

Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University 2011
Application Requirements for the Doctoral Programme (October)
(Cross-National Doctoral Course)

The Graduate School of Law at Tohoku University has collaborated with Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon(ENS-Lyon), University Lumière Lyon 2, University of Sheffield's School of East Asian Studies, the Political Science Department at Tsinghua University, the School of Law at Tsinghua University, the Institute of Law at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences(CASS), the Institute of Political Science at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences(CASS), Graduate School of Yonsei University, Department of Political Science, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University (GSIS), the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, and the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ottawa ("Overseas Partner Institutions") and decided to offer a Cross-National Doctoral Course in fields related to law and political science.

Tohoku University's Graduate School of Law calls for applicants satisfying the following eligibility requirements to join the Graduate School of Law's doctoral programme (Cross-National Doctoral Course) as PhD students from October 1, 2011.

1. Number of Students to be Accepted
around 5 in total

2. Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements

- (1) Those who are registered, or are expected to register, as PhD students at one of the Overseas Partner Institutions by October, 2011.
- (2) Those who have passed the preliminary requirements set forth by the Overseas Partner Institutions at which he or she is registered, or plan to register ("Home Institution"), and are agreed as candidates for making application to the Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University.

* As to (2), please make inquiries regarding the preliminary requirements to the person in charge at each Home Institution

3. Application Period

21 January (Fri) – 7February (Mon), 2011

Applications sent by post will be accepted during the above application period.

Applications hand-delivered directly to the School of Law's Office will be accepted during the hours between 9:00 to 12:45 and 13:45 to 16:45.

4. Application Procedure

Applicants should prepare and submit the following documents:

- 1) Application for Admission / CV (form prepared by the School of Law). The form can be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/admissions/graduate/>

- 2) MA thesis or other appropriate piece of written work (1 copy)

*Please refer to *1)

- 3) List of past research and publications (format optional, on A4 paper)

The list must be written in English or Japanese.

- 4) Research proposal (1 copy)

The research proposal should be a minimum of 500 words and no more than 2000 words on A4 paper (for English proposals)

The research proposal should be a minimum of 1200 characters and no more than 4000 characters on A4 paper (for Japanese proposals)

*Please refer to *2)

- 5) Student Registration Certificate (or certificate of expected registration) from a Home Institution

The certificate must be written in English or Japanese.

- 6) Recommendation letter from the student's supervisor or prospective supervisor at one of the Home Institutions

The letter must be written in English or Japanese.

- 7) Certificate of MA degree (or certificate of expected MA degree)

The certificate must be written in English or Japanese.

- 8) Certificate of Alien Registration for those resident in Japan

Foreigners residing in Japan who wish to enrol in the Programme must submit the official Certificate issued by a local municipal office (this excludes those staying in Japan for less than 90 days).

- 9) Mailing label

Label provided by the School of Law (EMS label or address label)

*This label will be used to send applicants their notification of results along with registration forms. If the applicant's address is in Japan, the address label should be used. If the applicant's address is outside of Japan, the EMS label should be used. (Applicant should enter his/her name, address and phone number in the label's destination box).

Should an applicant change addresses after applying to the Programme, the applicant should notify the School of Law's Office of Educational Affairs Section immediately.

*1) If the MA thesis or other written work to be submitted as Document 2) is written in a language other than English or Japanese, the full paper in the original language must be accompanied by an abstract (length and format optional) written in either English or Japanese.

*2) The research proposal for Document 4) must be written in English or Japanese, and should cover the entirety of research to be conducted for the completion of the degree, but should also indicate the work to be conducted during the one year at the Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University.

*3) Applicants with special needs in taking the entrance examination or completing the course of study should contact the School of Law's Office of Educational Affairs Section. Applicants will not be discriminated based on such inquiries made to the School of Law.

Inquiries should be made by 4 February, 2011 (Fri).

5. Selection Process

Selection will be determined by the following two criteria.

(1) Screening by a Selection Committee based on the submitted documents

(2) Interview

* Each applicant will be informed of the time and place of the (2) Interview.

6. Notification of Results

Notification of Results: 22 April (Fri), 2011

All applicants will be notified of the selection results by post. The results will also be posted on the website of the School of Law (<http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>) (around 11 am).

Please note that notices of results will be sent on 22 April, 2011 and it will take some days for delivery.

7. Status and Research Activities as Registered Students of Tohoku's Graduate School of Law

(1) Graduate students accepted to the Cross-National Doctoral Course will become registered doctoral programme students of the Graduate School of Law at Tohoku University and their Home Institution. While registered at Tohoku's Graduate School of Law, students are required to spend a minimum of one academic year at the institution and to conduct research during that time.

(2) Graduate students in the Cross-National Doctoral Course will submit their dissertations to the Graduate School of Law at Tohoku and their Home Institution. By successfully defending their dissertations, students will receive a joint doctoral degree from the two institutions. The awarding of a doctoral degree from Tohoku's Graduate School of Law will be in accordance with the Graduate School of Law's regulations.

(3) Graduate students in the Cross-National Doctoral Course will conduct research under the joint supervision of supervisors from Tohoku's Graduate School of Law and their overseas home institution from the time of enrolment at Tohoku until they receive their doctoral degrees.

8. Expenses and Financial Support for Research

(1) Students applying to and enrolling in the Cross-National Doctoral Course will be exempt from the admission, matriculation, and tuition fees of Tohoku University.

(2) Travel fees to Japan, living expenses including utilities and rent, insurance, and other expenses will be the student's responsibility.

(3) Those who are in the Cross-National Doctoral Course and conduct research on a topic relevant to the Tohoku University based Global COE programme "Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization" (for the brief information please refer to <http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/gcoe/english>) will be employed as Global COE Research Assistants or Global COE Fellows for one academic year from October 2011. By assisting at research workshops and with tasks such as translation, Research Assistants could receive a monthly stipend of around 160,000 yen. Additionally, students employed as Global COE Research Assistants or Global COE Fellows may be eligible for an annual research grant of 100,000 yen to facilitate their research activities.

9. Additional Information

(1) Applications sent by post should be sent by registered mail with “School of Law Application (Cross-National Doctoral Course)” written in red, to:

School of Law, Tohoku University
27-1 Kawauchi, Aoba
Sendai, Miyagi
Japan 980-8576

(2) Those with inquiries regarding the application process or with requests for application materials should enclose a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

(3) Changes cannot be made to documents once submitted.

(4) Submitted documents will not be returned.

(5) Regarding personal information

1) Personal information gathered for the application procedure will not be used for purposes other than the selection process, registration formalities and student support after enrolment.

2) All personal information collected for the application process will be held in strictest confidence.

Tohoku University will follow all applicable laws, will respect the legal requirements that exist regarding the privacy of personal information, and will not share information with third parties without the individual's consent.

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