

Eligibility for Master Course (for 2026 application)

The applicant must satisfy all the eligibility requirements for the Master's Special English Program which are mentioned below in articles (1) and (2). At the same time, applicants must also fulfill at least one of the eligibility requirements described in articles (3) to (5). Those who have graduated or who are expecting to graduate from undergraduate universities in Japan (including The University of Tokyo), or who are enrolled in universities in Japan (including the non-regular students such as research students) are not eligible for these special English graduate programs. (Note 1)

(1) A person who neither has Japanese nationality nor resides in Japan during the period of time from the online application's start date until its deadline. (※ 1,2,3)

- ※1 Individuals with Japanese nationality and nationality from another country (or countries) will, if unable to provide proof of relinquishment of Japanese nationality by the time of arrival in Japan, be regarded as ineligible for the program.
- ※2 Although a person who resides in Japan (meaning a person who has a status of residence provided for by the "Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Law No. 319, 1951)" of Japan) at the time of application is not eligible, the following students may be allowed to apply as an exception. Foreign international students who have been temporarily enrolled in the University of Tokyo at the time of application through an exchange or short-term program with a partner school, by proving they are based out of another country, may be allowed to apply. In this event, they must submit documents proving that they are participating in a program implemented by the office of this university.
- ※3 Those who neither have Japanese nationality nor reside in Japan at the time of Application but have "permanent resident", "long-term resident", or "special permanent resident" residence status in Japan are in principle ineligible to apply. However, individuals who correspond to Eligibilities (4) and (5) below may be allowed to apply. For details, please contact the office of each program no later than 2 weeks prior to the deadline for online application via T-cens. Those who have graduated from universities with a bachelor's degree, a master's degree or a doctoral degree in Japan (including The University of Tokyo) are not eligible.

(2) A person with the linguistic skill level required to take classes and receive research

guidance in English.

- (3) A person who has completed, or is expected to complete by the day before the admission date in April or October 2026, 16 years of school education in a country other than Japan. (Notes 2)
- (4) A person upon whom a degree equivalent to that of a bachelor's degree has been conferred, or is expected to be conferred by the day before the admission date in April or October 2026, from a foreign university or other foreign institution (limited to those whose comprehensive status of education and research activities have been assessed by the government of said foreign country or a related organization), having completed a program with a completion period of 3 years or more. (Notes 2)
- (5) A person who is 22 or more years old on the day before the admission date in April or October 2026, 6 whom this graduate school has recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a Japanese university. (Notes 2,3,4,5)

Note 1 Japanese universities mentioned above are universities within the boundaries of Japan and are as prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Law.

Note 2 Although the admission date is scheduled to be on April 1, 2026 or October 1 (tentative), 2026, it may be subject to change. The confirmed admission date will be put on our website later.

Note 3 Those mentioned in Eligibility (5) above are those who do not fall into Eligibility (3) or (4), but who have graduated from an educational institution equivalent to a 4-year university, and whom this graduate school has recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a Japanese university.

Note 4 Those who wish to apply based on Eligibility (5) must contact the office of each program no later than 2 weeks prior to the deadline for online application via T-cens, as the eligibility for application is confirmed individually.

Note 5 Those who are recognized as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a Japanese university (through screening of entrance qualifications) will be permitted to apply and take the entrance examination.