

Application Guide

For Admissions in April 2021

Overseas Entrance Interview Examination
for International Applicants in July

Department of Integrated Global Studies (IGS)
School of Integrated Arts and Sciences



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1. Number of Students to be Admitted

Number of Students to be Admitted	Limited
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(Note) The number of students to be admitted in the Overseas Entrance Interview Examination for International Applicants in July will be included in the number of students to be admitted in the Overseas Entrance Interview Examination for International and Japanese Applicants in November.

2. Application and Selection Schedule

The times and dates on this document are based on Japan Standard Time.

Application and selection process	Date
Application period	From June 18, 2020 to July 3, 2020
First selection	Document screening
Announcement of the first selection results	July 16, 2020
Final selection	Time and date specified by the university between July 28, 2020 and July 30, 2020
Announcement of the final selection results	August 7, 2020
Start of the Semester	April 1, 2021

(Note) Applicants need to submit their application documents by post and the documents must be received by IGS by the deadline. However, applicants can bring their application documents at the student support office of the School of Integrated Arts and Sciences only on July 3, 2020 from 9:00 to 17:00.

3. Admissions Policy

The Department of Integrated Global Studies (IGS) hopes to admit students with the following attributes, based on the diploma policy and curriculum policy for the Integrated Global Studies Program organized by the Department.

- (1) Students who would like to understand global issues with an integrative perspective to pursue world peace while respecting linguistic, cultural, and religious differences;
- (2) Students who are interested in natural sciences and would like to work towards the harmonious relationship between human beings and nature; and
- (3) Students who are willing to improve language skills and make a contribution to global society.

The Department expects that, before enrollment, prospective students have developed an interest in and learned about the following:

- í The subjects learned in high school, namely, Language and Culture Studies, History and Geography, Ethics, Political and Economic Science, Mathematics, Science, and Foreign Language;
- xA wide range of academic areas across disciplinary boundaries such as the humanities and sciences, and various challenges confronting present-day society; and
- xProblems and issues regarding the international community, the global environment, and cross-cultural understanding.

After enrollment, the Department will nurture the students' abilities to:

- xUnderstand and analyze the various challenges confronting the international community from multifaceted perspectives transcending disciplinary boundaries between the humanities and sciences (integrated thinking);
- xUnderstand others irrespective of the differences among countries/regions, cultures, religions and languages, and think about things from a global perspective encompassing human society and its surrounding natural environment (global vision); and
- xAddress various challenges of the international community from a peace-seeking viewpoint, and work toward the realization of world peace and harmony between people and nature, in a cooperative and creative manner (cooperative action).

Important evaluation items

<p>Basic and fundamental knowledge and skills [Knowledge and skills]</p>	<p>Abilities to think, make decisions, and express oneself, which are necessary to use one's knowledge and skills in order to discover problems, consider to solve them, and convey one's findings to others [Ability to think, make decisions, and express oneself]</p>	<p>Proactive attitude of learning independently while working with diverse people [Independence and cooperativeness]</p>
<p>Academic transcripts and test results Personal statements Documents to prove English language proficiency</p>	<p>Interview Personal Statements</p>	<p>Interview Personal Statements</p>

4. Application Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following Requirements 1 to 3

Requirement 1: Nationality

Applicants must have a nationality other than Japanese at the time of application. Persons who have a Japanese nationality at the time of application cannot apply for this examination.

Requirement 2: Educational Qualifications

Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions:

- (1) Persons who have completed, or who are expected to complete 12 years of school education in a country other than Japan by March 31, 2021, or those possessing equivalent academic qualifications specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (Note 1).

(Note 1) Those possessing equivalent academic qualifications specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan means that you meet any one of the following qualifications from a to e below:

- a. Persons who have passed, or who are expected to pass an examination in a country other than Japan that is recognized as an academic qualification test that certifies that the applicant has an academic ability equivalent to that of those who have completed a 12-year school education curriculum in the said country (including examinations equivalent to national examinations; the same shall apply in the next item), and will be at least 18 years old by March 31, 2021.
- b. Persons who have completed, in a country other than Japan, a school curriculum that is equivalent to that of senior high school level (including those who have passed an examination in the said country that is recognized as an academic qualification test that certifies the applicant has an academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of those who have completed such a curriculum), and who have completed or are expected to complete a pre-university preparation education curriculum required for admission to universities in Japan, which is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, or other preparatory curriculum consisting of education relating to subjects required for admission to universities in Japan and training at facilities separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology .
- c. Persons who have completed, or who are expected to complete, in a country other than Japan, a school curriculum that is equivalent to that of senior high school level, which is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (only if the completion of the curriculum is considered comparable to the completion of an 11 or more-year school curriculum in the said country, and the curriculum satisfies other requirements specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

	The EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency (Conventional type), EIKEN 2020 2 days S- Interview, EIKEN 2020 1 day S-CBT, EIKEN CBT
3. GTEC	GTEC (CBT Type Only) 1190 or above
4. IELTS™	5.5 or above The eligible tests are described below: Paper-based IELTS (Academic Module), Computer-delivered IELTS (Academic Module), IELTS for UKVI (Academic Module)
5. TEAP (4 skills)	Test of English for Academic Purposes 309 or above
6. TEAP CBT (4 skills)	Test of English for Academic Purposes Computer Based Test 600 or above
7. TOEFL	TOEFL iBT® 72 or above TOEFL iBT® scores from a single test date is accepted. My Best™ scores is not accepted.
8. TOEIC	TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test and TOEIC® Speaking & Writing Tests 1560 or above (This score is determined by multiplying your S&W score by 2.5 and adding your L&R score) TOEIC-IP is not accepted.
9. Persons who satisfy either one of the following two requirements: a. Persons who have undertaken three years or more of their secondary education (Senior high school, Junior high school, etc.) in English as their primary language of instruction.; or b. Persons who are taking or have taken the International Baccalaureate Diploma with English as the language of instruction.	

5. Application Procedures

Complete the following seven steps within the application period stated below:

Step 1: Access the online application system.

Access the online application system from the Hiroshima University Admissions Information web page:
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/nyugaku>

<For inquiries concerning online application system and UCARO website>	
Online Application Help Desk (Japanese Speaking Only)	Phone: +81-570-06-5124 Inquires accepted from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Except Saturday, Sunday and national holidays until July 31) (Except from December 30 to January 3)
UCARO Support Office (Japanese Speaking Only)	Phone: +81-570-06-5524 Inquires accepted from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Except from December 30 to January 3)

Step 2: Select 'Account Registration' on the UCARO log in screen.

UCARO is an Internet application and enrollment procedure support system. Hiroshima University uses the UCARO website for the process from the application to the end of the disclosure of entrance examination results period.

Account registration for UCARO is required for all applicants (free of charge).

Important notifications such as examinee's number, instructions to examinees, enrollment procedures, orientation events after enrollment, etc. will be sent via the UCARO website. Please make sure to remember the UCARO ID (your registered email address) and the password.

Step 3: Input your application data into the Internet application system

Follow the instruction on the screen and enter your name, address, etc.

6. Application Period

manually sign your name on the forms. Print each form on a single page, and submit all the “Personal Statement 1”, “Personal Statement 2”, and “Additional Information” forms.

On the Personal Statement 1 and 2 forms, write essays on the following two topics in around 400 words on the Personal Statement 1 and 2 forms, respectively.

Topic 1: Explain reasons why you want to study in the Department of Integrated Global Studies at Hiroshima University and what you want to study. (around 400 words)

Topic 2: What do you think is the most important issue of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) out of the 17 goals set by the United Nations? Explain your idea about how to achieve it through the integration of scientific, technological, and socio-cultural factors. (around 400 words)

On the Additional Information form, indicate whether you have any documents that prove your accomplishments and achievements. When you have such a document or documents, write the title of the document(s) on the form. Then submit the form with the relevant documents attached (copies are accepted). Please attach a Japanese or English translation when you submit documents written in a language other than Japanese or English. Only for documents attached to the additional information form, you can translate them to Japanese or English by yourself.

Examples of documents that can prove your accomplishments and achievements

If you have experience of winning a prize in an English speech contest or other activity, taking proficiency examinations in foreign languages other than English, studying abroad, or participating in events such as the Science Olympics or other contests or competitions at national and higher levels, submit the documents that prove your participation and/or results in such events.

Document C: Educational Background

Access the IGS website (<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/igs>), and download the specified form for Educational Background from the page that provides information on the entrance examination.

Document D: Document to Prove Your Application Eligibility

Please see page 3 to 5 for the application eligibility [Requirement 2: Educational Qualifications].

Application eligibility [Educational Qualifications]	Application documents	Description
(1)	Certification of (expected) completion of 12-year school curriculum	Submit the original document or a certified copy of the certificate of (expected) graduation/completion, issued by the school attended by the applicant in his/her 12-year school curriculum, or the high school graduation equivalency certificate (or the certificate of expected success in the high school graduation equivalency examination).

[Those who have already obtained

- (2) International
Baccalaureate Diploma

Document E: Document to Prove Your English Language Proficiency

Applicants should submit any one of the certificates noted in the following items 1 through 9. If applicants have more than one score, choose only ONE of the following tests.

Only certificates obtained after April 2018 are valid, regardless of the specific expiration dates of scores, etc.

1. Cambridge English	A copy of the Statement of Results sent to the applicant
2. EIKEN	A copy of the certificate sent to the applicant If you have the document in a form that includes both the Certificate and PROOF OF EIKEN CERTIFICATION, submit either portion to us.
3. GTEC	A copy of the Score Report or Official Score Certificate sent to the applicant
4. IELTS™	A copy of the Test Report Form sent to the applicant
5. TEAP (4 skills)	A copy of the Official Score Report sent to the applicant
6. TEAP CBT (4 skills)	A copy of the Official Score Report sent to the applicant
7. TOEFL	A copy of the Test Taker Score Report or Examinee Score Report sent to the applicant In addition to this, submit a request to Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send your Institutional Score Report directly to Hiroshima University-IGS (Institution code: C339). Note 1: TOEFL-ITP is not accepted. Note 2: Those who fail to submit the request, so that the IGS can confirm their official score by the final day of enrollment procedures, will have their enrollment cancelled. Note 3: The TOEFL test fee includes up to 4 official score reports that ETS will send directly to the institutions or agencies you select BEFORE you take the TOEFL test. Applicants can send the score report to Hiroshima University-IGS (Institution code: C339) in advance to avoid additional score report costs.
8. TOEIC	The <u>original</u> Official Score Certificates sent to the applicant Certificates for both Listening & Reading Test and Speaking & Writing Tests are necessary. A photocopy of certificates is acceptable for the application process. Please note that the original Official Score Certificates will be required at the time of enrollment procedures. Those who fail to submit the original certificate by the final day of enrollment procedures will have their enrollment cancelled. TOEIC IP is not accepted.
9. “English Language Requirement Confirmation Form” (prescribed form)	Applicants who meet one of the following conditions (a or b) are NOT required to submit score certificates of external English proficiency tests to prove their English language proficiency. Alternatively, submit the “English Language Requirement Confirmation Form” (prescribed form). a. Persons who have undertaken three years or more of their secondary education (Senior high school, Junior high school, etc.) in English as their primary language of instruction. Those who have undertaken their secondary education in a country other than Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom or the United States should additionally submit a document that proves that English is the primary language of instruction at school (e.g., certificate issued by the high school attended by the applicant); or b. Persons who are taking or have taken the International Baccalaureate Diploma with English as the language of instruction. The “English Language Requirement Confirmation Form” can be downloaded from the page that provides information on the entrance examination on the IGS website (https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/igs).

Document F: Academic Transcripts and Test Results

If the applicant has the certificates or other documents specified in both (F1) and (F2) below, submit the documents of both types. If the applicant does not have the certificates or documents specified in (F2), it is sufficient to submit the documents of type (F1) only.

(F1) Academic Transcripts

Application eligibility [Educational Qualifications]	Application documents	Description
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	Academic transcript	Submit the original or a certified copy of an academic transcript for the last three years of your secondary education issued by your high school, or a school equivalent to high school. Furthermore, those who have attended the pre-university course need to submit the certificate of grades for this course.
(6)	Academic transcript from an international school which has been accredited by an international evaluation organization	Submit the original or a certified copy of an academic transcript from an international school, which also includes a clear statement that the school has been accredited by an international accreditation organization. ³ (i) 9 (r)1.86zr(n)5.28.9(in)-7 (t)5.1 (n)

2. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Once application documents are accepted, the information contained therein cannot be modified.
4. Application documents that have been accepted may not be returned for any reason.
5. Hiroshima University will void the successful examination results of applicants or admission of students whose application documents are found to contain falsifications or misrepresentations after the examinations or admission.
6. For other matters regarding application, please contact the IGS.
7. The personal information of applicants that Hiroshima University obtained through the process of their applications (name, date of birth, gender, etc.) will only be used for the selection of applicants, announcement of selection results, and admission procedures.

Personal information of successful applicants will be used for student support services (academic advising, scholarship applications, application for tuition fee exemption, issuance of student ID cards, etc.) and surveys and studies (improvement of the admission examinations, research and analysis of motivation for application, etc.).

Regarding the use of personal information in the aforementioned matters, such information may be handled by an outside company to which Hiroshima University has entrusted to conduct part of its work (hereinafter referred to as “outsourced company”). In such case, the university provides the outsourced company with only that part of the personal information it has obtained that is necessary for the outsourced company to conduct its work.

8. Examinee's Number and printing the Examination Card

After Hiroshima University has received the application documents and confirmed that the application eligibility has been fulfilled, the university will enable applicants check their examinee's number on the UCARO website after 12:00 on July 9 2020 (scheduled).

Applicants who have passed the first selection will be able to print the Examination Card and examination guide at UCARO after 12:00 on July 16 (scheduled), so please print them out from UCARO and bring them on the day of the final selection.

If you cannot print the Examination Card and examination guide, please contact the IGS.

9. Applicant Selection Process

Applicants are selected through the first and final selections.

(1) First selection

- a. Screening method: The screening is done based on application documents (personal statement (Document B), document to prove your English language proficiency (Document E), and academic transcripts and test results (Document F)).
- b. Pass/fail decision: The decision will be made based on a comprehensive evaluation of the application documents (personal statement (Document B), document to prove your English language proficiency (Document E), and academic transcripts and test results (Document F)) by classifying them into four grades from A to D.

(2) Final selection

- a. Screening method: The applicants who have passed the first selection will be interviewed in English via the Internet. The interview will be conducted completely in English. The applicants should be able to understand social, global, and scientific issues in English and to express their own ideas logically and persuasively. They are also expected to show their creativity and adaptability in order to work in society. The interview examination will be held on the time and date specified by the university between July 28, 2020 and July 30, 2020. The details will be sent via email individually only to applicants who have passed the first selection.
- b. Pass/fail decision: The decision will be made based on a comprehensive evaluation of the interview examination results based on a scale of 300, combined with the application documents (personal statement (Document B), document to prove your English language proficiency (Document E), and academic transcripts and test results (Document F)).

(IMPORTANT)

1. On the day of examination, applicants must follow the directions given by interviewers. Other information will be separately provided to successful applicants of the first selection.

10. Announcement of the Selection Results

(1) Announcement of the first selection results 12:00, July 16, 2020 (scheduled)

The first selection results will be announced at Hiroshima University website (<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/nyushi/goukaku>) and UCARO website.

[For successful applicants]

The final selection guidance will be announced through UCARO, on the day on which the first selection results are announced.

[For unsuccessful applicants]

Information on how to obtain a refund for part of the application fee will be available on UCARO.

(2) Announcement of the final selection results 12:00, August 7, 2020 (scheduled)

The examinee's numbers of successful applicants will be announced on the Hiroshima University Admissions Information website (<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/nyugaku>) and the UCARO website.

Hiroshima University posts the information on the website as part of its information disclosure activities, and the formal announcement of successful applicants will be made by sending the written notification by postal mail.

Inquiries by phone or other means about the selection results will not be accepted.

11. Enrollment Procedures

(1) Period

Complete the enrollment procedures within the following periods.

From August 17 at 9:00 to August 24, 2020, NO LATER THAN 17:00 (JST)

(2) Procedures

Successful applicants will be notified of the detailed enrollment procedures.

(3) Enrollment and tuition fees

a. Enrollment fee JPY 282,000

b. Tuition fee (full-year) JPY 535,800

- The enrollment fee, once paid, will not be returned under any circumstances.

- In the case of tuition revision during enrollment, students will be required to pay the revised tuition fee.

* The above amounts are valid as of April 2020.

The actual fees to be paid and specific payment methods will be notified separately.

(IMPORTANT)

1. In case you do not complete the enrollment procedure within the period stated above, you will be regarded as you withdraw from the admission.
2. If a successful applicant fails to complete 12-year school education, their admission will be cancelled even after completion of the procedures.

12. Scholarships

The IGS offers full or partial scholarship opportunities to international students enrolled in IGS bachelor's program to help student succeed academically.

All these scholarship programs are offered to students who do not have Japanese nationality and will enter Japan with a valid "Ryugaku" student visa. Some scholarships are not available for those who already live or study in Japan as international students. Updated information must be obtained from the IGS website and emails from the Department. Please note that successful applicants will have to withdraw from other scholarship programs to study in Japan if other scholarship programs have also been applied to.

(1) Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

A few selected outstanding applicants will be recommended for the Japanese Government (MEXT *) scholarship (University Recommendation).

* MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Type	Government (MEXT)
Award	Monthly allowance of JPY 117,000 Full waiver of all school fees Air ticket to and from Japan
Term	Four years
Eligibility	Not living/studying in Japan Success in IGS admissions for April 2021 intake High academic performance in the previous education institution Under 24 years old at the time of enrollment
Application	Candidates will be contacted by the IGS Office in December.
Decision	March

(2) Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship

Applicants who are not residing in Japan and will come to Japan to enroll in IGS will have an opportunity to apply for the Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students by Pre-arrival Admission (University Recommendation).

Type	Government (MEXT/JASSO)
Award	Monthly allowance of JPY 48,000
Term	One year
Eligibility	Not living/studying in Japan Success in IGS admissions for April 2021 intake High academic performance in the previous education institution
Application	Candidates will be contacted by IGS Office in March.
Decision	April

(3) IGS Scholarship

Applicants who possess a nationality other than Japanese and have “Ryugaku” student visas, including those who have initiated the application process are eligible for the IGS Scholarship.

Type	University (Hiroshima University)
Award	JPY 300,000 for the amount of full year for the first-year students From the second-year onward, scholarship recipients and the amount of the scholarships will be determined based on student’s academic records and financial circumstances.
Eligibility	Success in IGS admissions for April 2021 intake (International applicants who live in Japan are eligible to apply.)
Application	After the announcement of successful applicants of IGS program
Decision	April

14. Other Points to be Considered

(1) Contact address

Higashi-Hiroshima Campus (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays)

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This scholarship program is

Disclosure of Entrance Examination Results (Personal Information)

1. This Entrance Examination Results (Personal Information) as defined in the following will be disclosed only to those who have applied the disclosure of examination results by the online application system from Hiroshima University.

Item	Information disclosed
Grade	First selection: A comprehensive evaluation by classification into four grades * Grading criteria is indicated in Table 1 below. Final selection: A comprehensive evaluation by classification into four grades * Grading criteria is indicated in Table 2 below.

Table 1. First selection

A	Those whose applications are deemed adequate to qualify for the final selection for the Entrance Examination.
B	Those whose applications are deemed inadequate by a small margin to qualify for the final selection for the IGS Entrance Examination.
C	Those whose applications are deemed inadequate for the final selection for the IGS Entrance Examination.
D	Those whose applications are deemed inadequate to qualify for the final selection for the Entrance Examination, and are considered to be highly unlikely to be accepted.

Table 2. Final selection

A	Those whose examination results are deemed adequate to obtain admission to IGS through this Entrance Examination.
B	Those whose examination results are deemed inadequate by a small margin to obtain admission to IGS through this Entrance Examination.
C	Those whose examination results are deemed inadequate to obtain admission to IGS through this Entrance Examination.
D	Those whose examination results are deemed inadequate to obtain admission to IGS through this Entrance Examination, and are considered to be highly unlikely to be accepted.

- 2>, The disclosure of examination results may be requested in the following manner:

The request procedures for a disclosure should be done at the time of application for the entrance examination.

- (1) Access the online application system from the Hiroshima University Admissions Information website:
<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/nyugaku>.
- (2) Please select “Yes” in the ‘Disclosure of Entrance Examination Results’ section if you would like to request a disclosure. Please note the following points.
 - í JPY 300 is required as the disclosure fee. It is added to the application fee. Even if you do not take this examination after the application, the disclosure fee cannot be refunded.
 - í Note that the result is only indicated with a grading scale letter (A, B, C, or D).
- (3) Do the payment procedures for the disclosure fee together with the application fee in the ‘Select a Payment Method’ section through the Internet application system.
- (4) The result will be available from April 21, 2021 to May 31, 2021 on the UCARO website.
 UCARO is an Internet application and enrollment procedure support system.

Inquiry

Office of Admissions, Hiroshima University
 E-mail: nyusi-group@office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp

- (Note) Only the Office of Admissions accepts applications and inquiries regarding disclosure of examination results.
 The IGS will not accept such applications and inquiries.

Information on the Necessity of a Laptop Computer

From Academic Year 2015, every student at Hiroshima University has been requested to have and use their own laptops in their academic activities. Students will use their laptops in “Daigaku Kyoiku Nyumon (i.e., Introduction to University Education)” and other IT-related lectures. Students will also use their laptops and the Internet on a lot of occasions, including when writing lecture reports and papers.

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