

Guide to Graduate Admissions
The Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe
University: 2018 Application Guide to Doctoral Program

Overview

The Graduate School of Human Development and Environment welcomes applicants who wish to be proactively involved in basic, applied, practical education and research related to human development and environment. The Graduate School requires students to possess fundamental attributes and abilities in order to uphold advanced research in the graduate programs.

Programs Offered

The Graduate School of Human Development and Environment offers degree programs and non-degree programs. The degree programs are designed to provide master's and doctoral degrees. The non-degree programs are designed at master's and doctoral levels.

Japanese Language Skill Requirements

As to required Japanese skill in the doctoral program, please ask a prospective advisor of your research field.

General Information

Entrance period is in April. The application period for the doctoral program is generally in January, and the entrance examination is given at Kobe University in March. Selection is based on submitted application materials such as research plan and master's thesis, and oral examination at Kobe University. The Department of Human Environmental Science conducts its own examination twice a year at Kobe University (the second examination as previously described). The first as follows; application period: July, entrance examination: August, result announcement: September. All accepted applicants are required to pay a ¥282,000 matriculation fee. The annual tuition fee is ¥535,800. The University operates dormitories for international students. Any students who wish to reside in the dormitories may be assigned to a room if there is a vacancy. Applicants for the graduate programs must search for and contact a faculty member as a prospective advisor, and then obtain advisor's approval before application.

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1. Number of Students to be Accepted

Departments	Divisions	Number of Students to be Accepted
Human Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychological Development and Health Promotion• Human Expression• Human Behavior• Education and Learning	11
Human Environmental Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural Environmental Science• Mathematics and Informatics• Living Environment• Social Environment• Advanced Human Environmental Science (Adjunct)	6

2. Time of Enrollment

April 1, 2018

3. Eligibility

Only those who meet the following eligibility requirement will be considered for admission.

- Foreign nationals who do not hold Japanese nationality and can take "College Student" of resident status.
- Students who have successfully obtained a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree overseas.
- Students who are expected to graduate by March 31 of the year of enrollment are also eligible.

4. Application Procedures

(1) How to Apply

- Applicants for the graduate programs must search for and contact a faculty member as a prospective advisor, and then obtain advisor's approval before application.
- All the application materials listed in "(3) Application Documents" should arrive at the Academic/Student Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment during the application period.

Postal Address

Admissions Office, Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University

3-11 Tsurukabuto, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501 JAPAN

(2) Application Period

- July 18, 2017 – July 24, 2017 (for Department of Human Development)
- January 22, 2018 – January 26, 2018 (for Department of Human Development and Department of Human Environmental Science)

(3) Application Materials

The following is a list of documents required for application:

- Application Form,
- Transcript
- Certificate of (Expected) Degree Conferment
- Master's Thesis
- Academic papers
- Research Plan at Kobe University
- Application Fee (¥30,000)

5. Selection Method

Selection is made based on the review of the submitted documents and an oral examination.

6. Date and Place of Examination, Examination Results

Application Period	Date of Examination	Examination Results
July 18, 2017 – July 24, 2017	August 24, 2017	September 20, 2017
January 22, 2018 – January 26, 2018	March 2, 2018	March 8, 2018

Examination is given at the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University.

7. Inquiries

The Academic/Student Affairs Office

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