

1. Overview of the Minor Program / Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies

Osaka University offers its graduate students many opportunities to study in fields outside of their areas of specialization, as well as related fields in which they can apply their expertise while working on their academic major. The Graduate Minor Program and Graduate Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies are educational programs in which subjects are systematically organized according to certain academic themes for students to effectively acquire multifaceted and comprehensive perspectives. In either program, students will be able to proactively take subjects that they are interested in, allowing them to explore the latest issues in the real world and academia while working with academic staff and students from different disciplines. Students will be awarded a certificate of completion for the program when a student satisfies the requirements specified for the program.

2. Course registration

(1) Registration Process

To register for a program, students are required to check the details and conditions for completion etc. for each program before submitting their **application for a program**. (It is possible to apply for more than one program at the same time.)

The student will then **register for the program subjects** in each semester through the KOAN system and aim to acquire the specified credits. A certificate of completion for the program will be issued to students who have completed the program.

(2) Eligible students

Graduate Students of Osaka University (except Credited Auditors and special auditors)

However, fifth and sixth-year students* enrolled in 6-year undergraduate courses of the university (Faculty of Medicine, School of Dentistry, and School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) are also eligible to register for some programs offered under the Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies.

* The terms “graduate school/major” and “completion” are used under the assumption that the students in the program are graduate students, please replace “graduate school/major” with “undergraduate faculty/department” and “completion” with “graduation” wherever deemed necessary.

3. Contents of each program

(1) Program Curriculum

The curriculum of each program is planned by the department implementing the program and other collaborating departments*, and these departments also determine the program subjects and the number of credits required for completion. In principle, the subjects of a program consist of subjects provided by the department implementing the program and other collaborating departments.

For details about each program, please refer to <http://osku.jp/p0646> or other materials issued by each specific program, or search for the syllabus on KOAN.

* The term “department” here refers to a “faculty/graduate school,” “research institute,” “joint-use facility,” or “national joint-use facility” established at Osaka University. The department implementing the program refers to the organization (such as a graduate school) which plans a Minor Program/Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies and is responsible for the program offered, and a collaborating department refers to departments other than the implementing department when a program is provided through the collaboration of multiple organizations (such as graduate schools). The role of each collaborating departments varies according to the program.

(2) Subjects offered in each program

Please note that the subjects specified for a program will be offered within the standard term of study for students registered in the program, but it is not guaranteed that those subjects will be offered after the end of the term of study due to reasons such as a change in curriculum.

4. Program completion and awarding of credits

(1) Requirements for program completion

To complete a program, the following requirement must be satisfied:

- [1] The student has completed the registration procedure as a student participating in the program according to the method specified for the corresponding program,
- [2] The student has acquired 14 credits* or more from the subjects specified for the program in a Minor Program, and 7 credits* or more for a Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies,
- [3] The student satisfies the completion requirements defined for each program.

*The minimum number of credits specified here are merely set as a guideline. In practice, the set requirements varies depending on the program and there may be more requirements than the above conditions, or compulsory subjects may be specified. Please be sure to refer to <http://osku.jp/p0646>.

(2) Program completion

When all the conditions necessary for completing a program are satisfied, the student will be awarded a certificate of completion for the program in March or September. The certificate of completion will be issued by the academic affairs at the graduate school to which the student belongs.

(3) Validity of credits acquired prior to program application

If a student has taken a subject specified for a program before applying to register in the program, the credits which are already acquired may be approved as part of the credit requirement for completion of the program. For details, please contact the department implementing each program.

(4) Validity of credits acquired when a student graduates from the graduate school without completing the program

In the case that a student completes the graduate school program or withdraws from the school without completing the registered program, and a student has acquired credits for the corresponding program, the credits may be approved as credits already acquired for an “Advanced Program for Credited Auditors*” which the student may apply for. For details, please contact the department implementing each program.

*Established according to the School Education Act, the “Advanced Program for Credited Auditors” is a program based on the academic certification system which is open to working adults not enrolled in the university. Some programs may cover contents which overlap with those of Minor Program/Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies.

5. Program application and other process

(1) Process required at the start of a program

To participate in the program, students are required to go through **the process for both program application and course registration for program subjects**.

The process for **program application** may be done through the Apply for Programs (KOAN) system or by submission of application forms and other documents, depending on the program being applied for. The application process and period through KOAN will be announced on the KOAN bulletin board at the beginning of the spring and fall terms. The application process and period by submission of the application form will be announced in a booklet issued by each program or on their websites.

Please **register for program subjects** through KOAN for each semester within the specified registration period.

In addition to registration on KOAN, students may be required to submit applications to register for program subjects at the beginning of each school year or each semester, depending on the program. Please follow the instructions for each program.

(2) Notifications concerning programs and program subjects

While the implementing department will notify you of the requirements for each program, in general, notification regarding matters related to program subjects (class cancellation, assignments and so forth) will be issued by the department offering the subject. These notifications are generally made through the KOAN information system (bulletin board etc.). However, as some programs may use e-mails or their website to issue notifications, so please follow the relevant instructions for each program.

(3) Inquiries about programs

If you have any other questions or matters you need to notify us about related to the program, please contact the office in charge at the department implementing the program.

<Program application period through the KOAN Apply for Programs system for 2020 Spring Term>

April 8th(Wed.)15:00 to 16th(Thu.) 13:00, 2020

<Registration period for program subjects>

Subjects offered by the graduate school to which the student belongs –

Registration period specified by the graduate school

Subjects offered by other schools or departments –

April 8th(Wed.)15:00 to 16th(Thu.)13:00, 2020

(When registering for a subject in Spring term, Summer term, Spring - Summer term of 2020 or a full-year subject)

* For later terms, please register within the period specified for each term.

User guide for the Apply for Programs (KOAN) system

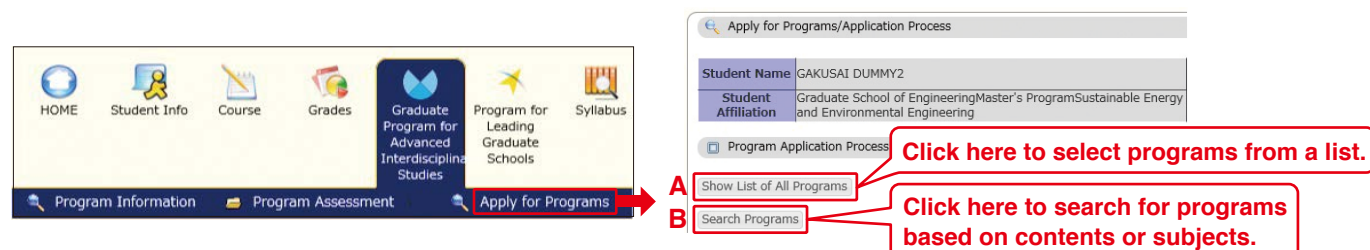
The following user instructions apply to programs which accept program applications through KOAN's Apply for Programs system. Some programs only accept application by methods other than the Apply for Programs system. Please check the application method for your program on the program details page of the Apply for Programs website, information booklets, program website etc.

1.<Login>

Log into **KOAN** and click  to enter the Apply for **Programs** system

2.<Select the programs you are interested in>

Click **A** or **B**, search for programs and select the ones you are interested in.



The screenshot shows the KOAN system home page. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with buttons: HOME, Student Info, Course, Grades, Graduate Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies, Program for Leading Graduate Schools, and Syllabus. Below this is a secondary bar with Program Information, Program Assessment, and Apply for Programs. A red arrow points from the 'Apply for Programs' button to a callout box. The callout box contains two options: 'A Show List of All Programs' and 'B Search Programs'. A red speech bubble points to option A with the text 'Click here to select programs from a list.' Another red speech bubble points to option B with the text 'Click here to search for programs based on contents or subjects.'

3.<Check the Detail of Programs and Apply for Programs>

Click the "Apply for Program" button located at the bottom of the program details, then click "Course Registration" on the confirmation screen to complete your programs application.

Basic Information						
Year	2020 Academic Year					
Program Category	Graduate Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies					
Program Name	Global Japanese Studies					

Course Code	BRIEFING (No. of Courses: 1-5)	Credits	Course Semester	Day/Period	Course Department (Program)	Remarks
204750	Issues in Contemporary Japanese Studies 2	2.0	Spring and Summer Term	8:4	Graduate School of Letters/Honshu University's Program	
204752	Issues in Contemporary Japanese Studies 1	2.0	Spring and Summer Term	8:4	Graduate School of Letters/Honshu University's Program	
204759	Issues in Contemporary Japanese Studies 1	2.0	Fall and Winter Terms	8:4	Graduate School of Letters/Honshu University's Program	
204753	Issues in Contemporary Japanese Studies 2	2.0	Fall and Winter Terms	8:4	Graduate School of Letters/Honshu University's Program	

[Apply for Program](#)

Apply for Programs/Application Process

Student Name: GAKUSAI DUMMY2 Student Number: DUMMY13
Student Affiliation: Graduate School of Engineering/Master's Program/Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering Student Year: 2

Program Application Process

[Show List of All Programs](#)
[Search Programs](#)

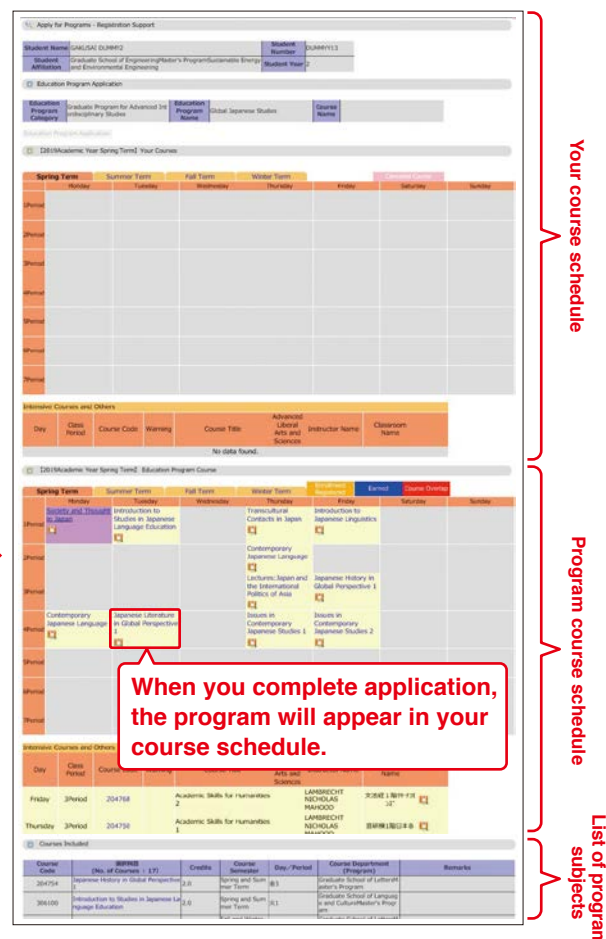
List of programs you have applied for

Category	Program Name	Course Name	Holding Organization	Application Status	Program	Registration	Course Program
Graduate Programs for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies	Global Japanese Studies		Graduate School of Letters	Completed			
			Currently Applying			Course Registration	Cancel

You can cancel your application at any time during the application period.

4.<Apply for a Program Courses>

During the application process, you can view and compare your own course schedule and the program course schedule you wish to enroll in.



The screenshot shows the 'Apply for Programs - Registration Support' page. It displays a 'Your course schedule' table with columns for Spring Term, Summer Term, Fall Term, and Winter Term, and rows for Monday through Sunday. Below this is a 'Program course schedule' table with columns for Day, Class Period, Course Code, Warning, Course Title, Instructor Name, and Classroom Name. A red speech bubble points to the 'Program course schedule' table with the text 'When you complete application, the program will appear in your course schedule.' At the bottom, there is a 'List of program subjects' table with columns for Course Code, BRIEFING (No. of Courses: 1-5), Credits, Course Semester, Day/Period, Course Department (Program), and Remarks.