

FAQ for the Graduate School of Informatics' Entrance Exams

If you still have questions after carefully reading the application guidelines and the FAQ, you may email us at the address below.

In your inquiry, please provide us with as much detail as possible, such as the type of application (Doctoral or Master's program), the enrollment period, the name of the course you are applying to, etc. We cannot provide accurate answers without sufficient information.

Please note in advance that, depending on the nature of the question, we may not be able to answer you.

Contact: Kyoto University Graduate School of Informatics Academic Affairs Office,
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Q1. Is it possible to apply to multiple courses for the same enrollment period?

It is not possible to apply to multiple courses simultaneously when the application periods are set at the same time.

Even in cases where concurrent applications are allowed, applying to multiple courses is not permitted.

Q2. Can I submit a copy of my academic transcript?

No. Please submit the official and original transcript issued by the university.

If your university or institution employs an online authentication system or similar method that allows third parties to verify the authenticity of your academic transcript, you can send the transcript with the URL, QR code, or electronically signed PDF data for verification.

Q3. (For international students) Do I need to apply for AAO before applying?

No. Registering for AAO is not mandatory before submitting your application. (You may, but it is not mandatory.)

Reference: Kyoto University website: For graduates of overseas universities

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/graduate-degree-programs/how-to-apply-for-graduates-of-overseas-universities>

Q4. I am currently living in Japan. Can I download and use the English version of the application documents from the website?

No. The English version of the application documents on the website is only for overseas applicants. If you live in Japan at the time of application, you must request the application booklet version in Japanese and submit the application documents followed by the guidelines.

If you submit the application using the English version of the documents while residing in Japan, we will ask you to resubmit the appropriate forms.

Please visit the following website to request the application booklet version of the guidelines.

Requesting the application guidelines by post

<https://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admission/application/>

Q5. Do I need to contact a professor before applying?

If you are applying to the **Master's program**, you do not need to contact our faculty member in advance.

However, if you are applying for the **Doctoral program**, you must contact a faculty member before applying. Please refer to the "[Application Groups and Supplementary Information on Examination Subjects](#)" in the application guidelines.

Q6. Can I use a recommendation letter in a format other than the designated one?

Please carefully read and follow the instructions in each application guidelines.

Q7. I made a mistake in filling out the application form. How can I correct it?

If you've mistakenly filled out the application form, simply draw a double line on the incorrect part and write the correct information in the nearby blank space.

Please complete the application form with a ballpoint pen or similar (non-erasable) to ensure the correction is clear and final.

Q8. Are there courses that can be completed in English?

The three courses, Intelligent Informatics Course, Social Informatics Course, and Communication Informatics Course, have set up an international program in their curriculum. In these courses, it is possible to obtain a Master's or Doctoral degree entirely in English through English-taught classes and research guidance. The Doctoral program has no specific requirement for Japanese language proficiency.

- International Program

https://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/intl_program/

Q9. Are there any exemptions for the English proficiency test score submission?

Exemptions for the English proficiency score may vary depending on the application; please read the application guidelines carefully.

However, if you would like to apply for the Master's program, there is generally no exemption when the Course requires it. Even if you have received an education in English up to higher education in a country where English is the first language, the submission of scores cannot be exempted.

Q10. Can I see past entrance exam questions?

For the Master's program, past entrance exam questions are available on our website, covering the past five years for the summer entrance exam. However, please note that past entrance exam questions are not available for the Doctoral program. This resource is designed to help you prepare and feel confident about the exam process.

- Previous entrance examination questions

<https://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admission/examarchive/>

Q11. Can you confirm if my application documents have been received?

No. We do not respond to inquiries about the receipt of application documents. Please use the carrier that offers tracking service so that you can check the delivery status of your application documents.

Q12. Can documents such as invitation letters be issued for travel purposes?

We do not issue documents such as invitation letters to travel to take the entrance exam.

Please refer to the Japanese Embassy website of your country for information on necessary travel documents.

Q13. Please tell me about the entrance exam schedule.

The schedule of the entrance exam is posted on the following websites:

- Master's Program Schedule https://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admission/guide/schedule_master/
- Doctoral Program Schedule https://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admission/guide/schedule_doctor/