

# MA in Global Japanese Literary and Cultural Studies (Global-J)

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Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences  
Waseda University



# Program Concept

Advanced scholarly training in Japanese literary and cultural studies.

Coursework and research on original sources in Japanese.

Class discussion and writing assignments primarily in English.

# How to earn your MA

Earn 32 credits (14 compulsory) over two years of residence.

Research, write, and successfully defend an original MA thesis in English.

# Curriculum: Compulsory Courses

- Thesis Guidance Seminar (4 semesters, 8 credits)
- Research Methods (1 sem., 2 cr.)
- Critical Approaches to Japanese Studies (1 sem., 2 cr.)
- Readings in Classical Japanese (1 sem., 2 cr.)

## Curriculum: Elective Courses (2 cr. each)

Introduction to Kanbun

Special Topics in Japanese  
Literature and Culture I-IV

Contemporary Japanese  
Fiction in English Translation

Japan's Living Theater

Women's Coming-of-Age  
Narratives

Global Genre Fiction

Storytelling and Media

Adaptations of Classical  
Japanese Literature

# Research Supervision Teams

Prof. Shiho TAKAI & Prof. Kristopher REEVES

Classical Japanese Literature, Japanese Theater and  
Performing Arts, Sino-Japanese Studies

# Research Supervision Teams

Prof. Hitomi YOSHIO & Prof. Pau PITARCH

Modern and Contemporary Japanese Literature, Gender Studies, Media Studies, Translation

# Full Admissions Information

[https://www.waseda.jp/flas/glas/en/  
applicants/admissions/](https://www.waseda.jp/flas/glas/en/applicants/admissions/)