



**Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture, Niigata University
September 2019 Exam – April 2020 Admission**

**Master's Program of Society of Law and Politics,
the Course of International Society**

Application Guidelines

1. Introduction

Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture is a comprehensive graduate school where students make research in the fields of Literature, Law, Economy and Business, aiming to obtain Master Degrees and Doctor Degrees.

Among ten courses provided by the graduate school, the Course of International Society under the Major of Legal Society awards Master Degrees of Law(LL.M), Public Administration, or Philosophy by making researches into themes related to laws and public administration in English with all the necessary process conducted in English, from entrance exams, lectures and seminars, to thesis writing.

This guideline is for students who plan to take an entrance examination to the Course of International Society which is to be held in September 2019 for admission in April 2020.

2. Admission Policy

This course aims to foster professionals and researchers with ability to find problems, related to laws and public administration, to be resolved in a current society and to propose solutions to them with professional expertise and insights, with the view of building a mutually acceptable society.

Students are most welcome who understand our admission policy and have enthusiasm and potential ability to be such professionals and researchers.

3. Number of enrollees

Several

4. Application Qualifications

Persons who satisfy one of the following qualifications:

- (1) A person who completed a 16-year school education program abroad, or who is expected to complete such a program by March 2020.
- (2) A person who is expected to complete a 15-year school education program abroad by March 2020, and who is recognized by our Graduate School as having completed a predetermined number of credits with excellent academic results.
- (3) A person who graduated from a university stipulated in Article 83 of School Education Law (Law Number 26 of 1947), or who is expected to graduate from such a university by March 2020.
- (4) A person who completed a 16-year school education program of a foreign country by taking classes in Japan of correspondence education offered by a school of this foreign

country, or who is expected to complete such a program by March 2020.

- (5) A person who completed a program of an educational institution in Japan that is recognized as having a program of a foreign university in the educational system in a foreign country and specified separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (only when the person who completed the program is recognized as having completed a 16-year school education program of the foreign country), or who is expected to complete such a program by March 2020.
- (6) A person who obtained a Bachelor's degree (including degrees equivalent thereto that were conferred in foreign countries) or is scheduled to obtain it by March 31, 2020, by completing a course with a minimum period of study of three years (including a person who completed the schooling of a foreign country in Japan by taking courses offered by a school of said foreign country by distance education, and who completed a course of study in Japan offered at an educational institution positioned under the schooling system of a foreign country as offering university programs and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) offered by a foreign university or other institutes (limited to those authenticated by their Governments or a body evaluated and accredited by certified evaluation and accreditation organizations on overall conditions of education and research, or those specified separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
- (7) A person who completed a specialized program of a special education school specified separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (only when a person satisfies criteria specified by the Minister, such as having a four-year or longer course completion term) on or after a date specified by the Minister, or who is expected to complete such a program by March 2020.
- (8) A person who enrolled in a graduate school according to Paragraph 2, Article 102, of School Education Law, and who is recognized by our Graduate School as having the qualified academic capacity to receive graduate-level education.
- (9) A person who is expected to have attended a university stipulated in Article 83 of School Education Law for three years or longer by March 2020, and who is recognized by our Graduate School as having completed a predetermined number of credits with excellent academic results.
- (10) A person who is recognized through an individual application qualification at our Graduate School as having academic capacity equivalent to or higher than that of a person specified in item (3) above, and who becomes 22 years old by March 2020.

5. Application period

From July 29, 2019 (Monday) to August 1, 2019 (Thursday)

[Applications sent by postal mail must arrive during these specified dates.]

Direct submission by visit: The reception hours are from 9:00 to 17:00.

Submission by postal mail: Please make sure to send the application by express registered mail.

- Your application may be rejected if you do not have qualifications to apply, and these documents would be sent back. At this occasion, your testing fee also would be paid back.

6. Application document submission address

Student Affairs Office

Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture, Niigata University

8050 Ikarashi 2-no-cho, Nishi-Ku, Niigata City 950-2181, Japan

7. Application procedures and documents

Applicants are requested to submit the following documents and items in person or by mail within the application period. Please fill out the application documents in English or in Japanese, as follows:

- (1) Application for admission (CV), examination admission card, and photo card
- (2) Statement of the reason for application
- (3) Research plan
- (4) Research progress report
- (5) Graduation certificate, graduation expectation certificate, or academic degree certification issued by the applicant's graduating university
 - An original academic degree certification will be returned after copying.
- (6) Academic transcript issued by the applicant's graduating university
- (7) Passport copy and family register copy of the applicant's native country or proof of citizenship (foreign national applicants only)
- (8) Copy of the Residence Card or copy of entry visa Foreign national applicants in Japan are requested to submit front- and back-page copies of their "Residence card" issued by a municipality certifying their status of residence and period of stay. Moreover, foreign national applicants who plan to stay in Japan for a short period to take an entrance exam are requested to submit a copy of their entry visa.
- (9) Three photos 4 cm (about 1.6 in) long and 3 cm (about 1.2 in) wide of the frontal upper body (without hat or cap), taken within 3 months before the application. Students should write down nationality and name on the back sides of the photos.
- (10) English proficiency certificate (applicants having a certificate such as TOEFL are requested to submit it).
- (11) Envelope to return the examination admission card. (Please attach 92 yen or its equivalent in postage. For a person applying from abroad, please enclose an international reply

coupon required to send a document weighing 50 g [1.75 oz].)

(12) Certificate proving payment of the testing fee

Please write down the required information in the “transfer payment request, transfer payment and commission receipt, and certificate proving payment of a testing fee.” Then please make a transfer payment of the testing fee (30,000 yen) at a financial institution (except the Japan Post Bank), and submit the “certificate proving payment of the testing fee (for submission to Niigata University),” which has been returned to the applicant from the financial institution. Please make sure to confirm that the financial institution’s receipt stamp is imprinted. The applicants are also required to pay the transfer fee.

(a) Please write down the applicant’s name in the client name section.

(b) Please make the transfer payment within the following period. Payment transfer cannot be made on Saturday, Sunday and national holiday.

From July 19, 2019 (Friday) to August 1, 2019 (Thursday), by 15:00 (Japan time)

(c) Payment cannot be made through an ATM (Automated Teller Machine).

(d) Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO) Scholarship students need not pay the testing fee.

(e) The testing fee will not be returned after payment has been made.

However, if an applicant does not submit his or her application documents within the application period after the testing fee is paid, the fee (30,000 yen) will be returned; please refer to the contact in section 11 below.

8. Enrollee selection methods

Selection is conducted through written exam (see Table 1 at P.7 for subjects) and oral exams.

*Examinees who commit following illegal acts are to lose the qualification of taking the exam and to leave the exam room immediately,

1. False information written deliberately in the application form;
2. Cheating at the exam;
3. Use of electronic devices such as a mobile phone during the exam.

Details please refer to the "Examination Guide" announced later.

9. Selection exam date and timetable

Exam date	September 13, 2019 (Friday)	
Timetable	Written exam	10:30 to 12:00
	Oral exam	start at 13:30

10. Examination place

Building for Humanities, Law, and Economics of Niigata University

* For further examination details, please read well the “Examination Guide” enclosed when the

examination admission card is sent. The documents are scheduled to be sent on August 16, 2019.

11. Contact regarding applications

If you have questions concerning unclear matters regarding application, please contact the following:

Student Affairs Office

Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture, Niigata University

8050 Ikarashi 2-no-cho, Nishi-Ku, Niigata City 950-2181, Japan

Phone: (81)-25-262-6166・6826 E-mail: jimugen@cc.niigata-u.ac.jp

12. Announcement of successful applicants

(1) Date

October 10, 2019 (Thursday) at 10:00

(2) Place

The examination numbers of successful applicants will be displayed at the entrance of the Building of the Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture, Niigata University.

All successful applicants will also receive a letter of acceptance by postal mail.

These numbers will also be displayed on the home page of the Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture, Niigata University.(<http://www.gens.niigata-u.ac.jp/>)

However, we never respond to inquiries made by phone or by similar methods regarding application results.

13. Admission procedure

The admission procedure period is shown below.

From February 27, 2020 (Thursday) to March 4, 2020 (Wednesday)

The admission fee is shown below, and other details regarding the admission procedure will be mailed to the successful applicants.

- Admission fee: 282,000 yen (estimated amount)

The successful applicants are required to pay the following tuition fee at the beginning of each semester.

- Tuition fee: 535,800 yen per a year, 267,900 yen per each semester (estimated amount)

(If the tuition fee amount is modified while the student is attending the university, a new tuition fee will be applied from the modification date.)

14. Treatment of personal information used to select the enrollees

- (1) Regarding the names, addresses, and other personal information that the applicants gave to the university when they applied, it will be used only for the following purposes: (a) the

enrollee selection (application process, selection process), (b) announcement of successful applicants, (c) the admission procedure, (d) research, study, and analysis of the enrollee selection methods or similar, and (e) other tasks associated with these matters.

- (2) The personal information regarding the exam results used to select the enrollees will be used to research, study, and analyze the enrollee selection methods or similar.
- (3) Regarding only an enrollee's exam results and personal information given to the university upon application, it will be used after the admission to conduct tasks related to the following:
 - (a) educational affairs (school register, study instructions, etc.),
 - (b) matters related to student support (health management, scholarship application, etc.), and
 - (c) tuition fees, etc.
- (4) Moreover, in regard to personal information, the successful applicant's name and address may be used by the university's alumni and support associations.

15. System for extending the period of study

This system is for students who meet any of the following criteria: (i) applicants currently in employment (including a part-time job) who have difficulty in securing necessary time for your study, (ii) applicants currently in childbirth, childcare or nursing care of a relative who have difficulty in securing necessary time for your study, (iii) applicants with a physical or mental disability. The course term can be extended up to 3 or 4 years beyond the standard term of 2 years. Tuition fees in this system must be paid in installments by dividing the total tuition fee amount for the standard period of your curriculum by the approved number of years of study.

16. Exemption from Entrance Examination Fee

To help alleviate the economic burden on disaster victims, and to secure the educational opportunities of applicants from the affected areas, Niigata University will be implementing a special measure for exemption from entrance examination fee. For details, please check the university website.

Table 1: Exam subjects

Major/field	Subject	Code	Specialized field after admission
Master's Program of Society of Law and Politics/ International Society	Socio-Legal Studies	34011	Socio-Legal Studies
	Family Law	34012	Family Law
	International Law	34030	International Law
	Economic Law	34040	Economic Law
	Chinese Politics	35010	Chinese Politics
	International Relations	36010	International Relations

- Appendix -

In the Master's Program of the Graduate School, the completion requirements include attendance for two years or more, acquisition of 30 credits or more, and approval of a Master's thesis.

Subject classification	Class subjects	Number of credits	Notes
Compulsory subjects	Thesis Writing I, II, III	6 credits (2 credits per subject)	Thesis instruction subject
Specialized required subject	Interdisciplinary Seminar	2 credits	
Optional subjects	Education course class subjects	14 credits or more	Elected from a course to which students belong
	Other education course class subjects	8 credits or more	Elected from a course other than the above
Total		30 credits or more	

A degree that is offered after reviews, when the students have completed the major of Society of Law and Politics, will be a Master of Law(LL.M), Public Administration, or Philosophy.

For more information on the Graduate School, please refer to our home page:

<http://www.gens.niigata-u.ac.jp/>