

**October 2026 Admission**

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Master's Course)

## **Application Guidebook**

Division of Humanities and Social Sciences

Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program
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- ◆ **General Selection**
- ◆ **Special Selection for Working Citizens**
- ◆ **Special Selection for Senior Citizens**

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# **Admission Policy**

## **Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences**

### **【Master's Course】**

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① A person who is motivated to acquire, in addition to a wide range of general knowledge, a high level of knowledge and research skills in the humanities, social sciences, educational sciences and other related fields, and who eventually aims to contribute to creating a “peace science that can lead to sustainable development” from diversified perspectives

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# **Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program**

## **【Master's Course】**

The Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program is seeking students who have a strong motivation and passion to pursue the following objectives and who have the fundamental academic abilities required to achieve them.

- ① A person who is motivated to be exposed to new academic fields to create a new domain of knowledge, beyond the borders of the humanities and sciences, and unrestricted by a narrow specific academic discipline
- ② A person who has the desire to identify challenges to tackle by facing up to complex real-world situations, understand the factors behind such challenges, and come up with solutions to them
- ③ A person who is eager to develop an attitude of openness to different cultures and others, beyond the framework of nations, regions and societies, and acquire the ability required to express his/her views and opinions

In order to admit such individuals, Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program selects applicants through a multifaceted and comprehensive evaluation process based on its own Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy, using interviews, academic tests, and external examinations.

The Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program will accept applicants via General Selection, Special Selection for Working Citizens, and Special Selection for Senior Citizens, for October 2026 admission to the Master's Course, as indicated below.

## 1 Number of Students to be Admitted and the Examination Venue

### October 2026 Admission

Program	Selection Classification	Number of Students Admitted	Examination Venue Application Submissions and Inquiries
Integrated Arts and Human Sciences	General Selection	Several	Integrated Arts and Sciences Building at Higashi-Hiroshima Campus, Hiroshima University  Support office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Hiroshima University 1-7-1 Kagamiyama Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima 739-8521 JAPAN Tel: +81-82-424-6316
	Special Selection for Working Citizens		
	Special Selection for Senior Citizens		

## 2 Admission Schedule

### General Selection

Due Date	Test Category	Time
August 24, 2026(Mon)	Writing Test (Specialized Subject)	10:00 – 12:00
August 25, 2026(Tue)	Oral Exam (about 30 minutes per examinee)	9:00 –

### Special Selection for Working Citizens

### Special Selection for Senior Citizens

Due Date	Test Category	Time
August 25, 2026(Tue)	Oral Exam (about 30 minutes per examinee)	9:00 –

(Note) Applicants should be sure to discuss their research content with their prospective supervisor before applying.

If an applicant is unable to contact his / her prospective supervisor, please contact the Support Office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences (Graduate School). (see page 16).

Please be aware that available supervisors may change (e.g., due to changes in their employment). In that case, it will be posted on the website of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, so please check in advance before consultation.

## 3 Eligibility for Application

The Eligibility for Application is as follows.

General Selection	A person applying under admission requirement (9) – (11) must undergo a Preliminary Evaluation. Please refer to “5 Preliminary Evaluation”.
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Those who meet, or expect to meet by March 31, 2026, one of the following requirements; individuals who:

- (1) Have graduated from a university in Japan.
- (2) Have received a Bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) based on paragraph 7, article 104 of the School Education Act (Act 26 of 1947. Hereafter referred to as the "Act").
- (3) Have completed 16 years of formal schooling in a foreign country.

- (4) While resident in Japan, have taken distance courses provided by a school located in a different country to complete 16 years of formal schooling of said foreign country.
- (5) Have studied at an educational institute in Japan designated by the educational policies of a foreign country as sufficiently equivalent to university courses of said foreign country (limited to foreign universities for which graduation requires 16 proper years of education) and is specifically recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereafter referred to as “Minister”).
- (6) Have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through attendance at an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to educational institutions certified by the relevant country’s government or authoritative institution, or recognized as sufficiently equivalent by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), and have graduated from a program requiring 3 or more years to complete (This includes correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan, and completing the course at an educational institution that is properly recognized by the education system of said foreign country).
- (7) Have completed a specialized course at a vocational school (limited to courses that have a duration of four years or more and meet other standards set by the Minister) recognized by the Minister within the period of the Minister’s authorization.
- (8) Have been designated by the Minister (Ministry of Education Notification No. 5 of February 7, 1953: Graduates of universities under the old University Act, or universities under the Ministry Establishment Act, Organization Act, or Individual Administrative Agency Act, etc.)
- (9) Have been admitted to a graduate school based on the provisions of paragraph 2, article 102 of the Act, and were subsequently recognized by Hiroshima University Graduate School as having adequate academic abilities to study at the graduate school (individuals who skip grades to be enrolled in another graduate school, and subsequently wish to apply for the GSIAS).
- (10) Are at least 22 years of age and recognized in an individual review of admission eligibility carried out by the Hiroshima University Graduate School, as having academic abilities equal to or greater than a university graduate.
- (11) Have studied at university for at least 3 years (including those designated by the Minister) and have earned high mark credits recognized by the Hiroshima University Graduate School.

Special Selection for Working Citizens	A person applying under admission requirements (9) – (10) must undergo Preliminary Evaluation. Please refer to “5 Preliminary Evaluation”.
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Those who have at least 2 years of work or other experience at the time of admission to this graduate school, and who meet, or expect to meet by March 31, 2026, one of the following requirements; individuals who:

- (1) Have graduated from a university in Japan.
- (2) Have received a Bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) based on paragraph 7, article 104 of the School Education Act (Act 26 of 1947. Hereafter referred to as the "Act").
- (3) Have completed 16 years of formal schooling in a foreign country.
- (4) While resident in Japan, have taken distance courses provided by a school located in a different country to complete 16 years of formal schooling of said foreign country.
- (5) Have studied at an educational institute in Japan designated by the educational policies of a foreign country as sufficiently equivalent to university courses of said foreign country (limited to foreign universities for which graduation requires 16 proper years of education) and is specifically recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereafter referred to as “Minister”).
- (6) Have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through attending an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to educational institutions certified by the relevant country’s government or authoritative institution, or recognized as sufficiently equivalent by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), and have graduated from a program requiring 3 or more years to complete (This includes correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan, and completing the course at an educational institution that is properly recognized by the education system of said foreign country).
- (7) Have completed a specialized course at a vocational school (limited to courses that have a duration of four years or more and meet other standards set by the Minister) recognized by the Minister within the period of the Minister’s authorization.
- (8) Have been designated by the Minister (including individuals who have graduated from universities as defined in the old University Directive, acts of incorporation and organizational directives of different government agencies, or laws governing independent administrative agencies).

- (9) Have been admitted to a graduate school based on the provisions of paragraph 2, article 102 of the Act, and were subsequently recognized by Hiroshima University Graduate School as having adequate academic abilities to study at the graduate school (individuals who skip grades to be enrolled in another graduate school, and subsequently wish to apply for the GSIAS).
- (10) Are at least 24 years of age, and recognized in an individual review of admission eligibility, carried out by the Hiroshima University Graduate School, as having academic abilities equal to or greater than a university graduate.

Special Selection for Senior Citizens	A person applying under admission requirement (9) – (11) must undergo Preliminary Evaluation. Please refer to “5 Preliminary Evaluation”.
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Those who aim to obtain a degree and are 55 years of age or older at the time of admission to this graduate school, and who meet, or expect to meet by March 31, 2026, one of the following requirements; individuals who:

- (1) Have graduated from a university in Japan.
- (2) Have received a Bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) based on paragraph 7, article 104 of the School Education Act (Act 26 of 1947. Hereafter referred to as the "Act").
- (3) Have completed 16 years of formal schooling in a foreign country.
- (4) While resident in Japan, have taken distance courses provided by a school located in a different country to complete 16 years of formal schooling of said foreign country.
- (5) Have studied at an educational institute in Japan designated by the educational policies of a foreign country as sufficiently equivalent to university courses of said foreign country (limited to foreign universities for which graduation requires 16 proper years of education) and is specifically recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereafter referred to as “Minister”).
- (6) Have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through attending an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to educational institutions certified by the relevant country’s government or authoritative institution, or recognized as sufficiently equivalent by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), and have graduated from a program requiring 3 or more years to complete (This includes correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan, and completing the course at an educational institution that is properly recognized by the education system of said foreign country).
- (7) Have completed, after a date specified by the Minister, a professional course provided by a higher vocational school (only those courses that satisfy Ministry criteria, including the requirement that the term of study be at least 4 years) that is specifically designated by said Minister.
- (8) Have been designated by the Minister (including individuals who have graduated from universities as defined in the old University Directive, acts of incorporation and organizational directives of different government agencies, or laws governing independent administrative agencies).
- (9) Have been admitted to a graduate school based on the provisions of paragraph 2, article 102 of the Act, and were subsequently recognized by Hiroshima University Graduate School as having adequate academic abilities to study at the graduate school (individuals who skip grades to be enrolled in another graduate school, and subsequently wish to apply for the GSIAS).
- (10) Are at least 55 years of age and recognized in an individual review of admission eligibility carried out by the Hiroshima University Graduate School, as having academic abilities equal to or greater than a university graduate.
- (11) Have studied at university for at least 3 years (including those designated by the Minister) and have earned high mark credits recognized by the Hiroshima University Graduate School.

## 4 Notes

- (1) Please discuss the substance of your research with the professor under whom you wish to study before applying. Preliminary consultations have no impact on selection.  
(<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gshs>)
- (2) Hiroshima University has established the university's Rules on Security Export Control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and conducts strict examinations for acceptance of international students, etc. Therefore, please be advised that International applicants may be unable to receive their desired education or conduct their desired research due to the restrictions designated by the above regulations.

## 5 Preliminary Evaluation

Those who must undergo Preliminary Evaluation of General Selection, Special Selection for Working Citizens or Special Selection for Senior Citizens must submit the following documents to the Support office for the field of Integrated Arts and Sciences (Contact for inquiry Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences) between June 1, 2026 (Mon) and 17:00 June 12, 2026 (Fri), and then follow subsequent instructions. Send the documents via registered mail and write the phrase "Preliminary Evaluating Application Form of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences included" in red on the front surface of the envelope.

Applicants will be notified of the evaluation results by July 6, 2026(Mon).

- (1) A person applying under admission requirement (9)
  - 1) Preliminary Evaluation Application Form (Request the form from the Integrated Arts and Sciences Support office)
  - 2) Graduate school certificate of enrollment or certificate of completion
  - 3) Academic transcript from the university the person attended/ has attended
  - 4) A self-addressed standard-size envelope with 110yen worth of stamps
- (2) A person applying under admission requirement (10)
  - 1) Preliminary Evaluating Application Form (Request the form from the Support office for the field of Integrated Arts and Sciences)
  - 2) Certificate of final educational background\*
  - 3) Most recent academic transcripts, or equivalent
  - 4) Notifications of success in various qualification examinations, documents explaining the content of qualifications, papers/reports, other achievements, or anything in place of these
  - 5) A self-addressed standard-size envelope with 110yen worth of stamps

\*Certificate of final educational background

If you are a graduate of a university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please submit an original or certified copy of "毕业证书(Certificate of Graduation)", and also obtain 教育部学历证书电子注册备案表(Higher Education Qualification Certificate) by requesting it on "中国高等教育学历证书查询(CHSI)" (<http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp>) and submit it. Please note that applicants must pay the issuing fee for the Online Verification Report by themselves. Also, be sure that the online verification is available as of **June 26, 2026 (Fri)**.

- (3) A person applying under admission requirement (11)

Applicants must have earned 100 or more credits by their second year at university, and 90% or more of their grades were rated "excellent" or higher. \* Excluding "Special Selection for Working Citizens".

  - 1) Preliminary Evaluation Application Form (Request the form from the Support office for the field of Integrated Arts and Sciences)
  - 2) Academic Transcript or Certificate of expected credit acquisition
  - 3) Recommendation letter from academic supervisor or equivalent person
  - 4) Standards for studying at the university/faculty you are enrolled in, list of course subjects, etc.

5) A self-addressed standard-size envelope with 110yen worth of stamps

If you **enrol** as a person falling under (3) above, your academic record will treat you as having withdrawn from the undergraduate school. Therefore, please note that if you withdraw from the university, you will no longer be eligible to take various national exams for which university graduation is a requirement for eligibility.

## 6 Application Procedure

### 1. Submission Procedure

All applicants must obtain consent from their prospective academic advisor in advance to apply for the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. After that, applicants are required to apply using the “online application system”, and send the necessary documents.

(Partially online application hereinafter referred to as “online application”)

#### Online Application

1) Enter your personal information.

2) Pay the application fee, 30,000 yen.

3) All application documents must be either sent by mail or delivered in person.

Note: The online application, i.e., entering the necessary information on the website and paying the application fee, is only the initial registration process, and does not complete the application procedure. The application procedure must be completed by either sending, or delivering in person, all the necessary application documents by the due date to the support office (the aforementioned address). Application documents must arrive within the specified period at the support office. A fully paper-based application without registering the online application is not accepted in this graduate school.

(1) Application time period:

Applicants must complete all of the above procedures (from 1 to 3 in (1)) within the application period.  
July 10, 2026 (Fri) to July 17, 2026 (Fri) (No later than 17:00 (JST))

(2) Online Application

◆ Inquiry regarding the system

For inquiries concerning online application system and UCARO website	TEL +81-3-6634-6494 (Japanese Speaking Only) Inquires accepted from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Except from December 30 to January 3)
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○ For inquiries regarding the entrance examination, ask the Support Office for the field of Integrated Arts and Sciences (and ask for the contact in charge of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences).

Opened: 8:30 - 17:00 (closed in Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays)

Complete the following 8 steps during the application period.

### Step 1: Access the online application system

Access the online application system from the Hiroshima University Admissions Information web page:  
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/nyugaku>

### Step 2: Select ‘Membership Registration’ on the UCARO log in screen.

Account registration for UCARO is required for all applicants (free of charge), which enables applicants to use the above online application system and complete the enrollment procedures.

**Step 3: If you are exempt from the Application fee, enter your Account Number and the alphanumeric code (consisting of 8 or more characters) you received from the Graduate School concerned.**

#### **Step 4: Enter your application data into the online application system**

Follow the instructions on the screen and enter your name, address, telephone number, email address etc.

\* Your personal information registered through the online application system will be used for the following purposes. Therefore, please ensure the information is accurate.

1. Carrying out entrance examinations and screening.
2. Notifying and sending the screening results.
3. Sending documents for enrollment procedures to successful applicants.
4. Sending information before and after admission.
5. Creating statistical data on entrance examinations.
6. Creating student registration data and Student ID-Cards.
7. Receiving application fees.
8. Checking the access status to the Service.

#### **Step 5: Confirm the necessary documents and upload your photo**

Confirm the necessary documents when they are shown and upload a digital photo of yourself.

\* The uploaded photo, which will be used for identification at the examination, will be also used for your student ID card after enrollment and will be maintained in the university's educational system until graduation.

Therefore, please upload a photo appropriate for use after enrollment as well.

Once uploaded, your photo may not be replaced.

A fee of JPY 1,000 will be charged for changing the content of your student ID card (photo and your name) after enrollment.

#### **Step 6: Payment of application fee (JPY 30,000)**

Select the payment method for the application fee from among the following options.

For applications from outside Japan, only credit card payments can be accepted.

- Credit Card (Available both within and outside Japan)
- Convenience Store, Banking institution ATM 【Pay-easy】, and Internet banking (NOT available from outside Japan)

(Note)

- **In addition to the application fee, applicants must cover the remittance fees.**
- Applicants need to pay the Processing Fee (The amount of Processing Fee will be indicated at the time of online application).

**Important notices regarding the application fee**

The application fee, once paid, will not be refunded except for one of the two reasons below.

In such cases, please clearly write the “reason for demand of refund”, “name”, “postal code”, “address”, “transfer destination information” and “contact telephone number” in the prescribed format designated by the university and send it to the address mentioned Step 8 by postal mail by Friday, February 26, 2027.

- (1) If the application documents have not been submitted, or if they have not been accepted
- (2) If duplicate payments of the entrance application fee have been made in error

**Step 7: Initial registration process complete (Your application is NOT completed yet.)**

You will be issued a Registration Number (which is different from your Examinee’s Number). Please make a note of it or print out a copy of the computer screen showing the number. You can also check the number in the registration completion mail. The Registration Number is needed for confirming the application details later, and for sending the application documents by post.

**Step 8: Submission of application documents through registered mail or in person**

Prepare an envelope that accommodates A-4 size documents for sending application documents. Write the Registration Number, the postal code, address, and the name of the applicant on the envelope. If you submit the application documents in person, application documents are accepted from 8:30 to 17:00 on a weekday. Please note that the office is closed on Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays. If you are applying from outside Japan, please send the envelope containing all the necessary documents via a registered airmail such as Express Mail Service (EMS) to the following address.

- (3) Submit Applications to:  
 (Contact for the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences)  
 Support office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences,  
 Hiroshima University  
 1-7-1 Kagamiyama Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima 739-8521 JAPAN  
 Tel: +81-82-424-6316

- (4) Note:
  - i. Changes in application materials after submission will not be allowed.
  - ii. Application materials will not be returned.
  - iii. Any forgery or falsification of the documents and/or academic fraud will result in cancellation of acceptance even after passing the examination or admission.
  - iv. If an applicant cannot graduate from the university before the admission date, he/she will lose the eligibility to enter our graduate school in this session.
  - v. If the exam date and time is changed due to weather or other factors, it will be announced on the website.

**2. Documents to submit**

	Document Type	Remarks
A	Personal History	Use provided forms
B	Academic Transcript	Must be the originals or certified photocopies issued by the President or Dean of the university from which you have graduated. Copies without original certification will not be accepted as certificates.

C	Certificate of Graduation or Certificate of Expected Graduation	<p>Must be originals or certified photocopies issued by the President or Dean of the university from which you have graduated. Copies without original certification will not be accepted as certificates.</p> <p>If you are a university graduate, please ensure that the certificate includes information about your degree.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>If you are a graduate or a current student of a university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau), please obtain the following document by requesting it at “中国高等教育学历证书查询 (CHSI)” (<a href="http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp">http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp</a>). Also be sure that the online verification is available as of July 31, 2026 (Fri).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Applicants who have graduated</u>: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表)</li> <li>• <u>Applicants who are expected to graduate</u>: Online Verification Report of Student Record (教育部学籍在线验证报告)</li> </ul> <p>Please note that applicants must pay the issuing fee for the Online Verification Report by themselves.</p> <p>Graduates also submit an original or certified copy of “毕业证书 (Certificate of Graduation)” and “学士学位证书 (Bachelor Diploma)”.</p> </div>
D	Graduation Thesis	<p>If you have written your graduation thesis in a language other than Japanese or English, please attach an outline of your thesis (no restriction on format or number of characters) written in Japanese or English.</p> <p>If you are planning to graduate and are currently writing a graduation thesis at the time of application, use the provided form to write an outline of your graduation thesis in approximately 2,000 characters (or 1000 words in English).</p> <p>If you are unable to submit your graduation thesis or outline of your graduation thesis, please submit a research paper etc. that proves your research ability.</p> <p>If you are unable to submit either of these, please refer to E.</p>
E	Research Proposal	<p>Please submit this if you are applying through “General Selection”.</p> <p>Use provided forms and write an outline of your Research Proposal in approximately 2,000 characters (or 1000 words in English).</p> <p>If you are unable to submit D, also state your reason here.</p>
	Statement of Purpose	<p>Please submit this if you are applying through “Special Selection for Working Citizens” or “Special Selection for Senior Citizens”.</p> <p>Use provided forms and write an outline of your Statement of Purpose in approximately 2,000 characters (or 1000 words in English).</p> <p>If you are unable to submit D, also state your reason here.</p>

F	Reports on "Common Issues"	<p>Please submit this if you are applying through “General Selection”.</p> <p>Use the provided forms to explain what you believe are the challenges in a modern society and how you conceive of interdisciplinary and integrated research as a solution, in conjunction with the research plan described in E. This should be about 1500 characters (or 750 words in English), and in language non-specialists can understand.</p> <p>Please note that you do not need to submit this form if you are applying through the “Special Selection for Working Citizens” or “Special Selection for Senior Citizens”.</p>
G	Score certificate of English language proficiency or Japanese language proficiency	<p>Please submit this if you are applying through “General Selection”.</p> <p>Please submit the original or copy of the score certificate of any of the English proficiency tests (1 to 5) or the Japanese language proficiency test (6).</p> <p>Only scores from exams taken after April 1, 2023 are eligible. However, if you have obtained or are planning to obtain a bachelor's degree in Japanese, you are permitted to submit a score certificate from the Japanese Language Proficiency Test which was taken before April 2023.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TOEIC®-Public Test or TOEIC®-IP</li> <li>2. TOEFL®-PBT</li> <li>3. TOEFL®-iBT</li> <li>4. IELTS</li> <li>5. The EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency</li> <li>6. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (N1) *Only for those whose native language is not Japanese.</li> </ol> <p>Please note that submission of TOEIC®-IP (online method) scores will not be accepted.</p> <p>In addition, if you have taken a proficiency test in a foreign language other than English or Japanese, please submit a score certificate for the proficiency test in that foreign language in addition to a score certificate for any of scores 1 to 6. Please consult with your prospective academic advisor about which language you would like to use to take the exam before submitting your application.</p> <p>Please note that you do not need to submit this if you are applying through the “Special Selection for Working Citizens” or “Special Selection for Senior Citizens”.</p>
H	Pass Notification for Preliminary Evaluation	<p>Published by the Dean of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.</p> <p>Please submit only if you received a Preliminary Evaluation.</p>
I	Return Envelope	<p>Self-addressed standard size envelope (long size 3) with 110 yen stamp</p>
J	Copy of residence card	<p>Please submit only if you are a foreign national residing in Japan. If the address is written on the back, please copy both sides.</p>

- i. It is required to attach the English or Japanese translation of any application document written in any other language.
- ii. If there are special circumstances that prevent you from submitting the documents listed in B and C, please submit an appropriate document in place of them.
- iii. Those applying under Eligibility for Application (9), (10), or (11) do not need to submit items B and C.
- iv. If you are a foreign applicant for the “Special Selection for Working Citizens” and “Special Selection for Senior Citizens” and have taken an English proficiency test such as TOEFL® or TOEIC® or the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, please also submit your transcript.

**The Master’s Degree Program requires international students to reach a satisfactory level of Japanese or English language proficiency since almost all classes are held in Japanese or English.**

### 3. Advance Consultation for Reasonable Accommodation in Studying

Applicants with physical disabilities, etc. who require accommodations in studying must submit an application form for advance consultation (no prescribed form), containing the following information:

(1) Consulting and submission deadline: June 26, 2026 (Fri)

(2) Information required:

- i. Applicant's name, mailing address, and phone number
- ii. Name of the university or institution that you graduated from, and name of the supervisor you wish to study under at Hiroshima University
- iii. Type and degree of the disability (A doctor's statement or a copy of physical disability certificate is required)
- iv. Accommodation requirements after admission
- v. Accommodation requirements that were provided in your previous university or institution
- vi. Explanation of how the disability affects your everyday life

### 4. Delivery of examination tickets, etc.

Examination tickets and test taker guidelines will be sent by Friday, July 31, 2026. If these have not arrived by Monday, August 3, 2026, please contact the one in charge of "Application Submission and Inquiry" via the details listed above.

## 7 Student Selection Method (Academic Examinations)

### General Selection

Selection is based upon a comprehensive evaluation of an Academic Ability Test (Written Test, Oral Test), Foreign Language Ability, Academic Transcripts, Graduation Thesis, Research Proposal and Reports on "Common Issues".

(1) Written Test (200 points)

Specialized Subject	Issues related to the specialty field you wish to apply for. Depending on your specialty, questions may be asked that test your foreign language ability.
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(2) Oral Test (200 points)

Details will be provided on the day of the test.

In the oral examination, your motivation and desire to enter graduate school, basic knowledge of research, etc. will be graded. You may also be asked about your foreign language ability.

(3) Foreign Language Ability (100 points)

We will use your Score Certificate of English language proficiency or Japanese language proficiency.

### Special Selection for Working Citizens | Special Selection for Senior Citizens

Selection is based upon a comprehensive evaluation of the academic ability test (Oral Test), Academic Transcripts, Graduation Thesis, and Research Proposal.

Details will be provided on the day of the test.

In the oral examination, your motivation and desire to enter graduate school, basic knowledge of research, etc., will be graded.

## 8 Announcement of Results

Announcement of admission is by email on August 28, 2026 (Fri) 12:00 (JST).

This will be posted in the exam hall. A written notice is also sent to all successful applicants. We do not accept telephone inquiries.

In addition, the examination numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences website below from 12:00 noon on Friday, August 28, 2026 to 12:00 on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gshs>

## 9 Admission Procedure

### (1) Admission Procedure Period

Admission procedures will be completed during the specified period from early to mid-September 2026. The Student Support Office will inform accepted applicants separately of the details of admission procedures.

### (2) Payment Fee

Admission fee: 282,000 yen

Tuition fee (annual): 535,800 yen (267,900 yen for the first semester)

Notes: 1) The admission fee will not be refunded, without exception.

2) Applicants will be required to pay the new tuition fee if the fee is revised. In addition, the amount of the fees listed above is as of April 2026.

3) The Student Support Office will inform separately of the Details such as the amount of the payment and the specific payment method.

### (3) Documents to be submitted

Enrollment Notification, Written Oath, Student Information Registration Sheet, Photo Slip, Graduation Certificate, and Academic Transcript (if you are taking the exam with expected graduation), letter of consent from your supervisor (if you are enrolling while still employed as a civil servant or private company) etc.

## 10 Special Provisions for Educational Methods

For those who wish to study while remaining employed as working citizens after admission, a system based on the special provisions of Article 14 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools will be established so that they can perform their duties as working citizens and study at the Graduate School at the same time.

The special method of taking courses at this graduate school allows students to take some classes at night, on Saturdays, during summer/winter holidays, etc., and by using information networks, etc. Your course plan will be created under the guidance of your academic advisor.

## 11 Long Term Course Enrollment System

There is a system that allows students who fall under any of the following categories to systematically complete a curriculum over a certain period of time beyond the standard study period.

- (1) Persons who are employed and employed (including those who work part-time) and who find it extremely difficult to secure study time.
- (2) Those who are responsible for housework, childcare, and nursing care at home, and who find it extremely difficult to find time to study.
- (3) Students who enrolled through our university's Special Selection for Senior Citizens Admissions Program

Under this system, tuition fees are paid in installments over the fixed period of time that is permitted in order for students to complete the course in a timely manner.

## 12 Personal information acquired through this application

The information you provide in the application form and other forms (name, date of birth, gender and other personal information) is used for the purpose of admission selection, exam result notification, and admission procedures. After admission, the information is used by Hiroshima University for the purpose of student affairs (scholarship applications, tuition exemption applications, etc.). This information will not be used for other purposes or provided to entities outside Hiroshima University.

## 13 Student Dormitory

See the Student Dormitory website for application.

([https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/explore\\_hu/life/residence](https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/explore_hu/life/residence))

## 14 Miscellaneous

Smoking is prohibited entirely in all HU campuses from January 2020.

### **Application Submissions and Inquiries**

Support office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences  
(Contact for inquiry Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences) Hiroshima University

1-7-1 Kagamiyama Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima  
739-8521 JAPAN  
Tel: +81-82-424-6316  
Email: [souka-gaku-sien@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:souka-gaku-sien@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp)

If the exam date and time is changed due to weather or other factors, it will be announced on the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences website.

<p>Disclosure of the Personal Information for the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University</p>
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1. The information regarding the result of the entrance examination listed in the table below can be disclosed only to the applicant (hereinafter referred to as the “applicant for disclosure”).

Item	Disclosed information
Result of Examination	Examination score Letter grade of each subject in the examination (scale assessment)

2. The procedure to request disclosure of personal information is as follows.

(1) Please request the application form for disclosure of personal information in one of the following two methods.

① To request the application form in person, please go to the Support office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences .

② To request the application form by mail from the Support Office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University, the one requesting disclosure should write “Request for Application Forms for Disclosure of Personal Information in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University” on the envelope, and enclose a return-envelope (standard size, 12cm ×23.5cm) with his/her own name, postal code and address and 110 yen’s worth of stamps affixed.

(2) Please fill out all the necessary information on the application form, and apply for the disclosure to the Support Office for the fields of Integrated Arts and Sciences in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University, by mail or in person with the following items between October 1 and October 31, 2026.

① Application form for disclosure of the personal information (completed with all the necessary information)

② 2026 Examination card for the Hiroshima University Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (only the original, not photocopies, will be accepted). It will be enclosed and returned at the time of disclosure.

③ One return-envelope (standard size, 12cm ×23.5cm) with the name, postal code and address of the one requesting disclosure, and 110 yen’s worth of stamps affixed.

If there are any issues with the application, the Support Office will ask for the necessary correction.

(3) The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences will send a Notice of Disclosure Decision to the applicant within 30 days of receiving the Entrance Examination Information Disclosure Application. (The disclosed information will be posted by the return-envelope).

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人間総合科学プログラム Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program

2026年5月1日現在 May 1, 2026

プロジェクト Project	職名・氏名 Position・Name	専門分野 Research Theme
心身と言語研究プロジェクト Human Mind, Body, and Language Research Project	教授 坂田 桐子 Prof. SAKATA Kiriko	人間の集団内および集団間行動に関する研究 Social Psychology, Group Dynamics
	**教授 林 光緒 **Prof. HAYASHI Mitsuo	人間の睡眠と覚醒に関する研究 Sleep Psychology: Human sleep and wakefulness
	教授 関矢 寛史 Prof. SEKIYA Hiroshi	身体運動心理学 Psychology of Human Movement
	教授 長谷川 博 Prof. HASEGAWA Hiroshi	運動時における体温調節機構に関する研究 Exercise and Environmental Physiology
	教授 柴田 美紀 Prof. SHIBATA Miki	第二言語習得, 外国語学習・教育に関する研究, World Englishes, 国際語/リンガフランカとしての英語 Second language acquisition, Research on foreign language learning/education, World Englishes, English as an international language/a lingua franca
	教授 上泉 康樹 Prof. UWAZUMI Kouki	体育哲学・スポーツ哲学(主に古代ギリシアにおけるギムナスティケー論および運動競技論, 身体論) Philosophy of physical education and philosophy of sports (focussing on thought of physical education, sports, and body in ancient Greece)
	教授 田中 亮 Prof. TANAKA Ryo	リハビリテーション科学 Rehabilitation science
	教授 山根 典子 Prof. YAMANE Noriko	音声学, 音韻論 Phonetics, Phonology
	教授 緒形 ひとみ Prof. OGATA Hitomi	スポーツ栄養, 生体リズムに関する研究 Exercise and Nutrition, Chrono-nutrition
	准教授 小川 景子 Assoc.Prof. OGAWA Keiko	覚醒時と睡眠時の認知神経科学研究 Cognitive neuroscience during wakefulness and sleep
	准教授 榎原 潤 Assoc.Prof. KASHIHARA Jun	心理ネットワークアプローチ, 精神病理研究, スティグマ研究, 臨床心理学 Psychological Network Approach, Psychopathology Research, Stigma Research, Clinical Psychological Science
	准教授 小宮 あすか Assoc.Prof. KOMIYA Asuka	社会生態学的アプローチ, 感情と意思決定に関する研究 socio-ecological psychology, emotions in decision making
	准教授 杉浦 義典 Assoc.Prof. SUGIURA Yoshinori	不安の発生と解消に関する実験臨床心理学的研究 Psychopathology and treatment of anxiety and related disorders.
	准教授 進矢 正宏 Assoc.Prof. SHINYA Masahiro	スポーツバイオメカニクス, 姿勢制御, 運動の自動計測システム Sports biomechanics, Human motor control of posture and gait
	准教授 大嶋 広美 Assoc.Prof. OSHIMA Hiromi	中国語学, 音声学, 言語学 Chinese linguistics, phonology, linguistics
	准教授 CLENTON Jonathan Stuart Michael Assoc.Prof. Jonathan Stuart Michael CLENTON	応用言語学 Applied Linguistics
	准教授 TAFERNER Robert Horst Assoc.Prof. Robert Horst TAFERNER	語用論, 英作文, 心理言語学 Pragmatics, English Academic Writing, Psycholinguistics
	准教授 北梶 陽子 Assoc.Prof. KITAKAJI Yoko	ヒトの協力行動, シミュレーション&ゲーミング Human Cooperation, Simulation and Gaming
	准教授 KONG GARRY Ka Fai Assoc.Prof. Ka Fai KONG GARRY	認知心理学, 注意, ワーキングメモリ Cognitive Psychology, Attention, Working Memory
助教 川上 夏林 Assist. Prof. KAWAKAMI Carine	フランス語学/French Linguistics, 認知言語学/Cognitive Linguistics	

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地域と文化研究プロジェクト Area and Culture Research Project	教授 桑島 秀樹 Prof. KUWAJIMA Hideki	美学芸術学, 感性哲学, 感性文化史, 文化創造論, 風景美学, 18世紀アイルランド・イギリス思想史 Aesthetics, History of KANSEI-Culture, Landscape Aesthetics, 18th Century Irish and British History of Thought
	教授 関村 誠 Prof. SEKIMURA Makoto	文化哲学, 芸術哲学, 感性論, 古代ギリシアの思想 Philosophy of Culture, Philosophy of Art, Aesthetics, Ancient Greek Thought
	教授 荒見 泰史 Prof. ARAMI Hiroshi	中国古代文献研究, 敦煌仏教文学 ancient Chinese manuscripts, Dunhuang Buddhist literature
	教授 丸田 孝志 Prof. MARUTA Takashi	近代中国における民俗の変遷と文化的国民統合 Folklore transition and Cultural National Integration in Modern China
	教授 城戸 光世 Prof. KIDO Mitsuyo	19世紀アメリカ文学および文化研究 19th Century American Literature and Culture
	教授 柳瀬 善治 Prof. YANASE Yoshiharu	日本近代文学, 文学理論 japanese modern literature, literature theory
	教授 澤井 努 Prof. SAWAI Tsutomu	哲学的生命倫理学, 経験的生命倫理学, 生命科学・医療の倫理的・法的・社会的課題, 生命倫理と宗教 Philosophical Bioethics, Empirical Bioethics, Ethical, Legal and Social Issues of Life Sciences and Health Care, Bioethics and Religion
	准教授 RIGSBY Curtis Andrew Assoc.Prof. Curtis Andrew RIGSBY	日本の宗教・日本の文化, 哲学, 比較思想 Japanese Religion・Japanese Culture・Comparative Thought and Philosophy
	准教授 辻 輝之 Assoc.Prof. TSUJI Teruyuki	文化人類学・社会学(宗教, 移民・ディアスポラ, 人種・エスニシティ), 地域研究(カリブ海地域, 米国) Anthropology/Sociology (Religion, Immigration & Diaspora, Race & Ethnicity); Area Studies (Caribbean Studies and American Studies)
	准教授 崔 真碩 Assoc.Prof. CHE Jinsoku	朝鮮文化論, 朝鮮近代文学, 在日朝鮮人文学 Korean culture theory, Korean modern literature, Korean resident in Japan literature
	准教授 李 郁恵 Assoc.Prof. LEE Yuhui	中国語圏の地域研究, 東アジアの日本語文学 Chinese-speaking area studies, Japanese language literature in East Asia
	准教授 渡邊 誠 Assoc.Prof. WATANABE Makoto	日本古代史, 東アジア交流史 Japanese ancient history, History of cultural exchange in East Asia
	准教授 春日 あゆか Assoc.Prof. KASUGA Ayuka	近代イギリス社会・文化史, 環境史 British modern social and cultural history, environmental history
	准教授 的場 いづみ Assoc.Prof. MATOBA Izumi	現代の文学作品・視覚作品を中心としたアメリカ文化研究 Studies in 20th and 21st Century American Literature and Visual Arts
	准教授 貝賀 早希子 Assoc.Prof. KAIGA Sakiko	近現代国際関係史, 国際連盟 Modern International History, the League of Nations
准教授 島村 修平 Assoc.Prof. SHIMAMURA Shuhei	言語哲学, 心の哲学, 行為論, 論理学の哲学 Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Action, Philosophical Logic	
准教授 横山 尊 Assoc.Prof. YOKOYAMA Takashi	日本近現代史, 知識の政治社会史, とくに優生学, 禁酒運動の歴史 Modern Japanese history, the socio-political history of knowledge, with a particular focus on the history of eugenics and the temperance movement	

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文明と環境 研究プロジェクト Civilization and Societal Environment Research Project	**教授 浅野 敏久 **Prof. ASANO Toshihisa	人文地理学, 環境運動の地域論・場所論, エコミュージアム研究 Human Geography, Studies on Environmental movement, Eco-museology
	教授 辻 学 Prof. TSUJI Manabu	西洋文明の思想的基盤としての新約聖書研究 Study of the New Testament as basis for Western thought and civilization
	教授 長坂 格 Prof. NAGASAKA Itaru	人の移動に関する文化人類学的研究およびフィリピン地域研究 Cultural anthropology, Migration studies, Philippine Studies
	教授 青木 利夫 Prof. AOKI Toshio	メキシコの教育・文化史, ラテンアメリカ近現代史 Social History of Culture and Education in Mexico, Latin-American History
	教授 大池 真知子 Prof. OOIKE Machiko	アフリカの文学, ジェンダー学 African literature, gender studies
	教授 関 恒樹 Prof. SEKI Koki	文化人類学(途上国の社会開発, 社会政策, 福祉) Cultural Anthropology (Social Development, Social Policy and Welfare in Developing Countries)
	教授 杉木 恒彦 Prof. SUGIKI Tsunehiko	インド・ネパール仏教(大乘・密教)研究, 比較宗教学 Indian and Nepali Buddhism (Mahayana and Vajrayana), Comparative Religion.
	教授 西 真如 Prof. NISHI Makoto	医療人類学, グローバルヘルス Medical Anthropology, Global Health
	准教授 匹田 篤 Assoc.Prof. HIKITA Atsushi	社会情報学, メディア論, 博物館コミュニケーション Socio-Informatics, Media Studies, Museum Communications
	准教授 福田 恵 Assoc.Prof. FUKUDA Satoshi	農村社会学, 森林と山村の社会史, 農村環境社会論 Rural Sociology, Social History, Environmental Sociology
	准教授 池端 藤子 Assoc.Prof. IKEHATA Fukiko	中東地域研究, イスラーム世界論, 宗教の国際政治学 Area Studies on the Middle East, Studies on the Islamic World, Religion and International Politics
	准教授 河本 尚枝 Assoc.Prof. KAWAMOTO Naoe	留学生教育, 在日外国人問題, 日本語教育 Foreign minority issues, International students education, JFL (Japanese as a foreign language)
	准教授 白川 俊之 Assoc.Prof. SHIRAKAWA Toshiyuki	調査計量を用いた社会的不平等の生成・維持メカニズムの研究 Methodology of quantitative social research, social stratification and social mobility
	准教授 園井 ゆり Assoc.Prof. SONOI Yuri	家族社会学, 福祉社会学 The Sociology of the Family, The Sociology of Welfare
	*准教授 SCHLARB Hans-Michael *Assoc.Prof. Hans-Michael SCHLARB	近代ドイツ文学を中心とした思想史・社会史 Modern German Literature
	准教授 中尾 麻伊香 Assoc.Prof. NAKAO Maika	科学史, 核をめぐる文化 History of Science, Nuclear Culture
	准教授 中澤 聡 Assoc.Prof. NAKAZAWA Satoshi	オランダの科学技術史, 治水史 History of Science, Technology and Water Management in the Netherlands
	准教授 申 在烈 Assoc.Prof. SHIN, Jaeyoul	産業・労働社会学(特に, 自営業・非典型雇用, プラットフォーム労働, 労働所得), 社会不平等論, 社会意識・態度論, The sociology of labor market, work, and industry(with focus on self-employment/non-standard employment, platform work, labor income), The sociology of social inequality, Social consciousness and attitudes
	准教授 渠 蒙 Assoc.Prof. QU, Meng	クリエイティブ・ツーリズム, 芸術祭観光, 地域活性化, 再生型観光, クリエイティブまちづくり, 地域・島嶼研究 Creative Tourism, Art Festivals Tourism, Rural Revitalization, Regenerative Tourism, Creative Placemaking, Rural and Island Studies
	准教授 川島 尚宗 Assoc.Prof. KAWASHIMA Takamune	博物館学, 先史考古学 Museology, Prehistoric Archaeology
准教授 清水 則雄 Assoc.Prof. SHIMIZU Norio	博物館学, 動物生態学, 保全生物学, オオサンショウウオ, エコミュージアム Museology, Animal Ecology, Conservation Biology, Giant Salamander, Ecomuseum	
助教 ZOLLET Simona Assist. Prof. ZOLLET Simona	サステナブルな農業とフードシステム, 農村社会学, 地方創生 Sustainable agriculture and food systems, rural sociology, regional revitalization	

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Supervisor below in charge of plural programs takes charge of the program in the following table, including this program.

研究科 Graduate School	職名・氏名 Position・Name	専門分野 Research Theme
統合生命科学 Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Life	教授 山田 俊弘 Prof. YAMADA Toshihiro	生態学を基礎とした生物を保全する研究 Conservation of organisms based on ecology
	教授 石田 敦彦 Prof. ISHIDA Atsuhiko	タンパク質リン酸化・脱リン酸化に関わる各種酵素・タンパク質の生化学的研究 Biochemistry on enzymes and proteins which mediate protein phosphorylation and dephosphorylation.
	教授 石原 康宏 Prof. ISHIHARA Yasuhiro	大気汚染微粒子 (PM2.5) の生体影響の解明 Effects of airborne particles (PM2.5) on living organism
	*准教授 土谷 彰男 *Assoc.Prof. TSUCHIYA Akio	アマゾン熱帯林の消失による気候変化 Climate change caused by deforestation of rainforests in Amazonia
	講師 戸田 求 Lecturer TODA Motomu	森林生態系のエネルギー・炭素循環 Energy, water and carbon exchange between atmosphere and forest ecosystems
先進理工学 Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering	教授 小野寺 真一 Prof. ONODERA Shinichi	地球表層物質移動論 (水文地形学および生物地球化学) Hydrologic transport of earth surface materials: hydrogeomorphology and biogeochemistry
	教授 近堂 徹 Prof. KONDO Toru	インターネットアーキテクチャ, リアルタイム映像伝送技術, ネットワークセキュリティ, ネットワーク管理, 遠隔機器制御, 情報通信工学, 統計的成長模型, 教育と学習を支援する情報システム Internet architecture, real-time video transmission technology, network security, network management, remote appliance control, information communication engineering, statistical growth model, information system supporting education and learning
	教授 横山 正 Prof. YOKOYAMA Tadashi	岩石風化に関する反応と物質輸送 Reaction and transport relevant to rock weathering
	**准教授 小澤 久 **Assoc.Prof. OZAWA Hisashi	地球の気候と流体系の熱力学, 非平衡系の散逸構造 Thermodynamics of the global climate and fluid systems, dissipative structures of non-equilibrium systems

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