

Admission Guidelines
“International Studies Program to Develop Leaders in Post-Conflict and Post- Disaster Reconstruction”

Program for international undergraduate students provided with scholarships by the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
(University recommendation) [Special Category]

School of International Studies, College of Human and Social Sciences, Kanazawa University
—Program commencement: October 2025 / Admission: April 2026 —

The “International Studies Program to Develop Leaders in Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster Reconstruction” offered by the School of International Studies, College of Human and Social Sciences is a scholarship program approved by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Students who pass the screening by the College and are adopted as scholarship students by the Ministry are offered Japanese Government Scholarships.

1. Program overview

1) Aims of human resources cultivation

This program aims to train persons who can contribute to post-conflict and post-disaster reconstruction by learning about subjects related to reconstruction and peacebuilding such as international development, international economics, and international relations. Together with Japanese students, this undergraduate course emphasizes diversity. Students are expected to pursue further studies in fields that relate to reconstruction in post-graduate courses, and to become leaders who will strengthen ties and relations between Japan and other countries, contributing to global peace and stability.

2) Completion requirements and the curriculum

To complete this program, 42 credits or more from the “International Studies Program to Develop Leaders in Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster Reconstruction” are required. The total number of credits needed for graduation from the School of International Studies is 124 credits or more. Credits received from the abovementioned program can be included in the total number of credits required for graduation from the college. Refer to pages 9-14 for details regarding the curriculum.

In cases where the curriculum is revised before admission to the course, the curriculum for the year of admission will be applied.

2. Applicants

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- 1) The program only accepts non-Japanese people who are coming to Japan for the first time in order to study in an undergraduate course. Those who are already in Japan can also apply.
- 2) Those who agree to the following after enrolment: to live in a selected student dormitory at our university or in similar places approved by the university; to study subjects regarding the Japanese language, international relations, and international economy; and to contribute to local communities that are affected by conflict or disasters.

3. Number of students admitted

Four

4. Program commencement October 1, 2025

Schedule following the start of the program:

- 1) Japanese language preparatory education (Intensive Japanese language studies): October 1, 2025 ~March 31, 2026
- 2) Entrance examination for the School of International Studies, scheduled for December 2025
* Oral examinations will be conducted.
- 3) Study in the School of International Studies (undergraduate course): from April 1, 2026 (admission) until March 2030 (graduation)

5. Eligibility and requirements

- 1) Nationality: Citizens of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japan
- 2) Age: Those who were born on April 2, 2000 or later
- 3) Academic history:
Applicants are required to satisfy any of the following requirements:
 - (1) Completion of a 12-year course of school education in a foreign country, or expected completion by the end of September 2025
 - (2) Completion of a 12-year course of school education in a foreign country, or those who are expected to complete their school education by the end of September 2025
 - (3) Qualification other than the above, which allows for admission to Japanese universities

4) Academic results

The grade point average (GPA) on a currently enrolled course (or of the last school attended in the case of people who have already graduated) must be 2.30 or higher. This GPA level or higher must be maintained after admission to the School of International Studies.

(1) How to calculate GPA

GPA includes only the grades from regular courses other than part-time courses and Japanese language school courses. Those who have already graduated must calculate the GPA from their last school while current students must calculate the GPA from their currently enrolled course.

(2) Calculation formula

Calculate the GPA according to the following table and formula.

[How to calculate the GPA]

Category	Grade				
		Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fail
4-step evaluation		A	B	C	F
		100~80	79~70	69~60	59 ~
	S	A	B	C	F
5-step evaluation	A	B	C	D	F
	100~90	89~80	79~70	69~60	59~
	Points	3	2	1	0

Formula:

$$\frac{\{(No. \text{ of credits for point 3 subjects} \times 3) + (No. \text{ of credits for point 2 subjects} \times 2) + (No. \text{ of credits for point 1 subjects} \times 1) + (No. \text{ of credits for point 0 subjects} \times 0)\}}{\text{total number of credits}}$$

Note 1) If credits are not assigned for subjects, use the number of subjects instead of the number of credits.

Note 2) If you have transferred to a course, use the number of credits after transfer.

Note 3) Evaluations not included in the above table (e.g. Qualify or Pass) are not included in the calculation.

Note 4) Round the resulting GPA down to two decimal places.

5) Language proficiency

Applicants must meet either of the following requirements in Japanese or English proficiency.

- Japanese: Passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 or higher; or expected to acquire Japanese language ability equivalent to JLPT N2 or higher at the time of completion of Japanese preparatory education before admission to the School of International Studies.
- English: Acquired a score in an English proficiency test measuring the four skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing, and qualified as equivalent to a B2 or higher in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of admission to the School of International Studies, or completed school curricula that meet the conditions for admission to a Japanese university using English as the main language.

CEFR: B2 is equivalent to the following: TOEFL-iBT: 72, IELTS: 5.5,

Cambridge English FCE: 160

6) Health condition

Applicants should have no significant problems related to their mental or physical condition prior to studying in Japan.

7) Other conditions

Those who correspond to any of the following are ineligible for application.

- (1) Those who are on active military service
- (2) Those who are unable to enter Japan by the date specified by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or by the university
- (3) Those who were previously offered scholarships by the Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) (including those who declined such scholarships after university registration)
- (4) Those simultaneously applying for another scholarship program beginning in 2025 via the Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
- (5) Those who plan to receive a scholarship from an organization (including government organizations in their own country) other than the Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) after scholarship payment has commenced (after university registration at the university).
- (6) Those scheduled to graduate, yet not being able to satisfy the requirements regarding academic achievements and conditions by the designated date
- (7) Those holding dual nationality at the time of their application and who are not able to prove their renunciation of Japanese nationality by the time of their arrival in Japan (i.e. the time of university registration etc. at the university)
- (8) Those scheduled to be engaged in long-term research activities (internships, field work, etc.) outside Japan, or who are on a long-term absence from university, at

the time of application

(9) Those who do not aim to obtain a degree

6. Scholarships, etc.

1) Scholarship allowance: 117,000 yen per month

2) Scholarship periods:

(1) Japanese preparatory education (Intensive Japanese Language Studies):
October 2025 ~ March 2026 (6 months)

(2) School of International Studies (undergraduate student): April 2026 ~ March
2030 (4 years)

3) The following travel expenses are covered by the scholarship:

(1) Arrival expense: An economy-class airline ticket from an international airport near
the student's residence to Narita, Kansai, Komatsu or Toyama Airports in Japan

(2) Return expense: An economy-class airline ticket from Narita, Kansai, Komatsu
or Toyama Airports in Japan to an international airport near the student's
residence (only available if returning in the last month of the scholarship term)

4) Academic fees

Exemption from the admission examination fee (17,000 yen), the admission fee (282,000
yen) and tuition fees (535,800 yen per year).

5) Student insurance premium

Students are required to have student insurance to cover accidents, etc. during their
entire period of study in Japan. The recipient of the scholarship will pay for the
student's insurance fee (also known as the insurance premium).

Insurance name: Personal Accident Insurance for Students and Researchers
("Gakkensai") and Incidental Liability insurance ("Futai Baiseki")

Premium: 6,000 yen for five years

7. Application procedure

Applicants must submit the following documents by April 14 (Mon.), 2025 (JST) via electronic
data (PDF files) to the address shown on page 8. The documents will be reviewed by a
prospective academic supervisor who has given informal consent to accept them.

Please prepare the application documents in Japanese or English; if you will use a language
other than Japanese or English, please attach a Japanese or English translation.

Documents to be submitted:

1) Application cover sheet (checklist): Use the specified form.

- 2) Application form: Use the specified form.
- 3) Photo (taken within six months before application, size 4.5cm×3.5cm, upper body photo taken directly from the front, without a hat or a cap). Write your name and nationality on the rear side of the photo and attach or paste the photo to the specified position on the application form. Also, please send the electronic version of the photo via email.
- 4) Passport photocopy (page with your photo)
- 5) Academic transcript from the school you last attended (high school or university) (issued by the school)
- 6) Graduation certificate (or provisional graduation certificate) or diploma of the school you last attended (high school or university)
- 7) Proof of Japanese or English ability
 - (1) Proof of Japanese ability: your Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) score
 - (2) Proof of English ability (showing a score from November 2022 or later): A TOEFL (iBT), IELTS or Cambridge English FCE score corresponding to B2 or higher in the CEFR
- 8) Certificate of enrollment (only students currently enrolled in a university, etc.)
- 9) Health certificate. *An official document certified by a doctor of a medical institution: Use the specified form.
- 10) Pledge to Kanazawa University. Use the specified form.

Notes:

- * Use A4 size paper.
- * Insufficient, incorrect, or erroneous documents, or documents submitted after the due date, are not acceptable.
- * Submitted documents will not be returned.
- * Applicants must have an interview with their prospective academic supervisor prior to obtaining their informal consent to commence studying in Japan. Online interviews are accepted.

8. Selection and notice of results

- 1) A selection committee has been established to implement the screening of applicants based on their academic results, Japanese / English proficiency, and the results of interviews.
- 2) Based on the university's recommendations, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology will determine the granting of scholarships to international students and will notify applicants of the results in July 2025.

9. Cancellation of scholarships

Scholarships will be cancelled for the following reasons:

- 1) False or fraudulent information in the application documents
- 2) Violation of the pledge to Kanazawa University
- 3) Imprisonment for an indefinite term or a term longer than one year due to violation of Japanese law
- 4) Disciplinary punishment against a student according to the rules of Kanazawa University, such as expulsion or suspension from the university, an admonitory warning or other similar measures
- 5) Incompletion of studies within the specified period due to an unsatisfactory academic performance or suspension or absence from the university
- 6) Entering Japan without newly obtaining the required residency status for studying abroad or due to changing residency status
- 7) Receipt of other scholarships (except for scholarships specified for research purposes)
- 8) Proceeding to postgraduate courses without approval for scholarship term extension due to further education
- 9) Withdrawal from the university or transfer to another university
- 10) A reduction in the yearly grade point average (GPA) to lower than 2.30

10. Changes due to force majeure

Please note that due to force majeure, the arrival date in Japan may be changed, the scholarship may be canceled, or the contents of these admission guidelines may be changed at any time before or after the notification of acceptance.

Force majeure means events beyond the reasonable control of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, such as natural disasters. It also includes legal and policy changes by the government (including local governments) or government agencies. For example, border measures such as immigration and travel restrictions enacted by the Japanese government or the governments of other countries regarding infectious diseases, the legal regulation or observance of orders, fires, storms, floods, earthquakes, wars (whether declared or not), rebellions, revolutions, riots, strikes, or lockouts. The reasons for cancellation due to force majeure may not be limited to the above reasons.

11. Other

- 1) In the student dormitory, each unit is shared between an international student and a Japanese student (of the same gender) in order to promote international exchange and

to foster people with global perspectives. Basic furniture and appliances necessary for living are provided in the rooms. The dormitory is located on campus for easy access to the university.

- 2) You will need to bring at least US\$2,000 as living expenses for the first month and a half prior to the commencement of the scholarship payment.
- 3) Before coming to Japan, you should study Japanese as well as the differences in climate, culture and customs between your country and Japan.

[Inquiries/ Application document submission address]

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Subject Distinguished	Subject	Category	Classification	Year	Unit Classification	Number of Credits	Completion Requirements
Basic Courses for International Studies	Introduction to International Studies	Studies in Specialized Fields	Specialized Basic Subjects	1	Compulsory Elective	1	4 credits or more including 1 compulsory elective credit
	Introduction to International Studies E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Specialized Basic Subjects	1	Compulsory Elective	1	
	Historical Approach to the Contemporary World	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS	1	Elective	1	
	Political Economy in the Global Era	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS	1	Elective	1	
	Sociology in a Global World	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS	1	Elective	1	
	Philosophy	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS	1	Elective	1	
	Global Cooperation	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS	1	Elective	1	
	Environmental Study and ESD	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS	1	Elective	1	
	Human Rights in the Contemporary Society	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS	1	Elective	1	
Japanese or English	Intermediate Japanese	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS Language Course	1	Compulsory Elective	8	8 credits in Japanese or 8 credits in English
	Advanced Japanese	Studies in Liberal Arts	GS Language Course	1	Compulsory Elective	8	

		and Sciences					
	TOEIC Preparation I ~IV	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS Language Course	1	Compulsory Elective	4	
	EAP I ~IV	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	GS Language Course	1	Compulsory Elective	4	
Courses Related to Reconstruction (Politics)	International Relations	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Compulsory Elective	2	8 credits or more including 2 compulsory elective credits
	International Relations E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Compulsory Elective	2	
	International Assistance 1~2	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	International Organizations E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Compulsory Elective	2	
	International Law A~B	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	Theory of Peacebuilding	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	外交入門 Introduction to Foreign Policy 1E~2E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	Constitutional Law (Government Organization) A~B	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	4	
	Constitutional Law (Human Rights) A~B	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	3	Elective	4	
	Political Science A	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Law	2	Elective	4	
	Political Science B	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Law	2	Elective	4	
	International Economics 1~2	Studies in	Studies in	2	Compulsory	2	

		Specialized Fields	Specialized Fields		y Elective		
Courses Related to Reconstruction (Economics)	International Economics 1E~ 2E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Compulsory Elective	2	8 credits or more including 2 compulsory elective credits
	International Trade 1~ 2	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	International Trade 1E~2E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	International Development 1~ 2	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Compulsory Elective	2	
	International Development 1 E~2E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Compulsory Elective	2	
	Econometrics *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	Global Economic History *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2	
	Micro Economics I	Studies in Specialized Fields	GS Course for Undergraduates	2	Elective	1	
	Macro Economics I	Studies in Specialized Fields	GS Course for Undergraduates	2	Elective	1	
	World Political Economy *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Economics	3	Elective	2	
	Global Economy *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Economics	3	Elective	2	
Cross-Cultural Understanding 1~2	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	1	Elective	2		
Gender and Society A~B	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	1	Elective	2		
Comparative Gender studies E	Studies in	Studies in	2	Elective	2		

Courses for Nurturing Leaders		Specialized Fields	Specialized Fields			
	Cultural Studies of Minorities in the Media E1 ~ 2E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2
	Multiculturalism Studies 1E~2E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	2
	Comparative Higher Education 1E~4E	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	2	Elective	4
	Internship * *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	3	Elective	2
	Practicum in Different Cultures * *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields	3	Elective	2
	Introduction to Philosophy A~B	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Humanities	1	Elective	2
	Applied Ethics	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Humanities	2	Elective	2
	Modern Philosophy	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Humanities	2	Elective	2
	Social System Theory	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Regional Development Studies	2	Elective	1
	Study of Citizen Autonomy	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Regional Development Studies	2	Elective	1
Introduction to Policy Studies	Studies in	Studies in	2	Elective	1	

10 credits or more including 2 credits on practical courses

	Specialized Fields	Specialized Fields in the School of Regional Development Studies				
Risk Communication * *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Regional Development Studies	2	Elective	2	
Public Philosophy	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Regional Development Studies	2	Elective	1	
Science and Society * *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Regional Development Studies	2	Elective	1	
Disaster Mitigation and Geography * *	Studies in Specialized Fields	Studies in Specialized Fields in the School of Regional Development Studies	2	Elective	2	
Introduction to disaster prevention * *	Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences	Elective Course	1	Elective	1	
Designated Courses of Specialized Basic Subjects or Studies in Specialized Fields provided by the School of Interdisciplinary Co-learning	Studies in Specialized Fields in the College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation	—	—	Elective	—	
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Interdisciplinary Co-learning	provided by the School of Geosciences and Civil Engineering in the College of Science and Engineering	Fields in the College of Science and Engineering						4 credits or more
	At least 42 credits							
Completion Requirements								

Note 1) To complete this program, the graduation requirements of the school which you belong must be met at the same time.

Note 2) Regardless of the above table, alternative courses and time of study may be specified.

Note 3) Courses marked with "E" and "*" are conducted in English. Some GS courses are conducted in English. Those marked with "***" are practical courses.

Note 4) Courses categorized as "Studies in Specialized Fields" are provided in the School of International Studies. Other courses are either "Studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences" or those held in the other schools.