

Graduate School of Global Studies

Admissions Guide for International Students

September 2027 Entry

I. Degree, Major, Cluster, Student Status and Number of Students Admitted

Degree	Major	Cluster	Student Status	Number of Students Admitted
Ph.D.	Global Studies	American Studies Cluster Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster Global Society Studies Cluster	Regular	Limited
			Special	Limited

※Standard period of study is 3 years.

II. Qualifications for Applicants

Doctoral Program:

Those who have foreign nationalities and who satisfy one of the following qualifications are eligible:

- (1) Those who have certification for a master's degree from an institution outside Japan or are expected to receive it before September 20, 2027.
- (2) Those who have certification for a master's degree from an institution in Japan as a foreign student or are expected to receive it before September 20, 2027.
- (3) Those who Doshisha University recognizes as having an equivalent qualification to one of the above requirements (1) (2), and who are 24 years or older by the time of enrollment, will be considered for admission.

■Note

1 : Students enrolled in the clusters of American Studies and Global Society Studies can complete the degree by taking classes taught in English. Please be aware that courses in Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster Ph.D. Program is basically conducted in Japanese.

2 : Those who apply to above (3) are required to take an eligibility screening for application in advance. Applicants shall contact the office of Graduate School of Global Studies in advance, and send the required documents as following by mail to the office by Friday, November 27, 2026. (Simplified Registered Express Mail only. The documents must reach the office on or before the deadline). The result of the screening shall be notified by Friday, December 25, 2026 to the applicant those who are already residing in Japan by mail, and to the applicant those who are residing abroad by email.

<Documents Required for Application Eligibility Screening>

- Application Form for Eligibility Screening for Application and Curriculum Vitae (Prescribed Form GS④)
- Certificate of Graduation and Official Transcripts
(Proved by the president of the final school which the applicant graduated from)
- A Personal Statement
(A4 sized paper, horizontal writing, approximately 1,000 words, Word is accepted)
- Academic Performance as a substitute for a master's thesis
(There is no fixed minimum number of the theses nor word count in a thesis)
- Reference Materials for Eligibility (Optional)
Certificates or Documents to prove that the applicant has:
 - National Qualifications
 - Foreign Language Proficiency
 - Academic History after graduating from the final school which the applicant completed
 - Research or Activity Experiences
 - Qualities and Ability relevant to applicant's working background, position, specialized/professional field

3 : Applicants who have any questions concerning the qualifications other than above Note2 should consult the Office of International Students prior to application.

4 : Admission will be denied if the applicant who passes the entrance examination does not meet the application requirements by September 20, 2027.

III. Application Schedule

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Period	Examination Date	Notification of Result
Ph.D.	General Applicants	Japan	Regular	December 21 (Mon), 2026– January 6 (Wed), 2027 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)	February 14 (Sun), 2027	February 26 (Fri), 2027
			Special		Documentary Screening	
		Abroad	Regular Special			

※Our office is closed from December 29 (Tue), 2026 to January 5 (Tue), 2027. We will be unable to answer phone and email inquiries during this period.

IV. Application Procedure

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Fee	Period for Payment of Application Fee	Application Period
Ph.D.	General Applicants	Japan	Regular	15,000 yen	December 14 (Mon), 2026 - January 6 (Wed), 2027	December 21 (Mon), 2026- January 6 (Wed), 2027 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)
			Special	10,000 yen		
		Abroad	Regular			
			Special			

As for the payment of the Application Fees, the important notes on application documents and submission, see on page 14 to 17 and “Payment of Application Fees” on page 259 to 262.

V. Application Documents (including this “List of Required Documents”)

Name _____

Doctoral Program

The prescribed forms for application documents can be obtained from the following URL.
https://intad.doshisha.ac.jp/intad/en/admissions/guide_entrance_exam_g.html



NOTES: Applicants corresponding to the followings are exempt from submission of documents 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 listed below.

- International student of the Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University (Special Student of Doctoral Program)
- Graduated or expected to graduate from the Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University (Master's Degree) by September 20th, 2027
- Graduated from the Graduate School of American Studies, Doshisha University (Master's Degree)

Please note that a color photocopy or a printed copy of a document downloaded from the internet with printed seal/signature is not considered an original. If you have any questions, please contact the Section for International Admissions, Office of International Students as soon as possible.

	Type of Document	Note	Check
1	Application Confirmation Form (出願確認票)	①Please create and print this form using the online application system, and then fill in the “Date” and “Applicant’s Signature” by hand. Applications without the applicant’s signature will not be accepted. For details, please refer to page 17. If your name does not appear in kanji, please write your name by hand in the kanji name field. ②Please upload a photograph. Do not edit or alter the image using photo apps or similar tools. If your identity cannot be verified due to such alterations, it may be considered a fraudulent act.	☐
2	Certification of Graduation (or Certification of Expected Graduation) of highest academic attainment ※Except Above-mentioned Applicants	Original: may be returned to the applicant upon request For details, see page 15 [Important Notes on Application Documents] ③ and ④. ※Both graduation certificate and certificate of Master’s degree should be submitted if both certificates are issued. ※[Applicants who have graduated/expect to graduate from a university in China (Universities in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau are excluded)] In addition to submitting the original certificate of graduation (or expected graduation) issued by your home university, you must also submit a printed copy of one of the following documents issued by CSSD (CHSI), a certification agency under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China. 〈For those who have graduated from a university〉 Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate 〈For those who have completed a graduate program〉 Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate 〈For those who expect to graduate from a university or complete a graduate program〉 Online Verification Report of Student Record Submission of documents issued only by CSSD (CHSI) is not sufficient for application. You must also submit the original certificate of graduation (or expected graduation) issued by your home university.	☐
3	Official Transcripts ※Except Above-mentioned Applicants	Original: may be returned to the applicant upon request For details, see page 15 [Important Notes on Application Documents] ③ and ④. A list of all previous undergraduate and graduate study credits obtained at the undergraduate and graduate courses.	☐
4	One Letter of Recommendation (Prescribed Form) [Submission is optional]	※MUST be sealed by a recommender.	☐
5	Prescribed Form for Proficiency in Languages (Prescribed Form GS①) ※Except Above-mentioned Applicants	Submit this form even if you have not taken a language proficiency exam. (In that case, please evaluate your abilities using the prescribed form.)	☐
6	Request Sheet for the Main Faculty Research Advisor (Prescribed Form GS②-1 ~ 3)	Fill out and submit a prescribed form of the cluster you wish.	☐

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	Type of Document	Note	Check
7	Plan for Study at Doshisha University	An essay which consists of four sections described below must be written in Japanese OR English on A4-size paper. ※Please write down each section separately. ※The plan must be typed and printed on one side only. ※Those who write Section (1) in Japanese must submit an English summary with a title of approximately 250 words on another sheet. Section(1) Your Academic Objectives and Research Proposal for this Program This section should be approximately 5,000–10,000 Japanese characters or 1,250–2,500 words (in English) long, and should include [1]–[4]. [1] The title of the research [2] An evaluation of related study in the field [3] The objective, method, content, and originality of your research project [4] A bibliography NOTE: [1]–[4] should be clearly stated in order. Section (2) Your Academic Background and Accomplishments Please indicate the universities, graduate schools, faculties, and departments where you studied and specify what you studied there. If you studied abroad, please indicate the countries and the institutions you visited and what you studied there. If you have done any extracurricular or social activities related to the research plan, you can mention them in this section. In addition, if you have any work experience (especially that related to your research area at the Graduate School), please list it with your job descriptions. This section should have 1,200 characters or less in Japanese or 500 words or less in English. Section(3) Reasons for Applying to this Program This section should be approximately 200 Japanese characters or approximately 80 words (in English) long. Section(4) Your Career Plans after Completing this Program This section should be approximately 200 Japanese characters or approximately 80 words (in English) long. *Applicants are strongly recommended to contact a professor they wish to work with prior to the application.	☐
8	Master's Thesis or Equivalent ※Except Applicants mentioned on the previous page	Please submit one copy of your Master's thesis or an equivalent. (It can be a draft or an unpublished manuscript.) Those who submit thesis written in other language than Japanese or English should create and submit table of contents and abstract in Japanese or English (approximately 4,000 characters long in Japanese / 1,000 words in English). Please contact the Office of Graduate School of Global Studies for further questions.	☐
9	Language Proficiency Documents Eligible Applicants • Applicants Residing Outside Japan (All Clusters) • Applicants Residing in Japan (American Studies Cluster) ※Except Applicants mentioned on the previous page ※Applicants to the Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster and the Global Society Studies Cluster residing in Japan are not required to submit these documents.	Please submit the score report of one of the following English proficiency tests. Scores are valid only if taken within two years prior to the date of the entrance examination. (1) TOEFL iBT® Test Please submit an "Official Score Report" sent directly from ETS to Doshisha University. For the "Official Score Report," please request ETS to send it directly to Doshisha University. The institution code for Doshisha University is 7078. If the "Official Score Report" fails to arrive by the deadline, it will be considered not submitted. MyBest™ scores are not accepted. TOEFL iBT® Home Edition scores are not accepted. TOEFL ITP® scores are not accepted. (2) IELTS Academic Scores from the paper-based test, computer-based test, and IELTS for UKVI are accepted. Please follow the instructions of the testing organization to arrange electronic score delivery to Doshisha University. When arranging electronic delivery, enter the following: Institution Name: Doshisha University Department: International Admissions Office Address: Karasuma-higashi-iru, Imadegawa-dori, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto, Japan, 602-8580 Delivery Method: Electronic score delivery Scores must be received electronically by the University by the application deadline; otherwise, they will not be accepted. Score reports sent to the applicant cannot be accepted. IELTS Online scores are not accepted. IELTS One Skill Retake scores are not accepted. (3) TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test (Public Test) Please submit a copy of the Official Score Certificate; however, if you took the exam in Japan, submit a copy of the Digital Official Score Certificate or Official Score Certificate with a QR code that allows verification. TOEIC® IP Test scores are not accepted. ※ Exemption Applicants who have completed (or expect to complete) a master's program in a country where English is an official language are exempt from submitting English test scores.	Enclosed to Application Documents ☐ ----- OR ----- Submit from the test center ☐ ----- OR ----- Exempted from the submission of Certificate ☐

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	Type of Document	Note	Check
10	<u>Applicants residing in Japan</u> Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register (Must be Original) <u>Applicants residing abroad</u> Copy of Passport or Copy of an Official Government-issued ID ※Read 3. Residence [Japan or Abroad] under <u>Application Flowchart</u> on page 11 carefully and submit the document required for the category that applies to you.	<u>Applicants residing in Japan</u> Must include nationality, status of residence, period of stay and date of expiration. <u>Applicants residing abroad</u> Either of the following ① or ②: ① Passport: submit a copy of the page, in A4 size, which includes your photograph and name. ② If you do not have a passport, a copy of an official government-issued ID with your photo must be submitted.	☐
11	Proof of Payment of Application Fee	<u>Payment by credit card</u> After payment is completed, print the email you receive or the payment completion screen on A4-size paper and submit it together with the other application documents. <u>Convenience store payment / Pay-easy payment (Applicants residing in Japan only)</u> After completing the payment, attach the payment receipt or statement to the “出願確認票 (Application Confirmation Form) ”. <u>Remittance from a financial institution (Applicants residing abroad only)</u> Submit the receipt of the remittance bearing the authorization of your remittance bank.	☐
12	Mailing Label ※Residents of Japan only	It will be printed together with the “出願確認票 (Application Confirmation Form) ”. Please make sure that the mailing address is correct. If your address changes after submitting your application, please contact the Section for International Admissions, Office of International Students.	☐
13	List of Required Documents (this form)	Check the box ☐ to confirm you have prepared all the required documents, and submit the required documents together with this checklist. Print and keep a copy of this checklist for your record as you may be inquired regarding your submission of the documents.	☐
Those who wish to have their original document(s) returned			
	Request for Returning Original Document ※No Prescribed Form	Does your request for returning original document include 1) name of the document, 2) your name, and 3) address to which the document should be returned? ※Documents submitted will generally not be returned to the applicant; however, document(s) that cannot be reissued, such as a diploma, may be returned. ※We will return such document(s) only when a request for returning original document is enclosed in the application packet.	☐

VI. Selection Process

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Selection Process
Ph.D.	General Applicants	Japan	Regular	The selection is made based on a comprehensive consideration of the application forms and the result of oral examination. Also, prior to the application, applicants are strongly recommended to contact a professor they wish to work with.
			Special	Admission will be decided solely on application documents. When necessary, we may ask questions online to the applicants individually about the contents of research plans, etc. Also, prior to the application, applicants are strongly recommended to contact a professor they wish to work with.
		Abroad	Regular	
			Special	

■Examination Admission Card (for Applicants of “Residence: Japan” AND “Student Status: Regular”)

Numbered examination admission cards will be sent out around February 5, 2027 after confirmation that the applicant is qualified to apply. If you do not receive the examination admission card by February 9, 2027, contact the Office of Graduate School of Global Studies. Applicants who are subject to documentary screening only will not receive an examination admission card by mail. Please refer to page 264 and confirm your examinee number yourself.

※After the University receives their application forms, applicants will be notified of the place and time of the oral examinations.

※Inquiries regarding the venue, time, subjects, etc. of the entrance examination after receiving the examination admission card may be directly sent to the Office of Graduate School of Global Studies.

VII. Examination Date / Subjects / Venue

■Doctoral Program (Regular Students) American Studies Cluster

Date of examination	9:00 ~	Examination Venue
February 14, 2027	Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster

Date of examination	9:00 ~	Examination Venue
February 14, 2027	Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

Global Society Studies Cluster

Date of examination	9:00 ~	Examination Venue
February 14, 2027	Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

- (1) Applicants will be screened based on the application documents and an oral examination.
- (2) The oral examination will primarily consist of questions regarding the applicant's research plan.
- (3) The oral examination for the American Studies Cluster will be conducted in English, with supplementary use of Japanese when necessary.
- (4) The oral examination for the Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster will be conducted in Japanese or English, and may include questions to assess language proficiency required for the applicant's research (e.g., English, Chinese, Korean, Japanese).
- (5) The oral examination for the Global Society Studies Cluster will be conducted in Japanese, English, or a combination of both.
- (6) No materials of any kind may be brought into the examination.
- (7) Depending on the number of applicants, the starting time of the oral examination may be scheduled in the afternoon.
- (8) Applicants who arrive more than 15 minutes after the designated meeting time will not be permitted to take the examination.
- (9) If it is determined that the examination cannot be conducted due to natural disasters or other unforeseen circumstances, alternative measures—such as postponement or online administration—may be implemented. Any such changes will be announced on the Graduate School's website.

VIII. Notification of Result

February 26 (Fri), 2027

See “Notification of Result” (page 265).

For your reference, see “Initial Registration Procedures” and “Other Important Information” (page 268–270).