

Taking research ethics course/program in master's program
at Graduate School of Fundamental/Creative/Advanced Science and Engineering

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Update on May 1, 2025:

“3. Course/program designated by each Graduate School” & “5. How to report after obtaining credit points/completing program” have been modified. (*Amendments are marked in yellow.)

Graduate students enrolled in the master's program at Graduate School of Fundamental/Creative/Advanced Science and Engineering are required to take and report on research ethics course/program designated by their graduate school as a condition for submitting their master's thesis.

Master's students should follow the necessary procedures for taking and reporting courses/programs as described in the Students HANDBOOK and in this document.

1. For whom is this requirement applied?

Students entered the master's program of the Graduate School of Fundamental/Creative/Advanced Science and Engineering in April 2024 or later.

*Note: Students who started the master's program before September 2023 and are still enrolled in the master's program in/after Fall Semester 2025 must attend research ethics course/program in accordance with this document.

2. When should students take research ethics course/program?

In principle, students should take the course/program in their first year (the first semester after enrollment is highly recommended).

3. Course/program designated by each Graduate School

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Students are required to take one of the following courses/programs:

- ① “Introduction to Academic and Research Integrity (For Life Sciences, Biological Science, Science and Engineering)” offered by Global Education Center.
- ② [eL CoRE]e-Learning Course on Research Ethics offered by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.
 - Please refer to “For the Sound Development of Science -The Attitude of a Conscientious Scientist-” first and then watch the on-demand content.
 - Please take “For Helping Graduate Students Understand Research Ethics via Case Examples”, which is intended for graduate students.
- ③ [eAPRIN]APRIN e-Learning Program offered by Association for the Promotion of Research Integrity.
 - Please take “JST Course (2) Engineering”.
(*After obtaining an account and logging in, you will be shown several contents that you can take, but students of the Graduate School of Fundamental/Creative Science and Engineering are designated to take “JST Course (2) Engineering”).

***Even if you have already taken either of the external programs ② and ③ as an undergraduate student, you must take either of them again after entering the master's program.**

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Designated courses are available on the FSE website. Please follow below link:

https://www.waseda.jp/fsci/students/dissertation/#anc_3

4. How to register courses/programs

- In case of taking courses offered by Waseda University: Please register for the courses specified in 3. (in the previous page) during the course registration period.
Course registration information on FSE website: <https://www.waseda.jp/fsci/en/students/registration/>
- In case of taking external program:
 - [eL CoRE] e-Learning Course on Research Ethics offered by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science:
Please visit the website (<https://elcore.jsps.go.jp/top.aspx>) and each student must register as a user before taking the course.
 - [eAPRIN] APRIN e-Learning Program offered by Association for the Promotion of Research Integrity:
Please contact Research Management Section (rps-management@list.waseda.jp) and inform following points:
 - ✓ Affiliation (Graduate School of **** Science and Engineering)
 - ✓ Your student ID Number
 - ✓ Your name
 - ✓ Your Waseda email address
 - ✓ You would like to take the eAPRIN.

After user registration, account information for the program will be sent to your Waseda e-mail address.

5. How to report after completing program

Only those who have taken external research ethics program should report the name of the external contents they have taken and submit a certificate of completion through the MyWaseda Application Form.

- If you have earned credit points for research ethics courses offered by Waseda University, you are not required to report the course title or submit the certificate of completion through the MyWaseda Application Form. (Whether or not you have obtained credit points can be verified based on the university's internal grade data. Thus, students do not need to report through the MyWaseda Application Form.)

MyWaseda Application Form:

<https://my.waseda.jp/application/detail/application-detail?communityContentLinkId=625396785>

6. Others

When you submit the master's thesis research plan at the end of the first year of the master's program, please report whether you have completed the research ethics course/program.

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