

**Graduate School of Science
Osaka Metropolitan University
Master's Course / Doctoral Course
Admission Guidelines**

April 2025 Admission

**Special Selection for
International Course Students**



Any changes to admission guidelines will be announced on the following website:
https://www.omu.ac.jp/sci/en/international_course/admissions/

**July 2024
Osaka Metropolitan University**

Our Purpose

In an effort to further internationalize and strengthen its educational and research functions, the Graduate School of Science (GSS) at Osaka Metropolitan University has established master's and doctoral courses offered entirely in English. GSS welcomes a wide range of international students to apply. The application guidelines are provided below.

Admissions Policy

〈Master's Course〉

The Graduate School of Science aspires to develop professionals capable of applying their advanced research abilities, research experience, and rich academic knowledge in the pursuit of active roles in society, from researchers and engineers in academia and industry, to officials in the public sector qualified to lead multifaceted policy making.

The intimate and interactive education we provide takes full advantage of the benefits inherent in small classes. The curriculum has been structured to train students in the communications skills and logical thinking needed to gain true understanding and insight into the nature of phenomena and materials. The curriculum is also focused on fostering professionals who command both a deep knowledge of basic science and a broad perspective on the application of this science.

Anyone who seeks to become a researcher or engineer in the field of basic science must be competent at identifying challenges and solving the problems therein by means of flexible reasoning and logical thinking. To ensure we accept students with these competencies, the Graduate School of Science requires applicants to demonstrate the following three qualities:

1. To think logically, have an inquisitive mind, and be capable of directing their own course of learning.
2. To have the basics in their major field of study and proficiency in comprehending academic papers in English.
3. To have fundamental research skills and a strong interest in their chosen discipline.

In addition to having the qualities above, selected students will also have the following skills and aptitudes:

1. Fundamental academic skills needed for research and education in their chosen discipline.
2. Language abilities sufficient to comprehend academic papers written in English.
3. Motivation and a clear vision to their research, together with the logical thinking necessary for conducting research.
4. Communication skills to engage in discussions with faculty members and fellow students.

〈Doctoral Course〉

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1. To have fundamental academic skills equivalent, at a minimum, to a completed master's degree course at a graduate school, the ability to comprehend English academic papers, and the capacity to express themselves in English.
2. To think logically and be intellectually curious.
3. To have an inquisitive mind and be able to direct their own study of their chosen discipline.
4. To be able to conduct in-depth inquiries about natural phenomena, particularly phenomena related to their chosen discipline, through discussions with faculty members and fellow students.

- To have research skills equivalent, at a minimum, to a completed master's degree course and be able to devise, plan, and execute their own research in their chosen discipline or related fields.

In addition to having the qualities above, selected students will have the following skills and aptitudes:

- A high degree of specialized knowledge with a rich educational background in their chosen discipline that is equivalent, at a minimum, to a completed master's degree course at a graduate school.
- Ability to comprehend English academic papers and express themselves in English.
- Logical thinking and communication skills to conduct in-depth inquiries about natural phenomena, particularly phenomena related to their chosen discipline, through discussions with faculty members and fellow students.
- Intellectually curious with research skills equivalent, at a minimum, to a completed master's degree course and the ability to devise, plan, and execute their own research in their chosen discipline or related fields.

Length of Course

The standard duration for the master's course is two years, and three years for the doctoral course.

1. Admissions

Division	Master's Course		Doctoral Course	
	Total	International	Total	International
Mathematics	21	A few	4	A few
Physics	55	A few	10	A few
Chemistry	60	A few	10	A few
Biology	26	A few	5	A few
Geosciences	15	A few	3	A few
Biological Chemistry	23	A few	3	A few

- Notes: 1. Applicants with unsatisfactory entrance examination scores will not be granted admission.
2. The total number of admissions includes those for enrollment in April and in Autumn.

2. Qualifications for Application

〈Master's Course〉

Qualified applicants must; be non-Japanese nationals, be proficient enough in English to attend lectures and seminars and to carry out research, and meet one of the following conditions:

- Completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2025, 16 years of formal education in a country other than Japan.
- Graduated, or is expected to graduate by March, 2025, from a university or college in Japan; or has completed after a date specified by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology—Ministry of Education for short—or is expected to complete by March, 2025, a postsecondary course at a specialized training college, separately specified by the Ministry of Education.
- Completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2025, a course separately specified by the Ministry of Education, offered in Japan by an educational institution that is designated as comparable to a university or college—requiring 16 years of formal education for completion—in the education system of a country other than Japan.
- Completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2025, 16 years of formal education of a country other than Japan, through distance courses offered in Japan by an educational institution in said country.
- Completed, or is expected to complete a course of study that extends over at least three years at a university, college, or other academic institution in a country other than Japan, receiving, as a result, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by March, 2025. Here the academic institution must be one that has been evaluated of its overall state, including its educational and research activities, and accredited by a body authorized by the country's government or a relevant organization; or it must be separately designated as equivalent to an accredited institution by Japan's Ministry of Education. The course of study includes those completed either through distance courses offered in Japan by an educational institution in said country or at an educational institution that is part of the educational system of the country and that meets the condition (3) above.

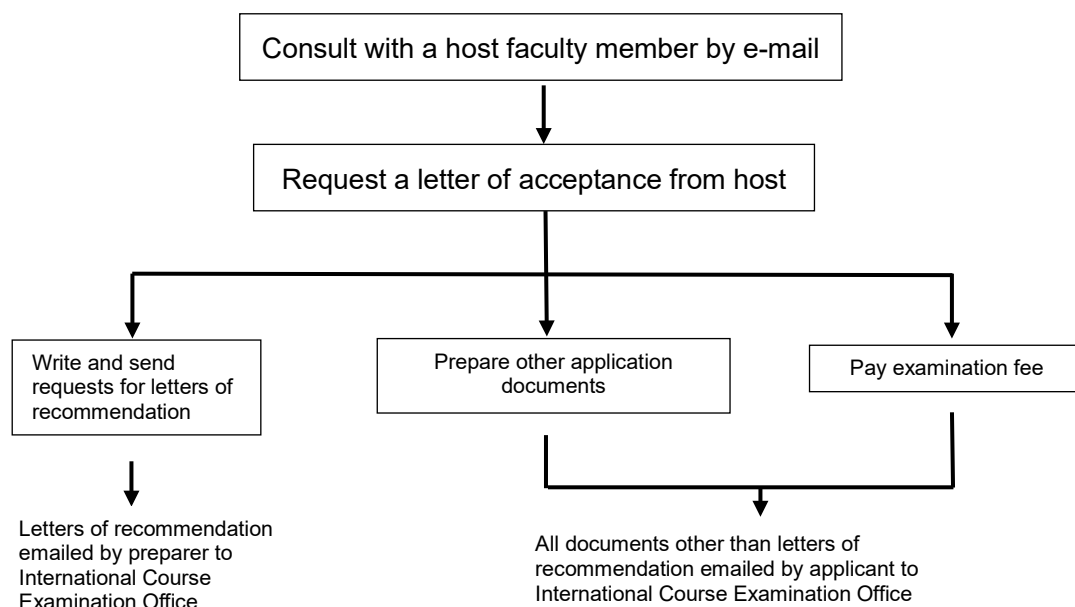
〈Doctoral Course〉

Qualified applicants must; be non-Japanese nationals, be proficient enough in English to attend lectures and seminars and to carry out research, and meet one of the following conditions:

- (1) Received, or is expected to receive by March, 2025, a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree in a country other than Japan.
- (2) Received, or is expected to receive by March, 2025, a master's or professional degree as an international student from a graduate school in Japan.
- (3) Completed, or is expected to complete by March, 2025, a course separately specified by the Ministry of Education and offered in Japan by an educational institution that is designated as comparable to a graduate school in the education system of a country other than Japan, receiving, as a result, a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree.
- (4) Received, or is expected to receive by March, 2025, a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree, through distance courses offered in Japan by an educational institution in a country other than Japan.
- (5) Completed, or is expected to complete a course offered by the United Nations University, receiving a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree by March, 2025.

3. Application Process

The application process is explained below, with the details of each step provided on later pages.



4. Advance consultation by email:

The applicant is required to consult, in advance, with the faculty member they wish to be their advisor on what to do their research after entering the graduate program, and then to receive a letter of acceptance from the faculty member. The applicant is advised to contact, by email, the faculty member they wish to be their advisor with enough time in advance so as not to miss the application deadline of September 12, 2024. For the email addresses of the faculty members, please contact the International Course Examination Office (gr-nyu-gss@omu.ac.jp).

5. Application Documents

All the documents listed below are to be emailed by the applicant themselves, except the letters of recommendation, which are to be emailed by those who have written them, by the deadline, to the International Course Examination Office: gr-nyu-gss@omu.ac.jp.

Note: The designated forms are available for download at Osaka Metropolitan University (OMU) website:
https://www.omu.ac.jp/sci/en/international_course/admissions/

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1	Letter of Acceptance	The applicants are required to consult, in advance by email, with the faculty member they wish to be their advisor in the Osaka Metropolitan University, Graduate School of Science and to request the faculty member to prepare a letter of acceptance stating that the applicants will be accepted into the faculty member's research group on the condition that the applicants pass the entrance examination. The applicants are to submit the letter of acceptance in electronic form. A letter of acceptance template is available for download at the university website.	
2	Application for Admission	Fill in the application form, which is available for download at the university website.	
3	Examination Fee	30,000 yen (JPY). See the university website for payment instructions. After payment of the application fee, please submit a copy of the receipt. Note: The examination fee is not required for applicants from Osaka Metropolitan University's master's programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University's master's programs or Osaka City University's master's programs.	
4	Statement of Purpose	Importance will be placed on the statement of purpose when applications are reviewed. Using the form available for download at the university website, write a statement of purpose, up to two A4-size pages long, describing the following two points: 1. Reasons for choosing the desired program and the research group 2. Research proposal and past research experience	
5	Certificate of (Expected) Graduation and Transcripts	Bachelor's degree diploma with the degree clearly stated—or a certificate of expected graduation for an applicant still in college—issued by the president of the university the applicant graduated from, and a transcript of the bachelor's program (If you do not have a bachelor's degree, please contact us in advance.)	Master's degree certificate with the degree clearly stated—or a certificate of expected completion for an applicant still in graduate school—issued by the president of the university where the applicant completed a master's program, and a transcript of the master's program
		Send scanned certificates in electronic form; enrollment will require the original documents. If the certificates are written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach an English translation certified by the university or other relevant bodies.	
6	Certificate of English Proficiency	Applicants are required to submit TOEFL-iBT (TOEFL-ITP is not accepted), TOEIC (TOEIC bridge is not accepted) or IELTS scores. Please submit scanned score reports in electronic form; enrollment will require the original score reports. Note: Applicants who meet any of the following conditions need not submit certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native English speakers • Applicants who graduated from a university in a native English-speaking country • Applicants who graduated from a university with English as the official language. Applicants must submit an official document, issued by the university or other relevant bodies, certifying that English is the official language. 	

7	GRE (Graduate Record Examination) Scores	Applicants are required to submit a scanned GRE Subject test (Mathematics) score report.	
8	Master's Thesis		Please submit an electronic copy of the master's thesis, which should be written in English. If the master's thesis has not been completed, applicants are required to submit a summary, approximately two A4- or letter-size pages long, of their research written in English.
9	Letters of Recommendation	Submit at least two letters of recommendation.	Submit at least two letters of recommendation. Applicants who have completed (or are expected to complete) the Master's Course of the Graduate School of Science at Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka City University or Osaka Prefecture University may submit only one letter.
		<p>Letters of recommendation must be written by either the president of the university the applicant graduated from, the dean, the chairman of the department, or the applicant's academic advisor and must be emailed by the individual writing the recommendation to the International Course Examination Office (gr-nyu-gss@omu.ac.jp).</p> <p>The form for letters of recommendation is available for download at the university website.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the applicant to ask the recommendation writer to send the letter to the International Course Examination Office by the deadline.</p>	

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2	Application for Admission	Fill in the application form, which is available for download at the university website.	
3	Examination Fee	<p>30,000 yen (JPY).</p> <p>See the university website for payment instructions.</p> <p>After payment of the application fee, please submit a copy of the receipt.</p> <p>Note: The examination fee is not required for applicants from Osaka Metropolitan University's master's programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University's master's programs or Osaka City University's master's programs.</p>	
4	Statement of Purpose	<p>Importance will be placed on the statement of purpose when applications are reviewed. Using the form available for download at the university website, write a statement of purpose, up to two A4-size pages long, describing the following two points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasons for choosing the program and the research group 2. Research proposal and past research experience 	

5	Certificate of (Expected) Graduation and Transcripts	Bachelor's degree diploma with the degree clearly stated—or a certificate of expected graduation for an applicant still in college—issued by the president of the university the applicant graduated from, and a transcript of the bachelor's program (If you do not have a bachelor's degree, please contact us in advance.)	Master's degree certificate with the degree clearly stated—or a certificate of expected completion for an applicant still in graduate school— issued by the president of the university where the applicant completed a master's program, and a transcript of the master's program
		Send scanned certificates in electronic form; enrollment will require the original documents. If the certificates are written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach an English translation certified by the university or other relevant bodies.	
6	Certificate of English Proficiency	<p>Applicants are required to submit TOEFL-iBT (TOEFL-ITP is not accepted), TOEIC (TOEIC bridge is not accepted) or IELTS scores. Please submit scanned score reports in electronic form; enrollment will require the original score reports.</p> <p>Note: Applicants who meet any of the following conditions need not submit certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native English speakers • Applicants who graduated from a university in a native English-speaking country • Applicants who graduated from a university with English as the official language. Applicants must submit an official document, issued by the university or other relevant bodies, certifying that English is the official language. 	
7	GRE (Graduate Record Examination) Scores	Applicants are required to submit a scanned GRE Subject test (Physics) score report in electronic form.	
8	Master's Thesis	<p>Please submit an electronic copy of a master's thesis, which should be written in English. If the master's thesis has not been completed, applicants are required to submit a paper, twenty or more A4- or letter-size pages long, summarizing their research in English in the format specified below*.</p> <p>* Format:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Title B. Author C. Abstract D. Main body of the paper <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduction 2) Description of the study you have done 3) Discussion and summary E. Appendix F. References 	

9	Letters of Recommendation	<p>Submit at least two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be written by either the president of the university the applicant graduated from, the dean, the chairman of the department, or the applicant's academic advisor and must be emailed by the individual writing the recommendation to the International Course Examination Office (gr-nyu-gss@omu.ac.jp). The form for letters of recommendation is available for download at the university website. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ask the recommendation writer to send the letter to the International Course Examination Office by the deadline.</p>
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2	Application for Admission	<p>Fill in the application form, which is available for download at the university website.</p>	
3	Examination Fee	<p>30,000 yen (JPY). See the university website for payment instructions. After payment of the application fee, please submit a copy of the receipt. Note: The examination fee is not required for applicants from Osaka Metropolitan University's master's programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University's master's programs or Osaka City University's master's programs.</p>	
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		<p>Please send scanned certificates in electronic form; enrollment will require the original documents. If the certificates are written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach an English translation certified by the university or other relevant bodies.</p>	

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7	Master's Thesis	Write a summary, up to two A4-size pages long, of the master's thesis in English and submit it in electronic form.	
8	Letters of Recommendation	Submit at least two letters of recommendation.	Submit at least one letter of recommendation.
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6. How to Apply

Anyone who wishes to apply to the International Course should first pay the examination fee and then submit, by email to the address below, all the application materials except the letters of recommendation, which should be submitted by the individuals writing them. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure they send the letters of recommendation by email.

Application Period	Send to
September 3, 2024 – September 12, 2024 (23:59 JST)	gr-nyu-gss@omu.ac.jp In the subject line, write "Application documents for OMU_****", where **** is the full name of the applicant in the English alphabet.

7. Selection Process

Master's Course	Doctoral Course
<p>Successful applicants will be selected by a comprehensive judgment of application documents and oral examination.</p> <p>Document screening: The Graduate Selection Committee will review the submitted applications. The selected applicants will be notified by email in October of the Examinee's numbers and the date, place, and procedure for their oral examination.</p>	<p>Successful applicants will be selected by a comprehensive judgment of application documents and oral examination.</p> <p>Document screening: The Graduate Selection Committee will review the submitted applications. The selected applicants will be notified by email in October of the Examinee's numbers and the date, place, and procedure for their oral examination.</p>

<p>Oral examination: An oral examination about the applicant's specialization and research proposal will be conducted, in principle, online. The examination day is scheduled for November 23, 2024 and the details will be provided by email.</p>	<p>Oral examination: An oral examination about the applicant's research experience, research proposal, and relevant specialization will be conducted, in principle, online. The examination day is scheduled for November 23, 2024 and the details will be provided by email.</p>
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8. Admission Results

(1) Announcement of Successful Applicants

The examinee's numbers of the applicants who have been granted admission will be posted on the website between 10:00 am (JST) on December 5, 2024 to 5:00 pm (JST) on December 11, 2024.

(2) Notification of Successful Applicants

Documents "CERTIFICATE" and "Enrollment Steps" will be sent to successful applicants by email.

(3) Enrollment/Registration Day

Date: December, 2024

Note: Details will be provided separately to applicants who have been granted admission.

9. Tuition and Fees

Admission Fee: Students admitted into the International Course will be exempt from the admission fee.

Note: Students admitted through the general entrance examination will pay an admission fee of ¥382,000 (JPY).

Tuition: ¥535,800 (JPY) for a full year; ¥267,900 (JPY) for a half year (as of July, 2024)

Note: In the case that tuition fees are revised while students are still enrolled, the revised tuition rates will apply to them.

10. Notes

- (1) An application may not be canceled under any circumstances after it has been received.
- (2) Inquiries about examination results will not be answered.
- (3) The application fee already paid will not be refunded except for the following reasons.
 - If you paid the examination fee but did not apply.
 - If the application documents are incomplete or otherwise unacceptable.
 - In case of duplicate payment of examination fee.
 - For those who are enrolled in a master's course at Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka Prefecture University or Osaka City University and continue on to a doctoral course.
 - If you are a student supported by Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) Scholarship.
- * Please contact the International Course Examination Office within one month from the last day of the application period for the method of refund.
- (4) If false statements are detected in an application form or if it is found that an applicant cheated during the entrance examination, the admission may be revoked even if the student has been formally accepted and enrolled.
- (5) If an applicant who has applied expecting to graduate or complete a degree and does not graduate or complete the degree by March 31 2025, the admission will be revoked even if the admissions process has been completed.
- (6) If an applicant does not meet the qualifications, no admission will be granted even if the applicant passes the entrance examination.
- (7) Osaka Metropolitan University (OMU) may use the personal information collected through the application and admissions processes within a scope deemed necessary for the entrance examination, admissions guide, enrollment steps, selection method study, statistical data generation, and operations concerning student affairs at the university. If the collected personal information is used outside the aforementioned scope of

operations, it will always be done with the applicant's approval. Such personal information collected for the purpose of admissions operations will never be provided to a third party.

- (8) OMU stipulates the regulations for security export control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and strictly reviews all items and technologies to be exported from OMU. If you have a conflict of interest with any regulations set by OMU, you may not be eligible for education and research of OMU.

Contact Information

Website: https://www.omu.ac.jp/sci/en/international_course/admissions/

E-mail: gr-nyu-gss@omu.ac.jp (International Course Examination Office)

* For inquiries, write "International Course _*****", where ***** is the full name of the applicant in the English alphabet.