

Academic Year 2021 Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University
Requirements for Application to the Doctoral Program
Institute for the Study of Global Issues

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

The Institute for the Study of Global Issues is open to those motivated to become researchers or high-level professionals tackling various matters of global importance. Three basic principles distinguish this course.

1. Issue Focused: Rather than starting out from traditional academic areas, students launch studies from the field looking at current real issues and seek to unravel the complex contexts of global issues.
2. Solution Oriented: Not stopping at problem analysis, the studies attempt to present viewpoints, thinking, and concepts from new dimensions, and are oriented to problem-solving.
3. De-Eurocentric: Another important aim is to go beyond traditional Western-centered thinking and develop new concepts of global society as the interaction of multiple centers.

Adopting these as basic principles, research and education are centered on the following four points: 1) Security, 2) Sustainability, 3) Creativity, and 4) Identity, striving to raise the quality of global society and individual lives.

The curriculum of this course is designed around two sets of subjects, theoretical and practical. The theoretical subjects pursue issues from a theoretical approach based on the five key areas of culture, transnationality, peace, media, and the environment. The practical subjects cover practical approaches to issues and media techniques, among other topics. In addition to seminars consisting of small numbers of students and their academic supervisor, visiting faculty at the forefront of their fields are invited from outside Japan, and cooperation is received from Mitsubishi Research Institute, the Japan Institute of International Affairs, the Japan Foundation, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

See the Institute for the Study of Global Issues website <http://isgi.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/> for more details.

1. Number to be admitted: 6 . This number includes both internal and external candidates.

2. Eligibility to apply

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

- (1) Have completed a program in the graduate school of another university or expect to complete it by March 2021;
- (2) Have completed the program of a professional graduate school or expect to complete it by March 2021;
- (3) Have a master's degree or professional degree or equivalent from a country outside Japan or expect to earn such a degree by March 2021;
- (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 2021;
- (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 designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- (8) Be at least 24 years old by April 1, 2021 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;
- (9) Be recognized by this Graduate School through established procedures as having academic ability at least equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree.

Note 1: Persons applying under criteria (3) or (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 27, 2020.

Note 2: Persons applying under criterion (8) 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 16, 2020 and November 27, 2020. The results of the review are expected to be sent by around December 11, 2020.

3. Application period

10:00 JST, January 7, 2021 (Thursday) to 15:00 JST January 12, 2021 (Tuesday)

4. Application and examination fees

Documents and materials	Remarks
Photo Form	One copy. Enter the required items on the form and attach a photograph.
Application Form	One copy. Enter the required items on the form.
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 paper in place of the thesis. Note that in case of a significant divergence between the contents of the thesis or other 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 paper submitted in place of a master's thesis. In case the master's thesis or paper submitted in its place is in a language other than Japanese or English, submit a Japanese abstract of 10,000 characters or English abstract of 4,000 words. 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-size paper, and include a cover sheet labelled "Abstract", followed by the title of the paper, and your name.
Research Plan	Four copies in Japanese or English. One copy should be prepared using the prescribed form as a cover sheet; the other three should be duplicates of this, including the cover sheet. If in Japanese, it should be around five A4 sheets (approximately 1,200 characters/sheet), not including the cover sheet. If in English, it should be around 2,400 words, typed double-spaced on A4 paper. On the cover sheet, include the name of the faculty member desired as your advisor after acceptance in the program.
Master's program certificate of completion/prospective completion	One copy. This must be provided by the head of your university or graduate school dean. Persons applying under criteria (3) or (4) of 2. 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/prospective completion itself is sufficient, however, if it includes indication of the degree (M.A. or M.S.) obtained or to be obtained.
Transcript	One copy. This must be provided by the head of your university or graduate school dean.
Copy of Residence Card, etc.	Foreign national applicants only. One copy. Provide a 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 provide a copy of your passport.
Envelope for sending Exam Admission Card	<u>When applying from Japan</u> One copy. On a 23.5 cm × 12 cm envelope, affix 404 yen in stamps (to cover registered mail), and write the name and address to which the card will be sent. This is not necessary if you are applying in person. <u>When applying from outside Japan</u> Enclose an addressed envelope and an International Reply-Paid Coupon in an amount sufficient for mailing from Japan to the destination by EMS (Express Mail Service). For details, see the attachment "Applying from Outside Japan".

Examination fee 30,000 yen	<p><u>When paying in Japan</u></p> <p>In principle during the application period, make payment by bank transfer, convenience store, Pay-easy, internet banking, or credit card.</p> <p>-Bank transfer</p> <p>Make payment to the Kunitachi Branch of Sumitomo Mitsui Bank as follows.</p> <p>Account type: “Futsu”</p> <p>Account no.: 7761819</p> <p>Account name: Hitotsubashi University</p> <p>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.</p> <p>-Convenience store, Pay-easy, internet banking or credit card</p> <p>Go to the following website:</p> <p>https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/admission/postgraduates/announce.html</p> <p>Follow the instructions on the website, and submit an A4 size copy of a certificate to show the transfer, along with your application.</p> <p><u>When paying from outside Japan</u></p> <p>See the attachment “Applying from Outside Japan”.</p> <p>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 please submit a certificate to that effect issued by your university.</p>
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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: Of the submitted documents, attach a Japanese translation of those in a language other than English or Japanese.

Note 3: If only a copy of a foreign-issued certificate can be submitted, have it certified by an embassy or other public agency as a copy of the original document, and submit this certificate. Be aware that the People’s Republic of China embassy and consulates in Japan do not issue documents certifying the authenticity of copies of diplomas or transcripts issued in China, or certifying the authenticity of translations of the original. Notarization or authentication of diplomas and transcripts issued in China must be performed in China, either at the China Higher-education Student Information (CHSI) in Beijing, or at notarization offices in other parts of China (those recognized by the judicial agency in each region). The CHSI also accepts applications from outside China by mail for certification procedures. Applicants requiring a certificate of (prospective) graduation or (prospective) completion from an educational institution in China are urged to begin the procedures at an early date.

5. Application procedures

Enclose the full set of application documents in an envelope marked in red on the lower left with APPLICATION DOCUMENTS, 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.**

Applications must arrive within the application period (January 7 to 12, 2021). (They will be accepted no later than 17:00 JST on Tuesday, January 12.)

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.

6. Selection process and criteria

In the first-stage examination, based on the submitted thesis and application documents, the applicant’s research level, academic importance of the research project, match to the fields of this Graduate School, and feasibility of the research plan are assessed. Another factor considered is 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 examination.

The second stage is 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. Final acceptance is decided as the sum result of the first-stage and second-stage exams.

(1) First-stage examination (document screening)

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

Time	Announcement method
Mon, Feb. 15, 2021 13:00 JST	Posted on bulletin board on campus (south side of Administration Building) and on website (URL will be sent to applicants)

(2) Second-stage examination (interview) ***Be sure to have your Exam Admission Card with you.**

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

Time	Exam contents
Wed, Feb. 17, 2021 or Thu, Feb. 18, 2021 09:30 to around 18:00 JST	Applicants will be examined regarding the submitted papers and research plans, etc. They will also be tested regarding the foreign language ability necessary for the research. (approximately 70 minutes per applicant)

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

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

7. Announcement of acceptance

Time	Announcement method
Wed, Feb. 24, 2021 13:00 JST	Posted on campus bulletin boards and on website (Applicants will also be notified of their acceptance by mail.)

8. Enrolment procedures

(1) Admission fee payment period

February 26 to March 4, 2021

Failure to pay during this period will be treated as forfeiture of acceptance to the school.

(2) Admission fee amount: 282,000 yen

Note: The University has assistance programs enabling the admission fee to be waived or deferred. Those desiring to apply for such assistance should not deposit the fee but should instead obtain the application forms from the Student Services Division (Gakusei Shien-ka) and apply within the required time period. (Application for waiver or deferral cannot be made after depositing payment. Note also that since applications are denied in some cases, sufficient readiness for payment should be made in advance.)

(3) Other

Other necessary matters concerning enrolment procedures, including documents to be submitted and timing, will be notified separately by mail to those who are admitted. Tuition (535,800 yen annually) is to be paid after enrolment. Those enrolling in the school will be notified separately of the timing and method of payment.

The amounts indicated above are provisional. In case the schedule of fees to be paid by students is revised during residence in the school, the revised amounts become effective from the time of revision.

9. Matters to note

Coronavirus(COVID-19) information

We may have to change the admission schedule and method due to the spread of COVID-19 infection. Please check our website regularly for updated schedule.

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.

Choice of institute

You cannot switch your application to the Institute for the Study of Social Sciences after applying to the Institute for the Study of Global Issues. It is also not possible to change your affiliation between the two institutes after admission. Note also that your principle supervisor must be affiliated to the Institute for the Study of Global Issues. (See the attached sheet “2020-2021 Institute for the Study of Global Issues Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University.”)

Documents

- (1) On application documents to be filled out by the applicant, type or use a black ink ballpoint pen.
- (2) 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 **4. Application and examination fees**.

For those with disabilities or needs special concerns on the Entrance examination and special assistance for academic learning

Applicants with disabilities or special needs who require accommodation in the application process and / or once they start their program at Graduate School of Economics should notify the Admissions Office by November 30, 2020 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 screening and / or the program starting date.

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.

Privacy Policy

The information of applicants including the grades/scores at the entrance examinations will not be used except for educational or learning support purposes.

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 the dormitory should submit applications following the application guidelines that will be announced in June and December at the following websites. Please note that dormitory selection is by lottery.

Please check this website.

http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/application_for_dorm/index.html

Immunizations

During the health checkup period right after your enrollment, documentation must be provided showing all the required immunizations of measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox (varicella) vaccines, or titers of the said diseases showing immunity.

Please check your vaccination record.

<p>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</p>

Institute for the Study of Global Issues
 Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University
 Course list 2020-2021

Note: Courses and faculty assignments are subject to change

[Core courses]

Course group	Course Name	Instructor
Culture	Culture and Globalization	ASHIWA Yoshiko
	Cultural Reception and Formation	* AKAMINE Jun
	Formation of Values	Guest instructor
	Civilization and Peripheral Societies	KUBO Akinori
	Human Development in Multicultural Society	* OHTA Miyuki
Transnational flows	Globalization and Mobile Society	* TADA Osamu
	Global Urban Studies	MACHIMURA Takashi
	Ethnicity	KOIDO Akihiro
	Community Policy from Global Perspectives	Nishino Fumiko
Peace and conflict	Globalization and Education	* OHTA Miyuki
	Ideas and Ideals of Peace	ASHIWA Yoshiko
	Transition Studies	* FUKUTOMI Mitsuhiisa
	War and Society	Undecided
	Trauma and Global Society	* MIYAJI Naoko
	Peace and Gender	SATO Fumika
Media	Gender and Citizenship in Global Context	SATO Fumika
	Global Media	* TADA Osamu
	Culture and Representation	ASHIWA Yoshiko
	Research on Online Media	* Jonathan LEWIS
Environment	Media Research Methods	* Jonathan LEWIS
	Global Society and Life	* MIYAJI Naoko
	Global Environment and Local Society	* AKAMINE Jun
	Issues of Development	UEDA Gen
	Issues in International Development	UEDA Gen
	Basic Natural Science for Environmental Research	* OTAKI Yurina
Global issues	Space, Earth and Humans	* OTSUBO Toshimichi
	Research on Global Issues 1	Full-time instructor
	Research on Global Issues 2	* FUKUTOMI Mitsuhiisa
	Philosophical Foundation of Global Issues	MORIMURA Toshimi
	Topics in Global Studies IIA	Guest instructor
	Topics in Global Studies IIB	Guest instructor
	Doctoral Research on Global Issues	Full-time instructor

[Applied courses]

Course group	Course Name	Instructor
Applied courses	Environmental Issues and Practices	Guest instructor
	Cultural Exchange: Methods and Practice	Guest instructor
	International Cooperation: Practice and Methods	Guest instructor
	Digital Media 1	Guest instructor
	Digital Media 2	Guest instructor
	Statistics for social science	Part-time instructor
	Internship 1	Full-time instructor
	Internship 2	Full-time instructor
Field Research	Field Research 1	Full-time instructor
	Field Research 2	Full-time instructor
Project Research	Seminar on Global Issues I	Guest instructor
	Seminar on Global Issues II	Guest instructor
	Project Research	Full-time instructor

The * mark shows instructors who have a graduate seminar and can act as supervisors.

2021 Academic Year

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Seminar Instructors

(The ※ mark shows instructors who don't have a graduate seminar and can't act as supervisors in 2021 Academic Year.)

AKAMINE Jun	Professor	(Global area studies, Southeast Asian studies, environmental studies)	eng
※ ASHIWA Yoshiko	Adjunct Professor	(Cultural anthropology, Sri Lankan studies, religion and society, conflict and reconciliation, cultural policy)	eng, sin
OHTA Miyuki	Professor	(Comparative and international education, non-formal education, adult education)	
OTAKI Yurina	Professor	(Environmental science, water science)	eng
OTSUBO Toshimichi	Professor	(Space geodesy)	eng
TADA Osamu	Professor	(Sociology, history, ethics, tourism, Okinawa, cultural studies)	
FUKUTOMI Mitsuhsa	Professor	(International politics, international relations, Middle Eastern Studies)	eng, fra
MIYAJI Naoko	Professor	(Cultural psychiatry)	eng
Jonathan LEWIS	Professor	(Political science, information society studies, social media research)	eng

The language codes indicate faculty members able to offer individual supervision in languages in addition to Japanese. PhD theses can be written in English or Japanese.
eng ... English, fra ... French, sin ... Sinhalese

