Graduate Program in Global Governance and Sustainable Development (G2SD),
The Graduate School of International Cultural Studies (GSICS)

Application for Master’s Program (2-year course)
For April 2019 Admission

I. Aim
The aim of this graduate program is to enhance one’s ability to advance global governance and sustainable development. Since the challenges associated with these tasks are complex and inter-linked, what is needed to deal with them is the ability to question conventional wisdom and to design innovative analytical frameworks on the basis of inter-disciplinary knowledge. This program intends to develop such ability through a combination of critical reviews of theories, on the one hand, and problem-oriented empirical studies, on the other.

II. Curriculum and Degree
All courses in the Master’s program 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. The degree offered is “Master of International Cultural Studies,” or “Master of Interdisciplinary Studies.” Students will also be offered a certificate recognizing completion of the program.

III. Application

1. Positions Available: Around 5

2. Application Period and Admission
For foreign applicants residing abroad at the time of application, the application documents stated in subsection 4 below must be received between June 29, 2018 and July 27, 2018 (fall screening). For applicants with Japanese nationality and foreign applicants residing in Japan at the time of application, the application documents stated in subsection 4 must be received between December 17, 2018 and January 11, 2019 (spring screening). In both cases, admission to the program takes place in April 2019 (see the table below).

Note 1: Admissions to the program take place every April and October. The descriptions in this document
are applicable only to April 2019 admissions. For October 2019 admissions, please refer to documents published in the future.

Note 2: Applicants are strongly recommended to engage in prior consultation with their prospective supervisors to discuss their post-admission research plans.

Note 3: After admission, students will belong to the GSICS department that is overseen by their main supervisor and will be granted use of that department’s facilities.

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3. 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 in Japan established by the School Education Law of Japan (Law 26 of 1947, henceforth “the Law”) by March 2019.

(2) Those who have been granted, or will be granted a Bachelor’s degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education by March 2019.

(3) Those who have completed, or will complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country by March 2019.

(4) Those who have completed, or will complete 16 years of a foreign country’s school education by March 2019 by finishing a course conducted by an educational institution of that country via distance learning while the student resided in Japan.

(5) Those who have completed, or will complete a university program of a foreign educational facility in Japan by March 2019, which (i) has been approved by the educational system of that country to operate the university program (graduates must be recognized as equivalent to those completing 16 years of school education in that country) and (ii) is designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (henceforth “the Minister”).

(6) Those who have been conferred, or will be conferred by March 2019 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 by the Minister as having met this requirement) in a foreign country (including cases in
which the student completed the curriculum by taking subjects conducted by 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).

(7) Those who have graduated, or will graduate by March 2019 from a specialized course of a specialized training college (limited to courses satisfying the standards designated by the Minister including the condition that the course duration be 4 years or longer) that has been designated separately by the Minister after the date designates by the Minister.

(8) Those who have been designated by the Minister (refer to Notification No.5 of 1953 from the Ministry of Education).

(9) Those who have been admitted to a graduate school of another university according to Paragraph 2 of Article 102 of the Law, and are judged by the GSICS to have attained a sufficient standard of achievement to study in the GSICS.

(10) Those whose academic abilities are judged by the 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 March 2019.

Note 1: Applicants who wish to apply under qualification (6) must contact the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS by June 29, 2018 for the fall screening, and by November 30, 2018 for the spring screening.

Note 2: Applicants that fall under qualification (9) or (10) must undergo a pre-qualification examination, and are required to submit the designated documents for this purpose to the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS by June 29, 2018 for the fall screening, and by November 30, 2018 for the spring screening, in order to fulfill the requirements for April 2019 admissions.

Please contact the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS for inquiries regarding application qualifications. See page 6 for contact information.

4. 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): A certificate written in either English or Japanese. In the case where the original certificate is in a language other than English or Japanese,
(2) Submitting Application Items

The application documents must be received during the stated period by the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS. The application documents shall be sent by registered mail, with the words “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

Note 1: Application documents for the spring screening received by registered mail after the stated application period will be accepted only if they are postmarked by the sending office on or before January 10, 2019.

5. Screening Method
Applicants are screened on the basis of a comprehensive evaluation of the application documents (including academic transcript and statement of research plan), English proficiency (TOEFL® or TOEIC® test score or IELTS™ band score result), and an interview conducted on-location or via Skype video call/teleconferencing system by Tohoku University staff. The interview will be conducted in English or Japanese depending on the applicant’s choice, although some or all questions may be asked in English. Also, applicants are required to make an oral presentation on their previous research achievements, such as their graduate thesis, and their future research plan in the interview. Applicants will be notified of other details (such as date and time) about the interview later.

6. Announcement of Acceptance and Enrollment
(a) The results of screening will be posted on the GSICS website on September 19, 2018 for the fall screening, and on February 20, 2019 for the spring screening.
(b) Documents needed for enrollment will be sent to successful applicants. The deadline for enrollment procedures will be stated in the documents (the provisional date is March 12, 2019).
(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 of ¥535,800)
   Note 1: In the case of tuition fees being revised during the period of study, the revised tuition fee amount will apply from the date of revision.
   Note 2: Information on exemption of admission or tuition fees is included in documents (b).

7. 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 due to 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 a 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 the instructions in the notification of acceptance, which will be delivered by mail after the announcement of acceptance, and submit prescribed documents when conducting the other entrance procedures.

Coursework for students who are deemed eligible for the 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 over the extended term (4-year) of study. For details, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS.

8. Others

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

(2) Disclosure of examination results is available at the request of the applicant within the academic year of examination.

(3) Appropriate support shall be provided for physically handicapped applicants. Please contact the Office of Academic Affairs of the GSICS at the earliest possible time to discuss individual needs.

9. 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
Graduate Program in Global Governance and Sustainable Development (G2SD)
Graduate School of International Cultural Studies (GSICS), Tohoku University

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

☐ Name

(Family name)         (Middle name)        (First name)

☐ Date of birth

Month Day ,      Year

☐ Nationality


☐ Please check the program to which you are applying.

☐ Master’s program (2-year course)   ☐ Doctoral program (3-year course)

☐ Please check the department overseen by your prospective supervisor.

☐ Department of Asian and African Studies
☐ Department of International Politics and Economy
☐ Department of International Environment and Resources Policy
☐ Department of Multiculturalism

* After admission, students will belong to the department that is overseen by their main supervisor and will be granted use of that department’s facilities. Please check the GSICS website for the department of your prospective supervisor.

☐ Present status (position, name and address of university or employer)


☐ Present mailing address


Phone number                     Fax number
E-mail address

☐ Permanent address (if different from above)


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# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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- Photo must have been taken within the last three months.
- Photo must be clear and taken with a plain background.
- No hat (headwear such as turbans/hijabs etc. worn for religious purposes is permitted as long as the face is clearly visible).