

【April 2025 Admission】
【September 2025 Admission】

Nanzan University Graduate School Entrance Examination Requirements

Admission Examination for Overseas Residents

- **Graduate School of Humanities**
 - Graduate Program in Christian Thought
(Master's Course only)**
 - Graduate Program in Religious Thought
(Doctoral Course only)**
 - Graduate Program in Anthropology**
 - Graduate Program in Linguistic Science**
- **Graduate School of International Area Studies**
- **Graduate School of Social Sciences**
- **Graduate School of Law**
- **Graduate School of Science and Technology
(Doctoral Course only)**

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Please check the Nanzan University Graduate School website for information about entrance examinations.

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Graduate School of Nanzan University webpage : <https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/grad/>

■ School Philosophy

[School Philosophy]

The university has a "school education based on Christian world view" as a school philosophy, and set out the educational motto of "Hominis Dignitati" to provide specific direction for that school philosophy.

[Purpose]

The graduate school of the university aims to have students study and conduct research on advanced and specialized academic theories and applications to deepen their understanding of their respective fields based upon the foundation they developed in their undergraduate studies. With a Christian world view, the program aims to cultivate people who contribute to the progress of culture and the welfare of mankind as members of society who have a deep awareness of human dignity.

Therefore, the university aims to accept capable people who have the necessary knowledge to engage in specialized research, and furthermore apply these research results to improve social life and humanity while respecting human dignity.

■ Three Policies

At the university, with the educational motto "for human dignity", a diploma policy (degree awards policy), curriculum policy (curriculum preparation / implementation policy), and admission policy (policy of accepting admissions) have been established for each graduate course and major of the graduate school. Please refer to the following web page for more information on these three policies.

<https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/Menu/hoshin/policy.html>

■ Admission Review Contents 【April 2025 Admission】

The admission period is April 2025. Among successful applicants, those who are expected to graduate or complete a course in March 2025 will be given an unofficial offer.

1. Number of Students to be Admitted

Graduate Course	Major	Course	Number of Applicants Accepted
Humanities	Christian Thought	Master's Course	A few for each major
	Religious Thought	Doctoral Course	
	Anthropology	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
	Linguistic Science	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
International Area Studies	International Area Studies	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
Social Sciences	Economics	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
	Management	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
	Policy Studies	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
Law	Law	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
Science and Technology	Software Engineering, Data Science, Mechatronics	Doctoral Course	

※ We will carry out an online interview with applicants who are able to use Zoom etc. so please refer to the common items explained from page 20.

2. Examination Schedule

Review	Application Period / Entrance Examination Fee Wire Transfer Period	Announcement of Examination Results *on the university webpage
Period I Review	May 9 (Thursday) ~ June 20 (Thursday), 2024 【must be received】	July 11, 2024 (Thursday) 13:00
Period II Review	June 21 (Friday) ~ August 27 (Tuesday), 2024 【must be received】	September 20, 2024 (Friday) 13:00
Period III Review	August 28 (Wednesday) ~ November 8 (Friday), 2024 【must be received】	December 6, 2024 (Friday) 13:00

3. Examination Method

Application documents [score: 100 points]

4. Application Requirements

People who fulfill any of the following, or who are expected to fulfill them by the end of March 2025, and who meet the requirements indicated by each major.

Master's Course (in Japan, often referred to as the First term of Doctoral Program)

- (1) People who graduated from university
- (2) People who have been awarded a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education
- (3) People who have completed a 16-year course in school education in a foreign country
- (4) People who have completed a 16-year course in school education of a foreign country by completing a lesson course through correspondence education conducted by the respective foreign school and taken in Japan
- (5) People who have completed a relevant course in an educational institution positioned in a relevant foreign country's school education system as having a course (limited to people who have completed a 16-year course in the relevant foreign country's school education) of a foreign university in Japan, and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having completed said course
- (6) People who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a course at a foreign university or other foreign school (limited to those that have been comprehensively assessed by receiving certification from the relevant foreign country's government or authority concerned or those designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as equivalent thereto) with a term of over 3 years (Including the completion of a relevant course by completing a lesson course through correspondence education conducted by a relevant foreign country's school in Japan, and the completion of a course that received designation of the preceding issue as an educational institution positioned as the relevant foreign country's school education system.)
- (7) People who have completed a specialized course (limited to those that meet the criteria specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology including a study period of at least 4 years) of an advanced vocational school designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology since the day specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (8) People designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (9) People recognized to have an academic ability equal to or greater than those who graduated from university, by individual entrance qualification review, for each graduate course of the university's graduate school, and who will be 22 years old by the end of March 2025

[Note] Graduates of various schools such as junior college, technical college, and vocational school, fall under applicant requirement (9). Those wishing for "individual entrance qualification review" should request the Admissions Office a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to individual review, and submit it with "individual review documents for assessment enclosed" clearly written on the envelope by the deadline in the following table stipulated for each period review. Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

*Individual entrance qualification review schedule

Review	Application Deadline
Period I Review	May 9, 2024 (Thursday) < must be received >
Period II Review	June 5, 2024 (Wednesday) < must be received >
Period III Review	August 28, 2024 (Wednesday) < must be received >

Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements
Religious Thought	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)
Anthropology	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) Applicants whose first language is not Japanese must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 300 points or above in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application

Linguistic Science	Foreign students living in Japan must satisfy either of the following conditions a or b	
	a	<p>Applicants who wish to specialize in Japanese education or those who wish to write their MA theses in Japanese must meet both of the following Japanese and English conditions.</p> <p>【Japanese】 -have a certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or 360 points or above in the Japanese Language of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate, or an evaluation letter. -be proficient in writing academic Japanese</p> <p>【English】 -be proficient in reading academic English texts -provide (1) or (2) to indicate the proficiency in reading academic English texts (1) an explanation that the applicant has such reading proficiency and supporting documents such as a copy of their BA thesis (written either in English or in Japanese) that includes summaries of previous studies written in English. (2) a proof of an exam score of TOEFL-iBT (reading): 18 out of 30 points or above, (2) IELTS (reading) 6 or above, or EIKEN pre-1 grade or above. *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p>
	b	<p>Applicants who wish to write their MA theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</p> <p>【English】 -provide proof of an exam score of either (1) or (2) (1) TOEFL-iBT: 90 points or above (2) IELTS: 7.0 or above *Applicants who graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p> <p>【Japanese】 -have a certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or 300 points or above in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate, or an evaluation letter.</p>
International Area Studies	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) *Applicants whose first language (language with the most highest ability to use (proficiency degree) among language capable of using) is not Japanese must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 300 points or above in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application	
Economics	People who have foreign nationality and live outside the country	
Management	People who have foreign nationality and live outside the country	
Policy Studies	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)	
Law	Applicants whose first language is not Japanese and live abroad (except short-term study abroad) must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 240 points or above (270 points or above if recitation is included) in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application	

[Note] People in the Graduate School of Social Sciences (Graduate Program in Economics, Graduate Program in Management, Graduate Program in Policy Studies) who have already achieved significant research results may have their period of study shortened to 1 year or 18 months. Applicants who wish to finish in a shortened period must ensure that they have an interview with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor before applying and have the faculty member enter his or her signature in the space on the early completion request form. Please contact the office of the Graduate School of Social Sciences for further details.

Doctoral Course (in Japan, often referred to as the Second Term of Doctoral Course in Japan)

- (1) People with a master's degree or a professional degree
- (2) People who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree in a foreign country
- (3) People who have completed an education course through correspondence education in Japan provided by a school in a foreign country and were awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree
- (4) People who have completed a relevant course in an educational institution positioned in a relevant foreign country's school education system as having a course of a foreign university in Japan, designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and has been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree
- (5) People designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (6) People recognized to have an academic ability equal to or greater than those who have a master's degree or a professional degree, by individual entrance qualification review, for each graduate course of the university's graduate school, and who will be 24 years old by the end of March 2025

[Note] Graduates and people awarded a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education fall under applicant requirement (6). Those wishing for "individual entrance qualification review" should request the Admissions Office a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to individual review, and submit it with "individual review documents within" clearly written on the envelope by the deadline in the following table stipulated for each period review. Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

*Individual Entrance Qualification Review Schedule

Review	Application Deadline
Period I Review	May 9, 2024 (Thursday) < must be received >
Period II Review	June 5, 2024 (Wednesday) < must be received >
Period III Review	August 28, 2024 (Wednesday) < must be received >

Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements	
Religious Thought	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)	
Anthropology	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) Applicants whose first language is not Japanese must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 300 points or above in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application	
Linguistic Science	Those who are living abroad (except for a short-term study abroad) and satisfy either of the following conditions a and b	
	a	<p>Applicants who wish to specialize in Japanese language education or those who wish to write their doctoral theses in Japanese must meet both of the following Japanese and English conditions.</p> <p>【Japanese】 -have a certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly level 1) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Organization) or 380 points or above in the Japanese Language of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate, or an evaluation letter. -be highly proficient in writing academic Japanese</p> <p>【English】 -be highly proficient in reading academic English texts -provide (1) or (2) to indicate the proficiency in reading academic English texts (1) an explanation that the applicant has such reading proficiency and supporting documents such as a copy of their BA thesis (written either in English or in Japanese) that includes summaries of previous studies written in English. (2) a proof of an exam score of TOEFL-iBT (reading): 18 out of 30 points or above, (2) IELTS (reading) 6 or above, or EIKEN pre-1 grade or above. *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p>

Linguistic Science	b	<p>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</p> <p>【English】 -provide proof of an exam score of either (1) or (2) (1) TOEFL-iBT: 100 points or above (2) IELTS: 7.5 or above *Applicants who graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p> <p>【Japanese】 -have a certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japan Educational Exchange and Services) or 300 points or above in the Japanese Language Section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate, or an evaluation letter.</p>
International Area Studies	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) and satisfies the following condition of a or b	
	a	<p>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral thesis in Japanese Applicants who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) (Japanese Educational Exchanges and Services) or obtained 300 points or above in the Japanese Language section of the Examination in Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization).</p>
	b	<p>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral thesis in English must fulfill the following English and Japanese conditions.</p> <p>【English】 Have obtained a score greater than or equal to any one of the following scores (1)-(3) (1) TOEFL-iBT: 79 points or above (2) TOEFL-PBT: 550 points or above (3) IELTS: 6.0 or more ※However, applicants with English as their first language are exempt from submitting English language proficiency documents.</p>
		<p>【Japanese】 Have obtained a score greater than or equal to any one of the following scores (1)-(2): (1) Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) (2) 200 points or above in the Japanese Language in the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (Japan Student Services Organization) ※A document of certification (or a Letter of Recommendation) from your university academic advisor or a faculty member in Japanese-language education of your home university that shows a Japanese language proficiency equivalent to (1) or (2) is also acceptable. ※Applicants who have graduated or completed their degree (including prospective) who studied using Japanese as the medium of instruction in their classes at either a university or graduate school are exempt from submitting Japanese language proficiency documents.</p>
Economics	People who have foreign nationality, and live abroad	
Management	People who have foreign nationality, and live abroad	
Policy Studies	People living abroad	
Law	Applicants whose first language is not Japanese and live abroad (except short-term study abroad), must satisfy acquisition of either the J Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 240 points or above (270 points or above if recitation is included) in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application)	
Science and Technology	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)	

[Note] People in the Graduate School of Social Sciences (Graduate Program in Economics, Graduate Program in Management, Graduate Program in Policy Studies) who have already achieved significant research results may have their period of study adjusted to 1 year, 18 months, 2 years and 2 and a half years. Applicants who wish to finish in a shortened period must ensure that they have an interview with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor before applying and have the faculty member enter his or her signature in the space on the early completion request form. Please contact the office of the Graduate School of Social Sciences for further details.

5. Application Documents

*The prescribed forms (PDF, Word) can be downloaded from our website.

1	Application Form	Form A
2	Photo Form • Attach a color photo (4cm long×3cm wide), with a plain backdrop, forward facing of half of the body with no hat taken within 3 months of application with the name of the graduate course, major and applicant written on the back	Form B
3	Master's Course Applicants Graduation certificate from the university you graduated from, or prospective graduation certificate Academic transcript from the university you graduated from (sealed) • Those who graduated from multiple faculties, please submit all certificates. • If there is an accredited unit in the academic transcript, please also submit the academic transcript from the university etc. where you took the course.	
4	Doctoral Course Applicants Master's degree acquisition certificate or prospective acquisition certificate Academic transcript from the graduating university graduate school (master's course or doctoral course first term) (sealed) • Those who completed multiple graduate schools, please submit all certificates. • If there is an accredited unit in the academic transcript, please also submit the academic transcript from the graduate school etc. where you took the course.	
5	Statement of purpose • Graduate Program in Christian Thought, Graduate Program in Religious Thought, Graduate Program in Anthropology, Graduate Program in Linguistic Science and Graduate Program in Law applicants only	Form C
6	3 letters of recommendation (sealed) • Please create with prescribed Form D [However, the format is free for the Graduate Program in Management (Use the writing paper etc. from your reference place of employment.)]	Form D
7	Study Plan	Form E
8	Doctoral Course Applicants only Academic paper (published or unpublished) • Please submit a copy of your master's thesis or an equivalent and any other work that shows your academic achievements in the past	
9	Language Proficiency Certificate 【Except Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, Graduate Program in International Area Studies, Graduate Program in Law and Graduate School of Science and Technology】 a. Applicants whose first language is not English, please submit the results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) implemented by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) implemented by the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment, the British Council, and IDP Education. b. Applicants whose first language is not Japanese, please submit the grade results of Japanese subjects and all subjects of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization.	Form F
	• Graduate Program in Christian Thought • Graduate Program in Religious Thought	Submit b (a is optional)
	• Graduate Program in Anthropology	
	• Graduate Program in Economics	
	• Graduate Program in Management	
	• Graduate Program in Policy Studies	Submit b

10	<p>Language Proficiency Certificate 【Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, Graduate Program in International Area Studies】</p> <p>Applicants to the Master's Course of either of these programs: Please attach a certificate or certificates that can confirm that you meet the application requirements listed in the "Application Requirements for Each Major".</p> <p>Applicants to the Doctoral course of either of these programs: Please attach a certificate or certificates that can confirm that you meet the application requirements listed in the "Application Requirements for Each Major".</p>	Form G
11	<p>Language Proficiency Certificate 【Graduate Program in Law】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please attach a certificate that can confirm that you meet the application requirements "Major Application Requirements" (required). • Applicants whose first language is not English and have taken Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) implemented by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) implemented by the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment, the British Council, and IDP Education, please submit the record of results as reference material. (optional) 	Form H
12	<p>Doctoral Course Applicants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course 	Form I
13	<p>Request for shortening of the course of study (only for those applying for admission to the Graduate School of Humanities) (only those who wish to do so)</p>	Form J
14	<p>Entrance Examination Fee: Yen 12,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a check issued by a major international bank with the recipient field as Nanzan University. 	
15	<p>A copy of your passport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the page that states your full name. • If you are a Japanese citizen, please also submit the page stating your residence status in your country of residence. 	
16	<p>Certificate on ability to pay study abroad fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only to be submitted by non-Japanese citizens. • Minimum deposit account balance ... equivalent amount to first year student payments 	Form K

6. Important Points about Application Documents

- (1) The name, address, and other personal information provided at the time of application to enroll will be used in the implementation of entrance examinations, announcement of success in acceptance, enrollment procedures and other relevant matters, plus as reference material for guidance after enrollment.
Some of these will be carried out by companies contracted by Nanzan University (hereafter referred to as contractors) to fulfil these duties. All or part of the personal information that you have provided will be forwarded to the contractors to allow them to fulfil their duties.
Personal information data that has been statistically processed so as to prevent identification of the individual will be used as survey and research material designed to assist selection of students for enrollment by the University.
Thank you for your understanding.
- (2) A health certificate is not required as an application document. A medical examination will be conducted at the university after admission.
- (3) If the application documents are not in Japanese or English, please attach a Japanese or English translation prepared by an official institution. If you only have one original copy of a document to be submitted, please submit a copy after receiving certification that it is a certified copy.
- (4) Submission of application documents 3 and 4 is not required if you marked "yes" for "individual entrance qualification review". However, please enclose a copy of the review notification.

7. Attention to be Taken when Completing Application Documents

If handwriting, please fill out with black or blue fountain pen or ballpoint pen carefully in block letters. Word processing can also be used. For the prescribed form, you can also download it from our website.

(1) Application Form (Form A)

- If you change your surname due to marriage, etc. and the surname stated on various certificates etc. does not match your surname at the time of filing, please submit the document stating the surname change on an extract of the family

register, etc.

- The address will be used as a contact address for the period from application to admission procedure (such as a mailing address for an admission ticket for examination and result notification), so please make sure that it is a place that we can contact you with certainty.

(2) Study Plan (Form E)

*Please make a copy if space is insufficient.

Major (Course)	Entry Outline
Christian Thought (Master's Course)	Please write your research plan at Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include undergraduate studies and work experience, reasons for applying to Nanzan University graduate school, major (theology, philosophy, religious studies) if your application is accepted, research subjects, career plan after completion, etc. Write in about 1,000 to 1,500 words in English, or about 3,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper).
Religious Thought (Doctoral Course)	Summarize the progress status of research conducted so far (including the results of surveys and studies that have already been carried out for prospective graduates of the doctoral course (first term)), future research subjects, and a specific research plan for the 3 year doctoral course second term, in 1,500 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper) and submit it along with the other documents. Write in about 1,500 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese on A4 paper:
Anthropology (Master's Course)	Summarize the reason for going to graduate school, state of preparations to date, and the relationship between your research plan at graduate school and your future occupation, in about 1,000 words in English or 2,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper). Also, in the Graduate Program in Anthropology, include which areas of cultural anthropology and archeology you are planning as main areas of study, and on what theme you plan to conduct research.
Anthropology (Doctoral Course)	Summarize the progress status of research conducted so far (including the results of surveys and studies that have already been carried out for prospective graduates of the doctoral course (first term)), future research subjects, and a specific research plan for the 3 year doctoral course second term, in 2,000 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper) and submit it along with the other documents. Write about in 2,000 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese on an A4 paper:
Linguistic Science (Master's Course)	Write a statement of purpose including the following (a) and (b) in about 750 words in English or 2,000 characters in Japanese. (a) Why you wish to join our program, what you have done for preparation, and how you study in our program will be related to your future career, and (b) Which of the three areas in our program you wish to major in, and the topics under which you wish to conduct your research.
Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)	Write a statement of purpose including the following (a) and (b) in about 1,500 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese. (a) details of any relevant research you have conducted so far (or those applicants who are expecting to receive an MA should include the interim report of your research in progress), and (b) the topic(s) of your intended research and a research plan during the three years in our program.
International Area Studies (Master's Course)	Please describe your research plan at Nanzan University graduate school in Japanese. Please provide details of 1) your research topic, 2) the literature you have read and the previous research you have carried out that is related to this topic, and 3) the expected results and their significance. Summarize your research undertaken at undergraduate level, work experience, your reason for applying to Nanzan University graduate school, major field and research course if your application is accepted, and career plan after graduation etc., in 3,000 ~ 4,000 characters.
International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)	[1] Summarize the progress status of research conducted so far (including your doctoral thesis, or equivalent research conducted to date, work experience and the content of surveys and studies carried out professionally), [2] future research subjects, and [3] a specific action plan for the 3 year doctoral course second term, in 4,000 Japanese characters (in principle, applicants who wish to write a doctoral thesis in Japanese), or about 1,500 words in English (in principle, applicants who wish to write a doctoral thesis in English: word processor manuscript) and submit it together with other application documents. *The Study Plan can be written in either Chinese, Indonesian, or Spanish in addition to Japanese and English as the focus is on the content so that applicants do not suffer a disadvantage due to language. Volume is based on Japanese or English.

Economics (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan for Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include studies and experience to date, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion, and summarize it in about 4,000 characters in Japanese or about 2,000 words in English.
Management (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan for Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include your undergraduate studies, work experience, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion. Summarize it in 800 ~ 1,200 words in English or 3,200 ~ 4,800 characters in Japanese.
Policy Studies (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan for Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include research details to date, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion, and summarize it in about 4,000 characters in Japanese or about 3,000 words in English.
Law (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan at Nanzan University graduate school in Japanese. Include your studies and work experience to date, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion, and summarize it in about 4,000 characters.
Software Engineering, Data Science, Mechatronics (Doctoral Course)	Summarize the reasons for aspiring to enter this graduate course, the current preparations for research (including the title and abstract of the graduation thesis or master's thesis), detailed plan of activities in the doctoral program in two typed sheets of A4 size paper, and submit it along with photocopies of the master's thesis and research papers or documents published in academic societies in the past two years.

(3) Request for shortening of the course of study (Form J) (Only for those applying for admission to the Graduate School of Humanities) (only those who wish to do so)

The period for a course of study may be shortened if certain set requirements are met. If a student wishes to finish their master's course or doctoral program in one year, please submit a "Request for shortening of the course of study" with the documents required when making application to enrol. However, please note that even if your request for shortening of the course of study is approved, that does not guarantee you acquiring your degree within your desired period of study. Please inquire at the Office of the Graduate School of Humanities for further details.

→ **Please also refer to the "Common Items" (pages 20) upon completing the Application Documents.**

■ Admission Review Content 【September 2025 Admission】

The admission period is September 2025. Among successful applicants, a tentative decision will be made regarding people expected to complete their course or graduate after the successful announcement day.

1. Number of Students to be Admitted

Graduate Course	Major	Course	Number of Applicants Accepted
Humanities	Christian Thought	Master's Course	A few people in each major
	Religious Thought	Doctoral Course	
	Anthropology	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
	Linguistic Science	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
International Area Studies	International Area Studies	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
Social Sciences	Economics	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
	Management	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
	Policy Studies	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
Law	Law	Master's Course	
		Doctoral Course	
Science and Technology	Software Engineering, Data Science, Mechatronics	Doctoral Course	

※ We will carry out an online interview with applicants who are able to use Zoom etc. so please refer to the common items explained from page 20.

2. Examination Schedule

Review	Application Period · Entrance Examination Fee Wire Transfer Period	Announcement of Application Results *on the university webpage
Phase IV Review	January 27 (Monday) ~ March 20 (Thursday), 2024 【must be received】	May 15, 2025 (Thursday) 13:00

3. Examination Method

Application documents [score: 100 points]

4. Application Requirements

People who meet any of the following conditions, or who are expected to meet them by the end of September 2025 and who meet the requirements indicated for each major.

Master's Course (in Japan, often referred to as the First term of Doctoral Program)

- (1) People who graduated from university
- (2) People who have been awarded a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education
- (3) People who have completed a 16-year course in school education in a foreign country
- (4) People who have completed a 16-year course in school education of a foreign country by completing a lesson course through correspondence education conducted by the respective foreign school and taken in Japan
- (5) People who have completed a relevant course in an educational institution positioned in a relevant foreign country's school education system as having a course (limited to people who have completed a 16-year course in the relevant foreign country's school education) of a foreign university in Japan, and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having completed said course
- (6) People who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a course at a foreign university or other foreign school (limited to those that have been comprehensively assessed by receiving certification from the relevant foreign country's government or authority concerned or those designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as equivalent thereto) with a term of over 3 years (Including the completion of a relevant course by completing a lesson course through correspondence education conducted by a relevant foreign country's school in Japan, and the completion of a course that received designation of the preceding issue as an educational institution positioned as the relevant foreign country's school education system.)
- (7) People who have completed a specialized course (limited to those that meet the criteria specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology including a study period of at least 4 years) of an advanced vocational school designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology since the day specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (8) People designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (9) People recognized to have an academic ability equal to or greater than those who graduated from university, by individual entrance qualification review, for each graduate course of the university's graduate school, and who will be 22 years old by the end of August 2025

[Note] Graduates of various schools such as junior college, technical college, and vocational school, fall under applicant requirement (9). Those wishing for "individual entrance qualification review" should request the Admissions Office a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to individual review, and submit it with "individual review documents for assessment enclosed" clearly written on the envelope by the deadline in the following table stipulated for each period review. Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

*Individual entrance qualification review schedule

Review	Application Deadline
Period IV Review	January 8, 2025 (Wednesday) < must be received >

Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements
Christian Thought	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)
Anthropology	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) Applicants whose first language is not Japanese must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 300 points or above in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application
Linguistic Science	Foreign students living in Japan must satisfy either of the following conditions a or b
	<p>Applicants who wish to specialize in Japanese education or those who wish to write their MA theses in Japanese must meet both of the following Japanese and English conditions.</p> <p>【Japanese】 -have a certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test(JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1)(Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or 360 points or above in the Japanese Language of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate,or an evaluation letter.</p> <p>a -be proficient in writing academic Japanese</p> <p>【English】 -be proficient in reading academic English texts -provide (1) or (2) to indicate the proficiency in reading academic English texts (1) an explanation that the applicant has such reading proficiency and supporting documents such as a copy of their BA thesis (written either in English or in Japanese) that includes summaries of previous studies written in English. (2) A proof of an exam score of TOEFL-iBT (reading): 18 out of 30 points or above, (2) IELTS (reading) 6 or above, or EIKEN pre-1 grade or above. *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p>
	<p>Applicants who wish to write their MA theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</p> <p>【English】 Provide proof of an exam score of either (1) or (2) (1)TOEFL-iBT: 90 points or above (2) IELTS: 7.0 or above *Applicants who graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p> <p>b 【Japanese】 -provide a Certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or 300 points or above in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate,or an evaluation letter.</p>
International Area Studies	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) * Applicants whose first language (language with the most highest ability to use (proficiency degree) among language capable of using) is not Japanese must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 300 points or above in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application
Economics	People who have foreign nationality, and live abroad
Management	People who have foreign nationality, and live abroad

Policy Studies	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)
Law	Applicants whose first language is not Japanese and live abroad (except short-term study abroad), must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 240 points or above (270 points or above if recitation is included) in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application)

[Note] People in the Graduate School of Social Sciences (Graduate Program in Economics, Graduate Program in Management, Graduate Program in Policy Studies) who have already achieved significant research results may have their period of study shortened to 1 year or 18 months. Applicants who wish to finish in a shortened period must ensure that they have an interview with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor before applying and have the faculty member enter his or her signature in the space on the early completion request form. Please contact the office of the Graduate School of Social Sciences for further details.

Doctoral Course (in Japan, often referred to as the Second Term of Doctoral Course in Japan)

- (1) People with a master's degree or a professional degree
- (2) People who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree in a foreign country
- (3) People who have completed an education course through correspondence education conducted by a foreign school in Japan and were awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree
- (4) People who have completed a relevant course in an educational institution positioned in the relevant foreign country's school education system as having a course of a foreign university in Japan, designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and has been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree
- (5) People designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (6) People recognized to have an academic ability equal to or greater than those who have a master's degree or a professional degree, by individual entrance qualification review, for each graduate course of the university's graduate school, and who will be 24 years old by the end of August 2025

[Note] Graduates and people awarded a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education fall under applicant requirement (6). Those wishing for "individual entrance qualification review" should apply to the Admissions Office with a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to individual review, and please submit it with "individual documents for assessment enclosed" clearly written on the outside of an envelope by the deadline in the following table stipulated for each period review. Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

*Individual Entrance Qualification Review Schedule

Review	Application Deadline
Period IV Review	January 8, 2025 (Wednesday) < must be received >

Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements
Religious Thought	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)
Anthropology	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) Applicants whose first language is not Japanese must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 300 points or above in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application

Linguistic Science	Those who are living abroad (except for a short-term study abroad) and satisfy either of the following conditions a or b	
	a	<p>Applicants who wish to specialize in Japanese language education or those who wish to write their doctoral theses in Japanese must meet both of the following Japanese and English conditions.</p> <p>【Japanese】 -have a certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly level 1) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Organization) or 380 points or above in the Japanese Language of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate, or an evaluation letter. -be highly proficient in writing academic Japanese</p> <p>【English】 -be highly proficient in reading academic English texts -provide (1) or (2) to indicate the proficiency in reading academic English texts (1) an explanation that the applicant has such reading proficiency and supporting documents such as a copy of their BA thesis (written either in English or in Japanese) that includes summaries of previous studies written in English. (2) a proof of an exam score of TOEFL-iBT (reading): 18 out of 30 points or above, (2) IELTS (reading) 6 or above, or EIKEN pre-1 grade or above. *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p>
	b	<p>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</p> <p>【English】 -provide proof of an exam score of either (1) or (2) (1) TOEFL-iBT: 100 points or above (2) IELTS: 7.5 or above *Applicants who graduated from or are expected to graduate from an English-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a language proficiency certificate.</p> <p>【Japanese】 -have a certificate of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japan Educational Exchange and Services) or 300 points or above in the Japanese Language Section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization) *Applicants who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from a Japanese-medium university or graduate school are exempt from having to submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate, or an evaluation letter.</p>
International Area Studies	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad) and satisfies the following condition of a or b	
	a	<p>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral thesis in Japanese Applicants who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) (Japanese Educational Exchanges and Services) or obtained 300 points or above in the Japanese Language section of the Examination in Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization).</p>
	b	<p>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral thesis in English must fulfill the following English and Japanese conditions.</p> <p>【English】 Have obtained a score greater than or equal to any one of the following scores (1)-(3) (1) TOEFL-iBT: 79 points or above (2) TOEFL-PBT: 550 points or above (3) IELTS: 6.0 or more ※However, applicants with English as their first language are exempt from submitting English language proficiency documents.</p> <p>【Japanese】 Have obtained a score greater than or equal to any one of the following scores (1)-(2): (2) Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) (2) 200 points or above in the Japanese Language in the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (Japan Student Services Organization) ※A document of certification (or a Letter of Recommendation) from your university academic advisor or a faculty member in Japanese-language education of your home university that shows a Japanese language proficiency equivalent to (1) or (2) is also acceptable. ※Applicants who have graduated or completed their degree (including prospective) who studied using Japanese as the medium of instruction in their classes at either a university or graduate school are exempt from submitting Japanese language proficiency documents.</p>

Economics	People who have foreign nationality, and live abroad
Management	People who have foreign nationality, and live abroad
Policy Studies	People living abroad
Law	Applicants whose first language is not Japanese and live abroad (except short-term study abroad), must satisfy acquisition of either the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or 240 points or above (270 points or above if recitation is included) in the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization by the time of application)
Science and Technology	People living abroad (except short-term study abroad)

[Note] People in the Graduate School of Social Sciences (Graduate Program in Economics, Graduate Program in Management, Graduate Program in Policy Studies) who have already achieved significant research results may have their period of study adjusted to 1 year, 18 months, 2 years and 2 and a half years. Applicants who wish to finish in a shortened period must ensure that they have an interview with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor before applying and have the faculty member enter his or her signature in the space on the early completion request form. Please contact the office of the Graduate School of Social Sciences for further details.

5. Application Documents

*The prescribed forms (PDF, Word) can be downloaded from the website.

1	Application Form	Form A
2	Photo Form • Attach a color photo (4cm long × 3cm wide) with a plain backdrop, forward facing of half of the body with no hat taken within 3 months of application, with the name of the graduate course, program and applicant written on the back	Form B
3	Master's Course Applicants Graduation certificate from the university etc. you graduated from, or prospective graduation certificate Academic transcript from the university you graduated from (sealed) • Those who graduated from multiple graduate schools, please submit all certificates. • If there is an accredited unit in the academic transcript, please also submit the academic transcript from the university etc. where you took the course.	
4	Doctoral Course Applicants Master's degree acquisition certificate or prospective acquisition certificate Academic transcript from the graduating university graduate school (master's course or doctoral course first term) (sealed) • Those who completed multiple graduate schools, please submit all certificates. • If there is an accredited unit in the academic transcript, please also submit the academic transcript from the graduate school etc. where you took the course.	
5	Statement of purpose • Graduate Program in Christian Thought, Graduate Program in Religious Thought, Graduate Program in Anthropology, Graduate Program in Linguistic Science and Graduate Program in Law applicants only.	Form C
6	3 letters of recommendation (sealed) • Please create with prescribed Form D 〔However, the format is free for the Graduate Program in Management (Use the writing paper etc. from your referee place of employment.)〕	Form D
7	Study Plan	Form E
8	Doctoral Course Applicants only Academic paper (published or unpublished) • Please submit a copy of your master's thesis or an equivalent and/or any other work that shows your academic achievements in the past.	

9	Language Proficiency Certificate 【Except Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, Graduate Program in International Area Studies, Graduate Program in Law and Graduate School of Science and Technology】 a. Applicants whose first language is not English, please submit the results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) implemented by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) implemented by the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment, the British Council, and IDP Education. b. Applicants whose first language is not Japanese, please submit the grade results of Japanese subjects and all subjects of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) implemented by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) implemented by the Japan Student Services Organization.	Form F
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Program in Christian Thought, • Graduate Program in Religious Thought 	Submit b (a is optional)
	• Graduate Program in Anthropology	
	• Graduate Program in Economics	
	• Graduate Program in Management	Submit b
	• Graduate Program in Policy Studies	
10	Language Proficiency Certificate 【Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, Graduate Program in International Area Studies】 Applicants to the Master's Course of either of these programs: Please attach a certificate or certificates that can confirm that you meet the application requirements listed in the "Application Requirements for Each Major". Applicants to the Doctoral course of either of these programs: Please attach a certificate or certificates that can confirm that you meet the application requirements listed in the "Application Requirements for Each Major".	Form G
11	Language Proficiency Certificate 【Graduate Program in Law】 • Please attach a certificate that can confirm that you meet the application requirements "Major Application Requirements" (required). • Applicants whose first language is not English and have taken Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) implemented by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) implemented by the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment, the British Council, and IDP Education, please submit the record of results as reference material. (optional)	Form H
12	Doctoral Course Applicants • Application to the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course	Form I
13	Request for shortening of the course of study (only for those applying for admission to the Graduate School of Humanities) (only those who wish to do so)	Form J
14	Entrance Examination Fee Yen 12,000 • Please submit a check issued by a major international bank with Nanzan University in the recipient field.	
15	A copy of your passport • Please submit the page that states your full name. • If you are a Japanese citizen, please also submit the page stating your residence status in your country of residence.	
16	Certificate of ability to pay study abroad fees • Only to be submitted by non-Japanese citizens. • Minimum deposit account balance ... equivalent amount to first year student payments	Form K

6. Important Points about Application Documents

- (1) The name, address, and other personal information provided at the time of application to enroll will be used in the implementation of entrance examinations, announcement of success in acceptance, enrollment procedures and other relevant matters, plus as reference material for guidance after enrollment.
Some of these will be carried out by companies contracted by Nanzan University (hereafter referred to as contractors) to fulfil these duties. All or part of the personal information that you have provided will be forwarded to the contractors to allow them to fulfil their duties.
Personal information data that has been statistically processed so as to prevent identification of the individual will be used as survey and research material designed to assist selection of students for enrollment by the University.
Thank you for your understanding.
- (2) A health certificate is not required as an application document. A medical examination will be conducted at the university after admission.
- (3) If the application documents are not in Japanese or English, please attach a Japanese or English translation prepared by an official institution. If you only have one original copy of a document to be submitted, please submit it after receiving certification that it is a certified copy.
- (4) Submission of application documents 3 and 4 is not required if you marked "yes" for "individual entrance qualification review". However, please enclose a copy of the review notification.

7. Attention to be Taken when Completing Application Documents

If handwriting, please fill out with black or blue fountain pen or ballpoint pen carefully in block letters. Word processing can also be used. The prescribed form can be downloaded from the website.

(1) Application Form (Form A)

- If you change your surname due to marriage, etc. and the surname stated on various certificates etc does not match your surname at the time of filing, please submit the document stating the surname change on an extract of the family register, etc.
- The address will be used as a contact address for the period from application to admission procedure (such as a mailing address for an admission ticket for examination and result notification), so please make sure that it is a place that we can contact you with certainty.

(2) Study Plan (Form E) *Please make a copy if space is insufficient.

Program (Course)	Entry Outline
Christian Thought (Master's Course)	Please write your research plan at Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include undergraduate studies and work experience, reasons for applying to Nanzan University graduate school, major (theology, philosophy, religious studies) if your application is accepted, research subjects, career plan after completion, etc. Write in about 1,000 to 1,500 words in English, or about 3,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper).
Religious Thought (Doctoral Course)	Summarize the progress status of your research conducted so far (including the results of surveys and studies that have already been carried out for prospective graduates of the doctoral course (first term)), future research subjects, and a specific research plan for the 3 year doctoral course second term, in 1,500 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper) and submit it along with the other documents. Write in about 1,500 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese on A4 paper:
Anthropology (Master's Course)	Summarize the reason for going to graduate school, state of preparations to date, and the relationship between your research plan at graduate school and your future occupation, in about 1,000 words in English or 2,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper). Also, in the Graduate Program in Anthropology, include which fields of cultural anthropology and archeology you are planning as the main fields, and on what theme you plan to conduct research. Write about in 1,000 words in English or 2,000 characters in Japanese on an A4 paper:
Anthropology (Doctoral Course)	Summarize the progress status of research conducted so far (including the results of surveys and studies that have already been carried out for prospective graduates of the doctoral course (first term)), future research subjects, and a specific research plan for the 3 year doctoral course second term, in 2,000 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese (A4 paper) and submit it along with the other documents. Write about in 2,000 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese on an A4 paper:
Linguistic Science (Master's Course)	Write a statement of purpose including the following (a) and (b) in about 750 words in English or 2,000 characters in Japanese: (a) Why you wish to join our program, what you have done for preparation, and how you study in our program will be related to your future career, and (b) Which of the three areas in our program you wish to major in, and the topics under which you wish to conduct your research.

Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)	Write a statement of purpose including the following (a) and (b) in about 1,500 words in English or 4,000 characters in Japanese: (a) details of any relevant research you have conducted so far (or those applicants who are expecting to receive an MA should include the interim report of your research in progress), and (b) the topic(s) of your intended research and a research plan during the three years in our program.
International Area Studies (Master's Course)	Please describe your research plan at Nanzan University graduate school in Japanese. Please provide details of 1) your research topic, 2) the literature you have read and the previous research you have carried out that is related to this topic, and 3) the expected results and their significance. Summarize your research undertaken at undergraduate level, work experience, your reason for applying to Nanzan University graduate school, major field and research course if your application is accepted, and career plan after graduation etc., in 3,000 ~ 4,000 characters.
International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)	[1] Summarize the progress status of research conducted so far (including your doctoral thesis, or equivalent research conducted to date, work experience and the content of surveys and studies carried out professionally), [2] future research subjects, and [3] a specific action plan for the 3 year doctoral course second term, in 4,000 Japanese characters (in principle, applicants who wish to write a doctoral thesis in Japanese), or about 1,500 words in English (in principle, applicants who wish to write a doctoral thesis in English: word processor manuscript) and submit it together with other application documents. *The Study Plan can be written in either Chinese, Indonesian, or Spanish in addition to Japanese and English as the focus is on the content so that applicants do not suffer a disadvantage due to language. Volume is based on Japanese or English.
Economics (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan for Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include studies and experience to date, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion, and summarize it in about 4,000 characters in Japanese or about 2,000 words in English.
Management (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan for Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include your undergraduate studies, work experience, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion. Summarize it in 800 ~ 1,200 words in English or 3,200 ~ 4,800 characters in Japanese.
Policy Studies (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan for Nanzan University graduate school in either Japanese or English. Include research details to date, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion, and summarize it in about 4,000 characters in Japanese or about 3,000 words in English.
Law (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	Please describe your research plan at Nanzan University graduate school in Japanese. Include your studies and work experience to date, reasons for applying to the Nanzan University graduate school, major fields and research subjects if your application is accepted, and career plan after completion, and summarize it in about 4,000 characters.
Software Engineering, Data Science, Mechatronics (Doctoral Course)	Summarize the reasons for aspiring to enter this graduate course, the current preparations for research (including the title and abstract of the graduation thesis or master's thesis), detailed plan of activities in the doctoral program in two typed sheets of A4 size paper, and submit it along with photocopies of the master's thesis and research papers or documents published in academic societies in the past two years.

(3) Request for shortening of the course of study (Form J) (Only for those applying for admission to the Graduate School of Humanities) (only those who wish to do so)

The period for a course of study may be shortened if certain set requirements are met. If a student wishes to finish their master's course or doctoral program in one year, please submit a "Request for shortening of the course of study" with the documents required when making application to enrol. However, please note that even if your request for shortening of the course of study is approved, that does not guarantee you acquiring your degree within your desired period of study. Please inquire at the Office of the Graduate School of Humanities for further details.

→ Please also refer to the "Common Items" (pages 20) upon completing the Application Documents.

■ Common Items [April 2025 Admission / September 2025 Admission]

1. Admission Exam Fee Yen 12,000

- (1) In the case that you reside overseas and so will be paying for the entrance examination fee from outside Japan, please remit the amount for the entrance examination fee given above plus an additional 3,000 yen to cover bank charges into the bank account detailed below.
- (2) To prove that you have paid your entrance examination fee, please submit the bank remittance confirmation form (or a copy of this form) with the other documents submitted with your application.

Account holder	Gakko Hojin Nanzan Gakuen
Bank, Branch	MUFG Bank, Ltd, Yagoto Branch (Branch number 266)
SWIFTCODE	BOTKJPJT
Bank address	318 Yagototendo, Tenpaku-ku, Nagoya 466-0061, Japan (Tel : +81 52 8318181)
Type of Account, Account Number	Toza (checking) , 510882

2. Application Method (limited to mailing)

- (1) Application period → mentioned on Page 2 (April 2025 enrollment), Page 11 (September 2025 enrollment)
- (2) Please send application documents using a method that allows the confirmation of delivery, eg. EMS, FedEx, DHL etc. If you are getting some in Japan to send them for you, please have them put your application documents in an A4 size envelope (240mm x 332mm) and post that using simple registered express mail. Please also have them write the required details on the set label and attach that to the front of the envelope. You can download the label from the University website.
- (3) Applications will not be accepted if the application documents are incomplete.
- (4) Once submitted, application documents and the entrance examination fee will not be refunded for any reason.

3. Receipt of an Exam Admission Slip

For the admission review of applicants living outside the country, the exam admission slip will be sent as an attachment to an E-mail. Please contact the Admissions Office only if it has not arrived after the dates in the following table.

Period I Review	July 2, 2024 (Tuesday)
Period II Review	September 10, 2024 (Tuesday)
Period III Review	November 26, 2024 (Tuesday)
Period IV Review	May 7, 2025 (Wednesday)

4. Announcement of Application Results

- (1) Results announcement date → page 2 (admission in April 2025), page 11 (admission in September 2025)
- (2) On the day of the results announcement, a results notice will be sent. For successful applicants, enrollment procedure documents will be enclosed.
- (3) Examination numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the website. (<https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/>)
- (4) We will not respond at all to inquiries by mail, telephone, e-mail etc.

5. Enrollment Procedure

- (1) Enrollment Procedure Timing

【April 2025 Admission】

Results Announcement Date		Procedure Timing * postmark deadline
Period I Review	July 11, 2024 (Thursday)	July 19 (Friday) ~ July 25 (Thursday), 2024
Period II Review	September 20, 2024 (Friday)	October 18 (Friday) ~ October 24 (Thursday), 2024
Period III Review	December 6, 2024 (Friday)	December 13 (Friday) ~ December 19 (Thursday), 2024

【September 2025 Admission】

Results Announcement Date		Procedure Timing * postmark deadline
Period IV Review	May 15, 2025 (Thursday)	June 2 (Monday) ~ June 13 (Friday), 2025

- (2) The payment of tuition fees and other payments, entering details on the web-form, and submitting required documents must all be completed within the designated period. Please check the "Enrollment Procedure

Guidelines" provided for successful applicants on the webpage for further details.

- (3) Those who do not complete the procedure within the prescribed period will lose their entrance eligibility.
- (4) Please note that those people who need to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility for a Status of Residence can only do that once the enrolment procedure is complete.
- (5) The payment required as part of enrollment procedure is as follows.

[Admission Review for Foreign Residents] Graduate School of Humanities, Graduate School of International Area Studies, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Graduate School of Law (Unit : Yen)

Payment	Payment at the Time of Enrollment Procedure
Registration Fee	300,000
Tuition (Half Term)	287,000
Facilities Fees (Half Term)	52,500
Overseas Remittance Bank Handling Fee	3,000
Total	642,500 * 1

[Admission Review for Foreign Residents] Graduate School of Science and Technology (Unit : Yen)

Payment	Payment at the Time of Enrollment Procedure
Registration Fee	300,000
Tuition (Half Term)	327,000
Facilities Fees (Half Term)	52,500
Overseas Remittance Bank Handling Fee	3,000
Total	682,500 * 1

*** 1** In addition to the amounts stated in the chart above, payment is also required for various Alumni Association fees.

Please check the "Enrollment Procedure Guidelines" provided for successful applicants on the webpage for further details.

- For graduates of the university, a scholarship equivalent to the registration fee will be paid after enrollment.
- Among foreign students, students belonging to a Catholic order or privately funded foreign students, will be exempt from half of the tuition and facilities fees.
- If you qualify under the system for reductions or exemptions, please submit the required documentation when you apply for admission. Please check the "Enrollment Procedure Guidelines" on the webpage for further details.
- It is possible to finish some master's courses in one year. If you elect to do so, then the tuition for that year is 1.5 times the above. Note that if you select that option but ultimately do not complete your masters in one year, then the tuition in the second year is set at 0.5 times the above.
- Nanzan University has the support system for Doctoral students. The detail is as following.

Please be aware that once submitted, documents and the registration fee cannot be refunded for any reason. If you decline admission after enrollment, only if there is a refund request in writing with the applicant's and the guarantor's joint signatures by March 31, 2025 (Monday) <must be received> for April 2025 admission, and by September 10, 2025 (Wednesday) <must be received> for September 2025 admission will the tuition and facilities fees (including deferred fee for enrollment process) etc. other than the registration fee, out of the payments, will be refunded. For details, Please check the "Enrollment Procedure Guidelines" on the webpage for further details.

6. Release of Entrance Examination Personal Information

We release personal information relating to graduate entrance examination examinees only when requested by the examinees themselves. If you wish to have the information released, please apply as follows.

- (1) Applicant : Limited to examinees themselves. (Application by proxy is not permitted)
- (2) Application method

Please put the following documents in an envelope and send it to the Admissions Office of the university by "simple registered express mail" with "Entrance Examination Results Release Request" on the outside.

A. Nanzan University Personal Information Release Request for Graduate School Entrance Examination (Form 1): download from the university website

- B. Entrance Examination Admission Ticket release request: copy not permitted. It will be returned with the personal information release form.
- C. Release fee: Fixed amount postal money order for 500 yen

(3) Documents remittance / contact information

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7. The Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course

Nanzan University has the support system, the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course, in order to support doctoral students to finish the course. Doctoral students can get a tuition exemption from this support system.

In order to take the support system, applicants for Doctoral Course need to submit Application to the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course when they apply for admission to the Doctoral Course. If applicants get through the screening, they will get the result of the screening with the examination results.

< Outline of the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course >

Support : A half exemption of the tuition and the facility fees

Term of support : 1 year

*To continue to take the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course for another year, they yearly need to apply for the scholarship.

Screening method : The graduate school committee will examine students' study plan and research achievement which students submit when applying for admission.

8. 【Doctoral, Master's, professional degree courses】 Method of Payment using the Japanese Student Services Organization Tuition Fees Scholarship

For students in Doctoral, Master's or professional degree courses, there is a system in which the Japanese Government pays the tuition fees up front during the period of study then student pays that back at a rate appropriate for their income after graduation from graduate school. Those people using this system will be given a period of grace for part or all of the tuition fees due for the Spring Semester.

Please refer to the Student Affairs Office webpage (<https://office.nanzan-u.ac.jp/student-services/>) for details of how to apply and the deadline, or call Student Affairs (052-832-3118).

9. Online interview system

We ask you to have an online interview prior to your application. People considering filing an application should contact the Admissions Office by e-mail so we can arrange the interview.

- On the application documents please enter the date of the interview and the name of the faculty member who carried out the interview.
- The content of the interview will not be given a score nor be considered within the screening process.
- Please consult the Admissions Office if you are unable to find a venue with reliable Internet access.

10. Other

- (1) Regarding the standard of Japanese ability of those who do not use Japanese as their first language.

In order to take classes in each graduate program/major, in principle the Japanese ability equivalent to the following table is necessary.

Program (Course)	Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	Japan Student Services Organization Japanese as a Foreign Language Test of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)
Christian Thought (Master's Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	200 Points
Religious Thought (Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	300 Points
Anthropology (Master's Course & Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	300 Points

Linguistic Science (Master's Course) Japanese language education field	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	360 Points
Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course) Japanese language education major in the field of language acquisition theory	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	380 Points
International Area Studies (Master's Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	300 Points
International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1) or N2 (Formerly Level 2) level (Depending on the language of the doctoral thesis)	From 200 ~ 300 points (Depending on the language of the doctoral thesis)
Economics (Master's Course & Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	200 Points
Management (Master's Course & Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	220 Points
Policy Studies (Master's Course & Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	210 Points
LAW (Master's Course & Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	240 Points or more (270 points or more if writing is included)
Software Engineering, Data Science, Mechatronics (Doctoral Course)	N2 (Formerly Level 2)	200 Points

- (2) Some of the lectures may be offered on weekdays in the evening (from 18:30) or on Saturdays and Sundays. For more details, please contact the office for the Graduate School of Humanities, the Graduate School of International Area Studies, the Graduate School of Social Sciences, the Graduate School of Law and the Graduate School of Science and Technology.
- (3) The language for writing the doctoral thesis in the Graduate School of International Area Studies (Master's Course) will either be Japanese or English.
- (4) Applicants for graduate program in Software Engineering, Mechatronics, or Data Science can consult if they wish to study and receive research guidance in English.



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