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Application Guidelines
for the Doctoral Program

General Entrance Examination
Admission Examination for Adults
Admission Examination for International
Students

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https://www.imc.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/graduate_students/application_requirements.html

International Media-Communication/Tourism Creation Major

Graduate School of International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies (IMCTS)

Hokkaido University

● Objectives

Our doctoral program aims to make our students acquire the following abilities:

- Ability to consider and investigate effective ways of public relations, organization construction, and linguistic communication in this highly information-oriented society
- Ability to construct methods of contributing to creation of local communities in the context of active mobility of humans and cultures
- Ability to discover and manage the values of local resources, and create ways to make them public and realized in a global scale

● Admissions Policy

This doctoral program is open to students who are enthusiastic about developing their knowledge and intellect regarding media-communication and tourism for the purpose of helping to solve challenges of contemporary society in which the advancement of information technologies is in progress and intercultural interactions have become everyday events with the increasing movements of people. Diverse students, including adults and international students, are actively accepted. This doctoral program is specifically open to the following students.

- Students who have the focused intention of autonomously conducting research on the basis of advanced technical knowledge about tourism and media-communication. Thus, the students must be able to accurately analyze actual issues that beset the contemporary world toward developing cutting-edge models that will help to solve these issues.
- Students who are eager to engage in the development of networks and organizations that are useful for encouraging diverse actors from the academic, business, governmental, and private sectors to collaborate with each other. Thus, the students must be able to creatively conceptualize

systems for facilitating external and internal communication and exchanges for the purpose of helping local people to live with pride in, and attachment to, their communities.

Students, with the above intentions, are expected to have acquired the knowledge/skills, thinking/judging/expressing abilities, and the attitude to learn in collaboration with various people to conduct research activities, through daily studies, work and social life.

[Basic policy for student selection]

<Doctoral Program>

Oral examinations based on submitted research plans and master's thesis comprehensively evaluate communication skills, knowledge, thinking skills, expressive skills, and attitudes towards cooperating with diverse people, which are necessary to examine highly specialized research topics and to present results of studies.

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I. Examinations for General Admission, Admission for Adults, and Admission for International Students

1. Number of Students to be Admitted

Major	Number of Students to be Admitted
International Media-Communication/Tourism Creation Major	a few (depending on vacancy)

Note: The number includes adult and international students.

2. Eligibility for Application

General admission	<u>The applicant satisfies any of the eligibility requirements (1) ~ (8) below.</u>
Admission for adults	<u>The applicant satisfies any of the eligibility requirements (1) ~ (8) below, plus either (a) or (b) described below.</u> (a) The applicant is currently serving in public office or is working for a company, an association or a school and aims to complete the doctoral program during his/her tenure of office. (b) The applicant has at least 2 years of work experience or will have earned a degree at least 3 years before the time of enrollment.
Admission for international students	<u>The applicant does not possess Japanese citizenship but does satisfy any of the eligibility requirements (1) ~ (8) below.</u>

- (1) The applicant has completed, or is expected to have completed by September 30, 2021, a Master's or Professional degree.
- (2) The applicant has completed, or is expected to have completed by September 30, 2021, a degree equivalent to a Master's or a Professional degree at a university in a country other than Japan.
- (3) The applicant has completed, or is expected to have completed by September 30, 2021, a degree equivalent to a Master's or a Professional degree after finishing a correspondence program provided by a school in a country other than Japan while residing in Japan.
- (4) The applicant has completed, or is expected to have completed, a graduate program of an educational institution in Japan that has been certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and which provides courses for a foreign graduate school within the school education system of that foreign country, and the applicant consequently has been or is expected to be conferred with a degree equivalent to a Master's or a Professional degree by September 30, 2021.
- (5) The applicant has completed or is expected to have completed a program at the United Nations University that was established in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly resolution of December 11, 1972, as set forth in Paragraph 2, Article 1 of the "Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan Regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University" (Act No. 72 of 1976), and the applicant has been conferred or is expected to be conferred with a degree equivalent to that of a Master's degree by September 30, 2021.
- (6) The applicant has followed a curriculum at a school abroad, an educational institution specified in eligibility item (4) above, or the United Nations University, has passed examinations and screening equivalent to those specified in Article 16 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, and has been recognized as having academic ability at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree, or the applicant is expected to be recognized as such by September 30, 2021.
- (7) The applicant falls under either of the categories 1) and 2) below that were specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in ministerial notification

No.55 of 2001. (*1), *2))

- *1) The applicant has graduated from a university, has engaged in research at a university, a research institute or other institution for at least 2 years, and has been recognized by the Graduate School of IMCTS as having academic ability at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree in light of the results of said research.
 - *2) The applicant has completed at least 16 years of school education overseas or has completed at least 16 years of a correspondence program provided by a school in a country other than Japan while residing in Japan, has engaged in research at a university, a research institute or other institution for at least 2 years, and has been recognized by the Graduate School of IMCTS as having academic ability at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree in light of the results of said research.
- (8) The applicant has been recognized by the Graduate School of IMCTS as having academic ability at least equivalent to those who have a Master's or Professional degree on the basis of an individual admission qualification screening, and the applicant will have reached the age of twenty-four (24) by September 30, 2021.

• **Special Educational Methods Pursuant to Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools**

The Graduate School of International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies has a system that provides “Special Educational Methods Pursuant to Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools” to students who have a job or who need a special educational method. By taking advantage of this system, students can learn flexibly with the approval of and under the supervision of a doctoral supervisor on the basis of the curriculum specified in the rules and regulations of the Graduate School of IMCTS.

Cf. The Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (Education Ministry Ordinance No. 28 of 1974)

Article 14 (Excerpt)

When a special need is acknowledged from an educational viewpoint in a graduate program, education may be provided by appropriate means, for example by giving classes and research guidance during evening hours, at other specific hours, or at a certain time of year.

3. Need for Preliminary Review of Applicant Eligibility

Applicants who fall under categories (3), (4), (6), (7), or (8) in “**2. Eligibility for Application**” above are subject to a preliminary review of their eligibility prior to a period during which application forms are accepted. The applicants concerned are required to submit those documents and others specified in “**8. Application Documents, etc.**” and “**9. Documents for Preliminary Review.**”

Period of application for preliminary review

From Tuesday, June 15 through Monday, June 21, 2021

(Application documents are accepted between 9:00 and 17:00)

Applicants who are subject to a preliminary review shall not make payment of an examination fee until they are notified of the preliminary review results. A notice of preliminary review results will be sent to each applicant concerned. Applicants who have qualified for an entrance examination shall make payment of an examination fee within the period specified in “**4. Application Acceptance Period and Place of Submission.**” Applications will not be accepted from applicants who fail to make payment of the examination fee within the specified

period of time.

4. Application Acceptance Period and Place of Submission

(1) Period for accepting application forms

Friday, June 25 through Thursday, July 1st, 2021

Applicants who fall under categories (1), (2), or (5) in “2. Eligibility for Application” above shall submit those documents and others specified in “8. Application Documents, etc.” within the specified period of time. A date-stamped certificate of bank transfer payment shall be affixed to the specified space. Application documents, etc., when sent by mail, must arrive no later than the final day of the application acceptance period.

(Application documents are accepted between 9:00 and 17:00)

(2) Place of submission

Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office, International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies (IMCTS), Hokkaido University

Kita 17-Jo Nishi 8-chome, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-0817 Japan

Tel. 011-706-5137 / 5116

Note: When sending application documents by post, please be sure to write “Application for admission to the doctoral program” in red on the front of the envelope and to send the documents by registered mail.

5. Selection Process and Examination Schedule

General entrance examination, admission examination for adults, and admission examination for international students

Applicants will be selected on the basis of the following: submitted documents, including their academic transcript; Master’s thesis or equivalent research achievements (or performance report in the case of applicants for admission for adults (submission can be on a voluntary basis)); research plan; and oral examination (online).

<Oral Interview Examination (online)>

Examination date: **August 20 or 23, 2021**

※Note that the applicants must on their own prepare a webcam, a PC with microphone function, and a stable online connection enabling the exam. The exact date and starting time of each applicant and the other details will be notified to the applicants when they receive the Examination Admission Ticket to be sent.

※We will carry out the network connection check on August 10 and 11 with each applicant. The details will be notified to the applicants when they receive the Examination Admission Ticket to be sent.

※Oral Interview Exam (Online) Fill-in Form (attached at the end of this broacher) must be submitted together with the application documents during the specified application period.

Examination content: The oral examination will be based on the Master’s thesis (or equivalent research achievement) and the research plan of the applicant.

The oral examination will be given in Japanese, in principle. When deemed necessary for the applicant’s research, the applicant’s competence in another language(s) might be tested.

In the admission examination for adults, the applicant’s professional expertise related to the applicant’s career might be tested.

6. Announcement of Successful Applicants

For every successful applicant, the examinee's number will be posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Graduate School of IMCTS and on its website on the date shown below. All applicants will be informed of their examination results in writing. (Telephone and e-mail inquiries will not be accepted.)

Date for the announcement of successful applicants:

approx. 10:00 (tentatively scheduled), Tuesday, August 31, 2021

7. Admission Procedures

Documents necessary for admission procedures will be sent by registered mail to successful applicants at the time of the announcement of successful applicants. The period for admission procedures is currently scheduled to run from Tuesday, September 14 to Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

8. Application Documents, etc.

The application documents necessary are listed in the chart below.

All application documents shall be written in Japanese or English.

Note: Use of ink that disappears after being rubbed by a rubber eraser (such as the ink of FriXion erasable pens) is not allowed. Be sure to use a permanent ballpoint pen to fill out the forms.

When the original certificates are written in a language other than Japanese or English, then a Japanese or English translation of these certificates shall be certified by a public agency of the applicant's home country and shall be attached to the certificates concerned.

Note: A "public agency" means an embassy or other government agency, or a university or other educational institution.

Application Documents, etc.	Additional Information
1. Application form, examination admission card, and photo ID card	Fill out the form designated by the Graduate School of IMCTS. International students shall fill out the form designated for international students.
2. Three (3) photos	Use a frontal, upper-body, hatless photo taken within three months of the application submission. One photo each shall be affixed to the application form, the examination admission card, and the photo ID card.
3. Certificate of (expected) completion	Submit a certificate of completion or expected completion issued by the president or a dean of the university at which the applicant has completed or will complete a graduate program. Submission of a certificate of (expected) completion is not required of applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a graduate program at the Graduate School of International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies or the Graduate School of International Media and Communication of Hokkaido University. ©Applicants from China (except Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) must submit the following document(s) as well. • those who have completed a graduate program: a. electronic academic certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表)

	<p>b. master's degree certificate 【original copy】 * If not available, submit the original copy of 学位证书</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those who will complete a graduate program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. online certificate of the studentship (教育部学籍在线验证报告) <p>Among above, you can obtain document (a) through the Chinese Education Certificate System (中国高等教育学历证书查询 https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp). Note also that the Web certificates you obtained must be valid more than 30 days after the date of your application.</p>
4. Academic transcript	<p>Submit a certificate of achievement issued by the president or a dean of the university at which the applicant has completed or will complete a graduate program. Submission of a certificate of (expected) completion is not required of applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a graduate program at the Graduate School of International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies or the Graduate School of International Media and Communication of Hokkaido University.</p>
5. A copy of the Master's thesis or a document equivalent to the Master's thesis	<p>Each applicant is allowed to submit up to two published research articles in addition to the Master's thesis (or an alternative to the Master's thesis). One copy of each shall be submitted. Make copies (both sides) on A4-size or letter-size paper. Clip the sheets of paper together. Applicants who have more than two research articles shall attach a list of these articles.</p>
6. Abstract of the Master's thesis (or an alternative to the Master's thesis)	<p>Condense the Master's thesis (or an alternative to the Master's thesis) in Japanese or English on about two pages of A4-size or letter-size paper. Note: The abstract shall be printed single-sided.</p>
7. Research plan	<p>Use the applicant's research topic as the title. Summarize the background, aim, content, features and expected outcome of the research, relationships with previous research activities, preparations for the research, etc. in Japanese (5,000 – 8,000 letters) or in English (2,200 – 3,500 words) within 5 pages, including references, of A4-size or letter-size paper.</p> <p>Note 1: The research plan shall be printed single-sided (both-sided and two-columns formatting are not allowed) and held with a paper clip.</p> <p>Note 2: Be sure to ask for advice from the applicant's future supervisor before submitting a research plan.</p>
8. Envelope for sending an examination admission card, etc.	<p>Clearly write the name, address, and zip code of the applicant on the front of the envelope designated by the Graduate School of IMCTS, and affix 384 yen in postage to the envelope.</p>
9. Address label	<p>Clearly write the name, address, and zip code of the applicant in the box of the address label.</p>

<p>10. Examination fee: 30,000 yen (Space for affixing an examination fee receipt (= a date-stamped certificate of bank transfer payment))</p>	<p>Use the bound-in payment slip to make a payment with a teller at a bank (including Japan Post Bank.) The date-stamped examination fee receipt (Form E) shall be affixed to the specified space. Be sure to keep the transfer payment invoice and receipt (Form D.) Applicants who are subject to a preliminary review according to “3. Need for Preliminary Review of Applicant Eligibility” shall pay the examination fee after having been notified of the preliminary review result. Applicants who are expected to complete a Master’s or Professional Degree Program at the Graduate School of IMCTS (or at another Graduate School of Hokkaido University) are not required to pay an examination fee. Japanese government scholarship students, students supported by the China Scholarship Council (e.g., those supported by the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program), Hokkaido University President’s Fellowship recipients, and international students at Hokkaido University who are (or are expected to be) under a special grant program might be exempt from the examination fee. These students need to inquire with the Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office of IMCTS in advance about their eligibility for the exemption.</p>
<p>11. Performance report Note: <u>Applicable only to those who will take an admission examination for adults;</u> Submission on a voluntary basis</p>	<p>Applicants who have a job or work experience can submit a performance report in any format that shows the achievements or other results of their work or other activities. Performance reports shall be condensed into up to two pages in Japanese on A4-size or letter-size paper. Note: The report shall be printed single-sided, and held with a paper clip.</p>
<p>12. Document for proving foreign citizenship Note: <u>Applicable only to those who will take an admission examination for international students</u></p>	<p>Submit a copy of the applicant's passport or the residence card. In the case that the applicant is staying in Japan, a copy of the page showing the status and duration of the applicant’s residence is also necessary.</p>
<p>13. Copy of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test score sheet Note: <u>Applicable only to those who will take an admission examination for international students;</u> Submission on a voluntary basis</p>	<p>Applicants who have taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test jointly organized by the Japan Foundation and Japan Educational Exchanges and Services may choose to submit their test scores.</p>
<p>14. Oral Interview Exam (Online) Fill-in Form</p>	<p>Fill out the form designated by the Graduate School of IMCTS.</p>

Notes

1. Be sure to ask for advice from the applicant's future supervisor before creating a research plan.
2. Write the name of the applicant's future supervisor in the specified space on the application form after gaining the consent of the supervisor.
3. Refer to "VII. List of Supervisors" and the following website for the names of faculty members and their research.
https://www.imc.hokudai.ac.jp/english/academics/faculty_profiles/
4. Applicants who need advice about choosing a supervisor should e-mail the Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office of IMCTS for inquiries by 17:00, Friday, June 18, 2021. (Title the e-mail "About my future supervisor.")
E-mail address of Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office of IMCTS: nyuushi@imc.hokudai.ac.jp

9. Documents for Submission by Applicants Who Need Preliminary Review of Applicant Eligibility

Applicants who fall under categories (3), (4), (6), (7), or (8) in "2. Eligibility for Application" above shall submit the documents described below in addition to the documents specified in "8. Application Documents, etc." Submit the following documents within the application period specified in "3. Need for Preliminary Review of Applicant Eligibility."

Applicant Eligibility	Documents for Submission
(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application form for preliminary review of applicant eligibility (a bound-in form) ○ Certificate of degree conferral ○ Letter of recommendation by the applicant's supervisor at the most recent school in the applicant's educational background (in any format)
(4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application form for preliminary review of applicant eligibility (a bound-in form) ○ Certificate of degree conferral ○ Letter of recommendation by the applicant's supervisor at the most recent school in the applicant's educational background (in any format)
(6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application form for preliminary review of applicant eligibility (a bound-in form) ○ Letter of recommendation by the applicant's supervisor at the most recent school in the applicant's educational background (in any format)
(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application form for preliminary review of applicant eligibility (a bound-in form) ○ List of research results, and copies of major research papers (in any format) ○ Certificate certifying the research history of the applicant in terms of research subjects and of research institutes that was issued by the applicant's direct supervisor at the research institute to which the applicant belongs or belonged (in any format) ○ Certificate of graduation
(8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application form for preliminary review of applicant eligibility (a bound-in form) ○ List of research results, and copies of major research papers (in any format) ○ Certificate certifying the research history of the applicant in terms of research subjects and of research institutes that was issued by the applicant's direct supervisor at the research institute to which the

	applicant belongs or belonged (in any format) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certificate of graduation from the most recent school in the applicant's educational background ○ Academic transcript issued by the most recent school in the applicant's educational background
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II. Admission Fee and Tuition

- (1) Admission fee: 282,000 yen
 (2) Tuition: 535,800 yen (estimated amount): Half of this amount shall be paid in the first semester and the balance in the second semester

Notes: 1) When the tuition and fees are revised at or after the student's admission to the Graduate School of IMCTS, revised tuition and fees shall be applied from then on.

- 2) Failure to pay the admission fee within the designated period of admission procedures shall be deemed as admission cancellation.
 3) The tuition shall be paid in each semester.

III. Important Reminder

- (1) The examination fee will not be refunded but the following.
 1) The applicant completed payment of the examination fee, but did not apply for admission (i.e., no application documents were submitted, nor were application documents accepted.) 2) Payment of the examination fee was made twice by mistake.

【Inquiries about refund methods】

Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office of IMCTS, Hokkaido University
 (Tel. 011-706-5137 / 5116, E-mail: nyuushi@imc.hokudai.ac.jp)

- (2) On the day of the examination, the applicant must bring the examination admission card that has been sent to the applicant after the application documents have been accepted.
 (3) When it is found that the submitted documents contain false statements, the admission may be cancelled.

- (4) Applicants who wish to receive "Application Guidelines for the Doctoral Program" by mail shall request them by sending a prepaid return envelope to the Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office of IMCTS. The return envelope should be large enough to hold an A4-size brochure. Clearly write the name, address, and zip code of the applicant on the front of the envelope, and affix 250 yen in postage (540 yen in postage for express mail) to the envelope. Be sure to clearly indicate "Request for the Application Guidelines for the Doctoral Program" on the front of the envelope that encloses the return envelope. Attach a memo writing how to reach you (telephone number/E-mail address, etc.)

Be sure to clearly write "Request for the Application Guidelines for the Doctoral Program" and "Request for an Application Form for Long-term Course Enrollment" on the front of the envelope if you are an applicant who intends to study for an extended period of time.

IV. Other

Applicants who need special consideration due to an illness, injury, or disability in taking the entrance examination and the doctoral course shall inform the Graduate School of IMCTS of that need before applying for admission so that the Graduate School will be able to consider necessary

support. (Contact: Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office, IMCTS (Tel. 011-706-5137 / 5116, E-mail: nyuushi@imc.hokudai.ac.jp))

<Inquiries about application for admission and entrance examination>

Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office, International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies (IMCTS), Hokkaido University

Kita 17-Jo Nishi 8-chome, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-0817 Japan

Tel. 011-706-5137 / 5116, E-mail: nyuushi@imc.hokudai.ac.jp

Note: Inquiries shall be made by the applicant him/herself, except in the event of uncontrollable circumstances.

V. Scholarship Program of the Graduate School of International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies

The Graduate School of International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies has a scholarship program for applicants who have been accepted to the doctoral program. Applicants who have achieved outstanding results in the entrance examination and have made a commitment to enroll will receive a lump-sum payment equivalent to the admission fee (approx. 282,000 yen) after enrollment.

Scholarship candidates will be informed of their eligibility for the scholarship when they receive an acceptance letter.

VI. Eligibility and Application Procedures for Long-term Course Enrollment

1. Aim of the long-term course enrollment system

Under the long-term course enrollment system, the Graduate School of IMCTS allows students who have applied for the use of the system to spend more years than are typically required for the completion of a graduate program (i.e., 2 years for a Master's program, and 3 years for a Doctoral program.) Eligible applicants are those who have a job or other circumstances that prevent them from securing the study time necessary to earn credits and receive research guidance. These applicants need to submit application documents and a plan for completing the course of study in a specific period of time. The Graduate School of IMCTS processes each application and determines the applicant's eligibility.

2. Eligibility for application

Applicants are eligible for application when 1) they fall under any of the following categories, and 2) they wish to take more years than are typically required to complete a graduate program and to complete their research plan because they cannot concentrate on their studies due to the circumstances stated below.

- (1) The applicant is currently serving in public office or working for a company or other organization (excluding those who are excused from their duties at work and are receiving their pay), is self-employed, or has another kind of full-time job.
- (2) The applicant is working part-time, and the applicant's workload significantly affects the hours available for completing the course of study.
- (3) The applicant is caring for a child or a family member, and the applicant's workload significantly affects hours available for completing the course of study.
- (4) The applicant is physically, visually, hearing, or otherwise impaired, and the impairment significantly affects hours available for completing the course of study over a prolonged period of time.

3. Application procedures

Applicants for the long-term course enrollment system shall include the following documents among their application documents.

- ① Application for long-term course enrollment (Form 1)
- ② Plan for long-term course enrollment (Form 2)
- ③ Documents proving that long-term course enrollment is necessary (e.g. proof of employment, copy of a maternal and child health handbook, etc.)

4. Notification of the screening result

Submitted documents will be examined, and applicants will be notified of the examination results early in March.

5. Term of enrollment

The term of enrollment can be extended in one-year units. In the doctoral program, the total period of enrollment is between 4 and 6 years.

The academic year runs from April through March.

6. Tuition

The annual tuition of a student admitted under the long-term course enrollment system is calculated as follows: [Standard annual tuition] x 3 ÷ [the number of years the student intends to take to complete the course of study]

The annual tuition will be recalculated if the standard annual tuition is revised or if a change to the student's long-term enrollment plan is authorized. There will be no revision to tuitions already paid.

7. Change to the number of years for completing a course of study

Under exceptional circumstances, students can make a one-time application for a shortening or extension of the years for completing a course of study.

(1) Shortening of the period of enrollment

In the doctoral program, the period of enrollment can be shortened to the number of years required for completion of a course of study (= 3 years) plus 1 year (i.e., 4 years.)

An application for the shortening of the period of enrollment should be made in the academic year immediately before the final academic year in the shortened period of enrollment.

(2) Extension of the period of enrollment

Students can apply for an extension of the period of enrollment in any year other than their final academic year.

In the doctoral program, a course of study should be completed in no more than 6 years.

(3) The annual tuition will be recalculated in the event that the period of enrollment is shortened or extended. Any overpayment or underpayment will be adjusted according to the years for completing a course of study, but tuition already paid will not be refunded.

8. Other

You may apply to the Long-Term Course Enrollment at the time of admission, or at the end of the first academic year or the second academic year. In that case, however, the total tuition will be larger than applying at the time of admission. Note also that you may not apply at the end of the last year.

Please make inquiries with the Academic Affairs Division, Administration Office of IMCTS regarding a request for an application form or questions.

VII. Privacy Policy

- (1) Hokkaido University takes all possible measures to ensure the protection of personal information in compliance with the Law for the Protection of Personal Information Retained by Independent Administrative Institutions and EU General Data Protection Regulation (henceforth, GDPR), on the basis of the Hokkaido University Regulations on Personal Information Management.
- (2) Names, addresses, and other personal information that are disclosed in the application process and each entrance examination/interview will be used only for the following purposes: i) the selection of doctoral students (application processes and examinations/interviews); ii) the announcement of successful applicants; iii) admission procedures; iv) research and surveys on applicant selection methods; and v) other business associated with i)~iv).
- (3) For successful applicants, the personal information disclosed for the purpose of application will be used after their enrollment for the following purposes: i) administration procedures (student registration, support on the basis of academic records, etc.); ii) student support (health management, applications for scholarships and/or dormitory admission, welfare supports, etc.); iii) job hunting support, iv) the collection of tuition, v) library admission, vi) IT facility use admission, vii) emergency contact, viii) sending university information.
- (4) The entrance examination records of applicants will be used to improve the selection methods and future entrance examinations.
- (5) Regarding the personal information referred to in (2) above, names and addresses alone might be used for the purpose of correspondence by the Hokkaido University Frontier Foundation and by the following organizations related to Hokkaido University: i) the Hokkaido University Athletic Union; and ii) the alumni association of the Graduate School of International Media-Communication and Tourism Studies.
- (6) Hokkaido University will keep your personal data for five years counting from the subsequent fiscal year (from April to March) after the fiscal year your data was collected.
- (7) Hokkaido University processes your personal data with your consent (GDPR, Article 6, Paragraph 1 (a)).
- (8) You can withdraw your consent at any time. Your withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of your personal data that has already been processed with your consent prior to the withdrawal.
- (9) You, as data subject (an individual whose personal data is collected, held and processed), have the following rights as stated in GDPR, as well as other related laws and regulations: (1) to access your personal data; (2) to have your inaccurate personal data corrected; (3) to have your personal data deleted where appropriate; (4) to restrict the processing of your personal data; (5) to object the processing of your personal data; and (6) to transfer your personal data to third-party entities.

(10) If you have provided your personal data within the EEA (European Economic Area) and are not happy with the way Hokkaido University handles your personal data, you have the right to file a complaint to a supervisory authority defined in GDPR (Article 51, Paragraph 1).

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VII. List of Supervisors

Note 1: The list shows the faculty members of the Graduate School of IMCTS as of May 2021.

Note 2: Any changes to the list after May 2021 will be posted on the website of the Graduate School of IMCTS.

Note 3: “Content of research guidance” indicates each supervisor’s major teaching content in the context of “Special Research on International Media-Communication/Tourism Creation” that students conduct toward the completion of their doctoral dissertations.

Note 4: Refer to the website of the Graduate School of IMCTS (https://www.imc.hokudai.ac.jp/english/academics/faculty_profiles/) for the e-mail address and the details of research and teaching content of each faculty member.

Professor

Name	Content of research guidance
ITO, Naoya	I supervise students towards enabling them to become independent researchers who, in the field of consumer behavior in our ICT society, can advance and publish their research in proper fashion.
USAMI, Shinkichi	I supervise students towards enabling them to become independent researchers in the field of the Cultural Studies who can advance their research on images, media and culture.
EGUCHI, Yutaka	Students will acquire the ability to analyze and reflect on phenomena in the field of media history, especially on the emergence of the newspaper as the first mode of public communication in German-speaking areas.
EDELHEIM, Johan	I supervise students on topics related to power and politics in tourism and related to hospitality phenomena and attractions, as well as supervising them on learning, teaching, and research in tourism and hospitality higher education.
OKU, Satoshi	I supervise students towards enabling them to become independent researchers in the field of theoretical linguistics who can advance and publish their research in proper fashion.
KAWAI, Yasushi	Students will learn to investigate issues in applied linguistics regarding multi-layered language environments from the perspective of individual differences in SLA.
KITAMURA, Michio	I supervise students in the field of strategic public relations or tourism destination marketing in the public sector.
KIMURA, Hiroshi	I supervise analyses of sustainable destination development from a management perspective.
KOBAYASHI, Yoshiko	I supervise students towards enabling them to become independent researchers who can advance and publish their research in the field of language learning (Japanese as a second/foreign language) from the point of view of cognitive psychology.
SASADA, Hironori	Students will acquire the ability to conduct research regarding the political economy of Japan or East Asia from the perspectives of comparative politics and international political economy.
XI, Ru	Students will acquire the ability to think and observe the complex structures and functions of journalism through the media’s relationships with politics, economy, society and technology.

SHIMIZU, Kenichiro	I supervise students towards enabling them to acquire the research skills needed in the field of tourism, focusing on the problems of time/space, self/other, communication and cocreation, etc., especially from philosophical viewpoints.
SHIROYAMA, Hidemi	I supervise students towards writing empirical papers based on historical facts discovered by investigative journalism using primary historical materials and oral history regarding Japan,China and Sino- Japanese relations from prewar to the present.
SUZUKI, Shinobu	I supervise students in their pursuit of research in the field of communication studies, which involves messages and message exchange processes of human communication.
SUZUKI, Junichi	Towards enabling students to become independent researchers in the field of social theory and the public sphere, I supervise those who can advance and publish their research in proper fashion.
TAKAHASHI, Aya	I supervise students on international exchanges and communication from a historical perspective.
TAKENAKA, Nozomi	I supervise students in the fields of comparative culture, French culture, and French area studies, so that they become able to make oral presentations and to write academic papers.
JUNG Hyeseon	Students will learn how to design and implement research in the field of sociolinguistics and Japanese-Korean contrastive linguistics.
TSUJIMOTO, Atsushi	Students will develop critical thinking on communication phenomena related to organizations and will acquire practical skills for social research.
NAKAGAWA, Satoru	I supervise students towards enabling them to become independent researchers who can deal with marketing strategy, business strategy, global strategy, management, and governance.
NAGASHIMA, Miori	Students will acquire competency in interdisciplinary and sociological research skills relating to various modern environmental and/or risk issues at both the national and the global levels.
NISHIKAWA, Katsuyuki	I supervise students towards enabling them to conduct research on various tourist practices in modern society from the standpoint of socio-cultural studies.
NISHIMURA, Ryuichi	I supervise students towards enabling them to acquire the ability to consider contemporary phenomena of media culture from the perspective of media philosophy or media culture theories.
NISHIYAMA, Noriaki	I supervise students so that they can train their ability to consider regional challenges related to tourism development and regional development from the perspective of planning and management methodologies.
HASHIMOTO, Satoshi	I supervise students in the field of linguistic and cultural diversity management. The main focus is on supranational frameworks, standardization, and network activities in Europe and East Asia.
HAMAI, Yumiko	I supervise students towards enabling them to research the relationship between ethnic identity and the media from the perspective of media and cultural studies.
HYUN, Mooam	I supervise students towards enabling them to study the phenomenon of media communication in East Asia from the perspective of political sociology.

YAMASHITA, Yoshitaka	Students will acquire a theoretical background in Japanese grammar so as to be able to teach Japanese efficiently to foreign students.
YAMADA, Yoshihiro	I supervise students towards enabling them to investigate social phenomena in the field of information, media and tourism, especially from the viewpoint of communication.
Yamamura, Takayoshi	Students will acquire the theoretical frameworks and field survey methods they need to analyze and discuss tourism phenomena structurally from the perspective of “content tourism”.
WATANABE, Kohei	I provide students with some of the academic skills they will need to publish research papers about media in East Asia, including Japan.

Associate Professor

Name	Content of research guidance
ASANO, Yuki	Students will learn how to statistically analyze linguistic data and to write English journal papers in the field of psycholinguistics, first/second language acquisition and music acquisition, phonetics and phonology, and language testing theory.
ABE, Makoto	Students will learn second language pragmatics through reviewing theories, methodologies, and previous studies.
AMADA, Akinori	Students will learn how to apply anthropological theories and methods to their own research topics on tourism.
ISHIGURO, Yusuke	I will supervise students towards enabling them to consider the various aspects of destination management and its organizational solutions, especially from the perspectives of management and policy.
ITO, Takayuki	Students will acquire the methods they need to research modern Japanese language in the fields of Japanese language history and Japanese language teaching history from materials published since the Meiji era.
UEDA, Hirofumi	I supervise students in the field of sustainable regional planning from the viewpoint of landscapes.
OTOMO, Ruriko	I supervise students in sociolinguistics research particularly in the field of language policy. Students will understand basic assumptions of sociolinguistics and conceptual frameworks to approach the link between language and social issues.
OKAMOTO, Ryosuke	Towards enabling students to become independent researchers in the field of the sociology of tourism and religion, I supervise students so that they can advance and publish their research in a proper fashion.
KANEYAMA, Jun	Students will acquire the skills needed to develop and publish their research on multi-platform media from the perspective of social theory.
KIM, Sungmin	Towards enabling students to become creative researchers in the field of media and cultural studies, I supervise students so that they can carry out interpretive critical research.
COOK, Emma Elizabeth	I supervise students in anthropological research on gender, the body, and health in contemporary Japan.

KLIENT, Susanne	I supervise students on lifestyle migration and issues pertaining to work and precarity. Students will acquire ethnographic skills and methods related to grounded theory.
SAITO, Takuya	Students will have a solid grounding in research on media and society research, and in political theory and the history of ideas, and they will receive methodological research training for more advanced study.
SAKAMA, Hiroshi	I supervise students towards enabling them to acquire the ability to conduct research and practice by using theoretical studies of languages and knowledge of education.
SHILTZ, Michael	I supervise students in the field of Asian economic history (mostly financial history), exploring both quantitative and qualitative methods.
JANG, Juhyeok	Students can develop the ability of quantitative research on the use of online word-of-mouth and its effective management method.
TASHIRO, Akiko	I supervise students in the field of Heritage Studies, including on tourism, heritages and international cooperation on monument conservation.
TANABE, Tetsu	I supervise students in the field of multimedia technology.
TSUCHINAGA, Takashi	I supervise students who are interested in researching areas covering language, media, education, ethics, etc., in terms of the relationship between social minorities and majorities.
TOMINARI, Ayako	Students will acquire the ability to analyse and discuss media discourse in relation to gender and to write papers in a proper fashion.
NOZAWA, Shunsuke	I supervise students interested in linguistic anthropology and social semiotics working on topics such as language ideology and media culture, with emphasis on ethnography of communication.
PAICHADZE, Svetlana	I supervise students who are interested in the history and present time of the migration of people in East Asia and Russia.
HARA, Yurie	I supervise students in the field of theoretical linguistics. Students will acquire the analytical methods they need to construct data-driven theories in conducting (cross-)linguistic research.
HARADA, Mami	I supervise students towards enabling them to conduct research on gender representation in the media through their analysis of media content in combination with social context.
HIRATA, Miki	Students will acquire the ability to analyze verbal and non-verbal behaviors in spontaneous interactions between participants, using video and voice data.
FIRKOLA, Peter	Students will acquire practical knowledge in the field of human resource management (HRM). Specific research areas include recruitment and career development.
FUJINO, Yohei	I supervise students towards enabling them to become researchers in the field of media and society using anthropological methods.
MASUDA, Noriko	I supervise students in the fields of art history and visual culture studies (film, TV, manga, anime, etc.).
YAMADA, Etsuko	I supervise students on research into intercultural communication between people from different cultural backgrounds, aiming at proper academic standards.

WATANABE, Masahito	I supervise students towards enabling them to become independent researchers in the field of political science, particularly on the dynamics between politics and the media.
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Lecturer

Name	Content of research guidance
BULL, Jonathan Edward	I supervise students who are interested in the history of the collapse of the Japanese empire and the subsequent mass movements of people in East Asia.

VIII. Supervisors to be Appointed

The following is the list of professors (and their fields of study) who can supervise doctoral course students **exclusively in English**. The information is as of May, 2021. (The asterisk* indicates that the professor may act as a secondary supervisor for English-only students.)

<Public Communication Study>

Nagashima, Miori: sociological risk research

Tsuchinaga, Takashi*: disability studies

Wang, Bing*: civil society and media, Chinese journalism, civil discourse and social media

<International Public Relations Study>

Firkola, Peter*: human resource management (HRM, recruitment, career development)

Ito, Naoya: consumer behaviorism, tourism Informatics, PR effective studies

Jang, Juhyeok*: managerial accounting, quality costing, service quality management

Tsujimoto, Atsushi: organization theory, risk management, SNS communication theory

Nakagawa, Satoru*: marketing strategy, business strategy, global strategy, management, and governance

<Media and Culture Study>

Hamai, Yumiko: British studies (British contemporary history), race and ethnic studies

Harada, Mami: gender studies, area studies, women's history of New Zealand

Tominari, Ayako: discourse analysis (critical discourse analysis), gender and language

<Linguistic Communication>

Hara, Yurie: theoretical linguistics, formal semantics, pragmatics, Japanese linguistics, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics

Kawai, Yasushi: applied linguistics (learner variables in second language acquisition: learning strategies, learning styles, motivation)

Oku, Satoshi: theoretical linguistics (generative grammar), comparative syntax (Japanese, English, Chinese, etc.) (phrase structure building, labeling, ellipsis, verbal compounds)

Otomo, Ruriko: (critical) sociolinguistic, applied linguistics (language policy and planning, language ideology, bi/multilingualism)

Sakama, Hiroshi*: general phonetics and phonology (target language: Japanese, English, German, Chinese)

Suzuki, Shinobu*: communication studies (studies of human communication messages and behaviors in interpersonal and intercultural contexts) (quantitative studies, surveys, experiments, content analysis, theory-based comparative communication research)

Abe, Makoto*: second language pragmatics (reviewing theories, methodologies, and literature review).

<International Regional Culture Study>

Edelheim, Johan: critical tourism research, cultural studies, tourism philosophy, qualitative methodologies (narrative-, discourse-, content- analysis; existential-, linguistic-phenomenology), tourism higher education, Indigenous matters, Identity

Kim, Sungmin: cultural theory and popular culture, cultural studies, media and communication, sociology of tourism, urbanism or music, cultural flows in East Asia

Nishikawa, Katsuyuki: socio-cultural studies in tourism (tourism and modernity)

Okamoto, Ryosuke*: sociology of tourism and religious culture

Paichadze, Svetlana: multiculturalism, migration studies, border studies

Tashiro, Akiko: heritage studies, heritage tourism, and public archaeology

Yamada, Yoshihiro*: tourism studies (tourism and communication, tourism and media, etc.), communication studies (communication and a theory of mind, community and communication)

<Tourism Creation and Regional Tourism Management>

Ishiguro, Yusuke: destination management, DMO, tourism policy, tourism for development

Nishiyama, Noriaki: tourism design, cultural heritage management

Yamamura, Takayoshi: tourism development studies (contents tourism, community base tourism, heritage tourism)

<Modern Japanese Studies>

Bull, Jonathan: end of the Japanese Empire, decolonization, post-colonial memory, forced migration narratives, oral history

Cook, Emma: medical anthropology (health and illness), anthropology of food, gender and sexuality

Klien, Susanne: anthropology, Japanese studies, lifestyle migration, mobility studies, rural revitalization, rural Japan, depopulation, ethnography, disaster anthropology, ritual studies

Sasada, Hironori: political science, party politics, electoral study, trade policy

Schiltz, Michael: economic and financial history of Asia, Japan

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- ※1. Write two email addresses and two phone numbers in case for network trouble.
- ※2. We will carry out the network connection check on August 10 and 11 with each applicant.
The starting time and details will be sent to you with Examination Admission Ticket.