

Kyoto University Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability [5-year doctoral program]

Outline of Application Guidelines for Admission in Academic Year 2025:
Preliminary Announcement of Changes

Kyoto University Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (5-year doctoral program) will make the following changes to the selection process and curriculum in regards to the General Entrance Examination of students for the 2025 academic year.

1. Selection Process

Applicants who wish to enroll in the Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (GSAIS), taking the General Entrance Examination, shall apply to the GSAIS. There are two stages of the entrance examination as follows. Applicants who pass the first stage examination are eligible for the second stage examination.

(1) First stage examination: entrance examination of the GSAIS. The applicant will select the area of study that will serve as the basis (the axis of specialization) for solving the issues he/she wishes to address after entering the GSAIS. The applicant should select and notify one graduate school among the graduate schools listed below (*) which has the field or department in the selected area of study at the time of application. The applicant will take the entrance examination of the master's program for the selected graduate school as the first stage examination of the GSAIS.

(2) Second stage examination: an interview conducted by the GSAIS.

Regarding the field or department in the academic area of study referred to in (1), a system will be established whereby the applicant can consult with the Admissions Office of Kyoto University prior to application.

(*) Graduate School of Letters, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Law, Graduate School of Economics, Graduate School of Science, Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Graduate School of Engineering, Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Graduate School of Energy Sciences, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Graduate School of Informatics, Graduate School of Life Sciences, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies

2. Kyoto University GSAIS Curriculum [5-year doctoral program]

The GSAIS will award the Doctor of Philosophy once the requirements for its completion have been met.

In the first and second year of the GSAIS, students will take courses (approximately 10 credits) offered by the GSAIS in preparation for the "Integrated" approach. In addition to this, students will take courses offered by the master's program of the graduate school for which they took the entrance examination in (1), called 'the study school', and receive research guidance by the study school or the GSAIS to form the axis of specialization.

In order to advance to the third year of the GSAIS, students must earn credits equivalent to those required for completion of the master's course, receive research guidance by the study school or the GSAIS, write and pass a thesis equivalent to a master's thesis, and pass an examination conducted by the GSAIS.

There are two courses of study during the three years of the Doctoral Course.

(1) "Interdisciplinary Research Course": Students master a specialized area of study that differs from that of their master's level, and together with the mastery of the Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability, students will compile the content of their five years of study and research into a doctoral dissertation.

(2) "Social Practice Course": Based on the axis of specialization acquired during the master's course, students will continue to study advanced specialized subjects and conduct research in the major academic field, and together with the required credit of Domestic and International Training, complete a doctoral dissertation on the research contents to contribute to Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability.

3. Other

Details of the selection process, etc. will be announced in the application guidelines for the academic year 2025 (scheduled for release in April 2024).