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Graduate School of Sustainable Systems Science,

Komatsu University

(Doctoral Course)

Application Guidelines

Applicants with Master's Degrees

(Prospective Full Time Students)

Employed / Professional Applicants

International Applicants



Komatsu **U**niversity

Schedule for the 2025 Entrance Examination (Doctoral Course)

Division of Production System Science

Category		Application Period and Deadlines	Examination Date	Announcement of Acceptance	Enrollment Period
1st Term Admission	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	2024 August 5 (Mon.) ~ August 9 (Fri.)	2024 August 24 (Sat.)	2024 September 13 (Fri.)	2025 February 20 (Thu.) ~ February 28 (Fri.)
	Employed / Professional Applicants				
2nd Term Admission	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	2024 November 15 (Fri.) ~ November 21 (Thu.)	2024 December 7 (Sat.)	2024 December 20 (Fri.)	
	Employed / Professional Applicants				
International Applicants		Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing

Division of Health Sciences

Category		Application Period and Deadlines	Examination Date	Announcement of Acceptance	Enrollment Period
1st Term Admission	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	2024 July 12 (Fri.) ~ July 18 (Thu.)	2024 August 3 (Sat.)	2024 August 23 (Fri.)	2025 February 20 (Thu.) ~ February 28 (Fri.)
	Employed / Professional Applicants				
	International Applicants				
2nd Term Admission	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	2025 February 25 (Tue.) ~ March 3 (Mon.)	2025 March 11 (Tue.)	2025 March 18 (Tue.)	2025 March 18 (Tue.) ~ March 24 (Mon.)
	Employed / Professional Applicants				
	International Applicants				

Division of Global Cultures

Category		Application Period and Deadlines	Examination Date	Announcement of Acceptance	Enrollment Period
1st Term Admission	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	2024 July 12 (Fri.) ~ July 18 (Thu.)	2024 August 3 (Sat.)	2024 August 23 (Fri.)	2025 February 20 (Thu.) ~ February 28 (Fri.)
	Employed / Professional Applicants				
	International Applicants				
2nd Term Admission	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	2025 January 27 (Mon.) ~ January 31 (Fri.)	2025 February 15 (Sat.)	2025 February 28 (Fri.)	2025 February 28 (Fri.) ~ March 7 (Fri.)
	Employed / Professional Applicants				
	International Applicants				

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1. Admissions Policy

Graduate School of Sustainable Systems Science

The Graduate School of Sustainable Systems Science seeks applicants with the following qualities:

- Those who have acquired basic knowledge and skills in the departments of Production Systems Science, Health Care Systems Science, and Glocal Culture of the master's program of the university or equivalent higher education institutions, and who have completed practical training in the specialized fields of their respective departments.
- Applicants should have high aspirations for the sustainability of the region and the world, and who have a strong interest and desire to work with the field to create ideas that can be applied beyond the framework of existing academia in order to realize a sustainable society. Those who have an interest in other fields and a willingness to discover issues related to the sustainability of humanity as a whole and the immediate sphere of life, and to show the way to solutions.
- In deepening their individual expertise, they must be able to communicate with domestic and international researchers with resonance and cooperation, face challenges with an ethical view that respects the dignity of life and humanity, and have a strong will to solve problems.

Division of Production System Science

The objective of this major is to nurture graduates who can contribute to local industries by utilizing their advanced expertise in engineering and by realizing sustainable production processes in the field of manufacturing. We seek applicants with the following abilities and qualities:

- Fundamental knowledge of mechanical engineering and the various fields of mechanics within its framework.
- A person who is willing to build DX and GX systems utilizing information engineering, electrical and electronic engineering to realize sustainable production processes.
- A person who is not limited to his or her own specialty, but has the drive and energy to actively collaborate with experts in other fields to create pathways to solving issues for sustainability.
- Those who are willing to actively engage with local industry and play a leadership role in the development of local industry.

Division of Health Sciences

The objective of this major is to nurture individuals who can contribute to the creation of sustainable communities through the systematic establishment of community-based healthcare and the development of medical devices. We seek applicants with the following abilities and qualities:

- Applicants must have a master's degree (Health Sciences) awarded by the University's Department of Health Care Systems Science, or have academic ability equivalent to such a degree.
- Ability to create and execute new ideas, cooperate with others, and take initiative to systematically

build sustainable healthcare.

- Desire to contribute to people's health and well-being and have a clear vision of their future career path as an advanced healthcare professional, researcher, or educator.

Division of Glocal Cultures

The objective of this major is to nurture individuals who can work to resolve international and regional issues, to propose visionary and comprehensive paths in order to achieve a sustainable society from a humanities and social science perspective. We seek applicants with the following abilities and qualities:

- Obtained a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and have knowledge of the fundamentals of a specialized field.
- Ability to use creativity and historical understanding to deepen their expertise in language and culture studies, political economy, and tourism studies, and propose visionary and comprehensive paths that are not bound by the existing frameworks within academia.
- Have the abilities and skills necessary to identify and resolve issues related to the sustainability of Minami-Kaga (the southern area of Ishikawa Prefecture), the Hokuriku region, and globally.
- Those who are equipped with the abilities and skills necessary to identify and solve various sustainability issues in Minami-Kaga and Hokuriku and the international community, who are proud of their own culture, who have developed the ability to explore the cultural diversity of their local communities, and who wish to play a leadership role in solving local problems.

2. Number of Applicants and Admission Periods

Division	Quotas for Admission
Division of Production System Science	2
Division of Health Sciences	1
Division of Glocal Cultures	1
Total	4

3. Application Qualifications

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria. In addition to the general eligibility requirements, there are also some specific requirements that individual applications must meet. Please refer to the relevant page of each division's admission procedures.

Applicants should:

- ① have master's degree or a professional degree, or those who expect to obtain one by March 31, 2025.
- ② have received a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree from a foreign country, or expect to receive such a degree by March 31, 2025.
- ③ have been awarded a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree by March 31, 2025, after completing an educational institution in Japan that is recognized in the school education system of the foreign country as having a graduate school curriculum in the foreign country.
- ④ have received a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree by completing correspondence courses offered by foreign schools in Japan, and persons who expect to receive such a degree by March 31, 2025.
- ⑤ have completed a program at the United Nations University, which was established pursuant to a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 11th, 1972, and is prescribed in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the "Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the headquarters of the United Nations University" (Act No. 72 of 1976) (Hereinafter referred to as the "United Nations university"), and has been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree or is expected to acquire one by March 31, 2025
- ⑥ have taken an educational course at a school in a foreign country, an educational institution designated in ③ above, or the United Nations University, and have passed or are expected to pass by March 31, 2025 the examination and screening prescribed in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, and who are recognized by the Graduate School as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a master's degree holder.
- ⑦ be persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
 - (1) Those who have graduated from a university, etc. and have been engaged in research at a university, research institute, etc. for two years or more, and who are recognized by the graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to a person with a master's degree.
 - (2) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country or 16 years of correspondence courses provided by a foreign school in Japan, and who has been engaged in research at a university or research institute for 2 years or more, and who is recognized by

the graduate school as having academic ability equivalent or superior to a person with a master's degree based on the results of said research.

- ⑧ be recognized by the Graduate School as having academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's or professional degree, and who will reach 24 years of age by March 31, 2025.

4. Pre-screening of Application Eligibility

Those who wish to apply according to ⑥, ⑦, ⑧ of "3. Application Qualifications" must complete the eligibility screening prior to the application period and deadlines.

(1) Documents to be submitted:

Documents	Notes
Application form for pre-screening of eligibility	Please complete the attached form prescribed by the Graduate School.
A statement of research achievements	Please complete the attached form prescribed by the Graduate School.
Certificate of completion	Please submit your final education.
Academic transcript	For those who apply according to "Qualifications for Application ⑦" a letter from the dean (or president) of the applicant's home university. For those who apply according to "Qualifications for Application ⑥ and ⑧", a certificate prepared by the head of the last school attended.
Outline of research or development work, etc.	Please fill in Appendix Form 2 within 2,000 words. (A4 or letter size, 5 sheets or less)
Documents related to application qualification ⑥	Those who are applying according to the application qualification ⑥ must submit a confirmation form for the examination equivalent to the examination of basic skills necessary for doctoral dissertation research and materials that show the criteria for passing the said examination.
Return envelope for notification of screening results	Long 235 × 120 envelope with name and place of receipt indicated, along with a 354 yen ^{※1} stamp attached to the envelope. If the applicant is residing outside of Japan, please contact to the graduate school office.

Note: For items written in languages other than Japanese or English, please attach a Japanese or English translation.

※1 Postal rates are scheduled to be revised in October 2024. If the postage rate is revised, please affix stamps including the revised express postage rate.

(2) Submission period and notification of screening results

Division	Period/ Process	1st Term Admission	2nd Term Admission
		Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students) Employed / Professional Applicants International Applicants	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students) Employed / Professional Applicants International Applicants
Division of Production System Science	Submission Period	2024 July 12(Fri.) ~ July 19(Fri.)	2024 October 21 (Mon.) ~ October 25(Fri.)
	Notification of Screening Results	2024 Late July	2024 Early -November
Division of Health Sciences	Submission Period	2024 June 24 (Mon.) ~ June28 (Fri.)	2025 January 27 (Mon.) ~ January 31(Fri.)
	Notification of Screening Results	2024 Early -July	2025 Mid - February
Division of Glocal Cultures	Submission Period	2024 June 24 (Mon.) ~ June28 (Fri.)	2025 January 6 (Mon.) ~ January 10 (Fri.)
	Notification of Screening Results	2024 Early -July	2025 Mid -January

Notes1: Application documents must be sent by mail (registered express mail, Letter Pack, or EMS only) and must arrive no later than the last day of the application period.

2: Applicants will be notified of the screening results by mail.

5. Application Period and Deadlines

Division	Application Period and Deadlines	
	1st Term Admission	2nd Term Admission
	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students) Employed / Professional Applicants International Applicants	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students) Employed / Professional Applicants International Applicants
Division of Production System Science	2024 August 5(Mon.) ~ August9(Fri.)	2024 November 15(Fri.) ~ November 21(Thu.)
Division of Health Sciences	2024 July 12(Fri.) ~ July 18(Thu.)	2025 February 25(Tue.) ~ March 3(Mon.)
Division of Glocal Cultures	2024 July 12(Fri.) ~ July 18(Thu.)	2025 January 27(Mon.) ~ January 31(Fri.)

Notes: Application documents must be sent by mail (registered express mail, Letter Pack, or EMS only) and must arrive no later than the last day of the application period.

6. Application Procedures

(1) Application procedure

Applicants are required to send the application documents in a single package attached to this application guideline to the following address by registered express mail, Letter Pack, or EMS within the application period.

※The application will not be accepted directly at the University's office.

※Incomplete application materials may not be accepted.

Mailing address: Graduate School Section, Student Affairs Division, Komatsu University
1-3, Shicho-machi Nu, Komatsu City, Ishikawa 923-8511, Japan

Please note that the University will not respond to inquiries regarding confirmation of the arrival of application materials sent by mail. Please confirm the arrival of your application materials by using the "Tracking Service" on the Japan Post website.

Once the application materials have been received, they will not be returned or changed for any reason. Admission may be revoked if any false information is found in the application materials.

When writing the application materials by hand, please use an indelible ballpoint pen.

(2) Application materials

① Documents common to all majors

Documents	Notes
Application Form	Applicants should fill out the attached form prescribed by the Graduate School themselves.
Photograph Slip	Applicants must affix a photograph (full-face, upper body, without a hat, taken within three months prior to the application, 4 cm X 3 cm, color or black-and-white, with the name of the applicant's major and name clearly written on the back) to the designated space on the attached photo slip.
Examination Voucher	Applicants should use the attached form prescribed by the University.
Entrance Examination Fee Transfer Money Certificate	After transferring the application fee, applicants should make sure that the seal of receipt from the financial institution is stamped on the "Certificate of Transfer of Funds (for submission)," and affix it to the designated space on the application form. Please keep the receipt in a safe place. For the payment, please refer to "(3) Payment of Application Fee" on page9

	<p>of this document.</p> <p>However, those who are expected to complete a master's degree and continue on to the doctoral course do not need to pay an entrance examination fee (tentative).</p>
Return Envelope for Examination Voucher with Official Numbering	<p>Applicants should fill out the attached long 3/4-size envelope with a valid mailing address and affix a 354 yen stamp (including the express mail fee) on it. *Postage rates are scheduled to be revised in October 2024. In the event of a revision, please affix stamps that include the revised express postage rates. If the applicant is residing outside of Japan, Please contact to the graduate school office.</p>
Certificate of (expected) completion	<p>Certificate of completion (expected) of master's program of the graduate school of the applicant's home university.</p> <p>Those who are expected to complete a master's degree at the graduate school of the university do not need to submit this certificate.</p>
Transcript	<p>Prepared by the dean (or president) of the graduate school from which you graduated.</p>
Master's thesis, etc	<p>a. Please fill in "Summary of Master's Thesis" (Appendix Form 1-1) or "Summary of Research or Development Work, etc." (Appendix Form 2) within 2,000 words . (within 5 pages of A4 or letter size)</p> <p>For those who are expected to complete their master's thesis, it should be a summary of the master's thesis and the progress of the research.</p> <p>In addition to the above, applicants for the Glocal Culture major (applicants currently in master's program or have master's degrees) must submit a "Summary of Bachelor's Thesis" (Appendix Form 1-2).</p> <p>b. Attach a copy of the research report. Attach reprints of papers, academic lectures, patents, or other reference documents (copies) related to the research, etc., if any.</p> <p>[Notes.]</p> <p>If the paper is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please also submit an abstract in Japanese or English.</p>
Research Plan	<p>Please describe your desired research theme and your future research plan on the "Research Plan" (Appendix Form 3) prescribed by the Graduate School.</p>

Form 1-1 "Summary of Master's Thesis," Form 1-2 "Summary of Bachelor's Thesis," Form 2 "Summary of Research or Development Work, etc.," and Form 3 "Research Plan" listed in the table above may be prepared in the format (electronic data) available on the University's website, printed on A4 size paper, and submitted.

Note 1: Applicants who fall under ⑥, ⑦ or ⑧ of the application qualifications do not need to submit the following documents again, as they have already been submitted in the preliminary screening for application qualifications.

- Certificate of Completion" (for the last school attended)

- Transcripts" (from the last school attended)
- Summary of research or development work, etc. (Form optional, books, papers, recommendations, etc.)
- For those who apply according to the application qualification ⑥, the confirmation form for the examination equivalent to the examination of basic skills necessary for doctoral dissertation research, and materials that show the criteria for passing the said examination.

②The following documents should be submitted only if applicable.

Documents	Notes
Copy of Residence Card; Copy of Passport	Foreign nationals residing in Japan should submit a copy of their resident card (front and back) and a copy of their passport (page showing nationality, name, gender, and date of birth). International applicants who do not reside in Japan should submit a copy of their passport only. ※ Please use the name on the above certificates on the application form.
Official copy of part of family register	If the information on the transcripts or other documentation is different from that on the application due to a change of family name, etc., please submit one copy.
Application for Special Exception for Educational Programs under Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools	Applicants for the Special Selection for Working Adults who wish to apply for the Special Exception for Educational Programs under Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools must submit the attached form prescribed by the Graduate School.
Letter of permission for an examination	Those who wish to remain employed at a government agency, company, or organization must submit a letter of permission to take the examination prepared by their department head (or supervisor) using the attached form prescribed by the Graduate School.

Note: "Special Exception for Educational Programs Based on Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools" system

The Graduate School of Education has established a system of "Special Exception for Educational Programs Based on Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools" to facilitate graduate school study for those who need it, such as those who are currently employed.

This system allows students to study flexibly under the permission and guidance of their supervisor based on the curriculum stipulated in the graduate school regulations.

If you wish to apply for the system, please submit "Application for Special Exceptions to the Educational Programs Based on Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools" at the time of application.

Reference: Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (1974, Education Ministry Ordinance No. 28) [Extract].

Article 14 In a graduate course, education may be provided by appropriate methods such as holding classes or research guidance at night or at other specified times or periods, when deemed necessary for special educational purposes.

(3) Payment of application fee

The entrance examination fee is 30,000 yen.

Please fill out the bank transfer request form attached to this application guideline and make the transfer at a financial institution (bank, credit union, credit cooperative, agricultural cooperative, or fishery cooperative) that allows money transfers at the teller window. Applicants are required to pay the bank transfer fees.

Please note that financial institutions are closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays.

In addition, transfers from Japan Post Bank, post offices, ATMs (Automated Teller Machines), cell phones, and personal computers will not be accepted.

【Refund of application fee】

In principle, the application fee is not refundable after the application documents are received. However, applicants may apply for a refund, if you cancel your application after transferring the application fee. Please contact the university by Friday, September 27, 2024, for the first term admission and by Friday, March 7, 2025, for the second term admission. Please note that a "receipt (copy for the applicant)" and a "certificate of bank transfer (for submission)" will be required for the return procedure.

7. Admission Categories · Examination Schedule

Admission process of applicants includes a comprehensive evaluation of academic achievements, oral examinations, research proposals, and grades from the applicant's home university.

The selection method and examination dates for each major are as follows:

I. Applicants with Master's Degrees (Prospective Full Time Students)

《Division of Production System Science》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must meet one of the criteria listed in "3. Eligibility for Application" on page 3 of these guidelines.

2. Examination

Comprehensive evaluation of abilities and qualities based on document review and oral examination.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and a research plan will be evaluated.
Oral Examination	The test is designed to examine basic and applied specialized academic skills, a willingness to study and engage in research, and English language skills.

《Division of Health Sciences》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must meet one of the criteria listed in "3. Eligibility for Application" on page 3 of these guidelines.

2. Examination

The applicant's ability will be comprehensively evaluated through a document review, an oral examination, and an examination that tests the applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization and English language skills necessary for research in that field.

In addition, based on the applicant's academic transcripts, we will evaluate the applicant's expertise and willingness to study in order to solve problems faced by health and welfare.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and a research plan will be evaluated.
Oral Examination	The test is designed to examine the academic ability in a specialized field and the English language skills necessary to conduct research in that field.

《Division of Glocal Cultures》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must meet one of the criteria listed in "3. Eligibility for Application" on page 3 of these guidelines.

2. Examination

Comprehensive evaluation of the applicant's ability will be made through an examination of documents, an oral examination, and an examination of the applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization and foreign language skills necessary for research in the field.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the bachelor's thesis, master's thesis, or equivalent, and a research plan will be evaluated.
Oral Examination	Based on the academic transcript, we will evaluate the applicant's expertise and willingness to study in order to solve problems facing the community.

For information on the type of foreign language, please contact the Division Head. (See page 21 of this guideline for contact information.)

Examination Dates, Subjects, and Examination venue

(Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students))

Division	Dates		Time	Examination Type(s)	Examination venue				
Division of Production System Science	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 24, 2024	13:30~	Oral Examination	Awazu Campus				
	2nd Term Admission	Saturday, December 7, 2024							
Division of Health Sciences	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 3, 2024			13:30~	Oral Examination	Central Campus		
	2nd Term Admission	Tuesday, March 11, 2025					Suehiro Campus		
Division of Global Cultures	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 3, 2024					13:30~	Oral Examination	Central Campus
	2nd Term Admission	Saturday, February 15, 2025							

II. Employed / Professional Applicants

《Division of Production System Science》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must have at least two years of professional work experience at an educational or research institution, government office, or company at the time of admission, continue to be employed after admission, and have permission to take the examination from the head of the institution.

Applicants must notify the head of the division (see page 21) prior to application.

2. Examination

The applicant's competence and academic skills will be evaluated comprehensively based on oral

examinations and academic transcripts.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and research plan
Oral Examination	The applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization, English proficiency necessary for research in that field, and willingness to study and commitment to research based on his/her experience as a working adult will be examined.

《Division of Health Sciences》

1. Application requirements

Applicant must have a total of three years of work experience by March 31, 2025. The period of attendance at schools (regular, evening, and correspondence schools), including universities, is not included in the years of experience as a working adult. Applicants must meet one of the conditions listed in the "Application Qualifications" section on pages 3 and 4. Applicants must notify the head of the division (see page 21) prior to application.

2. Examination

The applicant's competence and academic abilities will be comprehensively evaluated based on oral examinations and academic transcripts.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and research plan
Oral Examination	The applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization, English proficiency necessary for research in that field, and willingness to study and commitment to research based on his/her experience as a working adult will be examined.

《Division of Glocal Cultures》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must have a total of three years of work experience by March 31, 2025. The period of attendance at schools (regular, evening, and correspondence schools), including universities, is not included in the years of experience as a working adult.

Applicants must meet one of the conditions listed in the "Application Qualifications" section on pages 3 and 4. Applicants must notify the head of the division (see page 21) prior to application.

2. Examination

Based on a document review, oral examination, and academic transcripts, we will comprehensively evaluate the applicant's expertise, willingness and ability to face and solve various problems faced by the community.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and research plan

Oral Examination	The applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization, English proficiency necessary for research in that field, and willingness to study and commitment to research based on his/her experience as a working adult will be examined.
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Examination Dates, Subjects, and Examination venue (Employed / professional applicants)

Division	Dates		Time	Examination Type(s)	Examination venue				
Division of Production System Science	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 24, 2024	13:30~	Oral Examination	Awazu Campus				
	2nd Term Admission	Saturday, December 7, 2024							
Division of Health Sciences	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 3, 2024			13:30~	Oral Examination	Central Campus		
	2nd Term Admission	Tuesday, March 11, 2025					Suehiro Campus		
Division of Glocal Cultures	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 3, 2024					13:30~	Oral Examination	Central Campus
	2nd Term Admission	Saturday, February 15, 2025							

III. International Applicants

《Division of Production System Science》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must be non-Japanese nationals whose status of residence has been changed to "College Student" or is expected to be changed to "College Student" at the time of admission, and who meet one of the criteria listed in 3. Those who are expected to graduate or have graduated from the Department of Production Systems Science are not eligible to apply. Applicants must notify the head of the division (see page21) in advance of application.

2. Examination

The applicant's academic ability will be evaluated comprehensively through a document review, an oral examination, and an examination that assesses the applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization and the English and Japanese language skills necessary for research in that field.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and research plan
Oral Examination	The applicant's academic ability in his/her field of specialization and the English and Japanese language skills necessary for research in that field will be tested. Based on the academic transcript, the applicant's willingness to study and commitment to research will be examined

《Division of Health Sciences》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must be non-Japanese nationals whose status of residence has been changed to "College Student" or is expected to be changed to "College Student" at the time of admission, and who meet one of the criteria listed in 3. Applicants must inform the head of the division (see page 21) before submitting their application.

2. Examination

The applicant's academic ability will be evaluated comprehensively through a document review, an oral examination, and an examination that assesses the applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization and the English and Japanese language skills necessary for research in that field.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and research plan
Oral Examination	The applicant's academic ability in his/her field of specialization and the English and Japanese language skills necessary for research in that field will be tested. Based on the academic transcript, the applicant's willingness to study and commitment to research will be examined

《Division of Glocal Cultures》

1. Application requirements

Applicants must be non-Japanese nationals whose status of residence has been changed to "College Student" or is expected to be changed to "College Student" at the time of admission, and who meet one of the criteria listed in 3. Applicants must inform the head of the division (see page 21) before submitting their application.

2. Examination

The applicant's ability will be evaluated comprehensively through a document review, an oral examination, and an examination that tests the applicant's academic ability in the field of specialization and foreign language and Japanese language skills necessary for research in the field.

Exam	Content
Document Review	A copy of the master's thesis or its equivalent and research plan
Written or Oral Examination	The applicant's academic ability in his/her field of specialization and the foreign language and Japanese language skills necessary for research in that field will be examined. Based on the academic transcript, the applicant's expertise and willingness to study to solve problems facing the region will be examined

Examination Dates, Subjects, and Examination venue (International applicants)

Division	Dates		Time	Examination Type(s)	Examination venue
Division of Production System Science	1st Term Admission	Ongoing	Ongoing	Oral Examination	Awazu Campus
	2nd Term Admission				
Division of Health Sciences	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 3, 2024	13:30~		Central Campus
	2nd Term Admission	Tuesday, March 11, 2025			Suehiro Campus
Division of Glocal Cultures	1st Term Admission	Saturday, August 3, 2024			Central Campus
	2nd Term Admission	Saturday, February 17, 2025			

8. Dispatch of Examination Voucher with Official Numbering

Division	Shipping Date	
Division of Production System Science	1st Term Admission	Around Friday, August 16, 2024
	2nd Term Admission	Around Friday, November 29, 2024
Division of Health Sciences	1st Term Admission	Around Friday, July 26, 2024
	2nd Term Admission	Around Thursday, March 6, 2025
Division of Production System Science	1st Term Admission	Around Friday, July 26, 2024
	2nd Term Admission	Around Friday, February 7, 2025

Notes:

1. Materials will be sent to international applicants applying to the Division of Production System Science approximately one week after the application is received (as needed).
2. Please be sure to bring your examination voucher with you on the day of the examination.
3. The examination number on the voucher is also required for admission procedures. Until then, please keep your examination voucher in a safe place.

9. Announcement of Successful Candidates

Division	Date of Acceptance Announcement	
	1st Term Admission	2nd Term Admission
	Applicants with Master's Degrees Employed / Professional Applicants International Applicants	Applicants with Master's Degrees Employed / Professional Applicants International Applicants
Division of Production System Science	September 13, 2024 (Friday)	December 20, 2024 (Friday)
Division of Health Sciences	August 23, 2024 (Friday)	March 18, 2025 (Tuesday)
Division of Global Cultures	August 23, 2024 (Friday)	February 28, 2025 (Friday)

The numbers of successful applicants will be announced on the University's website, and notification of acceptance will be sent to them.

※ Please note that the University will not respond to inquiries by telephone regarding the acceptance or rejection of applications.

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Note: Successful international applicants for the Division of Production System Science will be announced within two weeks of the examination date (as needed).

10. Admission Procedures

The period and method of admission procedures will be announced to successful applicants for the first term admission in late February, and to successful applicants for the second term admission at the time of notification of acceptance, together with the "Graduate School Admission Procedure Guidebook".

11. Admission and Tuition Fees

(1) Admission fee 282,000 yen

(2) Tuition fees

Tuition (same amount for 1st and 2nd semester) 292,900 yen (annual tuition 585,800 yen)

Notes:

1. The above amounts are estimated, and if the entrance fee is revised at the time of admission, the new entrance fee will be applied from the time of the revision.
2. There is a system for exemption and reduction of entrance fees.

Admission Selection Category	Details of Exemption and Reduction of Entrance and Tuition Fees
Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	The full amount of the entrance and tuition fees shall be exempted.
Employed/professional applicants	Half of the tuition will be exempted for students whose income is less than 5 million yen/year.
International applicant	The full amount of the entrance and tuition fees shall be exempted.

12. Scholarships

Benefits for study support are available for the following selection categories.

	Selection Category	Benefits
1	Applicants with Master's Degrees (Full Time Students)	100,000 yen/month will be provided for study support. (Up to standard years of study)
2	International applicant	

13. Prior Consultation with Students who have Special Needs for Entrance Examination and Study

Applicants with special needs or considerations for examination and study should submit the following documents to the Graduate School Section, Student Affairs Division, Komatsu University, listed in "19. Inquiries"

Major/Division	Deadline for Prior Consultation	
	1st Term Admission	2nd Term Admission
Division of Production System Science	July 26, 2024 (Tuesday)	November 8, 2024 (Friday)
Division of Health Sciences	July 5, 2024 (Friday)	February 19, 2025 (Wednesday)
Division of Glocal Cultures	July 5, 2024 (Friday)	January 20, 2025 (Monday)

Notes:

1. Special Selection for international students in the Department of Production and System Sciences is available at any time.
2. Please submit the Advance Consultation Form in the format shown on the next page. If you have any reference documents, please attach them as well.

14. Privacy Policy

In accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies, and the university's internal management regulations, Komatsu University is committed to the appropriate management and protection of personal information.

Concerning all personal information obtained by Komatsu University through the admission process of applicants and all personal information contained in documents submitted at the time of enrollment procedures, and otherwise specified in the application guidelines of the graduate school, the University will use personal information only for the following purposes. Applicants' personal information will not be used for any other purposes.

- (1) Evaluation of applicants for admission and admission procedures
- (2) Post-enrollment management, academic guidance, and health management such as medical checkups.
- (3) On-campus services such as the use of the university portal site, use of the university LAN, the use of the library, and the lending of books
- (4) Services to support students, such as entrance fee waivers, tuition fee waivers, scholarships, etc.
- (5) Services related to the payment of entrance and tuition fees, and necessary services at financial institutions to which the payment services are outsourced.
- (6) Research and surveys related to the applicants' admission in a form that does not allow individuals to be identified.
- (7) Public relations for current students and their families and operations related to the endowment fund (donations).
- (8) Services related to surveys of graduates' academic achievements, support for alumni associations and foundation activities, and the associated public relations through the University.
- (9) Other statistical analyses related to public activities that cannot be identified by an individual.

15. Long-term enrollment system

The long-term enrollment system allows students who face difficulties in studying due to occupational or other reasons to follow take a planned educational course over a period extending beyond the standard term of study. The Graduate School allows students to enroll in the program for a maximum of six years.

If approved at the time of admission, the total amount of tuition paid for the normal term of study (3 years) will be divided equally each semester during the approved extended period of study.

Those who are eligible to apply for the long-term enrollment are those who fall under any of the following conditions and have difficulty in completing their studies within the standard term of study.

- (1) Those who are employed

(2) Those engaged in housework, childcare, nursing care, etc.

(3) Persons with physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities, mental disabilities (including developmental disabilities)

If you would like to use the long-term enrollment system, please inform us of your interest in "19. Inquiries" on page 26 of this guidebook during the application period.

16. Prior Contact with Division Directors

Please note that applicants for the following categories must notify the head of the division to which they wish to apply before the application period.

- Applicants with Master's Degrees (Examination 1)
- Employed / professional applicants
- International applicants

Contact Information

Division	Director	Email Address
Division of Production System Science	(Division Head) Professor Yoshihiro Ueda	yoshihiro.ueda@komatsu-u.ac.jp
Division of Health Sciences	(Division Head) Professor Mayumi Tokuda	mayumi.tokuda@komatsu-u.ac.jp
Division of Glocal Cultures	(Division Head) Professor Toru Okamura	toru.okamura@komatsu-u.ac.jp

17. List of Faculty Members and their Research Fields [as of April 1, 2025]

Faculty members marked with (◆) cannot be selected as a primary supervisor.

Division of Production System Science

Field of Study	Academic Staff	Position	Research Interests
Energy and Engineering	Shigeo Kimura◆	Professor	Thermal Engineering, Fluid Engineering, Heat Transfer Engineering
	Yoichi Utanohara	Professor	Energy Engineering
	Junichi Takayama	Professor	Civil Engineering (Transportation Engineering, Urban Planning)
Materials and Processing	Hiroyuki Kagawa	Professor	Mechanical Engineering, Health, and Sports Science, Human and Medical Engineering
	Akira Hosokawa	Professor	Precision Machining / Production Engineering
	Motohiro Kasuya	Associate Professor	Surface and Interface Science, Tribology
Dynamics and Robotics	Shinobu Sakai	Professor	Sports Science, Design Engineering, Strength of Materials
	Jin-Xing Shi	Associate Professor	Design Engineering, CAE, Computational Mechanics
	Masatoshi Hikitsu	Associate Professor	Mechatronics
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Shinji Ikeda	Associate Professor	Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Nano and Micro Science
Information Science	Yoshihiro Ueda	Professor	Data Science, Knowledge Sharing
	Tatsuto Murayama	Professor	Mathematical Informatics
	Susumu Shinohara	Professor	Applied Physics, Physics
	Yusuke Kajiwara	Associate Professor	Artificial Intelligence, Human Informatics, Human Biomedical Engineering

Division of Health Sciences

Field of Study	Academic Staff	Position	Research Interests
Health Systems Science	Hiroki Nakata	Professor	Basic Medicine
	Michiko Ito◆	Professor	Infection Control Nursing, Fundamental Nursing, Nursing Education
Integrated Care Systems for older adults	Jongho Lee	Professor	Human Informatics, Human Medical Engineering, Life Sciences
	Mayumi Tokuda	Professor	Nursing, Health Sciences

	Yasunari Hashimoto	Professor	Human Informatics, Human Medical Engineering, Brain Sciences
Bioengineering for Health	Sadahisa Yamaoka	Professor	Human Medical Engineering
	Yuko Matsui	Professor	Nursing, Health Sciences, Nursing Science and Engineering
	Kazuhisa Fujita	Associate Professor	Neuroscience, Human Informatics, Information Science
Medical Technologies Substituting Physiological Functions	Tetsuji Yamaoka	Professor	Biomedical Engineering, Biomaterials Science
	Hiroki Kitaura	Professor	Neuroscience, Basic Medicine, Clinical Medicine and Surgery
	Akihiro Yamada	Associate Professor	Biomedical Engineering, Artificial Organs, Cardiovascular Engineering
Creation of Sustainable Societies	Yusuke Takagi	Professor	Public Health, Physiology, Nutrition
	Keiko Kimori	Professor	Nursing, Nursing and Engineering
Other Related Fields	Hiroshi Yamamoto◆	Professor	Basic Medicine, Diabetology, Biological Sciences
	Shinichiro Morinaga◆	Specially-Appointed Professor	Existential Ethics, Applied Ethics

Division of Glocal Cultures

Field of Study	Academic Staff	Position	Research Interests
International Tourism and Regional Revitalization	Shigeki Shakuya	Professor	Anthropology of Tourism, Studies on Local Society Participation in Tourism Development of Maya Archaeological Parks
	Seiichi Nakamura	Professor	Archaeology, Cultural Resource Studies, Area Studies
	Fukiko Nakako	Professor	Tourism, Tourism Sociology, Accessible Tourism, Local Tourism Development, Social Capital
	Yuki Asakura	Associate Professor	Cultural Policy, International Comparison of Cultural Policy, Value of Arts and Culture
	Makoto Kimura	Associate Professor	Psychology, Psychological Influence with Rapid Social Development as Tourist Destination
	Takeharu Kiyoshi	Associate Professor	Regional Innovation System Regional Advantage in a Global Economy
Social Sciences	Yijiang Zhong	Professor	Regional Innovation System Regional Advantage in a Global Economy
	Tadayuki Ichinowatari	Associate Professor	International Political Economy and Trade Studies on Globalization and Emerging Economies
	Kaoru Nishijima	Lecturer	Area Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Political Anthropology
Arts and Humanities	Toru Okamura	Professor	Sociolinguistics, Pidgin and Creole Linguistics

	Bunei Kohara	Professor	Film Studies and Literature, Psychoanalytic, Aesthetic, and Historical Approaches to American Films
	Satoshi Nishimura	Professor	Japanese Literature, Japanese Classical Literature and History of <i>Noh</i>
	Toshihiko Shimauchi	Professor	Linguistics, Research on English Teaching Based on Second Language Acquisition Theories
	Miyuki Nagatsuji	Associate Professor	Linguistics, Research on English and Japanese Clause-Linking Structures in Utterance Interpretation
	Takako Hashimoto	Associate Professor	Chinese Linguistics, Chinese Historical Phonology
	Dennis W. Harmon II	Associate Professor	Education, Educational Philosophy, Identity, Cross-Cultural Encounters

18. Map of Examination Venue

(1) Awazu Campus

【address】 1-3, Shicho-machi Nu, Komatsu-shi, Ishikawa 923-8511, Japan

【Access】 About 12 minutes' walk from Awazu Station

【Major】 Division of Production System Science

(2) Suehiro Campus

【address】 14-1, Mukaimotoori-machi, Komatsu-shi, Ishikawa 923-0961, Japan

【Access】 Take a local bus from Komatsu Station and get off at "Shimin Byoin" (about 7 minutes), about a 3-minute walk; about a 23-minute walk from JR Komatsu Station

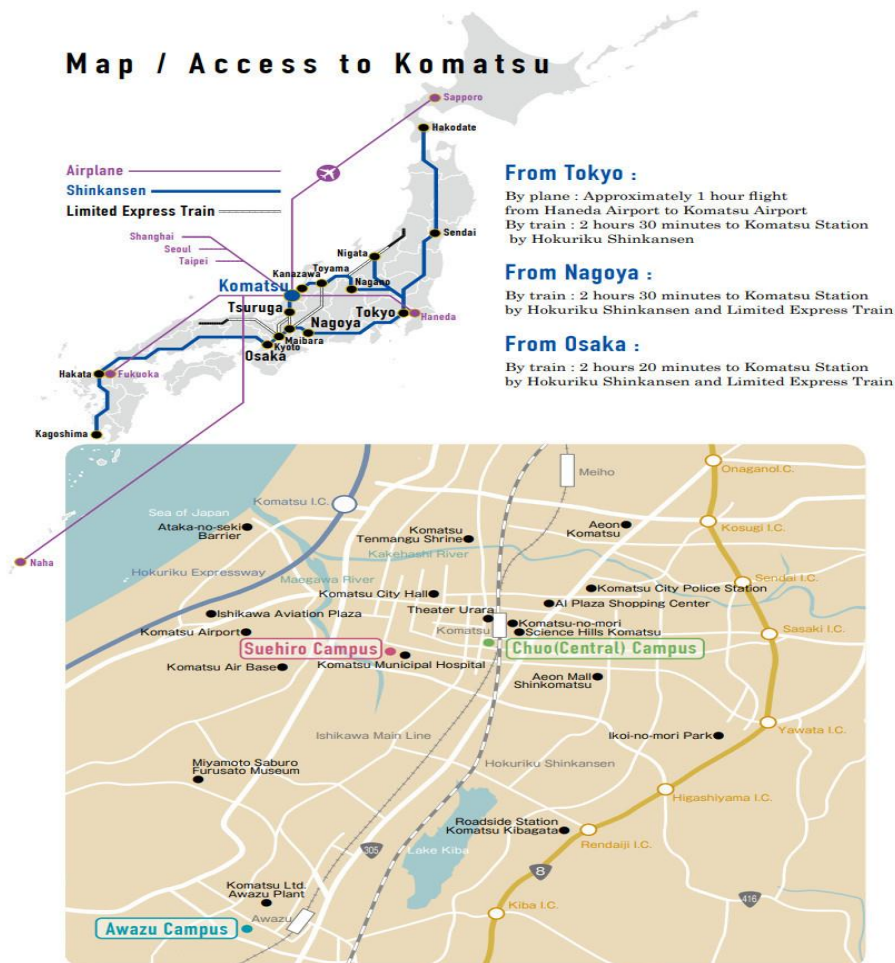
【Major】 Division of Health Sciences

(3) Central Campus

【address】 10-10, Doihara-cho, Komatsu-shi, Ishikawa 923-0921, Japan

【Access】 About 1 minute walk from Komatsu Station

【Major】 Division of Glocal Cultures



19. Inquiries

Monday through Friday (excluding national holidays) Operating Hours are between 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p.m.

Komatsu University Student Affairs Division, Graduate School
1-3, shicho-machi Nu, Komatsu-shi, Ishikawa 923-8511, Japan (Awazu Campus)
Phone : 0761-41-6700 E-mail : daigakuin@komatsu-u.ac.jp

【Information in the event of unforeseen circumstances】

If the examination time, etc. is changed due to unforeseen circumstances, information will be posted on the University's website as needed.

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