

Global Japanese Literary and Cultural Studies (Global-J)

Information Session - May 24, 2023

Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Waseda University



Application: November 2023

MA (April and September entry)

PhD (April entry)

[Separate application in June for PhD September entry]

Program Concept

Advanced scholarly training in Japanese literary and cultural studies.

Coursework and research on **original sources in Japanese**.

Class discussion and writing assignments **in English**.

Language Requirements

All lectures, class discussions and writing are in English.

Japanese Proficiency:

MA - **Appropriate to proposed research topic.**

PhD - **N1** or **EJU 260+**.

PhD Requirements

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

Publish at least one peer-reviewed article in English in a scholarly journal.

Present at least once at a scholarly conference in English.

PhD Advising Teams

- Prof. Richi SAKAKIBARA (WU) & Prof. Hirokazu TOEDA (WU)
- Prof. Michael EMMERICH (UCLA) & Prof. Hidenori JINNO (WU)
- Prof. Kimiko KŌNO (WU) & Prof. David LURIE (Columbia)
- Prof. Ryūichi KODAMA (WU) & Prof. Satoko SHIMAZAKI (UCLA)
- Prof. Hitomi YOSHIO (WU) & Prof. Pau PITARCH (WU)
- Prof. Shiho TAKAI (WU) & Prof. Kristopher REEVES (WU)

MA Requirements

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

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

MA 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.)

MA Curriculum: Elective Courses (2 cr.)

- 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

MA Curriculum: Other Courses

- Courses from other Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences graduate programs.
- Courses from other Waseda University graduate programs.
- Courses from other affiliated Universities.

Full Admissions Information

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

For Further Questions...

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