

April 2025 Admission

Master's Degree Program
Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity
Utsunomiya University

Round 3 Recruitment

General Screening

Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment

Special Screening for International Students

Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students

Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation

Utsunomiya University

“A Wealth of Ideas for the Community and
New Knowledge for the World”

For those applicants who have suffered from a disaster such as earthquake, wind, or flood damage, Utsunomiya University can provide an exemption from the entrance examination fee. For details, please see page 40 In addition, the university is willing to provide support to those candidates for whom the entrance fee and tuition are an exceptional financial burden. Thus, students who cannot meet the financial needs for enrollment should consult the university for support.

The following graduate programs are not offered in English.

Community Design Studies
Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Engineering
Community and Human Development

※All dates and times are in Japan time

☆ Overall Schedule

【General Screening】 【Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment】 【Special Screening for International Students】 【Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation】

	All Graduate Programs
Online Application Pre-Registration Period	Friday, January 31, 2025 to Thursday, February 6, 2025 3:00 p.m.
Period of Receiving Applications	Tuesday, February 4, 2025 to Thursday, February 6, 2025 From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (excluding Saturdays and Sundays)
Entrance Examination	Monday, March 3, 2025
Announcement of Acceptance	Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Points of Attention

○ The Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation is only available for the Graduate Program in Global and Area Studies and the Graduate Program in Multicultural Studies.

Handling of personal information

Personal information submitted to apply to the program (e.g., name, date of birth, gender, address, academic records, and entrance examination results) are used within the range of purposes listed below and shall be handled with appropriate care.

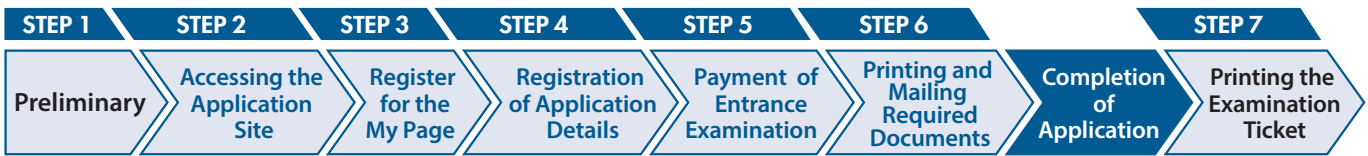
- ① Administrative operations leading up to entering the program (e.g., applicant screening and entrance formalities)
- ② Administrative operations after entering the program (e.g., issuance of student IDs, guidance counseling, creation of lists of names, etc.) and for student life-related matters (e.g., scholarships, exemption from tuition fees, etc.)
- ③ Other administrative operations required to carry out education, research, and student support, and to prepare statistical and analytical data, etc.

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Online Application Flow

The process to complete the application is as follows.



STEP
1

Preliminary Preparation

Please prepare a computer with an Internet connection and a color printer.
The required documents may take some time to be issued.
Please start preparing early, and be sure to have them on hand before you apply.

STEP
2

Accessing the Application Site

From online application site ▶ <https://e-apply.jp/ds/utsunomiya-gs/>

STEP
3

Register for the My Page

According to the instructions on the screen, enter the required information to register for the My Page.
If you have already registered for the My Page, proceed to STEP4.

- ① If you register for the first time, log in from My Page Registration
- ② Register your e-mail address and click on Send an e-mail for temporary registration >
- ③ Click on To log-in page from the user registration screen.
- ④ A default password and a URL for the definitive registration will be sent to your registered e-mail address.
*Configure your e-mail settings to receive e-mails from the domain of "@e-apply.jp".
- ⑤ On the log-in screen, click on log-in using your registered e-mail address and the "default password" you received in step ④.
- ⑥ Change your default password.
- ⑦ Enter your personal information and click on Next
- ⑧ Confirm your personal information and click on Register this information



⑨ Registration is complete. Click on **To My Page**



⑩ When the above page appears, My Page registration is complete.

*Only while applications are being accepted, you can proceed to the application procedures by clicking on the **Carry out the application procedure** button. You cannot proceed from here onward during times outside the registration period. Click on the **Log-out** button.

STEP

4

Registration of Application Details

Make sure to confirm the procedures and important notices on the screen, and then enter the required items according to the instructions on the screen.



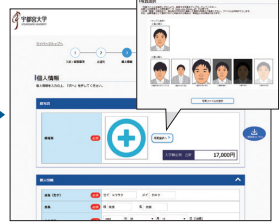
① After logging in to My Page, click on the **Carry out the application procedure** button, and the registration page will appear.



② Select an entrance examination and confirm important notices.



③ Select the Major and Graduate Program, etc.



④ Upload a facial photo. Click on the **To Photo Selection** button to select a photo.



⑤ Enter personal information (name, address, etc.).



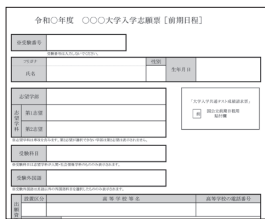
⑥ Confirm your application information. Click on the **Application Form (sample)** button, and you can confirm your application form.



⑦ Registration for application is complete. Click on the **pay** button, and you will be redirected to the page where you can pay the entrance examination fee.



⑧ Payment methods for entrance examination fees.
● Convenience stores
● Pay-easy compatible ATMs
● Online banking
● Credit cards



⑨ Documents required for the application in PDF format (images)

*The documents can be printed out after the payment of the entrance examination fee.

If you have selected "Convenience Store" or "Pay-easy compatible ATMs" as your payment method, write down a payment number on the memo space below, which will appear after the selection of a payment method, and make the payment at a convenience store or a Pay-easy compatible ATM within the "payment deadline" as notified to you.

For 7-ELEVEN

A payment slip
A payment number memo (13 digits)

For LAWSON, MINISTOP, FamilyMart, Pay-easy compatible ATMs

A customer number memo (11 digits)

A confirmation number memo (6 digits)

For Daily YAMAZAKI, Seicomart

An online settlement number memo (11 digits)

A receiving agency number (5 digits) **5 8 0 2 1**

* A receiving agency number is required for payment by Pay-easy.

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you after the registration for application is completed. If you have restricted the receipt of e-mails, please allow e-mails from the sender (@e-apply.jp) to be received. *Please be careful that confirmation e-mails may be sorted into your junk e-mail folder, etc.

Please be careful not to enter incorrect information, as it is not possible to correct or change the registered information after the registration for application is completed. However, if you have not yet paid the entrance examination fee, you can practically correct the information by re-registering using the correct application information.

* Please note that if you have selected a credit card in "Payment Method for the Entrance Examination Fee," the payment will be completed simultaneously with the registration for application.



STEP

5



Payment of Entrance Examination Fee

1 Payment by credit card

Select this when you register your application details, and complete the payment.

[Credit cards accepted]

VISA, Master, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MUFG card, DC card, UFJ card, NICOS card



Payment completed at the time of registration of application

2 Payment via online banking

After registering your application details, you will be redirected to the financial institution's site. Please follow the instructions on the screen to make your payment.

※ You must have an online banking account to make your payment.

Completion of the procedure on the Web

3 Payment at a convenience store

Take note of the number required for payment displayed after registration of the contents of the application.

● Payable in cash

● Payable using the store terminal



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Multi-functional copy machine or Fami Port



4 Payment at ATMs of banks that accept PAY-EASY

After you have registered your application details, please take down the necessary number for payment, follow the instructions on the screen and make the payment

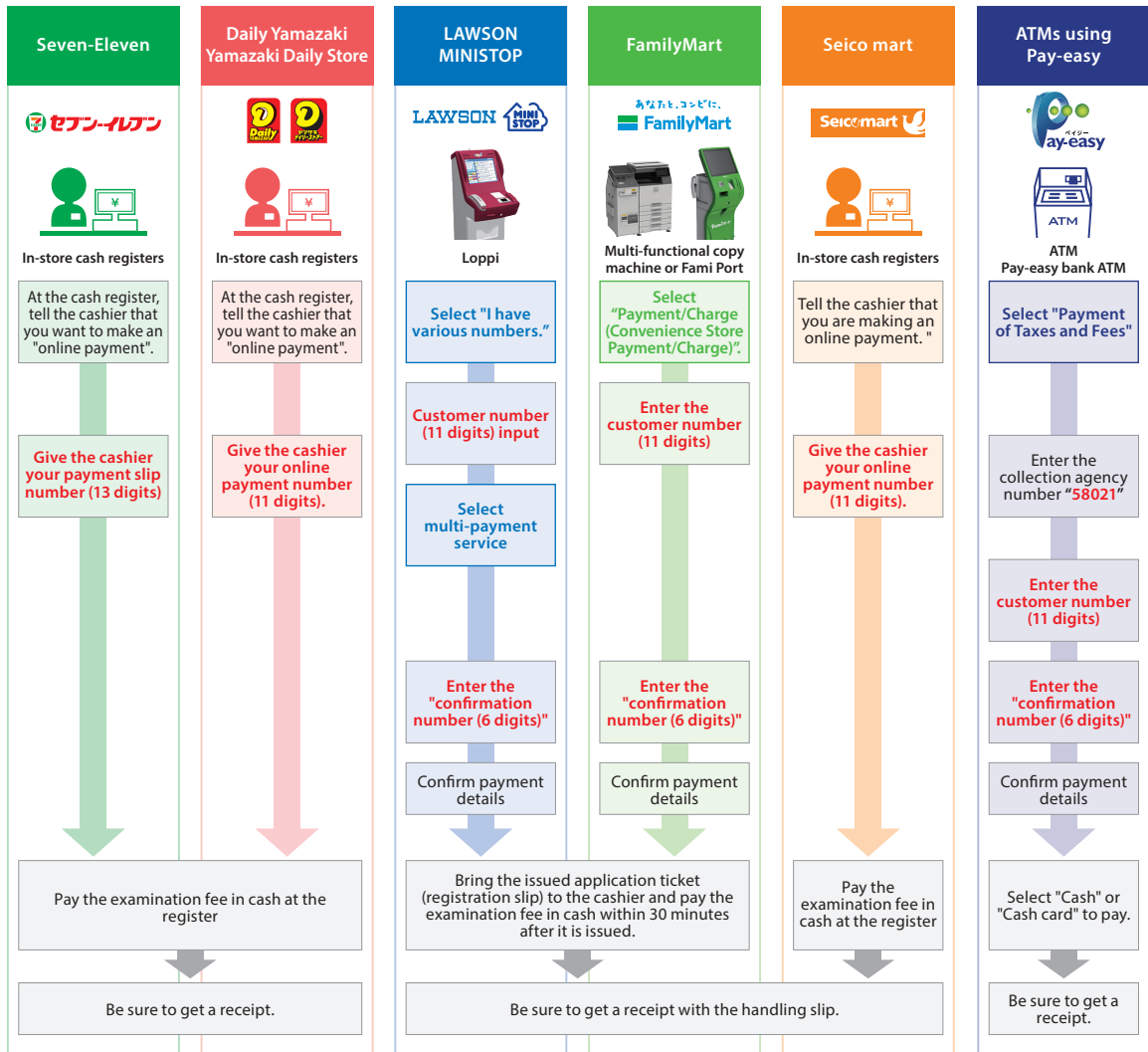


※ Check the "Select payment method" screen for available banks.

Please follow the instructions on the screen of the convenience store terminal or ATM and enter the necessary information. After confirming the information, please pay the entrance examination fee.

3 Convenience stores

4 Bank ATMs



STEP

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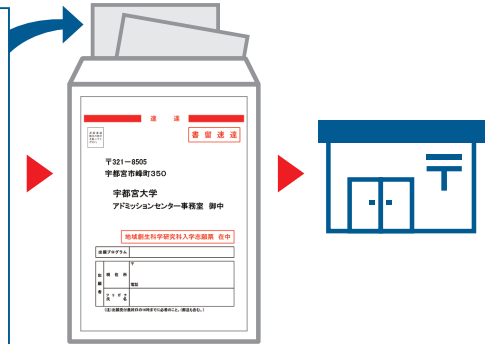


Printing and Mailing the Required Documents

Print out all the downloadable documents in color after the application registration and the entrance examination fee have been paid and send them together with other required documents via registered/express mail (kakitome/sokutatsu mail) from the post office within the application period.

Prepare the documents required for the application by referring to the application guidelines. In addition to the documents to be printed from the online application site, there are other documents such as those that need to be requested from the universities and documents to be prepared by downloading the form from the homepage of the university, so please prepare these beforehand.

The mailing address of your application will be automatically printed on the address sheet.



Address sheet for submitting your application

Attach the sheet to a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm).

Application documents

One copy is required for each application registration. Please refer to the application guidelines for the documents required for application.

※The entrance examination fee and necessary documents that have been received shall not be returned in any way except for those specified in the application guidelines.

How to print out the "Web Application Form"



- (1) Click on the Print Application Form button shown on the My page.
- (2) Once the payment has been successfully completed, you will be able to click on the Print Application Form button to print out the web application form.

Completion of application

Precautions when applying

The application process is completed by registering on the online application site, paying the entrance examination fee, and sending the required documents by mail. Please note that your application will not be accepted if the application documents are not received by the deadline even after registration is completed.

Online application is available 24 hours a day. The deadline for application registration and payment of the entrance examination fee is 3:00 p.m. on the application due date (business hours vary depending on the facility, such as convenience stores and ATMs). Please send the required documents by mail within the time specified in each application guideline. Please make sure to apply well in advance.

STEP

7



Printing the Examination Ticket

When the application is accepted and the application form can be printed, you will be notified through the e-mail address you have registered. If you do not receive the e-mail, please log in to the online application site on the day before the examination, print the form out on an A4 paper, single-sided and in color, and bring this with you on the day of the examination.



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Overview of the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity

【Philosophy】

『The School will foster highly capable human resources who support the creation of social design and innovation to solve the problems of the 21st century and contribute to establishing a sustainable and prosperous society while promoting unique and competitive research in science, technology, and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI for SDGs).』

【“Region” in the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity】.

The School does not define “region” simply as a space or sphere in the geographical or physical sense of the word. According to our definition, “region” is a dynamic and diverse concept that refers to a research theme established in response to the issue at hand. Further, it is part of an interactive chain consisting of “local,” “regional,” “national,” and “global” components.

More specifically, we promote education and research for a wide range of fields, corresponding to the community, urban, regional, national, and international levels.

【Division • Graduate Program】

Division of Social Design (Enrollment Capacity : 77)

Graduate Program	Degree Awarded	Enrollment Capacity(standard)
Community Design Studies	Master of Arts	(8)
Agricultural and Rural Economics	Master of Agriculture	
Architecture and Building Engineering	Master of Engineering	(38)
Civil Engineering	Master of Engineering	
Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Engineering	Master of Agriculture	
Global and Area Studies	Master of Global Studies	(26)
Multicultural Studies	Master of Arts	
Studies on Community and Human Development	Master of Arts	(5)

Division of Engineering and Agriculture (Enrollment Capacity : 258)

Graduate Program	Degree Awarded	Enrollment Capacity(standard)
Optical Engineering	Master of Optical Science and Engineering	(54)
Molecular Agriculture	Master of Molecular Agriculture	
Material and Environmental Chemistry	Master of Engineering	(57)
Agricultural Biological Chemistry	Master of Agriculture	
Mechanical and Intelligent Engineering	Master of Engineering	(47)
Information, Electrical and Electronic Systems Engineering	Master of Engineering	(82)
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	Master of Agriculture	(18)
Forest Production and Conservation	Master of Agriculture	

※Round3 recruitment for Global and Area Studies[Division of Social Design] and Multicultural Studies [Division of Social Design] only will be conducted.

[Educational Mission]

Division of Social Design

- Graduate Program in Community Design Studies (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources with the ability to design communities by acquiring advanced knowledge and skills in community design, and who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities.

- Graduate Program in Agricultural and Rural Economics (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources with the ability to design social systems related to food, agriculture, and rural areas by acquiring advanced knowledge and skills in agriculture and rural economics, and who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities.

- Graduate Program in Architecture and Building Engineering (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can acquire advanced knowledge and skills in architecture, work as designers, technicians, and researchers in architecture, and contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities.

- Graduate Program in Civil Engineering (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities by acquiring advanced engineering technology in civil engineering, and who can design comfortable, safe, and strong social infrastructures.

- Graduate Program in Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Engineering (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities by acquiring advanced knowledge and skills in agricultural civil engineering, and who can design good agricultural and rural infrastructures.

- Graduate Program in Global and Area Studies

Human resources who can design a society from a global perspective, and who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities by acquiring advanced knowledge and skills to understand and solve various problems occurring in Japan and around the world.

- Graduate Program in Multicultural Studies

Human resources who have acquired advanced knowledge and skills related to multicultural coexistence, who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities, and who can design a multicultural society where people from different cultures, languages, ideologies, religions, values, and positions can live together.

- Graduate Program in Community and Human Development Studies

Human resources who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities by acquiring advanced knowledge and skills in community and human development studies, and who can design social systems related to the “hearts and minds” of the people from the perspective of human thought, life, and health.

Division of Engineering and Agriculture

- Graduate Program in Optical Engineering (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can acquire advanced knowledge and skills related to optics, who have the ability to serve as hands-on engineers and researchers, and who can contribute to the creation and development of sustainable and prosperous local communities by leading creation and development in the wide world of optical technology.

- Graduate Program in Molecular Agriculture (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Our mission is to provide advanced knowledge and skills in molecular agriculture, to give students molecule-level expertise based on analytical techniques and the expression mechanisms of genetic information, and to contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities.

- Graduate Program in Material and Environmental Chemistry (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who have the ability to acquire advanced knowledge and technology on material chemistry that they can utilize in diverse settings, contributing to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities.

- Graduate Program in Agricultural Biological Chemistry (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities by acquiring advanced knowledge and skills in biochemistry, and who have the practical ability to work on macro as well as micro-level challenges.

- Graduate Program in Mechanical and Intelligent Engineering (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can acquire advanced knowledge and skills related to intelligent machines, work as internationally recognized researchers and engineers, and contribute to the creation of sustainable and prosperous local communities.

- Graduate Program in Information, Electrical and Electronic Systems Engineering (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can acquire advanced knowledge and skills related to electricity, electronics, and information and communication, work as internationally recognized researchers and engineers, and contribute to the creation of prosperous local communities through the discovery of new problems and formulation of new challenges.

- Graduate Program in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources who can contribute to the creation of a sustainable and prosperous local community by acquiring advanced knowledge and technologies related to agricultural production and processing, effective reuse of bio-

resources, environmental conservation, wildlife management, etc., thereby helping to establish new agriculture to achieve labor-saving and high-quality production.

- Graduate Program in Forest Production and Conservation (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

Human resources that can contribute to the creation of a sustainable and prosperous local community by acquiring advanced knowledge and skills related to forest and forestry, thus contributing to the construction of diverse and lasting relationships between forests and humans and the utilization of forest resources.

Admissions Policy of the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity (Master's Degree Program)

1.Desired Candidates

[Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity]

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills required for learning and research
- (2) Individuals who have the ability to think creatively and act independently and are willing to take on the challenges of new fields with enthusiasm
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and motivation to contribute to the local community by acquiring specialized knowledge, skills, and practical abilities

[Division of Social Design]

- (1) Individuals who have the basic academic skills necessary to study and research the designs of sustainable human societies and social environments where diverse people can coexist in harmony
- (2) Individuals who wish to develop their creative abilities while improving their skills in social design
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and enthusiasm for contributing to the local community through social design

○ Graduate Program in Community Design Studies (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in such fields as policy science, community development, and lifestyle culture necessary to study community design
- (2) Individuals who are willing to look at the community, learn from the practices on the ground, and try to solve new challenges
- (3) Individuals who have a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through community design studies

○ Graduate Program in Agricultural and Rural Economics (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals who have the basic academic skills in the social sciences (economics, sociology, history, etc.) necessary to study agriculture and rural economics
- (2) Individuals who have a high level of logical thinking ability, wish to proactively learn from the real world, and are willing to try to solve new challenges related to food, agriculture, and rural areas
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through agriculture and rural economics

○ Graduate Program in Architecture and Building Engineering (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in architectural structures, architectural planning, architectural environment engineering, and building materials required to learn architecture
- (2) Individuals willing to learn the relationship between architecture and the changes in the global environment and community, and to challenge new creations from a variety of perspectives from local to global.
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and enthusiasm for contributing to the local community through architecture

○ **Graduate Program in Civil Engineering** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic skills in such fields as structural engineering, water engineering, geotechnical engineering, civil engineering planning, and civil engineering materials science necessary to study civil engineering
- (2) Individuals willing to learn about the relationship between social infrastructure and the changes in the global environment and community, and challenge new creations from a variety of perspectives from local to global.
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and enthusiasm for contributing to the community through civil engineering

○ **Graduate Program in Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Engineering** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals who have the basic academic skills related to soil, water, and the rural environment necessary to study agricultural civil engineering
- (2) Individuals willing to learn about the relationships between the global environment and local changes, and between the agricultural and rural infrastructures, and to challenge new creations from diverse perspectives from local to global.
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through agricultural civil engineering

○ **Graduate Program in Global and Area Studies**

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in international cooperation, political science, economics, and regional studies necessary to study international studies
- (2) Individuals who are interested in global issues and are willing to take on the challenge of solving new issues by acquiring a broad interdisciplinary education and the advanced practical skills required for problem-solving
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the community through global and area studies

○ **Graduate Program in Multicultural Studies**

- (1) Individuals who have the basic academic skills in sociology, literature and cultural studies, psychology, linguistics, and human rights necessary to study multicultural studies
- (2) Individuals who are willing to learn in-depth about the formation of societies in which people from different cultures, languages, ideologies, religions, values, and positions live together and take on the challenge of solving new issues
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through multicultural studies

○ **Graduate Program in Community and Human Development Studies**

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in education and psychology, health and life sciences, and linguistics and arts necessary to study community and human development
- (2) Individuals who can think creatively and act independently, and are willing to try to solve new challenges related to human development
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through human development studies

[Division of Engineering and Agriculture]

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in the natural sciences required to study and research innovation
- (2) Individuals who wish to develop their creative skills while improving their expertise in the fields of engineering and agriculture related to innovation
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the community through innovation

○ **Graduate Program in Optical Engineering** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in mathematics, physics, and optics necessary to study optical engineering
- (2) Individuals who are highly interested in fields related to optical engineering and who are willing to take on creative and original challenges
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the community through optical engineering

○ **Graduate Program in Molecular Agriculture** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic skills in molecular biology, genetics, and physiology necessary to study molecular agriculture
- (2) Individuals who are able to understand life phenomena at the molecular level, have a strong interest in issues in agriculture and the life sciences and molecular analysis techniques and are willing to take up the challenge of using them in the fields of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the community through molecular agriculture

○ **Graduate Program in Material and Environmental Chemistry** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in physical chemistry, organic chemistry, and inorganic chemistry necessary to learn material and environmental chemistry
- (2) Individuals willing to take on the challenge of developing functional materials and solving environmental problems in the chemistry-based manufacturing industry
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and enthusiasm for contributing to the local community through material chemistry

○ **Graduate Program in Agricultural Biological Chemistry** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in chemistry and biochemistry related to the properties and functions of compounds and bioactive substances required to study agricultural biological chemistry
- (2) Individuals willing to challenge the development of functional materials and solve environmental problems in industry and public institutions in the fields of food, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through biochemistry

○ **Graduate Program in Mechanical and Intelligent Engineering** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals who have the basic academic skills in thermodynamics, fluid engineering, mechanical dynamics, material mechanics, and mathematics necessary to study mechanical and intelligent engineering
- (2) Individuals who are interested in mechanical and intelligent engineering and “manufacturing” and who are willing to take on the challenge of research problems and practical and applied manufacturing, while thinking creatively and independently
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the community through mechanical and intelligent engineering

○ **Graduate Program in Information, Electrical and Electronic Systems Engineering** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals who have the basic academic skills in information mathematics, basic information theory, electromagnetics, and electrical circuits necessary to study information, electrical, and electronic systems engineering
- (2) Individuals who are willing to take on the challenge of developing advanced systems that connect “people” and “things” on the basis of information, electrical, and electronic systems engineering
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the community through information, electrical, and electronic systems engineering

○ **Graduate Program in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in bioresource sciences and agricultural environmental engineering necessary to study agricultural and environmental sciences
- (2) Individuals who have a strong interest in and enthusiasm for solving problems associated with agricultural production, and who are willing to use the latest technologies in agriculture and forestry production
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through agricultural and environmental sciences

○ **Graduate Program in Forest Production and Conservation** (Round 3 recruitment will not be conducted)

- (1) Individuals with the basic academic skills in forest production and conservation, forest management policy, forest engineering, and forest production and utilization required to study forest production conservation
- (2) Individuals who have acquired advanced knowledge and research skills in the fields of forest, forestry, and forest industry and who will be willing to take on the challenge of solving various issues as professionals and researchers in the future.
- (3) Individuals with a strong interest in and willingness to contribute to the local community through forest production conservation

2. Basic Policy of the regarding the Screening of Applicants

- (1) Individuals who have the skills and thinking ability required for learning and research in the Graduate Program will be given priority
- (2) Individuals who have an interest in issues in specialized fields and border and interdisciplinary areas, and the willingness to acquire knowledge and skills, an independent attitude, logical thinking abilities, the ability to express themselves, and communication skills will also be considered in the evaluation.

The following table shows how, in each screening category, applicants' knowledge and skills required for learning and research at the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity (Master's Degree Program) will be examined and evaluated based on the above-mentioned basic screening policy. Applicants' foreign language ability will be evaluated on the basis of their submitted scores on external exams.

Screening Category	The skills and thinking ability required for learning and research in the Graduate Program	Willing to take on the challenges of new fields with enthusiasm	Strong interest in and motivation to contribute to the local community
General Screening	Foreign Language (English) Specialization Subjects Oral Examination	Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents
Special Screening by Recommendation	Foreign Language (English) Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents
Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment	Foreign Language (English) Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents
Special Screening for International Students	Foreign Language (English or Japanese) Specialization Subjects Oral Examination	Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents
Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students	Foreign Language (English) Specialization Subjects Oral Examination	Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents
Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation	Foreign Language (English) Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents	Oral Examination Application Documents

Guidelines on Applying to the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity (Master's Degree Program) Round 2

I . Enrollment Capacity by Major

Major	Enrollment Capacity	April Admission	
		Screening Category	Capacity
Division of Social Design	77	General Screening	A few applicants
		Special Screening by Recommendation※	31
		Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment Special Screening for International Students Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation	A few applicants
Division of Engineering and Agriculture	258	General Screening	Applications closed
		Special Screening by Recommendation※	Applications closed
		Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment Special Screening for International Students Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students	Applications closed

Points of Attention

- Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation is only available in the Graduate Program in Global and Area Studies and the Graduate Program in Multicultural Studies under the Division of Social Design.

II. Application Procedure

(1) Application Method

Only online applications are accepted. The application procedure is as follows:

Step 1	Checking Application Guidelines	Before proceeding with the application, read the application guidelines carefully and review their contents.
▼		
Step 2	Registration of Online Application (See page iii for details.)	Use the website below to access the online application and enter the necessary information. (https://e-apply.jp/ds/utsunomiya-gs/)
▼		
Step 3	Payment of the Entrance Examination Fee (See page iv for details.)	Complete payment of the entrance examination fee according to the instructions on the online application site.
▼		
Step 4	Printing Required Documents	Print out the required documents from the online application site.
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Step 5	Sending of Required Documents	Send the required documents printed from the online application site and the university website, along with all other required documents using the registered mail/express delivery [kakitome/sokutatsu] so that they arrive at our university within the application period.
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Step 6	Printing the Examination Ticket	If your application is accepted, you will be able to print out the examination ticket from the online application site after the end of the application period. Each applicant must print this out and bring this with them on the day of the examination.

(2) Application Period

	Application period	Deadline for registration of online application and payment of the entrance examination fee	Deadline for receiving application documents (Must arrive on or before)
General Screening Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment Special Screening for International Students Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation	From Tuesday, February 6, 2025 to Thursday, February 6, 2025	Thursday, February 6, 2025 3:00 p.m.	Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:00 p.m.

Application documents received after the deadline will not be accepted, so please send them well in advance, taking into consideration the postal situation.

(3) Submission Method and Address

As a general rule, applications should be sent via registered or express mail (kakitome/sokutatsu). If there are unavoidable circumstances that prevent you from submitting your application by mail, please submit it in person between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the application period (excluding Saturday, Sunday and Holiday).

〒321-8505 Admission Division, Education and Student Affairs Department,
Utsunomiya University, 350 Mine-machi, Utsunomiya-shi, Tochigi

(4) Entrance Examination Fee

Entrance Examination Fee: ¥30,000

Please refer to the payment methods on the online application site and complete the payment using one of the following methods: convenience store payment, post office/bank ATM, internet banking, or credit card.

The entrance examination fee will not be refunded for any reason after the application documents have been received.

(5) Preliminary Preparations

Before registering for the online application, please check and prepare the following in advance.	
Preparing your Computer	<p>The online application can be completed using the following:</p> <p><Browser></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latest version of Microsoft Edge• Latest version of Google Chrome• Latest version of Mozilla Firefox• Apple Safari 8 or later <p>※ Do not use multiple tabs simultaneously for the application. Having multiple tabs open to complete your application simultaneously may result in entries not being transferred to other tabs or other errors.</p> <p>※ We recommend using a computer to complete your application, especially since it requires you to print documents. If you are using a mobile device such as a smartphone or tablet, you can browse the site; however, we do not recommend using these since the screen may not be displayed correctly from some devices.</p>
Preparing e-mail address and settings	<p>An e-mail address is required for the application, so please prepare an e-mail address beforehand. You may use email addresses from your smartphones or mobile phones. If you need to alter your settings to be able to receive mail from specified domains, make sure that you can receive mail from the following domain:</p> <p>@e-apply.jp</p> <p>The following e-mails will be sent to the e-mail address you have registered at the time of application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">① A test e-mail during registration of information for the online application,② an automated e-mail sent upon completion of the application registration,③ an automated e-mail sent upon completion of payment of the entrance examination fee, and④ an e-mail notification when the examination ticket becomes available for viewing and printing. <p>※ Do not change your e-mail address until you have printed your examination ticket.</p>
Photograph of the Applicant (Preparation of documents)	<p>To register for the online application, you will need to submit your photograph (any file format, size up to 2MB). The photograph will be used for identification purposes, so please be ready with a color photograph of you taken within three months prior to the application, front view, upper body, no hat, and a plain background. Please note that the application may not be accepted if your photo hinders identification, such as those shown [Examples of unacceptable photos] below.</p> <p>[Examples of unacceptable photos] Blurred images, dark backgrounds, faces turned sideways, makeup or bangs covering the eyes, etc., which make it difficult to verify the applicant's identity; photos of more than one person; photos that have been altered; photos that have been developed and then reshot; etc.</p>
Preparing other required documents	<p>Please prepare documents in addition to the forms to be printed from the online application site, such as a certificate of (Expected) graduation and a research plan, in advance so that they can be submitted in time for the application period.</p>
Kaku 2 envelope	<p>Prepare a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm) to submit the application documents.</p>
Preparation for printing forms (printer, papers, etc.)	<p>The forms from the online application site must be printed in color on A4-size plain paper. The application form must be printed on both sides, so please prepare a color printer and printing paper (plain paper, PPC paper, common OA paper, copy paper, etc.) that can be printed on both sides. You may also use printing services at public facilities or convenience stores, as long as they meet the printing requirements. (Please be careful with the handling of personal information.)</p>

III. Method of Screening Applicants

The screening method differs according to the screening type (1. General Screening 2. Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment 3. Special Screening for International Students 4. Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students 5. Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation). Please read the page for the screening category for which you wish to apply.

1. General Screening

(Conducted in Global and Area Studies [Division of Social Design] and Multicultural Studies [Division of Social Design] and Graduate Program in Community and Human Development Studies [Division of Social Design].)

(1) Application Requirements

Individuals to whom any of the following criteria apply.

- ① Those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a university by the time of enrollment.
- ② Those who have received or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree by the time of enrollment from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (formerly the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation) in accordance with the provisions of Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Law.
- ③ Those who have completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country by the time of enrollment.
- ④ Those who have completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education from a foreign country by completing correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan by the time of enrollment.
- ⑤ Those who, by the time of enrollment at an educational institution in Japan, have completed or are expected to complete a course (only for those who are deemed to have completed 16 years of school education in the foreign country) from a foreign university in the school education system of the foreign country, separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- ⑥ Those who have completed, or are expected to complete by the time of enrollment, specialized training at a vocational school (limited to courses with a period of study of four years or more, and meeting the standards specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology on or after being so specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- ⑦ Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 5 of 1953)
- ⑧ Those who have studied at a university for 3 or more years, who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country, those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses offered in Japan or by a foreign school in Japan, those who have completed a course at a foreign school in Japan, who are at an educational facility positioned in the school education system of a foreign country (only for those considered to have completed 15 years of school education in the foreign country), and have completed a course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and has been recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having obtained the prescribed credits with excellent results.
- ⑨ Those who have been enrolled in a graduate school of another university pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph (2) of the School Education Law and have been found by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity to possess sufficient academic ability to receive education at a graduate school.
- ⑩ Those recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having academic skills equivalent or superior to someone who has graduated from a university based on an individual application screening, and shall have reached 22 years of age by the time of enrollment.

(2) Application Requirements Screening

Those who intend to apply under the application requirement ⑥ should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department by Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Those who intend to apply under application requirements ⑧ ⑨ or ⑩ should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department as soon as possible and complete the procedures for individual admissions screening by Thursday, January 9, 2025. No applications shall be accepted after the deadline.

(3) Prior Contact and Consultation with the Research Supervisor of their choice before Application

Before applying, please check the "XVIII: List of Faculty Members " on page 48, and be sure to contact the research supervisor in advance and consult your research topic and content after admission.

Advance consultation are limited to matters related to research activities and the curriculum after enrollment. We cannot answer questions related to entrance examination such as questions about past examination questions. We cannot answer questions the answers to the entrance examination questions.

For past entrance examination questions, please refer to page 41 " IX: Past entrance examination questions."

(4) Application Documents

For documents marked ◇, please print out from the online application site after registering for the online application.

For documents marked ◆, please download forms from the university's website (Admissions Information).

<<https://admission.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/entrance-exam-info/graduate-entrance-exam/>>

For documents marked *, please download from the university's website (Graduate School Admissions).

<<https://admission.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/entrance-exam-info/graduate-entrance-exam/masters-course/>>

- Except for the original TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test (TOEIC® L&R Official Score Certificate and the original TOEIC® L&R IP Individual Score Report), documents received will not be returned for any reason.
- If the application is in a language other than Japanese and English, the applicant may be required to submit a translation.
- No changes may be made to the contents of the accepted documents. In addition, if there is a change to your address, contact location, or telephone number, please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department without delay.
- If it is found that the items stated in the submitted documents are erroneous, your admission will be canceled.
- The entrance examination fee shall not be refunded for any reason after receipt of the application documents.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
◇Application Form	Everyone	• Please print on both sides of the A4 size paper from the online application site.
* Research Plan	Global and Area Studies, and Multicultural Studies.	• Please submit a research plan in Japanese (about 1,000 characters) or English (about 500 words) using the format specified by the University.
Certificate of (expected) Graduation	Everyone	• Please submit a document issued by the president or head of the previous school • Individuals graduating from a university in a country or territory where graduation certificates are not issued, please consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
Transcript	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a transcript issued and sealed by the president or head of the previous school • If you are expecting to graduate from Utsunomiya University, you may use a copy printed from the transcript machine, and there is no need to seal your transcript. • Individuals graduating from universities in a country or territory where transcripts are not issued should consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
TOEIC, TOEFL Certifications	All international students (excluding Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the score sheet specified by the university under “IV. Foreign Language Examination” on page 37.
Degree Certificates	Those who fall under ②of (1)Application Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education • If the applicant is expecting the degree to be conferred, they are expected to submit an Application for Degree Certificate issued by the head of the previous school in lieu of the degree certificate.
Certificates for Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign-government sponsored students, and JICA students	Japanese government-sponsored students (Research Students only), foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you apply under this category, you will be exempt from the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English) and Specialization Subjects) on submitting application documents for verification, so consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department about the certificates to be submitted before applying.
Resident’s card	Only for foreign nationals living in Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the document with information on the status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the city, town, or village of residence, but not the “My Number (individual ID number)” • Those who are currently enrolled in the university (including non-degree students and research students) are not required to submit their certificate of residence. They may instead submit a copy of their student ID. • Those who are not living in Japan, please consult the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
◆ Application form for those exempted from the Entrance Examination Fee	Exemption Applicants only	<p>Those who wish to apply for an exemption of the entrance examination fees under either (a) or (b) need not make the fee payment.</p> <p>(a) Those applying for fee exemption due to damage caused by the earthquake, wind, or flood should submit an “Application form for exemption of entrance examination fee.” See Section VIII “Entrance Examination Fee Exemption” on page 48 for more information.</p> <p>(b) Government-financed international students who intend to apply for an extension of the scholarship payment period will be exempted from the entrance examination fee upon designated application. Please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.</p>
Envelope for the submission of application documents	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please prepare a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm).
◇ Address sheet for submitting the application documents	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print out the address sheet in color from the online application site and attach it to the front side of the “Envelope for the submission of application documents.” • Please send it via registered express mail (kakitome/sokutatsu mail).

- The photograph to be uploaded to the online application page should be a clear, front-facing, upper-body picture without a hat, on a plain background, and must be taken within three months prior to the application. The photo ratio should be 4 × 3, and the file size should not exceed 2MB.

(5) Method of Screening

Applicants will be selected based on the results of the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English) and Specialization Subjects), the Oral Examination, and Transcripts considered together.

Examination Subject	Notes
Foreign Language (English)	<i>TOEIC® L&R or TOEFL® scores will be converted.</i>
Specialization Subjects	Please refer to the “List of General Screening Specialization Subjects” below.
Oral Examination	Oral examination will be conducted by each Program.

Japanese and foreign government-sponsored students and JICA students are exempt from the Achievement Test (Specialization Subjects and Foreign Language (English)).

List of General Screening Specialization Subjects

⊙: Compulsory Subjects Δ: Elective Subjects (reported at the time of application) ★: Elective Subjects (selected at the time of the examination)

Major	Graduate Program	Number of Subjects	Specialization Subject
Division of Social Design	Global and Area Studies	1	⊙ Global and Area Studies (Essay)
	Multicultural Studies	1	⊙ Multicultural Studies ※ Questions will be asked from the following four fields. Select one field to answer at the time of the examination. <u>Thought, Art and History, Culture and Comparative Culture, Literature and Comparative Literature, Society, Psychology, Educational, Language and Communication</u>
	Studies on Community and Human Development	2	⊙ Community and Human Development (Essay). ⊙ Specialization Subjects in the field of education and research for which you are applying (see page 38)

(6) Examination Dates and Venue

※ Examination venue vary depending the Graduate Program you apply to

Graduate Program	Examination Date	Examination Time	Examination Type	Examination Venue
Global and Area Studies Multicultural Studies	Monday, March 3, 2025	From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Specialization Subjects	<u>Mine Campus</u>
		1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	
Studies on Community and Human Development	Monday, March 3, 2025	From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Specialization Subjects ※ Answer two subjects in 120 minutes, without a break	
		1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	

※ Bring your examination ticket on the day of the examination.

※ You will be informed of the assembly site on the day of the examination after the Examination Ticket notification (via email). Please arrive at the assembly site at the designated time (30 minutes before the start of the examination) and complete the registration. If you are not able to arrive by the specified time, as a general rule, you will be allowed to take the examination up to 30 minutes after the start of the examination, but you will not receive a time extension.

(7) Precautions

- ① If you have made an application based on the expectation of graduation or completion of a course under Application Requirements ①, ②, ③, ④, ⑤, or ⑥, but do not graduate or complete the course by the time of enrollment or have not been awarded a bachelor's degree, your acceptance shall be revoked. Applicants will be required to submit a certificate of verification during the enrollment procedure.
- ② For inquiries about the major and Graduate Program, if you do not know how to contact the research supervisor of their choice, please check page 47 "XVII. Contact Information for each Graduate Program" and contact by email.

2. Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment

(Conducted in Global and Area Studies[Division of Social Design] and Multicultural Studies [Division of Social Design] and Graduate Program in Community and Human Development Studies[Division of Social Design].)

(1) Application Requirements

Individuals to whom any of the following criteria apply.

- ① Those who have graduated from a university
- ② Those who have received or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree by the time of enrollment from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (formerly the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation) in accordance with the provisions of Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Law.
- ③ Those who have completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country by the time of enrollment.
- ④ Those who have completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education from a foreign country by completing correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan by the time of enrollment.
- ⑤ Those who by the time of enrollment at an educational institution in Japan, have completed or are expected to complete a course (only for those who are deemed to have completed 16 years of school education in the foreign country) from a foreign university in the school education system of the foreign country that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- ⑥ Those who have completed or are expected to complete by the time of enrollment specialized training at a vocational school (limited to courses with a period of study of four years or more, and meet the standards specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology on or after being so specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- ⑦ Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 5 of 1953)
- ⑧ Those who have studied at a university for three or more years, who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country, those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses offered in Japan or by a foreign school in Japan, those who have completed a course at a foreign school in Japan, who are at an educational facility positioned in the school education system of a foreign country (only for those considered to have completed 15 years of school education in the foreign country), and have completed a course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and who have been recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having obtained the prescribed credits with excellent results.
- ⑨ Those who have been enrolled in the graduate school of another university pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph (2) of the School Education Law and have been found by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity to possess sufficient academic ability to receive education at a graduate school.

⑩ Those recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having academic skills equivalent or superior to someone who has graduated from a university-based on an individual application screening, and shall have reached 22 years of age by the time of enrollment.

※ “Full-Time Employment” under Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment is defined as at least one year of working experience after graduation from a university before entering a graduate school, or at least five years of working experience after completing compulsory education (including the period of employment during higher school, university, etc.). The period of employment includes the period of time when the applicant was engaged in household work.

※ Those who wish to apply for Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment and will continue to work after enrollment will be subject to the special measures for educational methods as stipulated in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards. For details, refer to page 63.

(2) Application Requirements Screening

Those who intend to apply under Application Requirements ⑥, should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department by Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Those who intend to apply under Application Requirements ⑧, ⑨ or ⑩ should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department as soon as possible and complete the procedures for the individual admissions screening of Application Requirements by Thursday, January 9, 2025. No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

(3) Prior Contact and Consultation with the Research Supervisor of their choice before Application

Before applying, please check the "XVIII: List of Faculty Members " on page 48, and be sure to contact the research supervisor in advance and consult your research topic and content after admission.

Advance consultation are limited to matters related to research activities and the curriculum after enrollment. We cannot answer questions related to entrance examination such as questions about past examination questions. We cannot answer questions the answers to the entrance examination questions.

(4) Application Documents

For documents marked ◇, please print out from the online application site after registering for the online application.

For documents marked ◆, please download forms from the university's website (Admissions Information).

<<https://admission.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/entrance-exam-info/graduate-entrance-exam/>>

For documents marked *, please download from the university's website (Graduate School Admissions).

<<https://admission.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/entrance-exam-info/graduate-entrance-exam/masters-course/>>

- Except for the original TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test (TOEIC® L&R Official Score Certificate and the original TOEIC® L&R IP Individual Score Report), documents received will not be returned for any reason.
- If the application is in a language other than Japanese and English, the applicant may be required to submit a translation.
- No changes may be made to the contents of the accepted documents. In addition, if there is a change to your address, contact location, or telephone number, please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department without delay.
- If it is found that the items stated in the submitted documents are erroneous, your admission will be canceled.
- The entrance examination fee shall not be refunded for any reason after receipt of the application documents.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
◇Application Form	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please print on both sides of A4 size paper from the online application site.
*Research Plan	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on this predetermined form, prepare in the order of 2000 in Japanese or about 1000 words in English.
*the summary of the applicant's activities during the period of working experience	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a research plan in Japanese (about 1,200 characters) or English (about 550 words) using the format specified by the University.
Certificate of Graduation	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a document issued by the president or head of the previous school • Individuals graduating from a university in a country or territory where graduation certificates are not issued, please consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
Transcript	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a transcript issued and sealed by the president or head of the previous school • Individuals graduating from universities in a country or territory where transcripts are not issued should consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
TOEIC, TOEFL Certifications	All international students (excluding Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the score sheet specified by the university under “IV. Foreign Language Examination” on page 37.
Degree Certificates	Those who fall under ② of (1) Application Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education
Certificates for Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students	Japanese government-sponsored students (Research Students only), foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you apply under this category, you will be exempt from the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English)) on submitting application documents for verification, so consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department about the certificates to be submitted before applying.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
Resident's card	Only for foreign nationals living in Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the document with information that contains the status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the city, town, or village of residence, but not the "My Number (individual ID number)" • Those who are currently enrolled in the university (including non-degree students and research students) are not required to submit their certificate of residence. They may instead submit a copy of their student ID. • Those who are not living in Japan, please consult the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
◆ Application form for those exempted from the Entrance Examination Fee	Exemption Applicants only	<p>Those who wish to apply for an exemption of the entrance examination fees under either (a) or (b) need not make the fee payment.</p> <p>(a) Those applying for fee exemption due to the damage caused by the earthquake, wind, or floods should submit an "Application form for exemption of entrance examination fee." See Section VIII "Entrance Examination Fee Exemption" on page 40 for more information.</p> <p>(b) Government-financed international students who intend to apply for an extension of the scholarship payment period will be exempted from the examination fee upon designated application. Please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.</p>
Envelopes for the submission of application documents	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please prepare a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm).
◇ Address sheet for submitting application documents	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print out the address sheet in color from the online application site and attach it to the front side of the "Envelope for the submission of application documents." • Please send it via registered express mail (kakitome/sokutatsu mail).

- The photograph to be uploaded to the online application page should be a clear, front-facing, upper-body picture without a hat, on a plain background, and must be taken within three months prior to the application. The photo ratio should be 4 × 3, and the file size should not exceed 2MB.

(5) Method of Screening

Applicants will be selected based on the results of the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English)), Oral Examination results, Research Plan, the summary of the applicant's activities during the period of working

experience, and Transcripts considered together.

Examination Subject	Notes
Foreign Language (English)	<i>TOEIC® L&R or TOEFL® scores will be converted.</i>
Oral examination	The oral examination will be conducted including the contents of the Research Plan and the summary of the applicant's activities during the period of employment.

Japanese and foreign government-sponsored students and JICA students are exempt from the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English)).

(6) Examination Dates and Venue

※ Examination venue vary depending the Graduate Program you apply to

Graduate Program	Examination Date	Examination Time	Examination Type	Examination Venue
Global and Area Studies Multicultural Studies Studies on Communities and Human Development	Monday, March 3, 2025	1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	<u>Mine Campus</u>

※ You will be informed of the assembly site on the day of the examination after the examination ticket notification (via email). Please arrive at the assembly site at the designated time (30 minutes before the start of the examination) and complete registration. If you are not able to arrive by the specified time, as a general rule, you will be allowed to take the examination up to 30 minutes after the start of the examination, but you will not receive a time extension.

(7) Precautions

For inquiries about the major and Graduate Program, if you do not know how to contact the research supervisor of their choice, please check page 47, "XVII. Contact Information for Graduate Program," and contact by email.

3. Special Screening for International Students

(Conducted in Global and Area Studies[Division of Social Design] and Multicultural Studies [Division of Social Design] and Graduate Program in Community and Human Development Studies[Division of Social Design].)

(1) Application Requirements

Individuals who are not Japanese nationals and to whom any of the following criteria apply

- ① Those who have or are expected to complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country by the time of enrollment.
 - ② Those who have or are expected to complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country by completing correspondence courses offered by a school in a foreign country by the time of enrollment.
 - ③ Those who by the time of enrollment at an educational institution in Japan, have completed or are expected to complete a course (only for those who are deemed to have completed 16 years of school education in the foreign country) from a foreign university in the school education system of the foreign country, separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - ④ Those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country, those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan, those who have completed a course at a foreign school in Japan at an educational facility positioned in the school education system of a foreign country (only for those considered to have completed 15 years of school education in the foreign country), have completed a course designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and have been recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having obtained the prescribed credits with excellent results
 - ⑤ Those recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having academic skills equivalent or superior to someone who has graduated from a university-based on an individual application screening, and shall have reached 22 years of age by the time of enrollment.
- ※ Individuals who are likely to graduate or have graduated from a Japanese university and those who are likely to complete or have completed a specialized training at a vocational school are not permitted to apply under the Special Screening for International Students.

(2) Application Requirements Screening

Those who have been awarded bachelor's degrees under the Self-Taught Higher Education Examinations of the People's Republic of China, please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department by Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Those who intend to apply under Application Requirements ④ or ⑤ should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department as soon as possible and complete the Application Requirements for individual admissions screening by Thursday, January 9, 2025. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

(3) Prior Contact and Consultation with the Research Supervisor of their choice before Application

Before applying, please check the "XVIII: List of Faculty Members " on page 40, and be sure to contact the research supervisor in advance and consult your research topic and content after admission.

Advance consultation are limited to matters related to research activities and the curriculum after enrollment. We cannot answer questions related to entrance examination such as questions about past examination questions. We cannot answer questions the answers to the entrance examination questions.

For past entrance examination questions, please refer to page 41 " IX: Past entrance examination questions."

(4) Application Documents

For documents marked ◇, please print out from the online application site after registering for the online application.

For documents marked ◆, please download forms from the university's website (Admissions Information).

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- If the application is in a language other than Japanese and English, the applicant may be required to submit a translation.
- No changes may be made to the contents of the accepted documents. In addition, if there is a change to your address, contact location, or telephone number, please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department without delay.
- If it is found that the items stated in the submitted documents are erroneous, your admission will be canceled.
- The entrance examination fee shall not be refunded for any reason after receipt of the application documents.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
◇Application Form	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please print on both sides of the A4 size paper from the online application site.
*Research Plan	Applicants to the Graduate Programs in Community Design Studies, Global and Area Studies, and Multicultural Studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a research plan in Japanese (about 1,000 characters) or English (about 500 words) using the format specified by the University.
Certificate of (Expected) Graduation	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a document issued by the president or head of the previous school • Individuals graduating from a university in a country or territory where graduation certificates are not issued, please consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
Transcript	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a transcript issued and sealed by the president or head of the previous school • Individuals graduating from universities in a country or territory where transcripts are not issued should consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
Documents related to foreign language (English or Japanese) proficiency testing	All international students (excluding Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the score sheet specified by the university under "IV. Foreign Language Examination" on page 37.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
	students)	
Certificates for Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students	Japanese government-sponsored students (Research Students only), foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you apply under this category, you will be exempt from the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English) and Specialization Subjects) on submitting application documents for verification, so consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department about the certificates to be submitted before applying.
Resident's card	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the document with information that contains the status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the city, town, or village of residence, but not the "My Number (individual ID number)" • Those who are currently enrolled in the university (including non-degree students and research students) are not required to submit their certificate of residence. They may instead submit a copy of their student ID. • Those who are not living in Japan, please consult the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
◆ Application form for those exempted from the Entrance Examination Fee	Exemption Applicants only	<p>Those who wish to apply for an exemption of the entrance examination fees under either (a) or (b) need not make the fee payment.</p> <p>(a) Those applying for fee exemption due to damage caused by the earthquake, wind, or flood should submit an "Application form for exemption of entrance examination fee." See Section VIII "Entrance Examination Fee Exemption" on page 40 for more information.</p> <p>(b) Government-financed international students who intend to apply for an extension of the scholarship payment period will be exempted from the entrance examination fee upon designated application. Please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.</p>
Envelope for the submission of application documents	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please prepare a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm).
◇ Address sheet for submitting the application documents	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print out the address sheet in color from the online application site and attach it to the front side of the "Envelope for the submission of application documents." • Please send it via registered express mail (kakitome/sokutatsu mail).

- The photograph to be uploaded to the online application page should be a clear, front-facing, upper-body picture without a hat, on a plain background, and must be taken within three months prior to the application. The photo ratio should be 4 × 3, and the file size should not exceed 2MB.

(5) Method of Screening

Applicants will be selected based on the results of the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English) and Specialization Subjects), the Oral Examination, and Transcripts considered together.

Examination Subject	Notes				
Foreign language	Convert English (TOEIC® L&R or TOEFL®) or Japanese (EJU or JLPT) scores.				
Specialization Subjects	<p data-bbox="496 548 1345 618">Please check the following Specialization Subjects List for Special Screening for International Students</p> <p data-bbox="470 757 1430 869">※ The following degree programs allow applicants to bring Japanese dictionaries in their native language (excluding electronic dictionaries and translators) during the examination for the Specialization Subjects.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="507 887 1401 1227"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="507 887 847 943">Major</th> <th data-bbox="847 887 1401 943">Graduate Program</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 943 847 1227">Division of Social Design</td> <td data-bbox="847 943 1401 1227"> Multicultural Studies Studies on Community and Human Development Studies </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Major	Graduate Program	Division of Social Design	Multicultural Studies Studies on Community and Human Development Studies
Major	Graduate Program				
Division of Social Design	Multicultural Studies Studies on Community and Human Development Studies				
Oral examination	Oral examination will be conducted by each Program.				

Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students are exempt from the Achievement Test (Specialization Subjects and Foreign Language (English)).

List of Specialization Subjects for Special Screening for International Students

◎: Compulsory Subjects Δ: Elective Subjects (reported at the time of application) ★: Elective Subjects (selected at the time of the examination)

Major	Graduate Program	Number of subjects	Specialization Subject
Division of Social Design	Global and Area Studies	1	◎ Global and Area Studies (Essay)
	Multicultural Studies	1	◎ Multicultural Studies ※ Questions will be asked from the following four fields. Select one field to answer at the time of the examination. <u>Thought, Art and History, Culture and Comparative Culture, Literature and Comparative Literature, Society, Psychology, Educational, Language and Communication</u>
	Studies on Community and Human Development	2	◎ Community and Human Development (Essay) ◎ Specialization Subjects in the field of education and research for which you are applying (see page 38)

(6) Examination Dates and Venue

※ Examination venue vary depending the Graduate Program you apply to

Graduate Program	Examination Date	Examination Time	Examination Type	Examination Venue
Global and Area Studies Multicultural Studies	Monday, March 3, 2025	From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Specialized Subject	<u>Mine Campus</u>
		1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	
Studies on Community and Human Development	Monday, March 3, 2025	From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Specialization Subjects ※ Answer two subjects in 120 minutes, without a break	
		1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	

※ You will be informed of the assembly site on the day of the examination after the examination ticket notification (via email). Please arrive at the assembly site at the designated time (30 minutes before the start of the examination) and complete the registration. If you are not able to arrive by the specified time, as a general rule, you will be allowed to take the examination up to 30 minutes after the start of the examination, but you will not receive a time extension.

(7) Precautions

- ① If you have made an application based on the expectation of graduation or completion of a course under Application Requirements ①, ②, or ③, but do not graduate or complete the course by the time of enrollment, your acceptance shall be revoked. Applicants will be required to submit a certificate of verification during the enrollment procedure.

- ② For inquiries about the major and Graduate Programs, if you do not know how to contact the research supervisor of their choice, please check page 47 “XVII. Contact Information for each Graduate Program” and contact by email.

4. Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students

(Conducted in Global and Area Studies[Division of Social Design] and Multicultural Studies [Division of Social Design] and Graduate Program in Community and Human Development Studies[Division of Social Design].)

(1) Application Requirements

Applicants who have been enrolled in a university in Japan for at least three years by the end of March 2025 and have been recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having earned the requisite credits with excellent grades. Applicants who meet all of the following requirements shall be within this scope of qualifications.

- ① As of the end of March 2025, the student must have been enrolled in a university for three years (excluding leaves of absence).
 - ② As of the end of March 2025, the student must have completed all required subjects (including all subjects related to basic education) expected to have been completed by the third year; further, the student must have acquired at least 4/5 of the total credits required for graduation, including these subjects; and at least 4/5 of the total credits earned must have an A(Excellent) grade or higher (at least 80 points out of 100 in a point evaluation).
 - ③ The applicant must have the recommendation of their dean or the department head from the university where they are enrolled.
- ※ Those who have graduated from a university and or are expected to graduate by March 31, 2025 (including early graduates) are not eligible to apply under the Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students.
- ※ Students enrolled through the Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students will be treated as if they had withdrawn from their undergraduate program. Therefore, they will not be eligible to appear for various state examinations or qualification examinations that require an undergraduate degree.

(2) Application Requirements Screening

Those who intend to apply should promptly contact the Administrative Office for the Admission Center and complete the procedures for the Individual Admissions Screening Application by Thursday, January 9, 2025. At the time of the screening of the application requirements, applicants should present a certificate of the period of enrollment (specifying the items specified by the university), a Transcript (with results up to the first term of the third year), a course registration confirmation list showing the subjects to be taken in the second term of the third year, and a copy of the course guide of the university (affiliated program or department) that they are enrolled in. No applications are accepted will be accepted after this deadline.

(3) Prior Contact and Consultation with the Research Supervisor of their choice before Application

Before applying, please check the "XVIII: List of Faculty Members " on page 40, and be sure to contact the research supervisor in advance and consult your research topic and content after admission.

Advance consultation are limited to matters related to research activities and the curriculum after enrollment. We cannot answer questions related to entrance examination such as questions about past examination questions. We cannot answer questions the answers to the entrance examination questions.

For past entrance examination questions, please refer to page 41 " IX: Past entrance examination questions."

(4) Application Documents

For documents marked ◇, please print out from the online application site after registering for the online application.

For documents marked ◆, please download forms from the university's website (Admissions Information).

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For documents marked *, please download from the university's website (Graduate School Admissions).

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- Except for the original TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test (TOEIC® L&R Official Score Certificate and the original TOEIC® L&R IP Individual Score Report), documents received will not be returned for any reason.
- If the application is in a language other than Japanese and English, the applicant may be required to submit a translation.
- No changes may be made to the contents of the accepted documents. In addition, if there is a change to your address, contact location, or telephone number, please contact the Administrative Office for the Admission Center without delay.
- If it is found that the items stated in the submitted documents are erroneous, your admission will be canceled.
- The entrance examination fee shall not be refunded for any reason after receipt of the application documents.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
◇Application Form	Everyone	• Please print on both sides of A4 size from the online application site.
* Letter of Recommendation	Everyone	• Please submit a letter of recommendation issued and sealed by the dean or the department head from the university where the applicant is enrolled.
Transcript	Everyone	• Please submit a transcript issued and sealed by the president or head of the previous school • If you are expecting to graduate from Utsunomiya University, you may use a copy printed from the transcript machine, and there is no need to seal your transcript.
TOEIC, TOEFL Certifications	Everyone	• Please submit the score sheet specified by the university under “IV. Foreign Language Examination” on page 37.
Resident's card	Only for foreign nationals living in Japan	• Please submit the document with information that contains the status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the city, town, or village of residence, but not the “My Number (individual ID number)” • Those who are currently enrolled in the university (including non-degree students and research students) are not required to submit their certificate of residence. They may instead submit a copy of their student ID.
◆Application form for those exempted from the Entrance Examination Fee	Exemption Applicants only	Those who wish to apply for an exemption from the entrance examination fee due to damage caused by the earthquakes, storms, or floods should submit an “Application form for Exemption of Entrance Examination Fee” and need not make the payment. See Section VIII “Entrance Examination Fee Exemption” on page 40 for more information.
Envelopes for the submission of application	Everyone	• Please prepare a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm).

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
documents		
◇Address sheet for submitting the application documents	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print out the address sheet in color from the online application site and attach it to the front side of the “Envelope for the submission of application documents.” • Please send it via registered express mail (kakitome/sokutatsu mail).

④ Sending Examination Tickets

- The photograph to be uploaded to the online application page should be a clear, front-facing, upper-body picture without a hat, on a plain background, and must be taken within three months prior to the application. The photo ratio should be 4 × 3, and the file size should not exceed 2MB.

(5) Method of Screening

Applicants will be selected based on the results of the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English) and Specialization Subjects), the Oral Examination, and Transcripts considered together.

Examination Subject	Notes
Foreign Language (English)	<i>TOEIC® L&R or TOEFL® scores will be converted.</i>
Specialization Subjects	Please refer to the “List of Specialization Subjects for Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students” below.
Oral Examination	Conducted by each degree program.

List of Specialization Subjects for Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students

◎: Compulsory Subjects Δ: Elective Subjects (reported at the time of application) ★: Elective Subjects (selected at the time of the examination)

Major	Graduate Program	Number of subjects	Specialization Subjects
Division of Social Design	Global and Area Studies	1	◎ Global and Area Studies (Essay)
	Multicultural Studies	1	◎ Multicultural Studies ※ Questions will be asked from the following four fields. Select one field to answer at the time of the examination. <u>Thought, Art and History, Culture and Comparative Culture, Literature and Comparative Literature, Society, Psychology, Educational, Language and Communication</u>

Major	Graduate Program	Number of subjects	Specialization Subjects
	Studies on Community and Human Development	2	◎ Community Human Development (Essay). ◎ Specialization Subjects in the field of education and research for which you are applying (see page 38)

(6) Examination Dates and Venue

※ Examination venue vary depending the Graduate Program you apply to

Graduate Program	Examination Date	Examination Time	Examination Type	Examination Venue
Global and Area Studies Multicultural Studies	Monday, March 3, 2025	From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Specialization Subjects	<u>Mine Campus</u>
		1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	
Studies on Community and Human Development	Monday, March 3, 2025	From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Specialization Subjects ※ Answer two subjects in 120 minutes, without a break	
		1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	

※ Bring your examination ticket on the day of the examination.

※ You will be informed of the assembly site on the day of the examination after the examination ticket notification (via email). Please arrive at the assembly site at the designated time (30 minutes before the start of the examination) and complete the registration. If you are not able to arrive by the specified time, as a general rule, you will be allowed to take the examination up to 30 minutes after the start of the examination, but you will not receive a time extension.

(7) Precautions

- ① If, after passing the Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students, the applicant fails to meet the requirements as per the Application Requirements by March 2024, the acceptance will be revoked.
- ② After passing the examination, applicants must submit a certificate confirming that the application requirements have been met (a certificate of withdrawal or a “certificate of acceptance of the application for withdrawal”), a transcript with all grades from the first to third year, and a certificate of the period of enrollment (specifying the items designated by this university) by March 31, 2024.
- ③ For inquiries about the major and Graduate Programs, if you do not know how to contact the research supervisor of their choice, please check page 47, “XVII. Contact Information for each Graduate Program” and contact by email.

5. Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation

(Conducted by the Graduate Program in Global and Area Studies and the Graduate Program in Multicultural Studies)

(1) Application Requirements

As of March 31, 2025 (September 30, 2024 for October enrollment), applicants should have at least one year of experience in international exchange and cooperation activities (conducted by the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, NGO, NPOs) and meet any of the following criteria.

- ① Those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a university by the time of enrollment.
- ② Those who have received or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree by the time of admission from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (formerly the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation) in accordance with the provisions of Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Law.
- ③ Those who have completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country by the time of enrollment.
- ④ Those who have completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education from a foreign country by completing correspondence courses offered by a foreign school in Japan by the time of enrollment.
- ⑤ Those who by the time of enrollment at an educational institution in Japan have completed or are expected to complete a course (only for those who are deemed to have completed 16 years of school education in the foreign country) from a foreign university in the school education system of the foreign country, separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- ⑥ Those who have completed or are expected to complete by the time of enrollment, specialized training at a vocational school (limited to courses with a period of study of four years or more, and meeting the standards specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology on or after being specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- ⑦ Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 5 of 1953)
- ⑧ Those who have studied at a university for 3 or more years, who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country, those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses offered in Japan or by a foreign school in Japan, those who have completed a course at a foreign school in Japan, who are at an educational facility positioned in the school education system of a foreign country (only for those considered to have completed 15 years of school education in the foreign country), and have completed a course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and have been recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having obtained the prescribed credits with excellent results.
- ⑨ Those who have been enrolled in a graduate school of another university pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph (2) of the School Education Law and have been found by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity to possess sufficient academic ability to receive education at a graduate school.
- ⑩ Those recognized by the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity as having academic skills equivalent or superior to someone who has graduated from a university-based on an individual application screening, and shall have reached 22 years of age by the time of enrollment.

(2) Application Requirements Screening

Those who intend to apply under application requirement ⑥ should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department by Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Those who intend to apply under application requirements ⑧, ⑨, or ⑩ should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department as soon as possible and complete the procedures for individual admissions screening by Thursday, January 9, 2025. No applications shall be accepted after the deadline.

(3) Prior Contact and Consultation with the Research Supervisor of their choice before Application

Before applying, please check the "XVIII: List of Faculty Members " on page 40, and be sure to contact the research supervisor in advance and consult your research topic and content after admission.

Advance consultation are limited to matters related to research activities and the curriculum after enrollment. We cannot answer questions related to entrance examination such as questions about past examination questions. We cannot answer questions the answers to the entrance examination questions.

(4) Application Documents

For documents marked ◇, please print out from the online application site after registering for the online application.

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- If it is found that the items stated in the submitted documents are erroneous, your admission will be canceled.
- The entrance examination fee shall not be refunded for any reason after receipt of the application documents.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
◇Application Form	Everyone	• Please print on both sides of the A4 size paper from the online application site.
* Research Plan	Everyone	• Please submit a research plan in Japanese (about 1,000 characters) or English (about 500 words) using the format specified by the University.
* Summary of International Exchange/Cooperation	Everyone	• Please submit the university-prescribed form in Japanese (about 1,000 characters) or English (about 500 words).
Certificate of (Expected) Graduation	Everyone	• Please submit a document issued by the president or head of the previous school • Individuals graduating from a university in a country or territory where graduation certificates are not issued, please consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
Transcript	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit a transcript issued and sealed by the president or head of the previous school • If you are expecting to graduate from Utsunomiya University, you may use a copy printed from the transcript machine, and there is no need to seal your transcript. • Individuals graduating from universities in a country or territory where transcripts are not issued should consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
TOEIC, TOEFL Certifications	All international students (excluding Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the score sheet specified by the university under “IV. Foreign Language Examination” on page 37.
Degree Certificates	(1) Those who fall under Application Requirement ②	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education • If the applicant is expecting the degree to be conferred, please submit an Application for Degree Certificate issued by the head of your previous school in place of the degree certificate.
Certificates for Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign-government sponsored students, and JICA students	Japanese government-sponsored students (Research Students only), foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you apply under this category, you will be exempt from the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English)) on submitting application documents for verification, so consult with the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department about the certificates to be submitted before applying.
Resident’s card	Only for foreign nationals living in Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the document with information that contains the status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the city, town, or village of residence, but not the “My Number (individual ID number)” • Those who are currently enrolled in the university (including non-degree students and research students) are not required to submit their certificate of residence. They may instead submit a copy of their student ID. • Those who are not living in Japan, please consult the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.

Application Documents	Who Should Submit	Notes
◆ Application form for those exempted from the Entrance Examination Fee	Exemption Applicants only	Those who wish to apply for an exemption of the entrance examination fees under either (a) or (b) need not make the fee payment. (a) Those applying for fee exemption due to damage caused by the earthquake, wind, or flood should submit an “Application form for the exemption of entrance examination fee.” See Section VIII “Entrance Examination Fee Exemption” on page 40 for more information. (b) Government-financed international students who intend to apply for an extension of the scholarship payment period will be exempted from the entrance examination fee upon designated application. Please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department before applying.
Envelopes for the submission of application documents	Everyone	• Please prepare a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm).
◇ Address sheet for submitting the application documents	Everyone	• Print out the address sheet in color from the online application site and attach it to the front side of the “Envelope for the submission of application documents.” • Please send it via registered express mail (kakitome/sokutatsu mail).

- The photograph to be uploaded to the online application page should be a clear, front-facing, upper-body picture without a hat, on a plain background, and must be taken within three months prior to the application. The photo ratio should be 4 × 3, and the file size should not exceed 2MB.

(5) Method of Screening

Applicants will be selected based on the results of the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English)), the Oral Examination, Research Plan, Summary of International Exchange/Cooperation, and Transcripts considered together.

Examination Subject	Notes
Foreign language (English)	<i>TOEIC® L&R or TOEFL® scores will be converted.</i>
Oral examination	The oral examination will be conducted including the contents of the submitted Research Plan and Summary of International Exchange/Cooperation.

Japanese government-sponsored students, foreign government-sponsored students, and JICA students are exempt from the Achievement Test (Foreign Language (English)).

(6) Examination Date and Venue

Graduate Program	Examination Date	Examination Time	Examination Type	Examination Venue
Global and Area Studies Multicultural Studies	Monday, March 3, 2025	1:00 p.m.	Oral examination	<u>Mine Campus</u>

- ※ You will be informed of the assembly site on the day of the examination after the examination ticket notification (via email). Please arrive at the assembly site at the designated time (30 minutes before the start of the examination) and complete the registration. If you are not able to arrive by the specified time, as a general rule, you will be allowed to take the examination up to 30 minutes after the start of the examination, but you will not receive a time extension.

(7) Precautions

1. If you have made an application based on the expectation of graduation or completion of a course under Application Requirements ①, ②, ③, ④, ⑤, or ⑥, but do not graduate or complete the course by the time of enrollment, or have not been awarded a bachelor's degree, your acceptance shall be revoked. Applicants will be required to submit a certificate of verification during the enrollment procedure.
2. For inquiries about the major and Graduate Program, if you do not know how to contact the research supervisor of their choice, please check page 47, "XVII. Contact Information for each Graduate Program," and contact by email.

IV. Foreign Language Examination

All categories of screening use the score of external foreign language tests without the university conducting its own written examinations. Please submit one of the following score sheets at the time of application.

※③ The Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU) and ④ the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) can be selected only for those applying under Special Screening for International Students.

Language	External Examination Used	Notes
English	①TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test (TOEIC® L&R) (Public test, IP test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the original Official Score Certificate of the TOEIC® L&R, or the original Individual Score Report of the IP-Test (including College TOEIC), which is held at various organizations, conducted after April 2022. Since the IP Test (Online version) does not issue Score Reports, please print out and submit the PDF of your score. • TOEIC® S&W test and TOEIC Bridge® scores are not accepted. • For Public tests, those conducted from the 292nd session onwards will be valid. • The original certificate submitted will be returned after the application is accepted.
	②TOEFL iBT®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit your “Official Score Report” after taking the TOEFL® test conducted after April 2022. • Please enclose a copy of the Test Taker Score Report or a printout of the Test Taker Score Report PDF with the application. You are responsible for applying to the ETS for the Official Score Report in the US. The Utsunomiya University group code is 7976. <p>※ If the TOEFL iBT® “Official Score Report” is used in your application, the Test Date score will be used. (MyBest™ scoring will not be used.)</p>
Japanese (※)	③Japanese Language Proficiency Test (N1 or N2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the test score certificate for the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test from the 1st 2022 Examination or later. The valid certificates are as follows: 『CERTIFICATE OF RESULT AND SCORES』 or 『Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency&Test Result(postcard format)』 • The submitted original certificate will be returned after the application is accepted.
	④Examination for Japanese University Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scores from exams conducted within the past two years from the date of the entrance examination. <p>*Due to the validity period of scores at the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), the valid scores for the entrance examination may vary depending on the date of the examination.</p> <p>For the entrance examination scheduled in August [First Term Recruitment], the valid scores are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second exam of 2022 (November) • First exam of 2023 (June) • Second exam of 2023 (November) • First exam of 2024 (June)

V. List of Specialization Subjects by Educational and Research Field (General Screening, Special Screening for International Students, Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students)

This is a list of “Specialization Subjects” specified by Graduate Program and educational research field in General Screening and Special Screening for International Students and Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students.

Major	Graduate Program	Field of Education and Research	Specialization Subjects
Division of Social Design	Studies on Community and Human Development Studies on Community and Human Development	Education (Philosophy of Education)	Education and Psychology
		Developmental Psychology, Cognitive Psychology	Soil and Environmental Biophysics
		Sociology of Emotion	Course Education and Sociology of Education
		Course Education (Social Studies)	Rural Planning
		Environmental Education for Living, Clothing Science	Life Sciences
		Health education, School health	Sports and Health Science Information and Science Education
		Educational Engineering, Information Education	
		Science Education, Science Teaching, Learning Sciences	Course Education and Sociology of Education Music
		Music Expression, Music Education	
		Arts and Crafts, Urushi Lacquer Art	Art
		Painting Techniques, Theory and History of Arts	Sports and Health Science

VI. Advance Consultations on Special Accommodations for Examinations and Studies Due to an Illness, Injury, or Physical Handicap

If you need special accommodations for the entrance examination or for your studies due to an illness, injury, or physical disability, please consult the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department as early as possible before the final day of the advance consultation period stated below. If you require special accommodations for the entrance examination or for your studies due to a situation that occurred after the consultation period, please contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department as soon as possible.

(1) Final Day for Advance Consultation

General Screening, Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment, Special Screening for International Students and Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students and Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation: Thursday, January 9, 2025.

(2) Submission of an Application for Advance Consultation

Fill in the following information on the Application Form for Prior Consultation (form is available on the website <http://www.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/admission/examination.php>) and submit it along with a doctor's medical certificate (a copy is acceptable) to the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department.

- ① Name, address, contact telephone number, and a convenient time you can be reached
- ② Types of screening under which you plan to apply, and the major/Graduate Program
- ③ Details about the severity of illness, injury, or physical disability
- ④ Accommodations you need for the entrance examination
- ⑤ Accommodations you need for during the course of your studies
- ⑥ Accommodations you received at your prior institution
- ⑦ Description of your daily condition

VII. Export Security Measures

Utsunomiya University has adopted the “National University Security Export Control” protocol based on the “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law.” This is directed at preventing international students from interfering with the maintenance of international peace and security by exporting restricted education or research content. **International students should contact the Research Supervisor of their choice soon as possible to confirm their application.**

The following regulations have been established to comply with the security export control protocol.

- If a security export control examination is conducted, it may take a long time to complete, and depending on the examination results, the examinee may not be able to receive the desired education or research.
- After enrollment, there may be restrictions on the technology provided and the equipment used. In addition, if regulations are strengthened due to the revision of laws, etc., it may become impossible to continue existing research work.

VIII. Entrance Examination Fee Exemption

In order to alleviate the economic burden of those who were affected by disasters etc. and to secure opportunities for students to enter the university, the university will take special measures to exempt the entrance examination fee as follows.

① Exemption requirements

The exemption applies for applicants whose primary household resides in an area to which the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster or the Relief Act (Act No. 118 of 1947) after March 2011 is applied (hereinafter referred to as “the disaster”), and who fall under any of the following categories:

- (a) Where the primary household supporter (father, mother, or any person who has the highest household income; hereinafter referred to as the “primary household supporter”) resides in an area covered by the Disaster Relief Act and resides in any of the following:
 - i. If the house where the primary household supporter resides has been issued a certificate by the municipality for (a) Total destruction, (b) Large-scale partial destruction, or (c) Half destruction
 - ii. If the house where the primary household supporter resides or used to reside was in any of the following areas designated under the Special Measures Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156 of 1999) (a) Warning Area, (b) Planned Evacuation Area, or (c) Emergency Evacuation preparation area.
- (b) Persons whose primary household supporter has died or gone missing due to a disaster.

② Exemption Application Procedure

Those who intend to receive an exemption from the entrance examination fee must submit an “Application form for exemption of entrance examination fee” with one of the following certificates (copy is acceptable) at the time of application. The application form for the fee exemption can be downloaded from the University website (Admission Information).

<https://admission.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/entrance-exam-info/graduate-entrance-exam/>

1. Those applying under ① (a)(i) or (ii) above must submit a certificate of damage or injury suffered from the disaster.
2. Those applying under ① (b), in case of death, above must submit a death certificate of the primary household supporter; in case they are missing, must submit documents verifying that they are missing, or a declaration regarding the missing person. (Please submit these with the application form for the entrance examination fee exemption.)

Applicants having any questions about the documents to be submitted should contact the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department.

Any applicants who are determined not to fulfill the requirements for exemption will be contacted by telephone by the Admission Division for the Education and Student Affairs Department.

IX. Past Entrance Examination Questions

(1) Disclosure of Past Entrance Examination Questions

The Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity discloses questions from the previous five ~~two~~-years' entrance examinations (specialization subjects). However, answers are not disclosed.

○ * Viewing at the counter

Site of Disclosure: Admission Division for Education and Student Affairs Department (Mine Campus) and Yoto Division of Student Affairs and Education (Yoto Campus)

Time of Viewing: 9:00–17:00 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays)

○ Viewing on the Internet

On this website

<https://admission.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/entrance-exam-info/past-entrance-exam-questions/graduate-entrance-exam.php>

※ We do not disclose questions over the Internet with parts that may be problematic under copyright laws.

(2) Others

① We cannot answer inquiries about entrance examination questions.

② The textbooks, reference books, etc. used for each specialized subject in the entrance examination are as follows.

Graduate Program	Specialization Subjects	Textbooks,reference books,etc
Global and Area Studies	Global and Area Studies (Essay)	① Literature on basic theories in social science fields such as international studies, area studies, law, political science, economics, sociology, etc.. ② Articles and press materials on current affairs that have a significant impact on the international community. ③ Books and writings written by faculty members of this program. For details of specific references, please refer to the syllabus of the related courses of this program.

Graduate Program	Specialization Subjects	Textbooks,reference books,etc
Multicultural Studies	Multicultural Studies <Thought, Art and History>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・岩城卓二・上島享・河西秀哉・塩出浩之・谷川穰・告井幸男編『論点・日本史学』（ミネルヴァ書房、2022年） ・E・H・カー『歴史とは何か』（岩波新書、1962年／2022年） ・『啓蒙思想の百科事典』（丸善出版、2024年） ・渡辺護『芸術学』（東京大学出版会、1975年） ・久保田慶一・木下大輔他『音楽用語の基礎知識』（アルテスパブリッシング、2019年） ・アンドリュー・グレアム=ディクソン、権山紘一『世界の美術』（河出書房新社、2017年） ・永井均他編『事典哲学の木』（講談社、2002年）
	Multicultural Studies <Culture and Comparative Culture, Literature and Comparative Literature>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 芥川龍之介『羅生門・鼻・芋粥・偷盗』（岩波文庫、2002） 池澤夏樹『世界文学を読みほどこースタンダールからピンチョンまで』（新潮選書、2005） ドストエフスキー著、安岡治子訳『貧しき人々』（光文社古典新訳文庫、2010） 夏目漱石『こころ』（岩波文庫、2005） ジェイ・ルービン編『ペンギン・ブックスが選んだ日本の名短編29』（新潮社、2019） 大橋洋一『新文学入門』（岩波書店、1995） 亀井俊介編『現代の比較文学』（講談社学術文庫、1994） 坂本昌樹ほか編『漱石と世界文学』（思文閣出版、2009） 柴田勝二・加藤雄二編『世界文学としての村上春樹』（東京外国語大学出版会、2015） 沼野充義編著『世界は文学でできている 対話で学ぶ<世界文学>連続講義』（光文社、2012） 藤井省三『魯迅と世界文学』（東方書店、2020） 堀啓子『日本近代文学入門 12人の文豪と名作の真実』（中公新書、2019）
	Multicultural Studies <Society, Psychology, Educational>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 坏・金子・室田(2016)『問いからはじめる社会福祉学』有斐閣 岩淵 功一(2021)『多様性との対話』青弓社 Council of Europe『Compass: Manual for Human Rights Education with Young People』 芦部信喜(高橋和之補訂)『憲法(第8版)』（岩波書店、2023年） 白取祐司『刑事訴訟法〔第10版〕』（日本評論社、2021年） 馬淵仁編(2017)『「多文化共生」は可能か』勁草書房 丸山剛史編(2022)『グローバル化と外国人児童生徒教育』一藝社 日本感情心理学会(企画・編集)(2019)『感情心理学ハンドブック』北大路書房
	Multicultural Studies <Language and Communication>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 沖森 卓也(編著)／阿久津 智・井島 正博・木村 一・木村 義之・笹原 宏之(著)(2010)『日本語ライブラリー 日本語概説』（朝倉書店） 益岡 隆志(編著)(2011)『はじめて学ぶ日本語学—ことばの奥深さを知る15章』（ミネルヴァ書房） 窪菌 晴夫(編著)(2019)『よくわかる言語学』（ミネルヴァ書房） 白井 恭弘(2004)『外国語学習に成功する人、しない人—第二言語習得論への招待』（岩波書店） 中島 平三・瀬田 幸人(2021)『オックスフォード 言語学辞典(新装版)』（朝倉書店）

Graduate Program	Specialization Subjects	Textbooks,reference books,etc
Studies on Community and Human Development	Community and Human Development (Essay)	宮前耕史・平岡俊一・安井智恵・添田祥史編著：持続可能な地域づくりと学校，ぎょうせい，2017（ISBN：9784324102862）
	Education and Psychology	田中智志・橋本美保編：教育の理念・歴史，一藝社，2013（ISBN：9784863590571） 無藤隆，森敏昭，遠藤由美，玉瀬耕治著：心理学，有斐閣，2018（ISBN：9784641053861）
	Course Education and Sociology of Education	國分麻里・川口広美編著：中等社会系教育，協同出版，2021（ISBN：9784319003587） 小原一馬著：なぜ僕らは勉強させられるのか，kindle版
	Life Sciences	藤城敏幸著：新編生活科学＜第2版＞，東京教学社，2022（ISBN：9784808260095）
	Sports and Health Science	金子明友・朝岡正雄編著：運動学講義，大修館書店，1990（ISBN：9784469261776） 教員養成系大学保健協議会編：学校保健ハンドブック＜第7次改訂＞，ぎょうせい，2019（ISBN：9784324105771）
	Information and Science Education	○新井紀子：AI vs 教科書が読めない子どもたち，東洋経済新報社，2019（ISBN：9784492762394） ○山内祐平：学習環境のイノベーション，東京大学出版会，2020（ISBN：9784130513548）
	Music	久保田慶一著：改訂版 音楽の文章セミナー プログラム・ノートから論文まで，音楽之友社，2016（ISBN：9784276101524）
	Art	○谷川渥監修、小澤基弘・渡邊晃一編著：絵画の教科書，日本文教出版，2001（ISBN：9784783010067） ○横田学，尾澤勇，原島秀行，平野信子 著：工芸 I，日本文教出版，2022，2024（ISBN：9784536102155）

X. Precautions for taking the examination

1. The following actions will be considered misconduct. However, actions that are permitted in the explanation at the time of the examination shall not be considered misconduct. If you commit any misconduct, you will be instructed to stop taking the exam and leave the room immediately, and you will not be allowed to take the exam again. In addition, all scores for the selection category that you have taken will be canceled. Furthermore, depending on the situation, we may take measures such as submitting a damage report to the police regarding the misconduct.

A. If the application form and photo card created based on the registered information contain false content due to intentionally registering false information for the online application.

Deliberately making a false entry on the application form or examination ticket in the selection process other than the online application (affixing a photo of someone other than the applicant on the examination ticket or photo card.

Deliberately making false entries on the answer sheet (such as writing an examinee number other than your own number on the answer sheet)

B. Cheating (placing or looking at notes, copies, etc. related to exam subjects on the desk, etc., looking at the contents of books such as textbooks, reference books, etc., looking at other examinees' answers, etc., obtaining answers from others, etc.)

C. Telling other examinees the answers or helping them cheat

D. Taking the distributed question booklet out of the examination room before the examination time ends

E. Taking the answer sheet out of the examination room

F. Opening the question booklet or starting the exam before the supervisor marks the start of the exam

G. Using unapproved rulers (including pencils with ruler functions), compasses, abacuses, graph paper, and other tools during the examination

H. Using electronic devices such as mobile phones, smartphones, wearable terminals, tablet terminals, electronic dictionaries, IC recorders, earphones, music players, etc.

* Earphones will be considered as being used even if they are just worn on the ears. (If you wish to use hearing aids, etc. during the examination due to illness, injury, or disability, prior consultation is required regarding special considerations for taking the examination and attending the school)

I. After the supervisor has marked the end of the exam, disobeying the instructions and holding your pencil or eraser or continuing to write answers

J. Engaging in other acts prohibited by the explanation at the time of the examination.

2. In addition to the actions mentioned in 1., the following may be considered as misconduct. However, actions that are permitted in the explanation at the time of the examination shall not be considered misconduct. If you do not follow instructions, etc., and are found to have acted fraudulently, the same policies as in 1. will apply.

A. Not putting away in your bag, or holding or wearing, during the examination assistive devices such as rulers (including pencils with ruler functions, etc.), compasses, abacuses, graph paper, etc., electronic devices such as mobile phones, smartphones, wearable terminals, tablet terminals, electronic dictionaries, IC recorders, earphones, music players, etc., and books such as school textbooks, reference books, etc.

B. Disrupting the exam, such as making sounds (incoming calls, alarms, vibration sounds, etc.) from mobile phones and clocks during the examination

C. Making a false offer that would be advantageous to yourself or other examinees regarding matters related to the examination

D. Causing trouble for other examinees at the examination site

E. Failing to follow the instructions of supervisors, etc. at the examination site

F. Other acts that may impair the fairness of the examination

* In addition, if you are found to have something that cannot be used or worn during the examination, it may also be considered misconduct.

XI. Announcement of Acceptance

(1) Date and Time

General Screening, Special Screening for Applicants with Full-Time Employment, Special Screening for International Students, Special Screening for Third-Year Undergraduate Students and Special Screening for Experienced Persons in International Exchange/Cooperation:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 2:00 pm

The application numbers of those accepted will be posted on the University's website <<http://nyushi.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/goukaku.html>>. Successful candidates will also receive acceptance letters by postal mail.

Inquiries regarding entrance examination results will not be accepted via telephone or other means.

XII. Enrollment Formalities

(1) Period of Enrollment Formalities

Scheduled in late -March 2024

Details will be provided to successful applicants.

XIII. Entrance Fees and Tuition

(1) Entrance Fees and Tuition

Entrance Fee ¥282,000

Tuition ¥535,800 (annual fee)

※ The entrance fees and tuition are tentative amounts; they may be revised.

※ If tuition is revised during the program period, the new tuition will apply from the time of revision.

※ Half of the tuition (¥267,900) shall be paid by each of the designated deadline.

(2) Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research and Liability Insurance

¥2,430 (for 2 years) [as of April 2024]

XIV. Scholarship System

Students who wish to apply for this scholarship should refer to the following website.

<<https://www.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp/convenient/campuslife/exemption.php>>

Make inquiries regarding this system to the Student Affairs Division.

XV. Special Cases of Educational Methods as Stipulated in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards

If it is found particularly necessary from an educational standpoint, the University may provide special cases of educational methods as stipulated in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards for students who wish to apply for “Special Screening for Applicants with Full-time Employment.” Based on this provision, the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity may, if necessary, provide evening classes (after the regular classroom hours (17:40–20:50)), offer the same subjects twice a week, and consolidate the periods of research and surveys required for the final project. If you seek to benefit from these special provisions, please consult with the research supervisor of their choice before you apply, and then fill in the Special Provisions on Educational Methods in the Application Form.

※Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards

During studies at a graduate school, if special measures are deemed necessary for educational purposes, education may be provided through an appropriate method, such as class sessions or research instructions at night or other specified periods.

XVI. Extended Registration Period System

This system caters to students for whom it difficult to complete the program within the standard 2 year period because of employment or other reasons by permitting them to extend their period of study (up to a maximum of 4 years) in order to facilitate systematic course planning and effective learning. Course planning and the total number of credits are the same as under the standard programs, which offers a significant reduction in time load per year.

When approval to extend the registration period has been granted, the two-year master’s program can be completed, for example, in three years. In such case, the two-year tuition will be paid over a three-year period, which means the financial burden per year is also reduced by distributing the two-year tuition (four terms) over three years (six terms). (If tuition is revised, recalculation will be made based on the revised fee.)

In order to be accepted into this system for extending the registration period, applicants must submit the required documents to the Dean of Utsunomiya University and obtain permission.

If, due to changing circumstances, an individual is unable to complete the program within the extended period, a further extension may be requested up to a maximum of six years in total. The further extended period in excess of the standard extended period will be considered to be setback years and standard tuition shall apply. Students may newly apply for this extended registration period during the school year or revise the extension period (from 3 years to 4 years or from 4 years to 3 years) only once.

The application period for this program is as follows:

(1) New Application

① Upon entry into the program

During the enrollment procedure in March prior to the start of the enrollment year

② During the school year

Until the end of February of the preceding academic year before the start of the relevant year

(2) Extension or Shortening of the Extended Period

If you wish to extend the registration period, submit a change in the registration period by the last day of the month prior to the final month of the extended period. If you wish to shorten the extended period, submit a change in the registration period by the last day of the month prior to the intended month of completion

Make inquiries regarding this system to the Yoto Division of Student Affairs and Education (telephone 028-689-6014).

Details will be provided to successful applicants at a later date.

XVII. Contact Information for each Graduate Program

If you do not know the contact information for the research supervisor of their choice, or have other inquiries about the major or Graduate Program, please contact the following.

Major	Graduate Program	Contact email address
Division of Social Design	Global and Area Studies	m-gas@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp
	Multicultural Studies	m-mcult@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp
	Studies on Community and Human Development	m-hdev@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp

XVIII. List of Faculty Members

This is a list of faculty members who provide research guidance in the Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity.

From the page of the Graduate Program you wish to apply for, select one research supervisor based on the field of research, and **be sure to contact the research supervisor of your choice to obtain him/her approval.** Please enter the name of the research supervisor of their choice when you register for the online application.

Advance consultation are limited to matters related to research activities and the curriculum after enrollment. We cannot answer questions related to entrance examination such as questions about past examination questions.

There may be a limit to the number of students accepted by the supervisor to ensure substantial guidance time, or due to limitations on the facilities and equipment of each laboratory. In this case, even if they pass the examination, the applicant may not be able to receive guidance from the research supervisor of their choice.

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Title	Name	Education specialty and research field	Research interest
Professor	MATSUO, Masaki	Middle East Studies	Political economy of the the Middle East, especially (1) correlation between oil and authoritarianism, (2) international migration in the Middle East
Professor	SAKAMOTO, Kumiko	African Area Studies	Research on social development and culture in East Africa
Professor	SHIMIZU, Nanako	International Relations, International Organizations	United Nations security system and human security
Professor	TAKAHASHI, Wakana	Environmental Governance	Research to clarify the cause of differences in environmental policies between regions and nations from a political science perspective
Assoc.Prof.	FUJII, Hiroshige	International Protection of Human Rights and peacebuilding	Research on international Criminal Justice and conflicts
Assoc. Prof.	IIZUKA, Akiko	Disaster Management, International Cooperation	Disaster prevention and management, international cooperation, NGOs
Assoc.Prof.	KOMURA, Manabu	Studies in Village Community	Research based on field work in Japanese rural community
Assoc.Prof.	KURIHARA, Shunsuke	International Development, Governance, Civil Society	Research on international development and governance
Assoc.Prof.	MATSUMURA, Fuminori	International Relations in East Asia	Research on Chinese foreign policy and international political history
Assoc.Prof.	SUEYOSHI, Ana	Applied Economics (including Economic History)	Research on Latin American politics and economy

【Division of Social Design/ Graduate Program in Multicultural Studies】

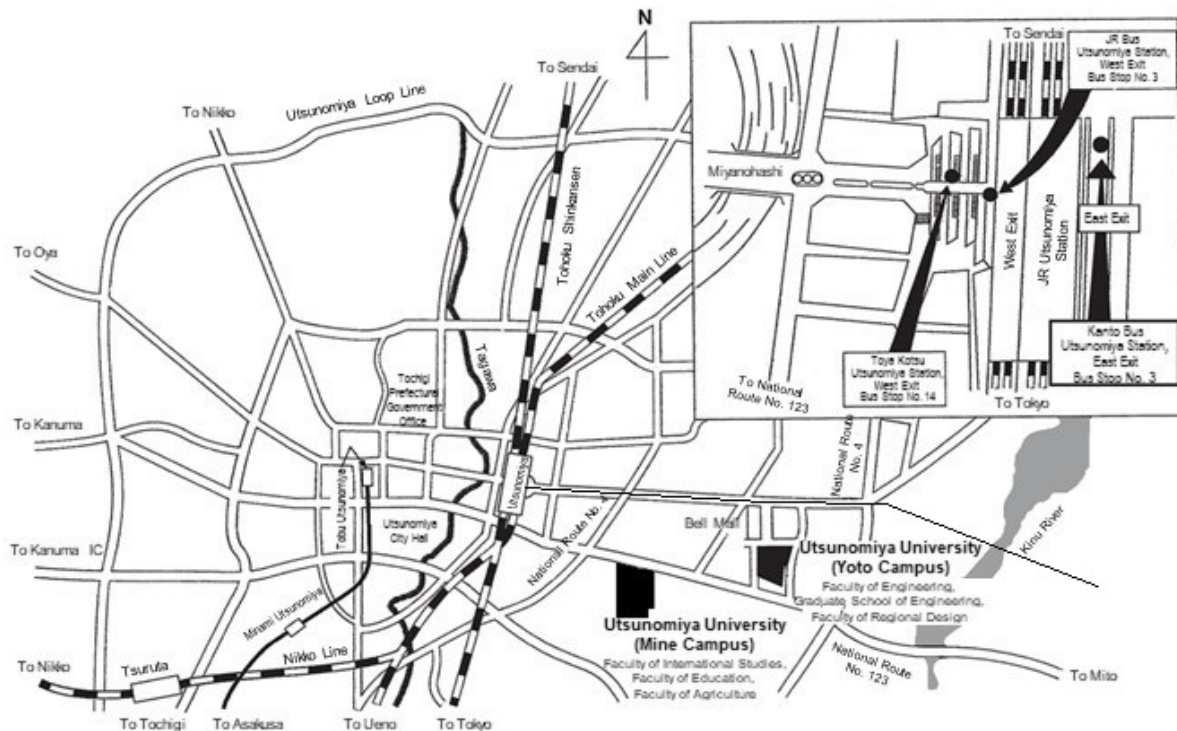
Title	Name	Education specialty and research field	Research interest
Professor	AMANUMA, Minoru	Theoretical Linguistics, English Linguistics	Theoretical and demonstrative research on syntactics, semantics and phonology of modern English
Professor	HASEGAWA, Mayumi	Social Welfare	Social community and citizenship education
Professor	KINOSHITA, Daisuke	Composition, Musicology	Research on music composition and practice and historiography (Western music history)
Professor	MARUYAMA, Tsuyoshi	Education, School Education, School Curriculum	Research on new junior high school curriculum history, curriculum of education for foreign school children, colonial technology and vocational education history
Professor	MATSUI, Takako	Japanese Culture, Japanese Literature, Comparative Culture	Tradition and modernization in Japan, cultural universality, heterogeneity and homogeneity
Professor	NAKAMURA, Makoto	Psychology	Research on social community and emotional communication
Professor	QI, Jie	Educational Sociology, Foreign Language Education	Research on school education and foreign language education
Professor	SUZUKI, Keiko	Modern Japanese Literature	Formation and acceptance of literature in modern Japan
Professor	YONEYAMA, Masafumi	American Literature	Research on 19th century romantic literature
Professor	YOSHIDA, Kazuhiko	Linguistics, Foreign Language Education	Multilingual Communication
Professor	YUZAWA, Nobuo	English Phonetics	Phonetics in modern English and application to education
Assoc.Prof.	HONDA, Goro	Art, Art Education	Research on arts (theory and art history in modern times) and art education
Assoc.Prof.	IZUHA, Takashi	English Art History	Research on 18th to 19th century British paintings
Assoc.Prof.	KUROKAWA, Kyoko	Criminal Law, Legal Studies	Discriminatory prosecution, legal education
Assoc.Prof.	MAKINO, Kanako	French Literature	19th century French literature and history of Western philosophy
Assoc.Prof.	OHNO, Tokiko	Russian literature, Theory of Culture	19th century Russian literature and formative culture
Assoc.Prof.	TACHIBANA, Yuuki	Education	Research on school education in global age
Assoc.Prof.	TAKAYAMA, Keiko	History, Japanese History	Japanese modern history, transition history in the modern and contemporary
Assoc.Prof.	TAKAYAMA, Michiyo	Japanese History of Japanese Language	Grammar and vocabulary of ancient Japanese
Assoc.Prof.	USHITORA, Kaori	Sexuality and Human Rights	Sex and human rights in modern times
Asst.Prof	IWASAKI, Hiroyuki	Theoretical Linguistics	Syntax, Semantics

【Division of Social Design/ Graduate Program in Community and Human Development】

Title	Name	Education specialty and research field	Research interest
Professor	DEGUCHI, Akiko	Science Education, Science Teaching, Learning Sciences	Research on design experiments in science learning
Professor	KAWASHIMA, Yoshiaki	Educational Engineering, Information Education	Research on media utilization and contents creation corresponding to informational society
Professor	MATSUSHIMA, Sakurako	Arts and Crafts, Urushi Lacquer Art	Asian lacquer arts and crafts with a focus on the cultures that created and support them
Professor	SASAKI, Kazuya	Environmental Education for Living, Clothing Science	Research on living and regional environment creation focusing on clothing
Professor	UEHARA, Shuichi	Education (Philosophy of Education)	Research on the relationship between thinking and language in education
Assoc.Prof.	HIRAI, Rie	Music Expression, Music Education	Research on expression, instruction, creation and management in music
Assoc.Prof.	ISHIKAWA, Takayuki	Developmental Psychology	Research on sociality of children
Assoc.Prof.	KABUTA, Masahiko	Painting Techniques, Theory and History of Arts	Research on technique based on paintings, research on spreading regional art
Assoc.Prof.	KOHARA, Kazuma	Sociology of Emotion	Application of amusingness of play to education, school caste
Assoc.Prof.	KUBO, Motoyoshi	Health education, School health	Theoretical and practical study of health education in school, Research on contemporary health issues of youth
Assoc.Prof.	KUMATA, Teisuke	Course education (Social Studies)	Theoretical and demonstrative research on social studies and history education
Asst.Prof.	MIYASHIRO, Kozue	Cognitive Psychology	Research on impact of perceptual expression of language to language processing

How to Access the Examination Venue

- Time from Tokyo
 - JR Tokyo Station: Tohoku Shinkansen / approx. 1hr.
Ueno Tokyo Line, Utsunomiya Line/ approx. 2 hr.
 - JR Shinjuku Station: Shonan Shinjuku Line, Tohoku Shinkansen /approx. 1 hr.15min. (Transfer at JR Omiya Station)
Shonan Shinjuku Line, Utsunomiya Line / approx. 1 hr. 50 min.
 - Tobu Railway: From Asakusa Station to Tobu Utsunomiya Station/ approx. 2 hr. 30 min.
 - Haneda Airport: Airport Limousine, Kanto Transportation / approx. 3hr.
- Time from Sendai
 - JR Sendai Station: Tohoku Shinkansen / approx. 1 hr. 20 min.



- Access from JR Utsunomiya Station and Tobu Utsunomiya Station
 - ◎ Mine Campus (approx. 2.2 km from JR Utsunomiya Station)
 - Kanto Bus (Bound for Mooka, Mashiko, Hoshinomori Junior and Senior High School , Bell Mall; Oroshi Danchi Junkan, etc.)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station West Exit Bus Stop No. 14 and disembark at the Utsunomiya Daigaku-mae Bus Stop (approximately 10 min.)
Board at Tobu Utsunomiya Station Bus Stop and disembark at the Utsunomiya Daigaku-mae Bus Stop (approximately 20 min.)
 - Kanto Bus (Oroshi Danchi Junkan Line, Bound for Bell Mall)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station East Exit Bus Stop No. 3 and disembark at the Utsunomiya Daigaku-mae Bus Stop (approximately 10 min. for the counterclockwise route, and approximately 30 min. for the clockwise route)
 - ◎ Yoto Campus (approx. 4.2 km from JR Utsunomiya Station)
 - LRT-Utsunomiya Light Rail "LIGHTLINE"(bound for Haga Machi Kogyo Danchi Management Center)
Approximately 10 minutes by ride from Utsunomiya Station East Exit. Get off at 'Utsunomiya University Higashigawa Campus' and it's a 9-minute walk."
 - Kanto Bus (Bound for Mooka, Mashiko, Hoshinomori Junior and Senior High School, Bell Mall, etc.)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station West Exit Bus Stop No. 14 and disembark at the Kogakubu-mae Bus Stop (approx. 20 min.)
Board at Tobu Utsunomiya Station Bus Stop and disembark at the Kogakubu-mae Bus Stop (approx. 30 min.)
Note: Buses bound for other destinations will not stop at Kogakubu-mae.
 - Kanto Bus (Bound for Bell Mall)
Board at JR Utsunomiya Station East Exit Bus Stop No. 3 and disembark at the Udai Kogakubu Seimon Bus Stop (approx. 15 min.)
Note: Buses come about every 30 minutes.