# Graduate School of Global Studies Admissions Guide for International Students April 2026 Entry

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

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

%Standard period of study is 2 years for Master's Program and 3 years for Doctoral Program.

## **II.** Qualifications for Applicants

#### 1. Master's Program:

- Those who have foreign nationalities and who satisfy one of the following qualifications are eligible:
- (1) Those who have a transcript attesting to the equivalent of 16 years of education outside Japan or are expected to have one before the end of March 2026.
  - %The period of attendance at educational institutions based on School Education Act of Japan must be 4 years or less. The period of attendance at international schools in Japan or overseas Japanese schools approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, it's regarded as the one studying at educational institutions regulated by the Japanese educational system.
- (2) Those who have graduated from a college in Japan as a foreign student or who are expected to graduate before the end of March 2026.
- (3) Those who have been granted a degree corresponding to a bachelor's degree by completing a program where the course term is 3 years or more in overseas universities or other overseas schools (limited to those whose comprehensive situation of educational and research activities have either received evaluation from a person who was authorized by the corresponding country's government or related institutions, or which have been separately designated as being equivalent to such by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) or are expected to be granted a degree corresponding to a bachelor's degree before the end of March 2026.
- (4) Those who have a transcript attesting to the equivalent of 15 years of education outside Japan and are recognized by Doshisha University as achieving a high level of academic excellence or are expected to have one before the end of March 2026.
- (5) Those who Doshisha University recognizes as having an equivalent qualification to one of the above requirements (1)
   (2) (3) (4), and who are 22 years or older by the time of enrollment, will be considered for admission.

## 2. 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 the end of March 2026.
- (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 the end of March 2026.
- (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 : <u>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 Master's Program are basically conducted in Japanese.</u>
- 2 : Only Japan Applicants (%) are eligible to take the entrance examination in February for April 2026 Entry.

※ Japan Applicants: Applicants continuously residing in Japan until enrollment and therefore do not need to apply for the Certificate of Eligibility. (Refer to page 11 and 13)

- 3 : Those who qualify to apply under sections 1. (3) should consult the Graduate School of Global Studies and be approved for eligibility to apply prior to application. (See the contact address on the back cover.)
- 4 : Those who apply to above 1. (4) (5) and 2. (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. (Simplified Registered Express Mail only. The documents must reach the office on or before the deadline).
  - Those who are already residing in Japan and wish to take the entrance examination on September 14, 2025 should send the required documents by Monday, June 30, 2025. The result of the screening shall be notified to the applicant by Friday, July 18, 2025 to the applicant's present address by mail.
  - Those who are already residing in Japan and wish to take the entrance examination on Sunday, February 15, 2026 should send the required documents by Friday, November 28, 2025. The result of the screening shall be notified to the applicant by Friday, December 26, 2025 to the applicant's present address by mail.

- Those who are residing abroad should send the required documents by Monday, June 30, 2025. The result of the screening shall be notified to the applicant by Friday, July 18, 2025 by e-mail.
  - <Documents Required for Application Eligibility Screening>
  - Application Form for Eligibility Screening for Application and Curriculum Vitae (Prescribed Form GS③ or 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)
    - (This only applies to the applicant for Doctoral Program)
  - 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
- 5 : Applicants who have any questions concerning the qualifications other than above Note3, 4 should consult the Office of International Students prior to application.
- 6 : Admission will be denied if the applicant who passes the entrance examination does not meet the application requirements by the end of March 2026.

## II. Application Schedule

## Fall 2025 Application

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Period	Examination Date	Notification of Result	
		Japan	Regular	July 9 (Wed), – July 28 (Mon), 2025 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)	September 14 (Sun), 2025		
Master	General		Special		Documentary Screening	September 26 (Fri), 2025	
Ph.D.	Applicants	Abroad	Regular Special				

## Spring 2026 Application

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Period	Examination Date	Notification of Result
Maatan		General Applicants Japan	Regular		February 15 (Sun), 2026	
Master	General		Special		Documentary Screening	
	Applicants		Regular		February 15 (Sun), 2026	
Ph.D.			Special		Documentary Screening	

\*Our office is closed from December 27 (Sat), 2025 to January 5 (Mon), 2026. We will be unable to answer phone and email inquiries during this period.

## **IV.** Application Procedure

## Fall 2025 Application

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Fee	Period for Payment of Application Fee	Application Period
		1	Regular	15,000 yen		July 9 (Wed), -
Master	General		Special	10,000 yen	July 2 (Wed), - July 28 (Mon), 2025	July 28 (Mon), 2025 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)
Ph.D.	Applicants	Abroad	Regular Special	10,000 yen		

## Spring 2026 Application

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Fee	Period for Payment of Application Fee	Application Period
Master		lanan	Regular	15,000 yen	December 15 (Mon), 2025- January 7 (Wed), 2026	December 22 (Mon), 2025– January 7 (Wed), 2026 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)
waster	General		Special	10,000 yen		
	Applicants		Regular	15,000 yen		
Ph.D.			Special	10,000 yen		

As for the payment of the Application Fees, the important notes on application documents and submission, see on page 14 to 15 and "III. Payment of Application Fees" on page 255 to 258.

## V. Application Documents (including this "List of Required Documents")

Name

Circle one you are applying for

Master's Program · Doctoral Program

The prescribed forms for application documents can be obtained from the following URL. <a href="https://intad.doshisha.ac.jp/intad/en/admissions/guide\_entrance\_exam\_g.html">https://intad.doshisha.ac.jp/intad/en/admissions/guide\_entrance\_exam\_g.html</a>

NOTES: Applicants corresponding to the following  $A \cdot B$  are exempted from submission of a part of required documents, which are listed below (%).

A: • International student of the Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University (Special Student of Master's Program) %Above-mentioned applicants are exempted from the submission of the documents 2, 3 and 4 in the list below.

- B: 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 the end of March 2026
  - Graduated from the Graduate School of American Studies, Doshisha University (Master's Degree)
  - \*Above-mentioned applicants are exempted from the submission of the documents 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in the list below.

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, International Center as soon as possible.

	Type of Document	Note	Check		
1	Application for Admission to Doshisha University (Prescribed Form ①)	Application form should be filled out by the applicant. ID photo must be attached. Please specify one of the three clusters (American Studies Cluster, Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster, or Global Society Studies Cluster) you wish to be considered for admission in the field "Course/Cluster" in 7. Please make sure to sign the applicant's signature in your own handwriting in the signature line (page 3).			
2	Letter of Graduation Confirmation or Graduation Certificate ※Except Applicants A • B	Original: may be returned to the applicant upon request For details, see page 15 [3. Important Notes on Application Documents] (3) and (4). «Applicants to the doctoral program; both graduation certificate and certificate of Master's degree should be submitted if both certificates are issued.			
3	Official Transcripts ※Except Applicants A・B	Original: may be returned to the applicant upon request For details, see page 15 [ <u>3.Important Notes on Application Documents</u> ] ( <u>3</u> ) and ( <u>4</u> ). 1) Master's Program A list of all undergraduate credits obtained at the applicant's college or university. 2) Doctoral Program A list of all previous undergraduate and graduate study credits obtained at the undergraduate and graduate courses.			
4	One Letter of Recommendation (Prescribed Form ②) [Submission is optional]	XMUST be sealed by a recommender.			
5	Prescribed Form for Proficiency in Languages (Prescribed Form GS①) ※Except Applicants B	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.			
7	Plan for Study at Doshisha University	<ul> <li>[Master's Program]</li> <li>An escay which consists of four sections described below must be written in Japanese OR English on A4-size paper.</li> <li>**Please write down each section separately.</li> <li>*The plan must be typed and printed on one side only.</li> <li>*Those who write Section (1) in Japanese must submit an English summary with a title of approximately 250 words on another sheet.</li> <li>Section (1) Your Academic Objectives and Research Proposal for this Program</li> <li>This section should be approximately 2,500 Japanese characters or 1,000 words (in English) long, and should include [11] to [3] below.</li> <li>[1] The title of the research</li> <li>[2] The research outline: Describe why your research theme is important, the strengths and weaknesses of previous research in the relevant fields, what will be elucidated, and to what extent it will be pursued in the two years.</li> <li>[3] A bibliography: If necessary, literature in languages other than your native language should be included.</li> <li>NOTE: [1]-[3] should be clearly stated in order.</li> <li>Section (2) Your Academic Background and Accomplishments</li> <li>Please indicate the university, faculty, and department you graduated from and specify what you studied there. If you studied dbroad while an undergraduate, please indicate the country and the institution you visited and what you studied there.</li> <li>If you have any work experience (especially that related to your research area at the Graduate School), please list it with your job descriptions.</li> <li>This section should be approximately 200 Japanese characters or 80 words (in English) long.</li> <li>Dectoral Program</li> <li>Should be approximately 200 Japanese characters or 80 words (in English on A4-size paper.</li> <li>*Please write down each section separately.</li> <li>*The plan must be typed and printed on one side only.</li> <li>*The plan must be typed and printed on ene side on</li></ul>			

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8	Master's Thesis or Equivalent (Applicants to the Doctoral Program only) ※Except Applicants B	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 the Graduate School of Global Studies for further questions.	
	-Applicants to the Master's Program and Doctoral Program residing abroad (all clusters) -Applicants to the Doctoral Program of American Studies Cluster residing in Japan Certificate of Language Proficiency [Submission is required] *Except Applicants B *Except Applicants to the Doctoral Program of Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster and Global Society Studies Cluster residing in Japan	Applicants residing abroad (all clusters) Applicants to the Doctoral Program of American Studies Cluster Please submit the original certificate of the most recent TOEFL iBT®TEST, TOEFL® PBT TEST, TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING TEST (TOEIC®TEST) or IELTS (Academic Module) (original certificate). Scores obtained through the TOEFL iBT® Home Edition (TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition) and IELTS Online are not acceptable. Please note that MyBest™ scores from the TOEFL iBT® est and scores obtained through the IELTS One Skill Retoke are not acceptable. For IELTS on computer, printed copies of Electronic Test Report (eTRF) downloaded from the Test Taker Portal in PDF format will not be accepted. Those who have the certificate of graduation or graduation letter from a college or a graduate school in a country where English is an official language are exempted from the submission of certificate of TOEFL iBT®TEST, TOEFL® PBT TEST, TOEIC®LISTENING AND READING TEST (TOEIC®TEST) or IELTS (Academic Module). Please check the right box □ if you intend to send your TOEFL @Test or iterCls core report (intercly from the test center to Doshisha University. Only the score reports which reach Doshisha University on or before the application deadline can be accepted. (Score report delivered to Doshisha University prior to the application period are also acceptable). Note we do not respond to the applicants' inquiries about the arrival of their score report. DI code for TOEFL core report (Institutional Score Report) is f7078. Electronic IELTS score report will be accepted as well only if it is sent directly from the test center to Doshisha University. In this case, please specify the Graduate School of Global Studies as the destination. If you apply with a TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING TEST score, submit the original Official Score Certificate issued on paper (not a printed digital version).	Enclosed to Application Documents Submit from the test center Exempted from the submission of Certificate
9	Applicants to the Master's Program	Applicants to the Master's Program (all clusters) residing in Japan         Please submit one original certificate or score report of the following to show your language proficiency.         If will be used as a reference for evaluation. A copy is not acceptable.         ① TOEFL iBTR TEST or TOEFL® PBT TEST         ② TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING TEST (TOEIC® TEST)         ③ IELTS (Academic Module)         ④ The United Nations Associations Test of English, Level A         ⑤ The EIKEN test in Practical English Proficiency, Grade 1         ⑥ Certificate of graduation or expected graduation from a university in a country where English is an official language.         In addition, those who intend to choose Chinese Studies, Korean Studies, or Japanese Studies in the Contemporary Asian Cluster are encouraged to submit one original certificate or score report of the following as objective proof of their language proficiency. It will be used as a reference for evaluation. A copy is not acceptable.         Chinese Studies: For Those Who Are Not NATive Chinese Speakers         • The Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), administered by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China         • The CHUKEN test, administered by the Society for Testing Chinese Proficiency, in Japan	Enclosed to Application Documents
	(all clusters) residing in Japan Certificate of Language Proficiency [Submission is optional]	Korean Studies: For Those Who Are Not Native Korean Speakers • The Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) administered by the National Institute for International Education (NIIED) • The Korean Language Proficiency Test administered by the Korean Language Proficiency Association Japanese Studies: For Those Who Are Not Native Japanese Speakers • The Japanese–Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by the Japan Foundation Score obtained through the TOEFL iBT® Home Edition (TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition) and IELTS Online are not acceptable. Please note that MyBest™ scores from the TOEFL iBT® test and scores obtained through the IELTS One Skill Retake are not acceptable. For IELTS on computer, printed copies of Electronic Test Report (eTRF) downloaded from the Test Taker Portal in PDF format will not be accepted. Please check the right box □ if you intend to send your TOEFL®Test or IELTS score report directly from the test center to Doshisha University. Only the score reports. DI code for TOEFL score report (Institutional Score Report) is 7078. Electronic IELTS score reports. DI code for TOEFL score report (Institutional Score Report) is 7078. Electronic IELTS score reports. DI code for TOEFL score report (Institutional Score Report) of 7078. Electronic IELTS score report will be accepted as well only if it is sent directly from the test center to Doshisha University. In this case, please specify the Graduate School of Global Studies as the destination. If you apply with a TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING TEST score, submit the original Official Score Certificate issued on paper (not a printed digital version).	Submit from the test center
10	Applicants residing in Japan         Copy of Resident Card         or         Certificate of Items Stated in         Resident Register (Must be         Original)         Applicants residing abroad         Copy of Passport         or         Copy of Passport         or         State ID         *Read 3. Residence [Japan or Abroad]         under [1. Application Flowchart]on         page 11 carefully and submit the         document required for the category that         applies to you.	Applicants residing in Japan]         Either of the following ① or ②:         ① Resident Card: submit copies of both front and back of the card, in A4 size.         ② Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register: must include nationality, status of residence, period of stay and date of expiration.         Applicants residing abroad         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	Examination Admission Card (Prescribed Form ③)	Please fill out the examination admission card. After receipt of the completed documents, an examination admission card with examinee's number printed on it will be sent only to [Japan] applicant for [Regular] student.	
12	Photo Identification Card (Prescribed Form ③)	Affix photograph in space provided on photo identification card. (Photograph should have been taken within 3 months prior to application and should be 3cm H $\times$ 2.4cm W, clearly displaying a frontal, hatless view of the upper part of the body. Be sure to write your name and birth date on the back of the photograph.) When your admission is permitted, the photograph will be used for your student ID card, database of students admitted, etc.	
13	Proof of Payment of Application Fee	Payment by credit card         Submit a copy (A4-size or similarly sized paper) of the remittance "Result" page.         (Payment at convenience store (Applicants residing in Japan only)         Paste the certificate of payment on the prescribed "Pasteboard for the Receipt of Remittance (Prescribed Form (6))."         (Payment by bank transfer (Applicants residing in Japan only)         The receipt of the remittance of the Application Fee (Prescribed Torm (5-1, (5-2, (5-3 or (5-4))))         The receipt of the remittance of the Replication Fee (Prescribed form (6)).         (Remittance from a financial institution (Applicants residing abroad only)         Submit the receipt of the remittance bank	
14	Mailing Label (Prescribed Form ④)	Please write your name and mailing address to receive information about examination and your examination result, etc.	
15	List of Required Documents (this form)	Check the box $\Box$ 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. WWe 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	
			Regular	The selection is made based on a comprehensive consideration of the application documents and the result of oral examination.	
Master	General		Special	Admission will be decided solely on application documents. When necessary,	
	Applicants	Applicants	Abroad	Regular Special	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 whom they wish to work with.

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Ph.D.	Applicants		Special	Admission will be decided solely on application documents. When necessary,
			Regular Special	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 whom they wish to work with.

## Examination Admission Card (for Applicants of "Residence: Japan" AND "Student Status: Regular")

Numbered examination admission cards will be sent out around September 5, 2025 for fall 2025 application or February 6, 2026 for spring 2026 application after confirmation that the applicant is qualified to apply. If you do not receive the examination admission card by September 9, 2025 for fall 2025 application or by February 10, 2026 for spring 2026 application, contact the Office of the Graduate School of Global Studies.

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

XInquiries 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

## ■Master's Program (Regular Students)

American Studies Cluster

Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
September 14, 2025		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus
Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
February 15, 2026		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

## **Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster**

% Please be aware that courses in Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster Master's Program are basically conducted in Japanese.

Date of examination	9:00 ~	Examination Venue
September 14, 2025	Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus
Date of examination	9:00 ~	Examination Venue
February 15, 2026	Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

#### **Global Society Studies Cluster**

Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
September 14, 2025		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus
Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
February 15, 2026		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

(1) Selection will be made based on application documents and oral examination.

- (2) In the oral examinations, questions about research plans will be asked in Japanese or English. Questions may also be asked about language proficiency in Chinese, Korean, or Japanese to applicants for Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster. Reference materials cannot be brought into the examination room.
- (3) Depending on the number of applicants, some oral examinations might be scheduled for the afternoon.
- (4) Those who have arrived more than 15 minutes late for the meeting time are not permitted to take the examination.
- (5) If the school determines that it is difficult to conduct the entrance examination due to a contingency like a natural disaster, alternative measures may be taken, such as postponing it or the examinations may be conducted online. In such cases, details will be announced on the Graduate School's website.

#### Doctoral Program (Regular Students) American Studies Cluster

Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
September 14, 2025		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus
Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
February 15, 2026		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

#### **Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster**

Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
September 14, 2025		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus
Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination Venue
Date of examination	9:00	~	Examination venue
February 15, 2026		Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus

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Date of examination	9:00 ~	Examination Venue
September 14, 2025	Oral Examination	Karasuma Campus
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## VII. Notification of Result

Fall 2025 Application:September 26 (Fri), 2025Spring 2026 Application:February 27 (Fri), 2026

See "IV. Notification of Result" (page 259).

For your reference, see "V. Initial Registration Procedures" and "VI. Other Important Information" (page 262-264).