

# International Graduate Program in Language Sciences

## The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies

### Application for Master's Program (2-year course)

### For the Academic Year 2018

### (Beginning in October 2018)

#### I. Aim

The aim of this program is to promote interdisciplinary education and research concerning human language from multiple perspectives of linguistics, psychology, brain science and information science. Based on recent development in linguistics and other relevant disciplines, the program seeks comprehensive understanding of issues associated with linguistic communication, language acquisition and loss, language and brain, and natural language processing. The program will be conducted in collaboration with the Research Center for Language, Brain and Cognition, which is affiliated with the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies (GSICS).

Degree offered      Master of International Cultural Studies

#### II. Curriculum

All courses in the International Graduate Program in Language Sciences are conducted in *English*. A minimum of 30 units of course work and completion of a Master's thesis are required for the Master's degree.

- (a) Basic subjects (compulsory): 4 units
- (b) Core subjects (selective): 18 units
- (c) Seminar [Individual study] (compulsory): 8 units
- (d) Master's thesis

Category	Subjects	Instructor	Unit
Basic Subjects (4 units)	Introduction to Language Science	Staff	2
	Research Methods in Linguistics	Staff	2
Core Subjects (18 units)	Generative Syntax	Daiko Takahashi	2
	Lexical Semantics	Naoyuki Ono	2
	Semantics	Kei Yoshimoto	2
	Pragmatics	Takeshi Nakamoto	2
	Contrastive Linguistics	Wataru Nakamura	2

	Cognitive Linguistics	Satoshi Uehara	2
	Second Language Acquisition	Peter John Wanner	2
	Language in Society and Culture	Hiroyuki Eto	2
	Psycholinguistics (TBA)	(TBA)	2
	Corpus Linguistics	Takeshi Okada	2
	Theoretical Analysis of Japanese	Kensaku Soejima	2
	Neurolinguistics	Hyeonjeong Jeong	2
Seminar (8 units)	Seminar in Linguistics	Supervisor	8
30 units			

### III. Application

#### 1. Positions available: 5

#### 2. Application Requirements

Applicants for the 2-year Master's Program should meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) Those who have graduated, or will graduate from a university by September 2018.
- (2) Those who have been granted, or will be granted a Bachelor's degree under the condition established by Paragraph 4 of Article 104 of the School Education Law (Law 26 of 1947, henceforth the Law) of Japan by September 2018.
- (3) Those who have completed, or will complete 16 years of education in a foreign country by September 2018.
- (4) Those who have completed, or will complete 16 years of education by finishing a correspondent course of a foreign university in Japan by September 2018.
- (5) Those who have completed, or will complete 16 years of education by finishing a course of a foreign university in Japan by September 2018. The course of the university should be one that has been approved by the educational system of that country and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.
- (6) Those who have been conferred, or will be conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree upon completion of a curriculum that has a course term of three years or longer at a university or other school (limited to schools whose overall educational and research activities have been evaluated by the relevant country's government or a government-approved individual, or are designated separately as having met this requirement by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan) in a foreign country (including cases in which the student completed the curriculum by taking subjects conducted by the said school via distance learning while the student resided in Japan, and cases in which the student has completed a curriculum at an educational facility that is positioned within that country's educational system as per the previous item) by September 2018.

\*Prospective students wishing to apply under this category must contact the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS by March 14, 2018.

- (7) Those who have graduated, or will graduate from a specialty course of a professional school after the date fixed by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan by September 2018. They should have completed, or will complete 4 years or more of education in that

course by September 2018, and have satisfied the other standards fixed by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. The course should be one that has been approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

- (8) Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (refer to the 5th Bulletin of 1953 from the Ministry of Education).
- (9) Those who have entered a graduate school of another university according to Paragraph 2 of Article 102 of the Law, and are judged by GSICS to have attained a sufficient standard of achievement to study in GSICS.
- (10) Those whose academic abilities are judged by GSICS to be equal to or greater than those of a university graduate, and who are 22 years of age or older at the end of September 2018. Applicants who shall fall under this category must undergo a pre-qualification examination, and are required to submit the designated documents for the purpose by March 14, 2018 in order to fulfill the requirement for fall admission.

#### Notes

- 1. Applicants that fall under the qualification (9) should undergo a pre-qualification examination according to the instructions stated in the qualification (10) above, by submitting the designated documents for the purpose.

### 3. Application Procedures

#### (1) Application items

- a) **Application Form:** Use the prescribed form.
- b) **Photograph:** Use the prescribed form.
- c) **Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation)**
- d) **Academic Transcript:** A transcript issued from the university where your undergraduate degree was conferred, and which bears the university's formal seal on it.
- e) **Statement of Research Plan:** Describe your research plan in English in a full paper in size A4 within 2,000 words.
- f) **A Sample Research Paper written in English**
- g) **A Photocopy of Formal Certificate of TOEFL® test score, TOEIC® test score or IELTS™ band score**
- h) **A Letter of Reference:** It should be written by one of your academic advisors who can evaluate your research ability well.
- i) **Statement of Financial Basis**
- j) **Certificate of Residence:** For applicants who are foreign residents of Japan at the time of application, and who have lived in Japan for more than 90 days; to be issued by the head of local municipality.
- k) **Application Fee ¥30,000:** If you live in Japan, the fee should be sent by a Postal Money Order; Do not write your name in the blank of payee of the money order. You can make a cash payment when you submit application forms directly to the Office of Academic Affairs, GSICS. If you live outside Japan, contact [int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp) in advance regarding the payment method.
- l) **A Letter of Approval for Entrance:** If you want to enroll in our school while maintaining employment with your organization, you are required to submit a Letter of Approval for Entrance issued by your employer.

#### (2) Submitting Application Items

The application documents must be received by the stated deadline by the Office of Academic Affairs

of our school.

- a) The application documents must be received by April 27, 2018.
- b) The application documents can be sent by registered mail, with the direction “Application Documents Enclosed” written in red on the envelope, to the following address:

The Office of Academic Affairs

The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University

41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8576, Japan

#### **4. Screening Method**

Applicants are screened on the basis of comprehensive evaluation of Application Documents (including Academic Transcript and Statement of Research Plan), English proficiency (TOEFL<sup>®</sup>, TOEIC<sup>®</sup> test score or IELTS<sup>™</sup> band score result), and an interview conducted on-location, or via Skype video call / teleconferencing system, by Tohoku University staff (applicants will be notified of details (such as time) about the interview later).

#### **5. Announcement of Acceptance and Enrollment**

- (a) The result of screening will be posted on our website on June 20, 2018.
- (b) Documents needed for enrollment will be sent to successful applicants. Enrolling procedures should be completed until the end of September 2018.
- (c) Successful applicants are requested to pay the following fees at the time of registration:
  - ① Admission Fee: ¥282,000
  - ② Tuition Fee: ¥ 267,900 (half of the annual tuition fee ¥535,800)

Note 1: When tuition fee is revised during the period of study, a revised amount of tuition fee applies from the date of revision.

Note 2: Information on exemption for admission fees or tuition fees is included in the documents (b).
- (d) Date of Entrance: Admission to the Master’s Program takes place in October 2018.

#### **6. Long-Term Course Program**

We have adopted a Long-Term Course Program for students who have difficulty completing the course in the normal 2 years, because of job-holding, housework, nursing care and so on. Though the Master’s Program normally lasts 2 years, it can be extended to 4 years. Those who wish to acquire the Master’s Degree by extending the normal 2-year completion limit can be admitted as Long-Term Course Students. Note that the maximum period of residency for the Master’s Program is 4 years. Those who wish to do so must follow instructions in the notification of acceptance, which will be delivered by mail after the announcement of acceptance, and submit prescribed documents at the time when they go through all entrance procedures.

Coursework for students who are deemed eligible for Long-Term Course Program is provided in accordance with the curricula and time schedule for regular students.

The annual tuition fee for long-term course students is calculated as follows: The total amount of tuition fees for the standard term (2-year) of study is divided by the extended term (4-year) of study. For details, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS.

#### **7. Others**

- (1) Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted. After receipt of the application documents, no correction is permitted, and the application fees are not refundable.

- (2) Disclosure of the examination results is available at the request of the applicant within the year of examination.
- (3) We shall give proper attention to physically handicapped applicants. Please contact the Office of Academic Affairs of our school at the earliest possible time.

## **8. Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please contact:

The Office of Academic Affairs

The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University

41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8576, Japan

Fax: +81-22-795-7583

E-mail: [int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:int-kkdk@grp.tohoku.ac.jp)

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**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

☐ **Name**

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(Family name)

(Middle name)

(First name)

☐ **Date of birth year**

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Month

Day

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Year

☐ **Nationality**

☐ **Please check the course which you would like to belong to.**

☐ Master's Degree ( 2years )

☐ Doctor's Degree ( 3years )

☐ **Present status** (Position, Name and Address of University or Employer)

☐ **Present mailing address**

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Phone number

Fax number

E-mail address

☐ **Permanent address** (if different from above)

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Phone number

Fax number

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Academic record				
	Name of Institution	Official number of years	Entrance and Graduation 〈Year / Month〉	Registered number of years
Elementary			from to	
Lower Secondary			from to	
Upper Secondary			from to	
Undergraduate			from to	
Post Graduate			from to	
Total years of academic education				
Research activities record				
Name of Institution		Position	from (year/ month/ day) to	Number of years
Career record				
Name of Employer		Position	from (year/ month/ day) to	Number of years

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(For foreign students)

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# Photograph

Examinee's number *		Attach photograph here. 5cm×4cm Write your name on the back of the photo. Attach firmly.
Name		
Date of Birth	(DD/MM/YYYY)	
Sex (Age)	Male    Female    (       )	

- \*Please do not fill in. For office use only.
- Photo must have been taken within the last three months.
  - Photo must be clear and taken with plain background.
  - No hat (headwear such as turbans/hijabs etc. worn due to your religion is permitted, as long as your face is clear).