

September 2017 Entry
Application Guidelines for M.A. Program / Ph.D. Program
Graduate Program on Global Society
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
The University of Tokyo

Program Overview

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, which is located on the University of Tokyo's Komaba Campus, launched a new program, the Graduate Program on Global Society, in the fall of 2012. The Program focuses on the theme of human existence in the age of globalization and seeks to cultivate the agenda-shaping and problem-solving leadership demanded by our multipolar world.

Advances in science and technology require that we question our perspectives on the political, legal, ethical, and ecological dimensions of the human condition. In order to address the challenges of this reality and take advantage of the possibilities that it offers, GSP has developed a program dedicated to exploring the complex relation between law and governance, forging new avenues of multilateral cooperation, and identifying alternate ways of structuring societies in our increasingly global and interdependent world.

GSP is a comprehensive program designed for students interested in crossing the disciplinary boundaries between the humanities and social sciences. Its focus centers upon modern Japanese and Asian societies and the experiences of Western modernity particular to them. The Program, however, also places such experiences in a wider, comparative contextual framework and, in so doing, sheds light on the diverse and interdependent nature of global society.

The working language of the program is English, but the language and style of communication may vary according to individual courses and interests. All courses offered in GSP are open to students affiliated with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, as well as other graduate schools and programs within the University. GSP students have access to courses offered by other schools and programs in the University system, contingent upon the demonstration of language competency. In addition, participation in student groups and university-organized extracurricular activities, such as internships and externships, is strongly encouraged in order to promote social, cultural, and scholarly exchange.

Programs

M.A. program

Our M.A. program is tailored to students in the humanities and social sciences who are interested in the political, social, ecological, cultural, or ethical aspects of human existence in global society. It features curriculum that is designed to: 1) further understanding of the changing socio-cultural landscape in Japan, in Asia, and around the world; and 2) cultivate the skills needed to shape agendas and solve problems in our current era of globalization.

Ph.D. program

Our Ph.D. program is designed to develop highly qualified researchers capable of making original contributions to scholarship in the humanities and social sciences. Students are expected to conduct independent research focusing on political, social, ecological, cultural, and/or ethical aspects of human existence in a multipolar world. The program is particularly suited for those students who wish to pursue a career as a researcher or professional in fields related to the study of global society.

GSP students will be concurrently enrolled in GSP and one of the four departments of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: Language and Information Sciences; Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies; Area Studies; or Advanced Social and International Studies. Students must follow GSP curriculum guidelines, however, in order to meet their degree requirements.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://gsp.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>.

Degrees Offered and Projected Numbers of Entrants

The M.A. in Global Studies: Ten (10) students.

The Ph.D. in Global Studies: Three (3) students.

Enrollment Date

September 22, 2017

Fees* (As of 2016, subject to change)

Application fee: 10,000 yen

Enrollment fee: 282,000 yen

Annual Tuition

M.A. program: 535,800 yen

Ph.D. program: 520,800 yen

*All fees will be waived for MEXT (Monbukagakusho) scholarship students. However, those who have applied for MEXT scholarships, but have not yet been notified of their results, must pay the application fee.

*Applicants to the Ph.D. Program who expect to obtain a Master's or professional degree from the University of Tokyo in the autumn 2017 are exempt from the application and enrollment fees.

1. Eligibility

M.A. program

Those who have completed or who expect to complete their undergraduate education (a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent) by the time of enrollment * are eligible to apply for the M.A. program. Applicants are expected to have completed 16-year school education, including university education or its equivalent.

Please note that applicants who have completed the equivalent of 15 years of education must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office at the time of or prior to the submission of their application in order to confirm their eligibility. Applicants whose qualifications differ in any other respect from those stated above must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by November 1, 2016.

For details, please refer to Appendix 1.

* Note: Those who expect to complete their undergraduate education (a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent) by September 30, 2017 may be eligible to apply for the M.A. program. Please consult the GPEAK Admissions Office in advance.

Ph.D. program

Those who have or are expected to have a Master's degree or the equivalent (including Ph.D. candidacy) by the time of enrollment * are eligible to apply for the Ph.D. program.

Please note that applicants whose qualifications differ in any other respect from those stated above must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by November 1, 2016.

For details, please refer to Appendix 2.

* Note: Those who are expected to have a Master's degree or the equivalent (including Ph.D. candidacy) by September 30, 2017 may be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. program. Please consult the GPEAK Admissions Office in advance.

2. Selection

Selection for admission is based on the evaluation of the materials submitted by the applicant. A personal interview may be required at the discretion of the GSP Admissions Committee.

Selection for admission regarding those applicants to the Ph.D. program who expect to obtain a Master's degree from GSP in the autumn 2017 is based on the student's Master's thesis, the quality of the student's work and grades while in the M.A. program, and the oral examination. Each applicant will, following the submission of his or her application, receive notification of the appointed selection date and place from the GPEAK Admissions Office.

3. Application Period

Applications for admission will be accepted from January 5 to January 31, 2017.

Applicants are required to send all application materials in one package by registered mail or via couriers such as EMS, DHL, or FEDEX. All application materials must be postmarked by January 31, 2017.

Applicants to the Ph.D. program who expect to obtain a Master's degree from GSP in the autumn 2017 must submit their application materials, in person, to the GPEAK Admissions Office during the period of May 8 to May 12, 2017.

Documents that arrive postmarked after this date will not be considered.

4. Notification of Result

All applicants will be notified of the results of their applications by March 31, 2017 via e-mail. A formal notification in writing will be sent only to successful applicants.

Results of the selection process regarding those applicants to the Ph.D. program who expect to obtain a Master's degree from GSP in the autumn 2017 will be sent via e-mail by

the end of July 2017 and followed by formal notification in writing.

5. Application Documents

All documents should be written in English, unless otherwise specified.

Note: The applicant's signature on the application form indicates that he or she certifies that all documents submitted are truthful, accurate, and entirely his or her own. The University may retroactively cancel the admission of any student who has falsified or misrepresented any part of his or her application.

A. CHECKLIST (Form #1)

B. APPLICATION FORM (Form #2)

C. Certificates of all higher degrees and diplomas awarded or an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from a college, university, or other institution of higher learning by the time of enrollment.

M.A. program applicants must submit their Bachelor's certificate, and Ph.D. program applicants must submit both their Bachelor's and Master's certificates.

If it is impossible to obtain the certificate(s) in English, please contact the GPEAK Admissions Office as soon as possible for further instructions.

D. Official transcripts from each college, university, or other institution of higher learning attended.

E. Three letters of recommendation including Form #3. Each letter and Form # 3 must be original and must be placed in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal by the recommender. Recommenders may send their letters directly to the GPEAK Admissions Office. Letters must arrive by the application deadline, January 31, 2017.

F. TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form.

Applicants must submit a copy of their Examinee's Score Record (TOEFL) or Test Report Form (IELTS) with all accompanying documents within the application period. The Official

Score Report (TOEFL) or Test Report Form (IELTS) should be sent, by the testing institution, directly to the GPEAK Admissions Office (TOEFL Institution Code = 6184). Applications missing the report sent by the testing institution will not be reviewed.

English proficiency can also be demonstrated by the receipt of a Bachelor's or other advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education where English is the primary language of instruction.

G. GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) General Test Official Score Report.

Applicants must submit a copy of their Examinee's Score Record together with all accompanying documents within the application period. ETS should send the Official Score Report directly to the GPEAK Admissions Office (Institution Code = 8326). Applications will not be reviewed without the Official Score Report.

H. Personal Statement. Applicants should describe, in 500 words or less, their past field of study, the reasons for their interest in the GSP program, their future career plans, and any other information they deem relevant to the consideration of their application.

I. Research Proposal. Applicants should describe their detailed research plans, including the tentative title of their research topic, research design and methods, and relevant sources and data for research. For those applying for the M.A. program, the proposal should be between 900 to 1,000 words (excluding reference), and for the Ph.D. program, between 1,200 to 1,500 words (excluding reference).

J. Three photos (size 4cm x 3cm). Applicants should attach one photo to the Application Form (Form #2) and enclose two additional photos with the name of the applicant written on the back of each photo.

K. One Certificate of Remittance (English or Japanese). All applicants, except MEXT (Monbukagakusho) scholarship students and applicants to the Ph.D. program who expect to obtain a Master's or professional degree from the University of Tokyo in the autumn 2017 must pay the application fee prior to submitting the application. Students residing outside of Japan must pay the application fee through the University of Tokyo's online payment system (e-payment). Please visit the website (<https://e-shiharai.net/english>) and follow the instructions. The printed "result" page will constitute the "Certificate of Remittance" and must be enclosed with the application. Those residing in Japan may pay by bank transfer using a specified payment slip, by credit card, or at a convenience store. Further details are provided on Form #4. The Certificate of Remittance should be attached to the section designated on Form # 2 of the Application Form. MEXT scholarship students should submit a certificate of proof of their scholarship status instead of a certificate of remittance.

* Applicants to the Ph.D. program who expect to obtain a Master's degree from GSP in the autumn 2017 are only required to submit those materials listed under B, H, I and J above.

Please note that none of the documents or materials submitted will be returned.

6. Address

All application documents should be enclosed in one package and sent to the following address:

GPEAK Admissions Office
Academic Affairs Division
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
The University of Tokyo
3-8-1 Komaba, Meguro-ku, Tokyo
153-8902 JAPAN
Tel: +81-3-5465-8220
E-mail: office@gsp.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp

7. Notes

(1) International students are required by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Cabinet Order No. 319 of 1951) to obtain an appropriate visa prior to entering the GSP Program. Successful applicants will receive further information from the University by the end of May regarding the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and visa application procedures.

(2) We strongly recommend that, prior to enrollment, applicants identify and apply for all suitable financial aid or scholarship opportunities available to them.

(3) The University reserves the right to use the personal information (such as the name and address) of the applicants for the following purposes: (i) processing applications and selecting successful candidates; (ii) announcement of successful candidates; and (iii) completing other necessary admission procedures. The personal information of admitted students may also be used for: (i) academic affairs (e.g., registration etc.); (ii) student services (e.g., health care, career support, scholarship applications, tuition exemptions, libraries, etc.); and (iii) the collection of tuition fees.

(4) The examination results used in the selection of entrants may be used to improve the university entrance examination and the quality of education at the University of Tokyo.

Appendix 1. Requirements for Eligibility: M.A. Program

Persons who fulfill at least one of the following requirements are eligible to apply for the M.A. program.

- (1) Those who have graduated from a university (as understood within Japan's educational system) or are expected to graduate by September 21, 2017 (one day before the enrollment date).
- (2) Those who have completed, or will complete by September 21, 2017, 16-year school education outside Japan.
- (3) Those who have completed, or will complete by September 21, 2017, the equivalent of a 16-year education in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses in Japan that are provided by an educational institution in that foreign country.
- (4) Those who have completed, or will complete by September 21, 2017, a program at an educational institution in Japan recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT, Monbukagakusho) as providing the coursework of a foreign graduate institution consistent with coursework found in the educational system of the said country. This applies solely to those individuals who have completed the equivalent of 16 years of education in the originating country's education system.
- (5) Those who have completed, or will complete by September 21, 2017, a specialized training college program in Japan otherwise recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date on which the said program received the Ministry's designation. This applies only to programs lasting at least 4 years and satisfying standards established by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (6) Those recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in accordance with 1953 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notification No. 5. (Note 1)
- (7) Those who have received or expect to receive a Bachelor's degree by September 21, 2017, in accordance with Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Education Law. (Note 2)
- (8) Those who: 1) have completed the equivalent of 15 years of education in a foreign country, or who have completed the equivalent of 15 years of education through correspondence courses offered by a foreign institution operating in Japan; and who 2) are recognized by this graduate school as having attained the necessary credits while demonstrating academic excellence. (Note 3)
- (9) Those who: 1) have completed the equivalent of 15 years of education in a foreign country; 2) have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as

providing coursework equivalent to that found in a university within the educational system of the foreign country; and 3) who are recognized by this graduate school as having attained the necessary credits and demonstrated academic excellence. (Note 3)

(10) Those who will be at least 22 years of age as of September 21, 2017, and who have been recognized by this graduate school, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having achieved the academic equivalent of a university graduate. (Note 4)

* Note: Those who expect to complete their undergraduate education (a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent) by September 30, 2017 may be eligible to apply for the M.A. program. Please consult the GPEAK Admissions Office in advance.

NOTES TO APPENDIX 1

(Note 1)

Requirement (6) above applies to those who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a university in Japan established under the old university ordinances, or from national colleges/prefectural colleges (Daigakko) established through acts or directives issued by any of the Japanese government ministries.

(Note 2)

Requirement (7) above applies to those individuals who have received or are scheduled to be awarded a Bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees or the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation.

(Note 3)

Those who intend to apply under requirements (8) and (9) above should contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by e-mail at the time of or prior to the submission of their application in order to determine their eligibility.

(Note 4)

(a) Requirement (10) above applies to those who do not qualify under requirements (1) through (9) above, but who have graduated (or completed a program of study) from an educational institution equivalent to a four-year university in Japan, and who have been deemed, through individual screening of entrance qualifications by this graduate school, as having attained the academic equivalent of a university graduate.

(b) Those who intend to apply under requirement (10) must have their qualifications individually screened before submitting an application. Such persons are asked to provide a curriculum vitae that includes their date of birth, current address, contact information, and descriptions of all relevant qualifications to the GPEAK Admissions Office by e-mail by November 1, 2016. Additional information may also be required.

(c) Those who are recognized, through the individual screening process, as holding the

equivalent of a Bachelor's degree will be notified to that effect by e-mail and requested to submit their official application together with certificates of all relevant qualifications.

Appendix 2. Requirements for Eligibility: Ph.D. Program

Persons who fulfill at least one of the following requirements are eligible to apply for the Ph.D. program.

- (1) Those who expect to obtain by September 21, 2017 (one day before the enrollment date), a Master's degree or a professional degree from this university.
- (2) Those who have already obtained a Master's degree or a professional degree from this university.
- (3) Those who have obtained, or expect to obtain, a Master's degree or a professional degree from another university by September 21, 2017.
- (4) Those on whom a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree outside Japan has been conferred, or is expected to be conferred by September 21, 2017.
- (5) Those who: 1) have completed, or expect to complete, a correspondence course offered by a foreign school operating in Japan; and 2) have received, or will receive by September 21, 2017, a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree.
- (6) Those who: 1) have completed, or expect to complete a program at an educational institution in Japan that is recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as providing the coursework of a foreign graduate institution consistent with coursework found in the educational system of the said country; and 2) have received or will receive a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree by September 21, 2017.
- (7) Those who have obtained, or expect to obtain by September 21, 2017, a Master's degree in accordance with Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Education Law. (Note 1)
- (8) Those who have received, or expect to receive by September 21, 2017, a Master's degree or the equivalent from the United Nations University as prescribed in Article 1, Item 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), established on the December 11, 1972, through resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- (9) Those who have completed a course of study at a school overseas, at an educational institution designated in paragraph (6) above of these Requirements for Eligibility, or at the United Nations University, have passed or will have passed by September 21, 2017, examinations and screenings equivalent to those specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards

for Establishment of Graduate Schools (1974 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Ordinance No. 28), and who have been recognized by this graduate school as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree. (Note 2)

(10) Those who: 1) have graduated from a university and have been engaged in research at a university, research institute or other institution in Japan or abroad for at least two years, or will have been engaged in research for at least two years by September 21, 2017, and 2) have, based on the results of their research, been recognized by this graduate school as having achieved the academic equivalent of a Master's degree or a professional degree. (Note 2)

(11) Those who: 1) have completed the equivalent of 16 years of education in a foreign country or through correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign educational institution; 2) have been engaged in research for at least two years at a university, research institute, or other institution in Japan or abroad, or who will have been engaged in research for at least two years by September 21, 2017 and 3) have, based on the results of their research, been recognized by this graduate school as having achieved the academic equivalent of a Master's degree or a professional degree. (Note 2)

(12) Those who will be at least 24 years of age as of September 21, 2017, and who have been recognized by this graduate school, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having attained the academic equivalent of a Master's degree or a professional degree. (Note 3)

* Note: Those who are expected to have a Master's degree or the equivalent (including Ph.D. candidacy) by September 30, 2017 may be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. program. Please consult the GPEAK Admissions Office in advance.

NOTES TO APPENDIX 2

(Note 1)

Requirement (7) above applies to those who have received a Master's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees or the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation.

(Note 2)

Those who intend to apply under requirement (9), (10) or (11) above must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by e-mail by November 1, 2016, to determine their eligibility.

(Note 3)

(a) Requirement (12) applies to those who do not qualify under requirements (1) through (11) above, but are recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications by this graduate school, as having attained the equivalent of a Master's degree or a

professional degree.

(b) Those who intend to apply under requirement (12) must have their qualifications individually screened before submitting an application. Such persons are asked to provide a curriculum vitae that includes date of birth, current address, contact information, and descriptions of all relevant qualifications to the GPEAK Admissions Office by e-mail by November 1, 2016. Additional information may also be required.

(c) Those who are recognized, through the individual screening process, as having attained the equivalent of a Master's degree or a professional degree will be notified to that effect by e-mail and asked to submit their official applications together with all documents certifying relevant qualifications.