



Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture, Niigata University 2024 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 for admission in 2024.

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 or are expected to satisfy one of the following by the following reference dates:

Reference date: [Applicants admission in April 2024] March 31, 2024

[Applicants admission in October 2024] September 30, 2024

(1) A person who completed a 16-year school education program abroad.

(2) A person who is complete a 15-year school education program abroad, 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).
- (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.
- (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).
- (6) A person who obtained a Bachelor's degree (including degrees equivalent thereto that were conferred in foreign countries), 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.
- (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 has attended a university stipulated in Article 83 of School Education Law for three years or longer, 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.

5. Application period

[September 2023 Exam] From July 24 (Mon) to July 26 (Wed), 2023

[February 2024 Exam] From December 18 (Mon) to December 20 (Wed), 2023

[July 2024 Exam] From May 27 (Mon) to May 29 (Wed), 2024

[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 excluding Saturdays and Sundays.(Japan time)

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 94 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) testing fee

Please contact us by e-mail in advance (at least 2 weeks before the application period) regarding how to pay the application fee. We will inform you of the details of the payment procedure to those who have made inquiries.

Please pay the application fee by 15:00 on the last day of the application period.

Please note that already paid examination fees will not be refunded. However, if the application documents are not submitted within the application period after the application fee has been transferred, or if it is determined that the applicant is ineligible to apply, the application fee will be refunded. Please refer to the following website for refund of the examination fee.

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/admissions/faculty/general/return-fee/>

If there is no request for return within 5 years from the date of the return, the request for return will be deemed to have been declined.

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 2023 Exam] September 15, 2023 (Fri) [February 2024 Exam] February 14, 2024 (Wed) [July 2024 Exam] July 6, 2024 (Sat)	
Timetable	Written exam	10:30 to 12:00
	Oral exam	start at 13:30

10. Examination place

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* 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 approximately 20 days before the test date.

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

[September 2023 Exam] October 11, 2023 (Wed)

[February 2024 Exam] February 29, 2024 (Thu)

[July 2024 Exam] July 19, 2024 (Fri)

(2) Place

The examination numbers of successful applicants will be posted and announced on the website of the Graduate School of Contemporary Social Culture, Niigata University, and a notification of acceptance will be sent to successful applicants. (<https://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.

[April 2024 Admission] From March 5 (Tue) to March 8 (Fri), 2024

[October 2024 Admission] From September 2 (Mon) to September 4 (Wed), 2024

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	Introduction to research Thesis Writing I, II, III	8 credits (2 credits per subject)	Thesis instruction subject
Specialized required subject	Interdisciplinary Seminar	2 credits	
Optional subjects	Education course class subjects	12 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:

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