

**【April 2026 Admission】**  
**【September 2026 Admission】**

## **Nanzan University Graduate School Entrance Examination Requirements**



### **Admission Examination for Foreigners Residing in Japan**

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

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## ■ 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 will 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) has 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>

## ■ Purpose of Entrance Examinations for Foreigners Residing in Japan

### Graduate School of Humanities

The Graduate Program in Christian Thought and Graduate Program in Religious Thought nurture researchers through specialized education in the three areas of theology, philosophy, and religious studies and conduct educational training for priests, monks, and believers. So far, this program has accepted a number of international students and foreigners residing in Japan in these domains of study. In particular, for the convenience of foreign applicants residing in Japan, an entrance examination system wherein applicants are examined only through an essay and an oral examination has been established.

In the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, the two pillars are theories of grammar and language acquisition (acquisition of the native language and second language). This program nurtures language specialists who aim to construct a universal theory of human language while studying the mechanisms of the acquisition of the first language and of second language and who can go beyond the boundaries of individual language research and play an active role internationally from a broader perspective.

### Graduate School of International Area Studies

The Graduate Program of International Area Studies offers a diverse curriculum in international area studies and accepts foreign students with the aim of fostering talented, proactive individuals who can play an active role in promoting welfare and mutual understanding in the increasingly globalized international community. Although this school has accepted international students in the past as well, it has established an entrance examination system for foreigners residing in Japan to enable them to take the entrance exam.

### Graduate School of Social Sciences

Given the fact that the number of foreigners residing in Japan including international students is increasing, the Graduate Program in Economics has established an examination system for foreign nationals residing in Japan with the aim of contributing to the internationalization of the university. This is an entrance examination for foreigners living in Japan who aspire to pursue a Master's degree in the Graduate Program in Economics irrespective of whether the applicants have any work experience or not or whether they are now students or have already graduated.

### Graduate School of Law

Given the fact that foreigners residing in Japan including international students are increasing, the Graduate Program in Law has established an examination system for foreign national residing in Japan with the aim of contributing to the internationalization of the university. This is an entrance examination for foreigners living in Japan who aspire to pursue a Master's degree in the Graduate Program in Law irrespective of whether the applicants have any work experience or not or whether they are students or have already graduated.

### Graduate School of Science and Technology

The Graduate School of Science and Technology has so far accepted international students and foreigners residing in Japan in each of its departments. Given the current situation wherein proactive involvement of foreign human resources is expected, the department has established an entrance examination system for foreigners living in Japan to enable them to conveniently take the entrance exam in order to promote the acceptance of excellent human resources who have a global perspective in the field of science and technology.

## ■ Admission Review Contents 【April 2026 Admission】

For applicants who will take the summer or spring examination, and who will begin their studies in April 2026.  
Successful applicants who expect to graduate or complete their course of study in March 2026 will be given an unofficial offer of acceptance.

### 1. Examination Schedule and Number of Students to be Admitted

#### Summer Examination

Graduate Course	Major (Course)	Application Period • Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Period	Examination Date	Announcement of Exam Results	Number of Students to be Admitted
Humanities	Christian Thought (Master's Course)	June 6 (Friday) ~ June 16 (Monday), 2025 【Postmark Deadline】	July 12, 2025 (Saturday)	July 17, 2025 (Thursday) 13:00	A few for each major
	Linguistic Science (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
International Area Studies	International Area Studies (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
Social Sciences	Economics (Master's Course)				
Law	Law (Master's Course)				
Science and Technology	Software Engineering (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course) Data Science (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
	Electronics and Communication Technology, Mechanical Engineering and System Control (Master's Course)				
	Mechatronics (Doctoral Course)				

#### Spring Examination

Graduate Course	Major (Course)	Application Period • Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Period	Examination Date	Announcement of Exam Results	Number of Students to be Admitted
Humanities	Christian Thought (Master's Course)	[Master's Course] January 5 (Monday) ~ January 15 (Thursday), 2026 【Postmark Deadline】	February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	March 5, 2026 (Thursday) 13:00	A few for each major
	Religious Thought (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)				
Law	Law (Master's Course)	[Doctoral Course] January 5 (Monday) ~ January 21 (Wednesday), 2026 【Postmark Deadline】			
Science and Technology	Software Engineering (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course) Data Science (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
	Electronics and Communication Technology, Mechanical Engineering and System Control (Master's Course)				
	Mechatronics (Doctoral Course)				

## 2. Application Requirements

Foreign nationals living in Japan, people who fulfill any of the following, or people who are expected to fulfill them by the end of March 2026, and who meet the requirements indicated by each major are eligible to apply. However, if you are applying for the spring examination, you are required to possess a residence status valid for study at the time of application. In addition, the validity of the period of residence must extend beyond the last date of the enrollment procedure.

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

- (1) People who have 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 a 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) at 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 2026

[Note] Graduates of various schools such as junior colleges, technical colleges, and vocational schools, fall under applicant requirement (9). Those wishing for the "individual entrance qualification review" should request the Admissions Center a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to an individual review, and submit it in an envelope with "individual review documents enclosed" clearly written on it. This needs to be postmarked by May 14, 2025 (Wednesday) in the case of applications in Summer and by November 5, 2025 (Wednesday) in the case of applications in Spring. Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

## Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements
Linguistic Science	Foreign students living in Japan must satisfy either of the following conditions <b>a</b> or <b>b</b>
	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>【Japanese】</b> Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency. (1) 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 Section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above. *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><b>【English】</b> -be proficient in reading academic English texts</p>
	<p><b>Applicants who wish to write their MA theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</b></p> <p><b>【English】</b> -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】</b> Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency. (1) 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) (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above. *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	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 for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization)
Law	Applicants who do not have Japanese as their first language and who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or obtained 240 points or above (270 points if writing is included) in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization).

[Note]For applicants for the Graduate Program in Economics in the Graduate School of Social Sciences

- (1) Applicants considering applying for the Graduate Program in Economics must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor about their research topics and research plan before applying. After consultation, please get the faculty member to put their signature on the application form.
- (2) People in the Graduate Program in Economics 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 that faculty member put 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.

[Note] About applicants for The Graduate School of Science and Technology

- (1) Applicants who do not have Japanese as their first language must have passed Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japanese Educational Exchanges and Services) or above or obtained 200 points or more in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU)(Japan Student Services Organization).

- (2) Applicants must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor for their research topics and research plan before applying. After this consultation, please obtain the signature of the faculty member on the application form.

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

- (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 at least 24 years old by the end of March 2026

[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 Center a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to individual review, and submit it with "individual review documents within" clearly written on it. This needs to be postmarked by May 14, 2025(Wednesday) in the case of applications in Summer and by November 5, 2025 (Wednesday) in the case of applications in Spring. Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

## Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements
	Foreign students living in Japan must satisfy either of the following conditions <b>a</b> or <b>b</b>
Linguistic Science	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>【Japanese】</b> Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency. (1) 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 Section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above. *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><b>【English】</b> -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 MA 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, 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		<p><b>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</b></p> <p><b>【English】</b>          -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><b>【Japanese】</b>  <b>b</b> Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency.          (1) 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)          (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above.          *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	Foreign students living in Japan must satisfy either of the following conditions, <b>a</b> or <b>b</b>	
	<b>a</b>	<p><b>Aspirants who wish to write their doctoral thesis in Japanese</b>          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>b</b>	<p><b>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral thesis in English must fulfill the following English and Japanese conditions.</b></p> <p><b>【English】</b>          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><b>【Japanese】</b>          Have obtained a score greater than or equal to any one of the following scores (1)-(3):          (1) Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japanese 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>

[Note] About applicants for The Graduate School of Science and Technology

- (1) Applicants who do not have Japanese as their first language must have passed Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japanese Educational Exchanges and Services) or above or obtained 200 points or more in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU)(Japan Student Services Organization).
- (2) Regarding the doctoral program, applicants can consult if they wish to study and receive research guidance in English.
- (3) Applicants must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor for their research topics and research plan before applying. After this consultation, please obtain the signature of the faculty member on the application form.

### 3. Examination Method and Examination Dates

#### Graduate School of Humanities

Major	Examination Dates	Time	Examination Method	Points	Remarks
Christian Thought (Master's Course)	<b>【Summer】</b> July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  <b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	100 points	Emphasis on the study plan.
		10:00 ～11:30	Essay	100 points	Questions on basic knowledge, English reading comprehension, and essay writing skills related to the main research areas (from one area of study selected at the time of application including theology, philosophy, and religious studies). English dictionary allowed (but no electronic dictionaries)
		12:30～	Oral examination	100 points	—
Religious Thought (Doctoral Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	100 points	Emphasis is on the study plan.
		10:00 ～11:30	Essay	100 points	Questions on English reading comprehension and Japanese reading comprehension for academic writing on specialized areas and essay writing skills related to the main research areas (from one area of study selected at the time of application including (theology, philosophy, and religious studies). English dictionary allowed (but no electronic dictionaries)
		12:30～	Oral examination	100 points	—
Linguistic Science (Master's Course)	<b>【Summer】</b> July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  <b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	50 points	Emphasis is on the study plan.
		10:00 ～11:00	Provide answers to questions by referring to English documents	50 points	Provide answers by referring to English documents with general content related to language. (Dictionaries are not allowed)
		11:15 ～12:15	Essay	50 points	Basic linguistic knowledge and essay writing skills are considered with respect to experience of foreign language learning including Japanese.
		13:30～	Oral examination	50 points	Oral examination about the content of the research plan.
Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)	<b>【Summer】</b> July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  <b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	50 points	Emphasis is on the study plan.
		13:00～	Oral examination	50 points	Questions on the content of the essay and study plan, as well as knowledge of language theory or language acquisition.

## Graduate School of International Area Studies

Major	Examination Dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
International Area Studies (Master's Course)	【Summer】 July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  【Spring】 February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	100 points	Emphasis is on the study plan.
		10:00 ～12:00	Essay	100 points	Questions about basic knowledge and writing skills about the desired research domain (including proficiency in the language to be used)
		13:00～	Oral examination	100 points	Questions on basic knowledge related to the desired research area and research field (including proficiency in the language to be used) and questions about the study plan.
International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)	【Summer】 July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  【Spring】 February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	100 points	About thesis submission and the study plan.
		13:00～	Oral examination	100 points	Questions on the study plan and specialized knowledge related to international areas studies (including proficiency in the language to be used).

## Graduate School of Social Sciences

Major	Examination Dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
Economics (Master's Course)	【Summer】 July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  【Spring】 February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	10:00 ～11:30	Essay	100 points	Current topics related to the theme of economics.
		12:00 ～13:30	Specialized subject	100 points	Explanation related to the basics in the specialized subject.
		15:00～	Oral examination	100 points	Oral examination focusing on motivation and willingness to study with reference to documents submitted.

## Graduate School of Law

Major	Examination Dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
Law (Master's Course)	【Summer】 July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  【Spring】 February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	100 points	Emphasis is on the study plan.
		10:00 ～11:30	Essay	100 points	Current topics about law.
		13:00～	Oral examination	100 points	Oral examination focusing on motivation and willingness to study with reference to documents submitted.

## Graduate School of Science and Technology

Major	Examination Dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
All Majors (Master's Course)	<b>【Summer】</b> July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  <b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	10:00 ~11:30	Mathematics (Calculus, Linear Algebra), Physics	150 points	
		12:30 ~13:15	English	100 points	Dictionaries are allowed (electronic dictionaries are also allowed)
		13:30 ~15:00	Basic knowledge about the study area	200 points	In keeping with your desired major, select two from the nine topics of Software Engineering, Information Sciences, Operations Research, Statistics, Machine Learning Engineering, Communication Networks, Mathematical Logic, Mechanical Engineering, and System Control. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Program of Software Engineering: Select one topic from the two topics of Software Engineering and Information Sciences and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> <li>Graduate Program of Data Science: Select one topic from the three topics of Operations Research, Statistics, and Machine Learning Engineering and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> <li>Graduate Program of Electronics and Communication Technology: Select one topic from the three topics of Information Sciences, Communication Networks, and Mathematical Logic and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> <li>Graduate Program of Mechanical Engineering and System Control: Select one topic from the two topics of Mechanical Engineering and System Control and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> </ul>
		15:15~	Oral examination	200 points	About 15 minutes
All Majors (Doctoral Course)	<b>【Summer】</b> July 12, 2025 (Saturday)  <b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	13:00~	Oral examination	100 points	Document screening and an oral examination of about one hour focusing on documents of research achievements (or study plan) submitted as application documents. ※There is no written examination.

## 4. Application Documents

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

1	Entrance Application Form	Prescribed <b>form①</b>
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	Prescribed <b>form②</b>
3	Entrance application form ※It is necessary that applicants for the Graduate Program in Economics consult in advance.	Prescribed <b>form③</b>
4	<b>Master's Course Applicants</b> 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.	
5	<b>Doctoral Course Applicants</b> 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.	
6	Three copies of the research plan (One original and two photocopies) (One copy for Graduate Program in Linguistic Science and Graduate Program in International Area Studies Doctoral Course Second Term)	Prescribed <b>form④</b>
7	Academic papers (published or unpublished) for applicants for the following Doctoral Courses: <b>Applicants for the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)</b> • Please submit a copy of the Master's thesis or an equivalent and any other work that shows your academic achievements in the past. <b>Applicants for the Graduate School of International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)</b> A thesis that shows the ability to conduct research regardless of whether it is published or not • Please submit a copy of the Master's thesis or a thesis equivalent to a Master's thesis. If you so not have a thesis, please submit a report showing your research achievements so far. <b>Applicants to The Graduate School of Science and Technology (Doctoral Course)</b> Photocopies of the Master's thesis or of research papers or documents published in academic societies in the past two years • Applicants with no documents showing research achievements are requested to submit a study plan about the content of research they are currently working on (about two typed sheets of A4 size paper) • Applicants with work experience are requested to submit a study plan based on their office experience (about two typed sheets of A4 size paper) in addition to a photocopy of documents showing their research achievements.	
8	Statement of purpose ( <b>For the Graduate Program in International Area Studies, and for the applicants to the Doctoral Course in the other programs</b> )	Prescribed <b>form⑤</b>
9	Comments of the advisor (faculty member) (sealed) ※Only for applicants to the Graduate Program in Religious Thought	Prescribed <b>form⑥</b>

10	<p>Letter of recommendation (sealed), to be requested from a person who knows the character and academic ability of the applicant well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Applicants to the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science (Master's Course)</b> One copy</li> <li>• <b>Applicants to the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)</b> Two copies</li> <li>• <b>Applicants to the Graduate Program in International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)</b> One copy</li> <li>• <b>Applicants to The Graduate School of Science and Technology</b> One copy</li> </ul>	Prescribed form⑦
11	<p>Language Proficiency Certificate 【Except for the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, the Graduate Program in International Area Studies, and Graduate Program in Law】</p> <p>a. Applicants whose first language is not English, please submit the results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overseen by the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment, the British Council, and IDP Education.</p> <p>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) administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) overseen by the Japan Student Services Organization.</p>	Prescribed form⑧
12	<p>Language Proficiency Certificate 【Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, Graduate Program in International Area Studies】</p> <p><b>Applicants to the Master's Course of either of these programs</b> 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><b>Applicants to the Doctoral course of either of these programs:</b> Please attach a certificate or certificates that can confirm that you meet the application requirements listed in the "Application Requirements for Each Major".</p>	Prescribed form⑨
13	<p>Language Proficiency Certificate 【Graduate Program in Law】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please attach a certificate that can confirm that you meet the application requirements listed in the "Application Requirements for Each Major".</li> <li>• Applicants whose first language is not English and who have taken the 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)</li> </ul>	Prescribed form⑩
14	<p><b>Doctoral Course Applicants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application to the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course</li> </ul>	form⑪
15	<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>	form⑫
16	<p>Entrance Examination Fee: (15,000 yen) transfer receipt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If transferred by ATM, it is possible to provide a copy of the ATM statement.</li> </ul>	Prescribed form⑬
17	<p>Certificate on ability to pay study abroad fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only to be submitted by non-Japanese citizens. (Except for long-term or permanent residents)</li> <li>• Minimum deposit account balance: amount equivalent to the first year student fees and payments.</li> </ul>	Prescribed form⑭
18	Address seal (address specified)	
19	A return envelope for the admission ticket for the examination. (Clearly write in the name of the person to whom it should be sent and attach stamps to the value of the cost of express mail)	
20	<p>Copy of your passport and residence card copy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please submit your status of residence and period of residence, with your name clearly displayed.</li> </ul>	

## 5. 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 to be submitted with your application. 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 4 and 5 is not required if you marked “yes” for “individual entrance qualification review”. However, please enclose a copy of the review notification.

## 6. Attention to be Taken when Completing Application Documents

If writing application documents by hand, please carefully fill them out with a black or blue fountain or ballpoint pen in block letters. You can also complete the documents on your computer using the prescribed forms from our website.

### (1) Entrance application form (Prescribed form①)

- Please fill in the name of the applicant (phonetic), encircle the appropriate gender with ○, and enter the date of birth.
- 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.
- With respect to educational background, fill in the name of the university, department, subjects (or name of graduate school, graduate course, department). Also, fill in the date of graduation (or completion), expected graduation (or expected completion) and encircle graduation (or expected graduation, other) with a ○.
- For the address, fill in the name of the prefecture in the first column, the name of the city/district in the second, the name of the town/village in the third, the street or house number in the fourth, and the name of the apartment or building in the fifth column. In the address, omit “large section of village”, “section of village”, and “city block”. Further, when filling in details, please omit the apartment or building “block” and “number”.
- This 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 an address at which we can contact you.
- Please fill in your nationality, name as in your passport, status of residence, period of residence, and residence card number.

### (2) Photo Form (Prescribed form②)

- Fill in the name of the applicant (phonetic) and encircle the appropriate gender with a ○.
- Affix a color photograph of the front upper half body of the applicant with head uncovered and no background, taken within three months before application submission and of size length 4cm×width 3cm, after writing the name of the graduate course, name of department, and name of applicant on the rear of the photograph.

### (3) Entrance Application Form (Prescribed form③)

- Select the main research area and encircle it with a ○.

- Select the language in which you plan to write your Graduate Program in International Area Studies doctoral thesis ( Doctoral Program) and encircle it with a ○.
- Applicants wishing to enter the Graduate Program in International Area Studies or the Graduate Program in Economics (doctoral course) should enter the name of the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor.
- Applicants to the Graduate Program in Economics and Graduate School of Science and Technology must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor regarding their research topic and research plan before applying. After consultation, please obtain the signature of the faculty member on the application form.
- Graduate Program in Law: Fill in the name of the faculty member one hopes to have as research supervisor.
- Describe your educational history so that there would be no blank period after elementary school.

(4) **Study Plan** (Prescribed form④) \*Please make a copy if space is insufficient.

- For the method of entry for each department, please fill in as per the following table.

※<Applicants to the Graduate School of Humanities and Graduate School of Science and Technology

(doctoral course)>In principle, a Doctoral Program study plan should be three years. However, applicants who have certain research achievements after completing their Master's program may be exempt from taking the first year research course, so making the length of the course of study two years. In case the applicant wishes to complete the course in two years, please indicate this in the study plan. If it is considered that it is possible to complete the course in two years, this will be communicated by the concerned department.

Major (Course)	Entry Outline
Christian Thought (Master's Course)	Summarize the [1] goals of education in graduate school [2] preparations so far for the research, and [3] detailed plan of activities for the first part of the doctoral program in about 1,000-1,500 words if in English or in about 2,000 words if in Japanese (typed sheets A4 size).
Religious Thought (Doctoral Course)	Summarize the [1] progress of your research so far, [2] future research topics, and [3] detailed study plan in the three-year second part doctoral program, in about 1,500 words if in English, and in about 4,000 words if in Japanese (typed sheets A4 size), and submit it along with other documents.
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 to prepare, and how your study in our program will be related to your future career, and (b) which of the three areas in our program (Linguistics, Japanese Education or English Education) you wish to major in, and the topic(s) about 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 an 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 about 2,000 characters.



International Area Studies (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 1,500 words in English. *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)	Summarize the reasons for aspiring to enter this program, the topic and gist of the graduation thesis (or Master's thesis) and the study and experience so far, the study plan in graduate school, and the plan after the end of graduate school in about 4,000 characters (typed A4 sheets), and submit a total of three, one original and two photocopies of this, along with the other application documents.
Law (Master's Course)	Summarize the reasons for aspiring to enter this graduate course, the study plan in the graduate course, and the plan after completion of graduate school in about 4,000 characters (typed A4 sheets), and submit it along with other application documents.
Science and Technology (Master's Course) (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 research activities in the master's course or doctoral course in two typed sheets of A4 size paper, and submit it along with the other application documents.

(5) **Comments of the advisor (faculty member)** (Prescribed form⑥) (Only for applicants to the Graduate Program in Religious Thought)

To be directly filled in by the advisor (or faculty member in a similar position, or a faculty member who knows the applicant well).

(6) **Letter of Recommendation** (Prescribed form⑦) (Only for applicants to the Doctoral Course in the Graduate Program of Linguistic Science and Graduate Program in International Area Studies and Graduate Program of Science and Technology.)

To be requested from a person who knows the character and academic ability of the applicant well.

(7) **Request for shortening of the course of study** (Prescribed form⑫) (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 enroll. 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 27) upon completing the Application Documents.

## ■Admission Review Contents 【September 2026 Admission】

For applicants who will take the spring or summer examination, and who will begin their studies in September 2026. Successful applicants who expect to graduate or complete their course of study in September 2026 will be given an unofficial offer of acceptance.

### 1. Examination Schedule and Number of Students to be Admitted

#### Spring Examination

Graduate Course	Major (Course)	Application Period Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Period	Examination date	Announcement of Exam Results	Number of students to be admitted
Humanities	Linguistic Science (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	[Master's Course] January 5 (Monday) ~ January 15 (Thursday), 2026 【Postmark Deadline】  [Doctoral Course] January 5 (Monday) ~ January 21 (Wednesday), 2026 【Postmark Deadline】	February 21, 2026 (Saturday)	March 5, 2026 (Thursday) 13:00	A few for each major
International Area Studies	International Area Studies (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
Social Sciences	Economics (Master's Course)				
Science and Technology	Software Engineering (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course) Data Science (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
	Electronics and Communication Technology, Mechanical Engineering and System Control (Master's Course)				
	Mechatronics (Doctoral Course)				

#### Summer Examination

Graduate Course	Major (Course)	Application Period Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Period	Examination date	Announcement of Exam Results	Number of students to be admitted
Humanities	Linguistic Science (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	June 5 (Friday)~ June 15 (Monday), 2026 【Postmark Deadline】	July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	July 16, 2026 (Thursday) 13:00	A few for each major
International Area Studies	International Area Studies (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
Social Sciences	Economics (Master's Course)				
Science and Technology	Software Engineering (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course) Data Science (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)				
	Electronics and Communication Technology, Mechanical Engineering and System Control (Master's Course)				
	Mechatronics (Doctoral Course)				

## 2. Application Requirements

Foreign nationals living in Japan, people who fulfill any of the following, or who are expected to fulfill them by September 2026, and who meet the requirements indicated by each major, are eligible to apply. However, if you are applying for the summer examination, you are required to possess a residence status valid for study at the time of application. In addition, the validity of the period of residence must extend beyond the last date of the enrollment procedure.

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

- (1) People who have 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 a 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) at 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 2026

[Note] Graduates of various schools such as junior colleges, technical colleges, and vocational schools, fall under applicant requirement (9). Those wishing for the "individual entrance qualification review" should request the Admissions Center a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to an individual review, and submit it in an envelope with "individual review documents enclosed" clearly written on it. This needs to be postmarked by November 5, 2025 (Wednesday) in the case of applications in Spring and by May 13, 2026 (Wednesday) in the case of applications in Summer . Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

## Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements
Linguistic Science	Foreign students living in Japan must satisfy either of the following conditions, <b>a</b> or <b>b</b>
	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>【Japanese】</b> Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency. (1) 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 Section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) <b>a</b> (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above. *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 <b>【English】</b> -be proficient in reading academic English texts</p>
	<p><b>Applicants who wish to write their MA theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</b></p> <p><b>【English】</b> -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. <b>【Japanese】</b> Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency. <b>b</b> (1) 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) (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above. *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	Applicants who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) (Japanese Educational Exchanges and Services) or obtained 300 points or more in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students" (Japan Student Services Organization).

[Note] For applicants for the Graduate Program in Economics in the Graduate School of Social Sciences

- (1) Applicants considering applying for the Graduate Program in Economics must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor about their research topics and research plan before applying. After consultation, please get the faculty member to put their signature on the application form.
- (2) People in the Graduate Program in Economics 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 that faculty member put 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.

[Note] About applicants for The Graduate School of Science and Technology

- (1) Applicants who do not have Japanese as their first language must have passed Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japanese Educational Exchanges and Services) or above or obtained 200 points or more in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization).
- (2) Applicants must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor for their research topics and research plan before applying. After this consultation, please obtain the signature of the faculty member on the application form.

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

- (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 at least 24 years old by the end of August 2026

[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 Center a "brief history" (prescribed form I) form related to individual review, and submit it with "individual review documents within" clearly written on it. This needs to be postmarked by November 5, 2025 (Wednesday) in the case of applications in Spring and by May 13, 2026 (Wednesday) in the case of applications in Summer. Please be sure to enclose a certificate of academic record and academic transcript (sealed).

## Application Requirements for Each Major

Major	Application Requirements
	Foreign students living in Japan must satisfy either of the following conditions <b>a</b> or <b>b</b>
Linguistic Science	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>【Japanese】</b> Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency. (1) 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 Section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese Student Services Organization) (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above. *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><b>【English】</b> -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 MA 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, 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><b>a</b></p>

Linguistic Science	<b>b</b>	<p><b>Applicants who wish to write their doctoral theses in English must meet both of the following English and Japanese conditions.</b></p> <p><b>【English】</b>          -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><b>【Japanese】</b>          Provide (1) or (2) to indicate the Japanese language proficiency.          (1) 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)          (2) An evaluation letter written by a Japanese language teacher from the educational institution where the applicant is studying the Japanese language at the time of application. Note: The letter should certify that the candidate has the proficiency equivalent to (1) above.          *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 meet conditions <b>a</b> and <b>b</b> below	
	<b>a</b>	<p><b>Applicants writing their doctoral thesis in Japanese</b>          -have passed Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 (formerly Level 1) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or obtained 300 points or above or in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization) .</p>
	<b>b</b>	<p><b>Applicants writing their doctoral thesis in English</b>          Must meet the following English and Japanese conditions</p> <p><b>【English】</b>          Have obtained a score higher greater than or equal to any 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 above          *However, those who speak English as their first language are exempt from submitting an English language proficiency certificate.</p>
		<p><b>【Japanese】</b>          Have obtained a score higher greater than or equal to either (1) or (2)          (1)Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services)          (2) Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), 200 points or above (Japan Student Services Organization)          *You may also submit supporting documents (letter of recommendation) from the guidance instructor of your graduating school etc., or other instructor of Japanese-language education that shows equivalent Japanese ability to (1) or (2).          *Applicants who have graduated or completed their degree (including prospective) who studied using Japanese as the medium of instruction in their classes at either university or graduate school are exempt from submitting Japanese language proficiency documents.</p>

[Note] About applicants for The Graduate School of Science and Technology

- (1) Applicants who do not have Japanese as their first language must have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (formerly Level 2) (Japanese Educational Exchanges and Services) or above or obtained 200 points or more in the Japanese Language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japan Student Services Organization).
- (2) Regarding the second part of the doctoral program, applicants can consult if they wish to study and receive research guidance in English.
- (3) Applicants must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor for their research topics and research plan before applying. After this consultation, please obtain the signature of the faculty member on the application form.

### 3. Examination Method and Examination Dates

#### Graduate School of Humanities

Major	Examination dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
Linguistic Science (Master's Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)  <b>【Summer】</b> July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	50 points	Emphasis on the study plan.
		10:00 ~11:00	Questions to be solved referring to English documents	50 points	Provide answers by referring to English documents with general content related to language. (Dictionaries not allowed)
		11:15 ~12:15	Essay	50 points	Basic linguistic knowledge and essay writing skills are considered with respect to experience of foreign language learning including Japanese.
		13:30~	Oral examination	50 points	Oral examination about the content of the study plan.
Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)  <b>【Summer】</b> July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	50 points	Emphasis is on the study plan.
		13:00~	Oral examination	50 points	Questions on the content of the essay and study plan, as well as knowledge of language theory or language acquisition.

#### Graduate School of International Area Studies

Major	Examination dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
International Area Studies (Master's Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)  <b>【Summer】</b> July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	100 points	Emphasis is on the study plan.
		10:00 ~12:00	Essay	100 points	Questions about basic knowledge and writing skills in the desired research domain (including proficiency in the language to be used).
		13:00~	Oral Examination	100 points	Questions on basic knowledge related to the desired research area and research field (including proficiency in the language to be used) and questions about the study plan.
International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)  <b>【Summer】</b> July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	—	Document screening	100 points	About thesis submission and the study plan.
		13:00~	Oral Examination	100 points	Questions on the study plan and specialized knowledge related to international areas studies (including proficiency in the language to be used).

#### Graduate School of Social Sciences

Major	Examination dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
Economics (Master's Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)  <b>【Summer】</b> July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	10:00 ~11:30	Essay	100 points	Current topics related to the theme of economics.
		12:00 ~13:30	Specialized subject	100 points	Explanation related to the basics in the specialized subject.
		15:00~	Oral examination	100 points	Oral examination focusing on motivation and willingness to study with reference to documents submitted.

## Graduate School of Science and Technology

Major	Examination dates	Time	Examination method	Points	Remarks
All Majors (Master's Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)  <b>【Summer】</b> July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	10:00 ~11:30	Mathematics (Differential Calculus, Linear Algebra), Physics	150 points	
		12:30 ~13:15	English	100 points	Dictionaries are allowed (electronic dictionaries are also allowed)
		13:30 ~15:00	Basic knowledge about the specialized area	200 points	<p>In keeping with your desired major, select two from the nine topics of Software Engineering, Information Sciences, Operations Research, Statistics, Machine Learning Engineering, Communication Networks, Mathematical Logic, Mechanical Engineering, and System Control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Program of Software Engineering: Select one topic from the two topics of Software Engineering and Information Sciences and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> <li>Graduate Program of Data Science: Select one topic from the three topics of Operations Research, Statistics, and Machine Learning Engineering and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> <li>Graduate Program of Electronics and Communication Technology: Select one topic from the three topics of Information Sciences, Communication Networks, and Mathematical Logic and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> <li>Graduate Program of Mechanical Engineering and System Control: Select one topic from the two topics of Mechanical Engineering and System Control and one from the remaining eight topics.</li> </ul>
		15:15~	Oral examination	200 points	About 15 minutes
All Majors (Doctoral Course)	<b>【Spring】</b> February 21, 2026 (Saturday)  <b>【Summer】</b> July 11, 2026 (Saturday)	13:00~	Oral examination	100 points	<p>Document screening and an oral examination of about one hour focusing on documents of research achievements (or study plan) submitted as application documents.</p> <p>※There is no written examination.</p>



## 4. Application Documents

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

1	Entrance application form	Prescribed form①
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	Prescribed form②
3	Entrance application form ※It is necessary that applicants for the Graduate Program in Economics consult in advance.	Prescribed form③
4	<b>Master's Course Applicants</b> 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.	
5	<b>Doctoral Course Applicants</b> Master's degree acquisition certificate or prospective acquisition certificate Academic transcript from the graduating university graduate school (master's course) (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.	
6	Three copies of the study plan (One original and two photocopies) (One copy for the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science and Graduate Program in International Area Studies Doctoral Course Second Term)	Prescribed form④
7	Academic papers (published or unpublished) for applicants for the following Doctoral courses: <b>Applicants for the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)</b> • Please submit a copy of the Master's thesis or equivalent and any other work that shows your academic achievements. <b>Applicants for the Graduate School of International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)</b> A thesis that shows the ability to conduct research regardless of whether it is published or not. • Please submit a copy of the Master's thesis or a thesis equivalent to a Master's thesis. If you do not have a thesis, please submit a report showing your research achievements so far. <b>Applicants to The Graduate School of Science and Technology (Doctoral Course)</b> Photocopies of the Master's thesis or of research papers or documents published in academic societies in the past two years • Applicants with no documents showing research achievements are requested to submit a study plan about the content of research they are currently working on (about two typed sheets of A4 size paper) • Applicants with work experience are requested to submit a study plan based on their office experience (about two typed sheets of A4 size paper) in addition to a copy of documents showing their research achievements.	
8	<b>Statement of purpose</b> <b>(For the Graduate Program in International Area Studies, and for the applicants to the Doctoral Course in the other programs.)</b>	Prescribed form⑤
9	Letter of recommendation (sealed) To be requested from a person who knows the character and academic ability of the applicant well • <b>Graduate Program in Linguistic Science (Master's Course)</b> One copy • <b>Applicants to the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science (Doctoral Course)</b> Two copies • <b>Applicants to the Graduate Program in International Area Studies (Doctoral Course)</b> One copy • <b>Graduate School of Science and Technology</b> One copy	Prescribed form⑦

10	<p>Language Proficiency Certificate Except for the Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, the Graduate Program in International Area Studies and Graduate Program in Law</p> <p>a. Applicants whose first language is not English, please submit the results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overseen by the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment, the British Council, and IDP Education.</p> <p>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) administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services or the Japanese Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) overseen by the Japan Student Services Organization.</p>	Prescribed form⑧
11	<p>Language Proficiency Certificate 【Graduate Program in Linguistic Science, Graduate Program in International Area Studies】</p> <p><b>Applicants to the Master's Course of either of these programs</b> 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><b>Applicants to the Doctoral Course of either of these programs</b> Please attach a certificate or certificates that can confirm that you meet the application requirements listed in the "Application Requirements for Each Major".</p>	Prescribed form⑨
12	<p><b>Doctoral Course Applicants</b> • Application to the Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course</p>	form⑪
13	<p><b>Request for shortening of the course of study</b> (only for those applying for admission to the Graduate School of Humanities) (only those who wish to do so)</p>	form⑫
14	<p>Entrance Examination Fee (15,000 yen) Transfer receipt • If transferred by ATM, it is possible to provide a copy of the ATM statement.</p>	Prescribed form⑬
15	<p>Certificate of ability to pay study abroad fees • Only to be submitted by non-Japanese citizens. (Except for long-term or permanent residents) • Minimum deposit account balance: amount equivalent to the first year student fees and payments</p>	Prescribed form⑭
16	Address seal (address specified)	
17	A return envelope for the admission ticket for the examination. (Clearly write in the name of the person to whom it should be sent and attach stamps to the value of the cost of express mail)	
18	<p>Copy of the your passport and residence card copy • Please submit your status of residence and period of residence, with your name clearly displayed.</p>	

## 5. 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 to be submitted with your application. 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 4 and 5 is not required if you marked "yes" for "individual entrance qualification review". However, please enclose a copy of the review notification.

## 6. Attention to be Taken when Completing Application Documents

If writing application documents by hand, please carefully fill them out with black or blue fountain or ballpoint pen in block letters. You can also complete the documents on your computer using the prescribed forms from our website.

### (1) Entrance application form (Prescribed form①)

- Please fill in the name of the applicant (phonetic), encircle the appropriate gender with ○, and enter the date of birth.
- 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.
- With respect to educational background, fill in the name of the university, department, subjects (or name of graduate school, graduate course, department). Also, fill in the date of graduation (or completion), expected graduation (or expected completion) and encircle graduation (or expected graduation, other) with a ○.
- For the address, fill in the name of the prefecture in the first column, the name of the city/district in the second, the name of the town/village in the third, the street or house number in the fourth, and the name of the apartment or building in the fifth column. In the address, omit “large section of village”, “section of village”, and “city block”. Further, when filling in details, please omit the apartment or building “block” and “number”.
- This 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 an address at which we can contact you.
- Please fill in your nationality, name as in your passport, status of residence, period of residence, and residence card number.

### (2) Photo Form (Prescribed form②)

- Fill in the name of the applicant (phonetic) and encircle the appropriate gender with a ○.
- Affix a color, photograph of the front upper half body of the applicant with head uncovered no-background, taken within three months before application submission and of size length 4cm×breadth 3cm, after writing the name of the graduate course, name of department, and name of applicant on the rear of the photograph.

### (3) Entrance Application Form (Prescribed form③)

- Select the main research area and encircle it with a ○.
- Select the language in which you plan to write your Graduate Program in International Area Studies doctoral thesis (Doctoral Course) and encircle it with a ○.
- Applicants to the Graduate Program in Economics and Graduate School of Science and Technology must consult with the faculty member they hope to have as their research supervisor regarding their research topic and research plan before applying. After consultation, please obtain the signature of the faculty member on the application form.
- Please fill in your academic background after elementary school graduation without any blank period.

### (4) Study Plan (Prescribed form④) →If you run out of paper, please make copies.

For the method of entry for each department, please fill in as per the following table.

※<Applicants to the Graduate School of Humanities and Graduate School of Science and Technology (doctoral course)>In principle, a Doctoral Program study plan should be three years. However applicants who have certain research achievements after completing their Master’s program may be exempt from taking the first year research course, so making the length of the course of study two years. In case the applicant wishes to complete the course in two years, please indicate this in the study plan. If it is considered that it is possible to complete the course in two years, this will be communicated by the concerned department.

Major (Course)	Entry Outline
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 to prepare, and how your 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 topic(s) about 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 an 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 about 2,000 characters.
International Area Studies (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 1,500 words in English. *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)	Summarize the reasons for aspiring to either this program, the topic and gist of the graduation thesis (or Master's thesis) and the study and experience so far, the study plan in graduate school, and the plan after the end of graduate school in about 4,000 characters (typed A4 sheets), and submit a total of three copies, one original and two photocopies, along with other application documents.
Science and Technology (Master's Course) (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 research activities in the master's course or doctoral course in two typed sheets of A4 size paper, and submit it along with the other application documents.

**(5) Letter of Recommendation** (Prescribed form⑦) (Only for applicants to the Doctoral Course in the Graduate Program of Linguistic Science and Graduate Program in International Area Studies)

To be requested from a person who knows the character and academic ability of the applicant well.

**(6) Request for shortening of the course of study** (Prescribed form⑫) (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 enroll. 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 27) upon completing the Application Documents.

## ■ Common Items 【April 2026 Admission / September 2026 Admission】

### 1. Admission Examination Fee 15,000 yen

- (1) Transfer period → mentioned on Page 3 (April 2026 enrollment), Page 16 (September 2026 enrollment)
- (2) Please transfer to the following bank account as a “telegraphic transfer”.
- (3) Please attach a copy of the transfer receipt to the Prescribed form<sup>⑬</sup> and submit it along with the application documents.
- (4) Please note that the transfer fee must be paid separately.
- (5) We do not accept payment of the application fee in cash by money order.

Transfer to	Mitsubishi UFJ Bank Yagoto Branch
Account Type and Number	Futsu (普通) 1649646
Account Name	Nanzan Gakuen

### 2. Application Method (limited to mailing)

- (1) Application period → mentioned on Page 3 (April 2026 enrollment), Page 16 (September 2026 enrollment)
- (2) Please put your application documents in an A4 size envelope (240mm x 332mm) and post that using simple registered express mail.  
Please also 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) We will contact you by e-mail or telephone etc. if we find something wrong with the application documents.  
If something that needs to be attended to is found, but that is not resolved during the application period, this may lead to the application not being accepted.
- (4) As a general rule, once submitted, application documents and the entrance examination fee will not be refunded.
- (5) If you are an applicant with a physical disability and would like to request special measures for the examination, please contact the Admissions Center as early as possible prior to filling the application.

### 3. Receiving the Examination Ticket

In case you do not receive the examination ticket even after the following date, please contact the Admissions Center.

#### 【April 2026 Enrollment】

Summer Examination	July 8, 2025 (Tuesday)
Spring Examination	February 10, 2026 (Tuesday)

#### 【September 2026 Enrollment】

Spring Examination	February 10, 2026 (Tuesday)
Summer Examination	June 30, 2026 (Tuesday)

### 4. Examination Venue

Nanzan University, 18 Yamazato-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya City

### 5. General Instructions for the Examination Day

- (1) The examination hall will open at 9:00 a.m.
- (2) If you forget or lose your examination ticket please contact a staff member.
- (3) Please switch off your mobile phone before entering the examination hall. The mobile phone's telecommunication function or dictionary function cannot be used as a clock.

### 6. About the written examination

- (1) Please be seated in the designated room 15 minutes before the start of the examination.
- (2) After completing of the examination, the supervisor will collect all the answer sheets so please do not stand until the supervisor has finished checking.
- (3) Applicants who are more than 20 minutes late to an examination will not be allowed to sit for the subsequent examinations including the oral examination.
- (4) Once you enter the examination hall you will not be allowed to leave till the end of the examination.
- (5) Please follow the instructions of the supervisor in the examination hall.
- (6) Please keep the examination ticket on the table at all times during the exam.

## 7. About the Oral Examination

- (1) The exam room and time of the oral examination are indicated in the notice handed out on the day of the exam.
- (2) Applicants who are 20 minutes or more late cannot take the oral examination.

## 8. Announcement of Application Results

- (1) Results announcement date → Page 3(April 2026 enrollment), Page 16 (September 2026 enrollment)
- (2) The examination numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the university web page.(<https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/>)
- (3) A notification of acceptance or otherwise will be sent on the day the examination results are announced and it may take 2-3 days for it to reach the contact address depending on the region. Further, For successful applicants, enrollment procedure documents will also be enclosed.
- (4) We will not respond to any inquiries by mail, telephone, e-mail etc.

## 9. Enrollment Procedure

- (1) Enrollment Procedure Timing

### 【April 2026 Admission】

Processing Method		Processing Period	* Postmark valid
System KOU	Consolidated sum payment method Entire amount for enrollment process	【Summer】 July 18 (Friday) ~ July 24 (Thursday), 2025 【Spring】 March 6 (Friday) ~ March 13 (Friday), 2026	
System OTSU (Summer only)	Payment in installments method First installment: Registration fee and deferred fee for enrollment process Second installment: Payment of student fee excluding registration fee	First installment: July 18 (Friday) ~ July 24 (Thursday), 2025	
		Second installment: March 6 (Friday) ~ March 13 (Friday), 2026	

### 【September 2026 Admission】

Processing Method		Processing Period	* Postmark valid
System KOU	Consolidated sum payment method Entire amount for enrollment process	【Spring】 March 6 (Friday) ~ March 13 (Friday), 2026 【Summer】 July 24 (Friday) ~ July 30 (Thursday), 2026	
System OTSU (Spring only)	Payment in installments method First installment: Registration fee and deferred fee for enrollment process Second installment: Payment of student fee excluding registration fee	First installment: March 6 (Friday) ~ March 13 (Friday), 2026	
		Second installment: July 24 (Friday) ~ July 30 (Thursday), 2026	

- (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 enrollment procedure is complete.
- (5) The payment required as part of enrollment procedure is as follows. (In case processing system “OTSU” is followed for admission, an admission fee of 30,000 yen plus a consumption tax is required in addition to the registration fee at the time of first installment.)

[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
Total	639,500 *1 *2

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
Total	679,500 *1 *2

- \*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.
- \*2 If you are transferring money from outside the Japan, please transfer the above amount plus 3,000 yen for the overseas remittance bank handling fee.
  - 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 in keeping with Clause 1 of Article 69 of the Nanzan University Postgraduate Regulations, the tuition fee for that year will be 1.5 times the figure given above.
  - Nanzan University has the support system for Doctoral students. The detail is as following(The Nanzan University Scholarship for Doctoral Course).

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, 2026 (Tuesday) <must be received> for April 2026 admission, and by September 11, 2026 (Friday) <must be received> for September 2026 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.

## 10. Release of Personal Information related to the Entrance Examination

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 Center 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) If the address is different from the one at the time of the examination  
Please attach a photocopy of the certificate of residence.
- (4) Documents remittance / contact information  
Nanzan University Admissions Center  
18 Yamazato-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya 466-8673  
Phone : +81-52-832-3119    Fax : +81-52-832-3592    E-mail : ml-grad@nanzan-u.ac.jp

## 11. 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.

## 12 . Other

- (1) In order to take classes in each in each graduate program/major, in principle the following 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
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)	N1 (formerly Level 1)	About 200 Points
LAW (Master's Course & Doctoral Course)	N1 (Formerly Level 1)	240 Points or more (270 points or more if writing is included)
Science and Technology (Master's Course) (Doctoral Course)	N2 (formerly Level 2) or above	200 Points or more

- (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.



### 13. List of reference books for the entrance examination

#### **Graduate Program in Linguistic Science (Master's Course)**

It is recommended that students study the following books as reference. However, this does not mean that questions in the examination will be sourced from here.

##### **[The Field of Linguistics]**

Akmajian, A., R.A. Demers, A. Farmer, and R.M. Harnish (2010) *Linguistics: An Introduction to Language and Communication* (6th edition). MIT Press.

Fromkin, V. (ed.) (2000) *Linguistics: An Introduction to Linguistic Theory*. Blackwell.

Fromkin, V., R. Rodman, and N. Hyams (2011) *An Introduction to Language* (9th edition). Wadsworth.

益岡隆志（編著）（2011）『はじめて学ぶ日本語学』ミネルヴァ書房.

大津由紀雄（編著）（2009）『はじめて学ぶ言語学』ミネルヴァ書房.

ピンカー、スティーブン（著）（棕田直子（訳））（1995）『言語を生み出す本能（上・下）』NHK ブックス.

辻幸夫（編集主幹）（2019）『認知言語学大事典』朝倉書店

##### **[The Field of English Education]**

Brown, H.D., and H. Lee (2015) *Teaching by Principles: An Interactive Approach to Language Pedagogy* (4th Edition). Pearson Education ESL.

Brown, H.D. (2014) *Principles of Language Learning and Teaching* (6th Edition). Pearson Japan.

Lightbown, P.M., and N. Spada (2013) *How Languages Are Learned* (4th Edition). Oxford University Press.

Richards, J.C., and T.S. Rodgers (2014) *Approaches and Methods in Language Teaching*. Cambridge University Press.

##### **[The Field of Japanese Language Education]**

川上郁雄（編）（2017）『公共日本語教育学 - 社会をつくる日本語教育- 』くろしお出版.

近藤安月子・小森和子（編）（2012）『研究社日本語教育辞典』研究社

佐藤慎司・ドーア根理子（2008）『文化、ことば、教育 - 日本語/日本の「標準」を越えて- 』明石書店.

迫田久美子（2020）『改訂版 日本語教育に生かす第二言語習得研究』アルク.

野田尚史（編）『コミュニケーションのための日本語教育文法』くろしお出版.

細川英雄、尾辻恵美、マルチェッラ・マリオッティ（編）（2016）『市民性形成とことばの教育』くろしお出版.

本田弘之、岩田一成、義永美央子（2014）『日本語教育学の歩き方 - 初心者のための研究ガイド- 』大阪大学出版会.

Saville-Troike, Muriel & Barto, Karen (2016). *Introducing second language acquisition*. Cambridge University Press.

#### **Graduate Program in Economics (Master's Course)**

Please call the Office for the Graduate School of Social Sciences for the list of reference books for the entrance examination of the Graduate Program in Economics.



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