

September 2021 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 Program on Global Society (GSP), which was launched in 2012, 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 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.

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 30, 2021

Fees* (As of 2020, 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

* The application fee must be paid between December 1, 2020 and January 13, 2021.

Application materials cannot be reviewed without receipt of the application fee. Refund of the application fee is not possible under any circumstances.

*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 2021 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 whose qualifications differ in any other respect from those stated above must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by November 1, 2020.

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, 2021 must 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, 2020.

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, 2021 must 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 2021 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 4 to January 13, 2021 (No later than 4:00 pm) [JST].

Please submit the necessary application documents (refer to 5. Application Documents) online as follows:

[Application Documents A to D, F to K, and L (Ph.D. only)]

Upload the application documents A to D, F to K, and L (Ph.D. only) to the designated link that will be posted on the GSP website at <http://gsp.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/admissions/index.html>

The link for applicants will only be accessible during the application period. The application documents may NOT be hand-delivered, faxed, or emailed. Applications will only be considered valid if they are uploaded no later than 4:00 pm on January 13, 2021 (JST). The GPEAK Admissions Office is not responsible for any system malfunction caused by applicants' computers.

[Application Document E. Three letters of recommendation including Form #3.]

Please ask your recommenders to upload the signed Form #3 and letter of recommendation to the designated link that will also be posted on the GSP website above.

Applicants to the Ph.D. program who expect to obtain a Master's degree from GSP in the autumn 2021 must upload their application materials to the designated link, which will be sent from the GPEAK Admissions Office via e-mail, during the period of May 6 to May 10, 2021.

4. Notification of Result

All applicants will be notified of the results of their applications on March 10, 2021 via e-mail. A formal notification in writing will be sent only to successful applicants. The university cannot respond to inquiries regarding the results of any part of the screening process. 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 2021 will be sent on July 30, 2021 via e-mail and followed by formal notification in writing.

5. Application Documents

Notes:

- None of the documents or materials submitted will be returned.
- All certificates must be official. **Successful applicants must submit the original certificates before you enroll in the program.**
- The application form and all additional documents must be submitted in English. If any of the required additional documents cannot be submitted in English, the applicant must obtain a translation of each document and submit it along with the original.
- 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. [PDF] CHECKLIST (Form #1)

B. [PDF] APPLICATION FORM (Form #2). Attach a photograph to the application form.

C. [PDF] 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.

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

E. **[PDF]** Three letters of recommendation including Form #3. Each letter and Form # 3 must be **uploaded to the designated link on the GSP website.**

F. TOEFL or IELTS score reports.

Only the scores of tests taken on or before December 18, 2020 will be accepted. Applicants must submit the following two types of score reports:

- 1) **[PDF]** A copy of the Test Taker Score Report (TOEFL) or the Test Report Form (IELTS)
- 2) An Institutional Score Report (TOEFL Institution Code = 6184) / Test Report Form (IELTS) should be sent, by the testing institution, directly to the GPEAK Admissions Office and must arrive at the office by January 29, 2021. Applications missing the score report will not be reviewed.

Notes:

- TOEFL-ITP scores are not accepted. (For an exception regarding applicants in China, see below.)
- In the case of TOEFL iBT, either recent, valid Test Date scores or the MyBest scores must be sent to our office.
- Applicants are requested to submit scores for the regular versions of TOEFL or IELTS. If TOEFL or IELTS has been suspended in the applicant's country of residence due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, then the applicant may instead submit a score report for the TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition or IELTS Indicator. Applicants in China may submit scores for TOEFL ITP Plus for China.

English proficiency can also be demonstrated by the receipt of a Bachelor's degree 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 score reports.

Only the scores of tests taken on or before December 18, 2020 will be accepted. Applicants must submit the following two types of score reports:

- 1) **[PDF]** A copy of the Test Taker Score Report
- 2) A Graduate Institution Score Report (Institution Code = 8326) should be sent, by ETS, directly to the GPEAK Admissions Office and must arrive at the office by January 29, 2021. Applications will not be reviewed without the score report.

Important: Any applicant who is found to have cheated on any qualifying exam will not be admitted, and any admitted student who is found after the fact to have cheated may forfeit

his or her admission.

H. [PDF] 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. [PDF] 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. [JPEG] Passport-style photo (size 4cm x 3cm). The photo must have been taken within the last 6 months.

K. [PDF] 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 a professional degree from the University of Tokyo in the autumn 2021 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 provided 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 submitted. MEXT scholarship students should submit a certificate of proof of their scholarship status instead of a certificate of remittance.

(For Ph.D. Program Applicants Only)

L. [PDF] A chapter of your master's thesis or additional supplemental work (approximately 3,000 words).

Applicants to the Ph.D. program who expect to obtain a Master's degree from GSP in the autumn 2021 are only required to submit those materials listed under B, H, I, J and L above.

6. Contact

GPEAK Admissions Office
Academic Affairs Division

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The University of Tokyo
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153-8902 JAPAN
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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.
- (5) The University of Tokyo has established “The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulations” in accordance with Japan’s “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, and rigorously screens potential international students on the basis of these regulations. Please be aware that international applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may fail to receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their research activities restricted.

Details can be obtained from the following website:

Office of Export Control

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/export-control/ja/rule.html> (Only in Japanese)

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 Japanese university or are expected to graduate before the enrollment date. (Note 1)

(2) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete before the enrollment date, 16 years of school education abroad. (Note 2)

(3) Those who have been conferred a degree equivalent to that of a bachelor's degree or are expected to be conferred before the enrollment date from a foreign university or other foreign institution (limited to those whose comprehensive status of education and research activities have been assessed by the government of the said foreign country or a related organization), having completed a program with a completion period of 3 years or more. (Note 2)

(4) Those designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or those who have graduated or are expected to graduate before the enrollment date from an educational institution designated by the Minister. (Note 3)

(5) Those who have been conferred a bachelor's degree or are expected to have conferred before the enrollment date by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD).

(6) Those who are 22 years or older on the enrollment date, whom this graduate school has recognized through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a Japanese university. (Note 1) (Note 4)

NOTES TO APPENDIX 1

(Note 1)

Japanese universities mentioned in Requirements (1) and (6) above are universities within the boundaries of Japan and as prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Law.

(Note 2)

Requirements (2) and (3) above includes the case of having completed a correspondence program provided by a foreign school of said country while residing in Japan.

(Note 3)

Those as mentioned in Requirement (4) above refers to any who have graduated from

the following schools or educational institutions.

- The Japan branch of a foreign school as designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- Specialized training college designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to programs where the program duration is at least 4 years and which satisfies standards determined by the Minister)
- Universities under the old university ordinances, or higher educational institutions (daigakko) under the national/provincial/independent administrative agency ordinances

(Note 4)

(a) Those mentioned in Requirement (6) above refers to those who do not fall into any of the Requirements (1) through (5) above but have graduated from an educational institution equivalent to a 4-year university, and whom this graduate school has recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a Japanese university.

(b) Those who wish to apply based on Requirement (6) above must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by November 1, 2020 and submit all the documents specified by the GPEAK Admissions Office as the eligibility for application is confirmed individually in advance by document screening. Please inquire the GPEAK Admissions Office in advance about the eligibility for application and the documents to be submitted.

(c) Those who are recognized as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a Japanese university through screening of entrance qualification will be permitted to apply and take the entrance examination. The results of this screening will be notified by e-mail.

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 are expected to obtain before the enrollment date, a Master's or a professional degree from the University of Tokyo.
- (2) Those who have already obtained a Master's or a professional degree from the University of Tokyo.
- (3) Those who have obtained or are expected to obtain before the enrollment date a Master's or a professional degree from a Japanese university other than the University of Tokyo. (Note 1)
- (4) Those who have been conferred a Master's degree or are expected to be conferred before the enrollment date from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD).
- (5) Those who have been conferred or are expected to be conferred before the enrollment date a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree abroad. (Note 2)
- (6) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete before the enrollment date, a program in an educational institution in Japan that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, which provides program of a foreign graduate school within the school education system of a foreign country, and have conferred or are expected to be conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree.
- (7) Those who have completed or are expected to complete a program at the United Nations University and have been conferred a degree equivalent to that of a Master's degree or are expected to be conferred before the enrollment date.
- (8) Those who have passed or are expected to pass before the enrollment date a screening for the fundamental ability for doctorate dissertation research as specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools at a school abroad, an educational institution mentioned in Requirement (6) above, or the United Nations University, shall be recognized by this graduate school as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree. (Note 3)
- (9) Those who have graduated from a Japanese university or have completed at least 16 years of academic education overseas, and have been engaged in research at a university, research institute or other institution in Japan or abroad for at least 2 years, or are expected to have been engaged in research for at least 2 years before the enrollment date, and shall be recognized by this graduate school as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a Master's or a professional degree as a result of said research. (Note 1) (Note 2) (Note 3) (Note 4)
- (10) Those who are 24 years or older as of the enrollment date, whom this graduate school has recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities

that are at least equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree holder. (Note 5)

NOTES TO APPENDIX 2

(Note 1)

Japanese universities mentioned in Requirements (3) and (9) above are universities within the boundaries of Japan and as prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Law.

(Note 2)

Requirements (5) and (9) above includes the case of having completed a correspondence program provided by a foreign school of said country while residing in Japan.

(Note 3)

Those who wish to apply under Requirement (8) or (9) above must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by November 1, 2020 and submit all the documents specified by the GPEAK Admissions Office as the eligibility for application is confirmed in advance by document screening. Please inquire the GPEAK Admissions Office in advance about the eligibility for application and the documents to be submitted.

(Note 4)

Requirement (9) applies to those who have been engaged (or are expected to have been engaged) on a full-time basis or equivalent to full-time status in research at a university, research institute or other institution in Japan or abroad for at least 2 years.

(Note 5)

(a) Those covered under Requirement (10) applies to those who do not qualify under Requirements (1) through (9) above, but are recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications by this graduate school, as having attained the equivalent of a Master's or a professional degree.

(b) Those who wish to apply based on Requirement (10) above must contact the GPEAK Admissions Office by November 1, 2020 and submit all the documents specified by the GPEAK Admissions Office as the eligibility for application is confirmed individually in advance by document screening. Please inquire the GPEAK Admissions Office in advance about the eligibility for application and the documents to be submitted.

(c) Those who are recognized as having abilities that are at least equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree holder through screening of qualifications will be permitted to apply and take the entrance examination. The results of this screening will be notified by e-mail.