

【Only for students who enrolled in 2023[1A23xGxx-x]】

Application for Graduating in 3.5 Years

If you wish to graduate in 3.5 years, apply according to the following procedure.

Conditions for filing an application

The student must fulfill all requirements as listed below at the end of their 2.5 year.

1. The student has obtained 100 or more credits (excluding voluntary courses).
2. The student has obtained all the credits of required courses.
3. The student has a GPA of 3.3 or higher for all courses obtained (excluding voluntary courses).
4. The student has a GPA of 3.3 or higher for courses in the “Political Science,” “Economics,” and “Methodology” categories combined.
5. The student has registered and passed “Advanced Seminar 1, 2”.

Application Period

March 11 (Wed)1:00PM – March 17 (Tue) 12:59 PM

How to Apply

Fill in the application form online.

***An email will be sent to those who fulfill the requirements above by March 11.**

Course registration after application

1. Students who have been judged as eligible to graduate in 3.5 years will register for courses to fulfill the required number of credits for graduation by the last semester.
2. Students must take “Advanced Seminar 3, 4” and “Thesis”.

Judgment regarding graduation

1. The student has obtained 124 or more credits, and has a GPA of 3.3 or higher for all courses obtained (excluding voluntary courses).
2. The student has a GPA of 3.3 or higher for courses in the “Political Science,” “Economics,” and “Methodology” categories combined.
3. The student has passed “Advanced Seminar 3, 4” and “Thesis”.

Handling of academic fees

If a student graduates in 3.5 years, academic fees will not be collected after the last semester.

Notes

- *1. If you wish to withdraw the request, inform the SPSE Office by September 11 2026. However, you will not be able to apply once you withdraw.
- *2. If it is determined that a student has not fulfilled the prescribed requirements at the end of 1st semester in the fourth year, the courses that were registered for over 20 credits will be changed to voluntary courses so as not to be included in the credits counted toward graduation.
- *3. Students who are planning to or have on study abroad are not eligible to apply.
- *5. Students who take a leave of absence will continue to be eligible for 3.5 years graduation. However, in the case of a half-year leave of absence, etc., students cannot graduate in 3.5 years, except for the period of the leave of absence due to the order of taking the Advanced Seminar and the semester in which the courses are offered.
- *6. For details, refer to your School Study Guide or following website.
<https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/students/grades/>
> System for Graduating in 3.5 Years
- *7. The number of graduate schools and companies in Japan that regard 3.5 year graduates with favor is very limited. Consider this matter well before applying.

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