significant divergence between the contents of the thesis or other research paper submitted and the research theme to be studied in the doctoral program, the submission of a supplementary paper besides the thesis, written in Japanese or English, is permitted. Provide three copies of this paper as well.
Abstract of master's thesis, etc.	Four copies of an abstract, in Japanese (around 4,000 characters) or in English (around 1,600 words), of the master's thesis or research paper submitted in place of a master's thesis. If a supplementary paper is submitted, provide four copies of an abstract of this paper as well (4,000 characters if in Japanese or 1,600 words if in English). Use A4 paper and include a cover sheet labelled "Abstract" followed by the title of the paper and your name. Please staple each copy individually.
Research Plan	Four copies. Prepare in Japanese (2000 characters maximum), or in English (800 words maximum). One copy should be prepared using the prescribed paper as a cover sheet; the other three should be duplicates of this, including the cover sheet. On the cover sheet, include the name of the faculty member desired as your advisor after acceptance into the program. Please staple each copy individually.
Master's program certificate of completion/ expected completion	One copy. This must be provided by the head of your university or graduate school dean.
Degree Certificate ・ CHSI Certificate (only for those who graduated from university in China)	One copy. This must be provided by the head of your university or graduate school dean. **Applicants from foreign school (persons applying under criteria (3) or (4) of 3. Eligibility for application) should also provide one copy of a certificate indicating the earned degree (M.A., M.S., etc.).** The master's program certificate of completion/expected completion itself is sufficient, however, if it includes indication of the degree (M.A. or M.S.) obtained or to be obtained. In addition to the above, applicants who graduated from university in China should download your Online Verification Report of Higher Education **Qualification Certificate** and Online Verification Report of Higher Education **Degree Certificate** from the following website of the China Higher Education Student Information (CHSI) and also submit one printed copy of each report. https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgcx.jsp
Transcript	Four copies: One original and three copies. This must be provided by the head of your university or graduate school dean.
Copy of Residence Card, etc.	Foreign national applicants only. Submit one copy of your Residence Card (or Alien Registration Card) indicating the status and period of residence. If you have not yet been issued a Residence Card (or Alien Registration Card), please submit a copy of your passport.

Documents and materials	Remarks
Examination fee 30,000 yen	When paying in Japan **During the application period**, make payment by bank transfer, convenience store, Pay-easy, internet banking, or credit card. -Bank transfer Make payment to the Kunitachi Branch of Sumitomo Mitsui Bank as follows. Account type: "Futsu" Account no.: 7761819 Account name: Hitotsubashi University Transfer the amount of 30,000 yen and submit a copy of a certificate attached to A4 paper to show the transfer, along with your application. -Convenience store, Pay-easy, internet banking or credit card Go to the following website: https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/faculties/graduate/examfee.html Follow the instructions on the website and submit an A4 copy of a certificate to show the transfer, along with your application. **When paying from outside Japan** **See the accompanying document "Applying from Outside Japan".** Note that no examination fee is required of students receiving a scholarship from the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), in which case submit a certificate to that effect issued by your university.
Checklist for submission	Please submit a copy of the completed checklist.

Note 1: Graduates or prospective graduates from two or more graduate schools should submit a certificate of completion/prospective completion and transcripts from each of the graduate schools.

Note 2: Attach a Japanese translation of all submitted documents written in a language other than English or Japanese.

Note 3: On application documents to be filled out by the applicant, type or use a black ballpoint pen.

Note 4: Application and examination fees cannot be returned. Also, be sure to submit the originals of all certificates. Copies will not be accepted, other than in the cases indicated under **6. Application and examination fees**.

Note 5: If you submit a fraudulent application, your acceptance will be cancelled even if you pass the admission examination

7. Selection process and criteria

The examination has two stages. At the first stage we assess the applicant's research level, the academic importance of the research project, the compatibility with the fields of this Graduate School, and the feasibility of the research plan, based on the submitted thesis and application documents. We also consider whether the School has a faculty member able to provide guidance in the area of the research project.

Those who pass the first stage go on to the second stage, an interview. The interview assesses the applicant's understanding of, ability to explain, and capacity to carry out the research described in the application. The interview is also used to assess whether the applicant has the foreign or Japanese language ability necessary for the research. Depending on the nature of the research project, the language ability assessment may be done orally or using written materials. If, however, conducting a language competency test is considered inappropriate to the nature of the research project, a comprehension test may be conducted instead, based on Japanese historical materials. Final acceptance is decided as the sum result of the first and second stages.

(1) First-stage examination (document screening)

Announcement of applicants passing the first-stage examination and announcement of rooms/schedule for the second-stage examination (interview)

Time	Announcement method
Fri, Feb. 5, 2027 13:00 JST	On website of the Graduate School of Social Sciences

(2) Second-stage examination (interview)

Location: Hitotsubashi University (10 min. walk straight south from Kunitachi Station on JR Chuo Line)

Time	Duration
Mon, Feb. 15, 2027 or Tue, Feb. 16, 2027 09:00 to around 18:00 JST	Approximately 70 minutes per applicant

***Be sure to arrive at the examination room <u>at least 5 minutes before your interview</u>. <u>Be sure to have your Examination Admission Card with you.</u> Your Examination Admission Card will be available for printing from your Individual Candidate Page approximately two weeks after the application period ends.**

*Misconduct or not following examiners' instructions will result in disqualification.

*On the day of the examination, there may be persons near the main gate of the university offering to notify you of the results. The university has nothing to do with these people. Results are announced on graduate school's website.

(3) Distribution of points (Total: 200 points)

First-stage examination	Document screening: 100 points
Second-stage examination	Interview: 100 points

8. Announcement of acceptance

Time	Announcement method
Thu, Feb. 18, 2027 13:00 JST	Posted on website of the Graduate School of Social Sciences (Successful applicants will also be notified of their acceptance by mail.)

9. Enrolment procedures

(1) Admission fee payment period

February 26 to March 4, 2027

Failure to pay during this period will be treated as forfeiture of acceptance to the school. Once we have received the enrollment fee, we will not return it for any reason including withdrawal from enrollment.

(2) Admission fee: 282,000 yen

Note: Students may apply for Enrollment Fee Exemption/Deferment (Delayed Payment).

They should prepare the necessary documents to be attached and follow the given application procedures within the period provided. Do not pay the enrollment fee until the screening results are announced. Note that those who have already paid the enrollment fee cannot apply for enrollment fee exemption/deferment. Furthermore, there is a screening procedure and your acceptance is subject to the screening result; you are therefore advised to be prepared to pay your fee to ensure a smooth start to your student life.

However, starting in the 2027 academic year, Enrollment Fee Exemption eligibility will be limited to students of Japanese nationality, including those holding the following residence statuses:

"Permanent Resident"

"Long-Term Resident"

"Special Permanent Resident"

"Spouse or Child of Japanese National"

"Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident"

(3) Other

Other Procedures matters concerning enrolment will be notified separately by mail to those who are admitted. Tuition (535,800 yen annually) will be paid after enrolment. The timing and procedure of payment will be notified separately.

Entrance and tuition fees are subject to change.

10. Matters to note

<u>Change of the admission schedule and the method</u>

We may have to change the admission schedule and process in response to unexpected events and circumstances. Please check our website regularly for schedule updates.

Choice of institute and research unit

(1) You cannot switch your desired major after application.
(2) Choose one supervisor you wish to be instructed by after admission, and indicate the major / field of the chosen supervisor on the web application form and on the research plan. (See the list of seminar instructors below.) As a general rule, the faculty member you specify in your application will become your main supervisor after admission, so it is important to choose carefully when you apply.
(3) The prior consultation to the desired academic supervisor is accepted only before the application period starts. Please check the following website to contact the faculty member:
https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/academics/faculty/

If the E-mail address is listed, please send message directly to the desired academic supervisor.
If not, please send message to Administration Office instead.

・The result of evaluation is not affected by the prior consultation.
・You can consult about research theme to prevent mismatch of theme, however, no guidance will be given about the documents to be submitted (especially about Research Plan).

For those with disabilities or special needs concerning the entrance examination and special assistance for academic learning

Hitotsubashi University provides a rational support and system for those who have with disabilities or special needs. Applicants with disabilities or special needs who require accommodation in the application process should notify the Admissions Office by November 20, 2026 prior to submitting their application documents.

Although the Admissions Office will accept accommodation requests after this date, we may not be able to make necessary arrangements in time for the examination.

Requesting accommodation for the application process does not obligate you to apply to our program. If you are undecided about whether to apply for, you can still submit accommodation requests.

Note: Depending on the types of accommodation you request, it may take some time for us to respond.

Please contact the following for those who have special assistance for academic learning.

Accessibility Office for Students with Disabilities

https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/campuslife/accessibility/office.html

Note on student dormitories provided by the University

Hitotsubashi University has four dormitories for international students located in Kunitachi and Kodaira. Applicants who wish to live in a dormitory should apply following the guidelines that are announced every June and December on the following website:

https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/apply/

Please note that dormitory selection is by lottery.

(Others)
(1) The score of the screening might be used for the purpose of education and support after enrollment.
(2) Please refer to the [Concerning the handling individual information] on online registration.
(3) Please refer to the following website concerning the number of applicants, number of examinees, and number of successful applicants.
(https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/admission/gs/result.html)

11. Inquiries

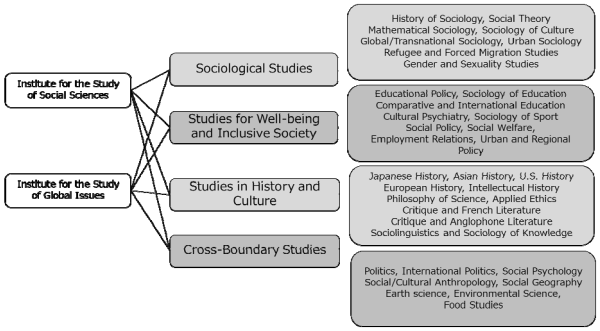
(1) All matters concerning entrance examinations are administered by the Administration Office of the Graduate School of Social Sciences.
(2) If you have questions concerning entrance examinations, send your inquiry in writing, indicating your name and address, by email. Inquiries by telephone will not be accepted.

Website of the Graduate School of Social Sciences: https://www.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/en/
Email address of the Graduate School of Social Sciences: info@soc.hit-u.ac.jp

2027 Academic Year

Graduate School of Social Sciences Hitotsubashi University

Seminar Instructors



(Sociological Studies)

● KIKUTANI Kazuhiro	Professor	(History of Sociology, Social Theory)	fra
● SATOH Keiichi	Associate Professor	(Political Sociology, Environmental Sociology, Social Network Analysis, Mathematical sociology)	eng, deu
● SUDO Naoki	Professor	(Quantitative Methods, Mathematical Sociology, Social Stratification)	eng
● TADA Osamu	Professor	(Sociology of Culture, Social Theory and Tourism)	eng
● HAYASHI Mahito	Associate Professor	(Urban Sociology, Sociology of Local Community, Critical Urban Studies)	eng
● NEMOTO Masaya	Assistant Professor	(Qualitative Research Methods, Historical Sociology)	eng
○ IIO Makiko	Assistant Professor	(Global/Transnational Sociology, International Migration Studies, Immigration Policy)	eng, spa
○ TAKENAKA Ayumi	Professor	(Global/Transnational Sociology, Immigration, Race/Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Ethnography, Food studies)	eng, spa
○ SATO Fumika	Professor	(Social theory of Gender, Sociology of the Military and War)	eng
○ TANAKA Aiko	Assistant Professor	(Gender and Sexuality Studies, Historical Sociology)	eng
● YAMADA Tetsuya	Professor	(Qualitative methods, Sociology of Education)	eng
● NISHINO Fumiko	Professor	(Sociology of Work, Employment Systems Theory)	eng
● MATSUNAGA Shintaro	Assistant Professor	(Sociology of Work, Labour Process Theory)	eng
● SAKA Natsuko	Professor	(Sport and Body Culture, Sociology of Sport)	eng, deu

(Studies for Well-being and Inclusive Society)

● NAKATA Yasuhiko	Professor	(Educational Policy)	eng
● YAMADA Tetsuya	Professor	(Current issues on education, Sociology of education problems)	eng
● OHTA Miyuki	Professor	(Comparative and International Education)	swe
● SAKA Natsuko	Professor	(Sociology of Sport, Sport and Leisure Studies)	eng, deu
● SUZUKI Naofumi	Professor	(Sociology of Sport, Urban Policy, Policy for Community Engagement)	eng
● SUZUKI Futa	Associate Professor	(Sociology of Sport, Sports History)	eng
● IKAI Shuhei	Professor	(Social Policy)	eng
● SHIRASE Yumika	Professor	(Social Welfare, Social Policy)	eng
● NISHINO Fumiko	Professor	(Sociology of Work, Employment Policy)	eng
● MATSUNAGA Shintaro	Assistant Professor	(Sociology of Work, Labor Policy)	eng
● DOMEN Takahiro	Professor	(Urban and Regional Policy, Policy for Community Engagement)	eng

(Studies in History and Culture)

● ISHII Hitonari	Professor	(Japanese History, Modern History)	
● KATO Yusuke	Assistant Professor	(Modern and Contemporary Japanese History, Japanese Political History)	eng
● SUZUKI Naoki	Assistant Professor	(Japanese History, Early-Modern History)	eng
● KOU Ikujo	Professor	(Asian History, Taiwan Studies)	zho
● SATO Yoshifumi	Professor	(Asian History, Chinese History in Late Imperial and Modern Times)	zho
● KATO Keiki	Professor	(Asian History, Modern Korean History, Japanese Imperialism and Colonialism)	kor
○ KIDO Yoshiyuki	Professor	(U.S. History, Race, Gender, and Ethnicity)	eng
○ MAKITA Yoshiya	Assistant Professor	(US History, Global History)	eng
○ TANAKA Aiko	Assistant Professor	(Gender and Sexuality History)	eng
● AKIYAMA Shingo	Professor	(European History, Eastern European Area Studies)	fra, hun
● KONISHI Masahiro	Assistant Professor	(European History)	eng
● KASHIWAZAKI Masanori	Assistant Professor	(Intellectual History, History of Economic Thought)	eng, deu, fra
● IGASHIRA Masahiko	Professor	(Philosophy of Science, Metaphilosophy)	eng
● YOSHIZAWA Fumitake	Associate Professor	(Applied Ethics, Value Theory)	eng
● IKAWA Chitose	Professor	(Critique and Anglophone Literature)	eng
● TERAO Satoshi	Professor	(Sociolinguistics and Sociology of Knowledge)	eng, spa, por

(Cross-Boundary Studies)

● OGURA Ikuma	Assistant Professor	(Political Science, Political Behavior)	eng
● TANAKA Takuji	Professor	(Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory)	eng, fra
● Jonathan LEWIS	Professor	(Political science, socio-informatics, media research)	eng
● FUKUTOMI Mitsuhisa	Professor	(International Politics, International Relations)	eng, fra
● INABA Tetsuro	Professor	(Social Psychology, Media Effects Research, Public Opinion)	eng
● MIYAMOTO Yuri	Professor	(Social Psychology, Cultural Psychology)	eng
● GOTO Nobuhiko	Assistant Professor	(Social Psychology, Social Cognition)	eng
× OSUGI Takashi	Professor	(Social/Cultural Anthropology)	eng
● KUBO Akinori	Professor	(Social/Cultural Anthropology)	eng
× UEDA Gen	Specially Appointed Professor	(Social Geography, Regional environment and Development)	eng
● KOIZUMI Yusuke	Assistant Professor	(Social Geography)	eng
● OGURA Takuro	Assistant Professor	(Physical Geography, Geomorphology, Geography Education)	eng
● OTSUBO Toshimichi	Professor	(Earth Science, Space Science)	eng
● OTAKI Yurina	Professor	(Environmental Science, Pro-environmental Behaviour)	eng
● AKAMINE Jun	Professor	(Food Studies, Human Ecology)	eng
● SUZUKI Naofumi	Professor	(Development Studies, Sport and Development)	eng

● indicates faculty members in the Institute for the Study of Social Sciences.

○ indicates faculty members in the Institute for the Study of Global Issues.

× shows faculty members without a graduate seminar who therefore cannot act as supervisors.

Faculty members with underlined names teach in two areas of study.

Keywords in brackets () next to faculty names indicate main areas of specialization.
Faculty may do research and teaching on other subjects in addition to these.

Language codes show which languages faculty members can offer individual supervision supplementally (in addition to Japanese).
They do not indicate that classes will be offered in these languages. PhD theses can be written in either English or Japanese.
deu ... German, eng ... English, fra ... French, hun ... Hungarian, kor ... Korean por ... Portuguese, spa ... Spanish,
swe ... Swedish, zho ... Chinese

Research plan cover sheet

Examinee Number
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Academic Year 20___

Graduate School of Social Sciences
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Research Plan for Doctoral Program

(English)

● **Language preferred for oral interview exam** (indicate preference if any)

1st choice	
2nd choice	
3rd choice	

●**Title of research project** (specifically)

_____

● **Name** _____

● **Desired academic supervisor** (choose one supervisor, do not leave blank)

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● **Major (in charge of desired academic supervisor)** (circle one only)

Social Science　Global Issues

● **Field of study (in charge of desired academic supervisor)**

(Circle one only. If your academic supervisor teaches in more than one field, select the field closest to your research topic.)

Sociological Studies　Studies for Well-being and Inclusive Society
Studies in History and Culture　Cross-Boundary Studies

Note:

1. Do not fill in the field with *.
2. Submit this cover sheet along with three copies (four in all).

Checklist for Submission

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Name	Examination number (For Official Use Only)

【Important Notice】

Please check all items and put a check mark in the box.

Check items	Check☑	For Official Use Only
Please confirm the application documents only with postmark on or before Jan. 4, 2027 are accepted in case they are delivered after the application period.	☐	
Please confirm the correct major and field of study of desired academic supervisor are selected from the list "2027 Academic Year Graduate School of Social Sciences Hitotsubashi University Seminar Instructors".	☐	
Please confirm your major and field of study will be same as desired academic supervisor after enrollment.	☐	
Please confirm the translation in Japanese must be attached when any certificate is written in foreign language other than English.	☐	
Please confirm all certificates should be originals unless otherwise instructed in "Requirements for Application to the Doctoral Program".	☐	
Please confirm the applicants who have graduated and are expected to graduate from two or more graduate schools must submit all certificate of completion (or prospective completion) and transcripts from each of the graduate schools.	☐	

【Desired major/Field of study】

Major (in charge of desired academic supervisor) (Circle one only.)

41.Social Sciences　42.Global Issues

Field of study (in charge of desired academic supervisor) (Circle one only.)

1.Sociological Studies　2.Studies for Well-being and Inclusive Society　3.Studies in History and Culture　4.Cross-Boundary Studies

【List for Documents/Materials】

Please check that all documents are completed for submission, and put a check mark in the box (no check required if not applicable).

Applicant	Documents and materials	Number of copies	Remarks	Check☑	For Official Use Only
All	Application Form	Four copies	Created by registering your application online application page	☐	
			"Research topic" and "Matters requiring special mention" 1 to 3 are entered correctly.	☐	
			Staple each copy individually.	☐	
All	Master's thesis, etc.	Three copies	•Copy of the master's thesis •Copy of the thesis instead of the master's thesis for applicants who earned or expect to earn a master's degree or equivalent without submitting a master's thesis •Supplementary paper written in Japanese or in English besides the thesis (Optional) In case of a significant divergence between the contents of the thesis or other research paper from the research topic to be studied in the doctoral program, submit three copies as well.	☐	
			Staple each copy individually if the thesis is not bound.	☐	
All	Abstract of master's thesis, etc.	Four copies	•Approximately 4,000 characters in Japanese or 1,600 words in English •In case the supplementary paper is submitted, provide four abstracts of the supplementary paper as well. (Optional) (approximately 4,000 characters in Japanese or 1,600 words in English)	☐	
			Attach A4 sheet cover page and state "Abstract", the thesis title, and name on it.	☐	
			Staple each copy individually.	☐	
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   https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/faculties/graduate/hitotsubashi_gs_examinationfee_english.pdf
2. Follow the instructions on the website. When sending the application documents, after completing payment of the examination fee, print out a copy of the website payment confirmation screen and include this with the documents.

Pay the examination fee within the application period (JST) .

● The applicant should assemble the full set of application documents listed under **6. Application and examination fees** of the Requirements for Application, enclose them in an envelope marked with **APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**, and send by EMS (Express Mail Service) or other traceable method such as DHL, addressed as follows.

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The deadline for application documents to be received is 5:00 p.m., January 8, 2027 (JST).
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