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Graduate School of Informatics
Osaka Metropolitan University

Master's Degree Program
Admission Guidelines for International Students

April 2027 Admission

September, October 2026 Admission

[Department of Core Informatics]

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Osaka Metropolitan University Admission Guidelines Website
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Admission Policy of Graduate School of Informatics

The basic philosophy of the Graduate School of Informatics is to contribute to the development of a sustainable society and the creation of culture by human resources with (1) the ability to realize human information processing capabilities in computers and machines, (2) the ability to enhance human information processing capabilities with the help of computers and machines, (3) the systematic thinking ability to analyze various organically connected phenomena as one system and find the best solution, and (4) the ability to understand research in other fields and collaborate, which are all necessary to solve the various problems that emerge in society, and, thus, who can provide appropriate and effective solutions to real-world problems. Based on this basic philosophy, our education and research philosophy is to nurture engineers, researchers, and educators who have acquired a deep knowledge of fundamental information and communication technology and who have the ability to apply and develop it and pioneer new academic fields. To achieve and realize this philosophy of education and research, our Graduate School seeks students with the following qualities, abilities, and motivation.

1. A person who has a desire to contribute to society as a highly specialized engineer and a researcher who can work independently.
2. A person who possesses basic research skills in informatics, interest in, and understanding toward research findings from different fields, and the ability to apply them to specific problems.
3. A person with high level of communication skills capable to communicate globally.
4. A person who can think logically and have an inquisitive mind that takes a fair and multifaceted viewpoint.
5. A person with the desire to improve and willingness to learn from the latest knowledge and a proactive stance toward the realization of a sustainable society.

Based on the above, in order to welcome students who are a good fit to our Graduate School, we select students who have acquired the following five abilities and aptitudes.

1. A person who has taken a wide range of subjects at the undergraduate level and acquired a high level of basic academic skills and a rich knowledge of informatics.
2. A person who has acquired expert knowledge and basic methodology in informatics.
3. A person who can read the literature and communicate in English.
4. A person who possesses the logical thinking and analytical skills necessary for research.
5. A person with a strong motivation toward research and a proactive stance toward the realization of a sustainable society.

Admission Policy of Department of Core Informatics

Our philosophy of education and research is to build on each person's background and foundational academic abilities in their field of specialization to learn passionately about cutting-edge knowledge in the area of "informatics in a broad sense," and based on this knowledge, to passionately engage in academic creation and research for technological development that will contribute to the development of informatics into the future, and we would like to bring in students who demonstrate such attitudes. To achieve and realize this philosophy of education and research, the Department of Core Informatics seeks students with the following qualities, abilities, and motivation.

1. A person who has a desire to contribute to society as an engineer or researcher.
2. A person with a strong sense of responsibility and a willingness to think deeply about the impact of informatics on people, society, and nature.
3. A person who has the attitude and passion to voluntarily and proactively explore new fields in response to significant advances in science and technology.
4. A person who has basic academic skills, a wealth of basic knowledge in specialized fields, and a willingness to confront unknown problems on their own to solve them.
5. A person with the desire to understand different cultures and to communicate in a diverse and international manner.

Based on the above, in order to welcome students who are a good fit to our department, we select students who have acquired the following five abilities and aptitudes.

1. A person who has taken a wide range of subjects in the undergraduate program and have a high level of academic ability.
2. A person who has acquired expert knowledge and basic methodology in informatics.
3. A person who can read the literature and communicate in English.
4. A person who possesses the logical thinking and analytical skills necessary for research.
5. A person with a strong motivation towards research and a proactive stance toward the realization of a sustainable society.

〔1〕 Admission Places

Department	Enrollment Capacity		
	April 2027 Admission (First screening / Second screening)	September, October 2026 Admission	
Core Informatics	Few	Few	Intelligent Informatics
			System Informatics

If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.
Please select your desired admission term (April 2027 Admission or September, October 2026 Admission) at the time of application. However, students who expect to complete (expect to receive) a degree in the March 2027 can only choose to enroll in the April 2027 Admission. Applicants of the September, October 2026 admission should select a field of interest (Intelligent Informatics or System Informatics) at the time of application.

〔2〕 Applicant Qualifications

《April 2027 Admission》

Non-Japanese nationals who have or are expected to obtain by the time of enrollment a valid "Student" visa as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and meet one of the following criteria.

(1) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in foreign countries and those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2027.
(2) Those who have completed in Japan a 16-year course offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan and those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2027.
(3) Those who have completed in Japan relevant courses designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an educational institution that is positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as one that provides university courses (*1). This also includes those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2027.
(*1) This applies only to those who have completed 16 years of course work as part of school education in the relevant foreign country.
(4) Those who were awarded a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's degree by completing a course with a study period of at least 3 years at a foreign university or other foreign school (*2) and those who are expected to be awarded the degree by March 31, 2027.
(*2) The comprehensive situation regarding educational research activities shall be limited to those who have been evaluated by the foreign government or recognized by related organizations or those designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
This includes completing in Japan, according to the information given above, the correspondence course offered by the relevant foreign school which is part of the education system of that foreign country.
(5) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate and are also 22 years of age by March 31, 2027.
(6) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate.

【Notes】
・Applicants who apply under Items (5) or (6) must undergo examinations specified in Section 3 of the "Qualification Screening".
・Applicants who do not have or will not obtain a "Student" visa, please contact the Admissions Office at least two weeks prior to the start of the online application registration period.

《September, October 2026 Admission》

Non-Japanese nationals who have or are expected to obtain by the time of enrollment a valid "Student" visa as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and meet one of the following criteria.

(1) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in foreign countries and those who are expected to complete their studies by September 30, 2026.

(2) Those who have completed in Japan a 16-year course offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan and those who are expected to complete their studies by September 30, 2026.

(3) Those who have completed in Japan relevant courses designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an educational institution that is positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as one that provides university courses (*1). This also includes those who are expected to complete their studies by September 30, 2026.

(*1) This applies only to those who have completed 16 years of course work as part of school education in the relevant foreign country.

(4) Those who were awarded a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's degree by completing a course with a study period of at least 3 years at a foreign university or other foreign school (*2) and those who are expected to be awarded the degree by September 30, 2026.

(*2) The comprehensive situation regarding educational research activities shall be limited to those who have been evaluated by the foreign government or recognized by related organizations or those designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
This includes completing in Japan, according to the information given above, the correspondence course offered by the relevant foreign school which is part of the education system of that foreign country.

(5) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate and are also 22 years of age by September 30, 2026.

(6) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Informatics as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate.

【Notes】

・Applicants who apply under Items (5) or (6) must undergo examinations specified in Section 3 of the "Qualification Screening".

・Applicants who do not have or will not obtain a "Student" visa, please contact the Admissions Office at least two weeks prior to the start of the online application registraction period.

〔3〕 Qualification Screening

Applicants who apply under Criteria (5) or (6) should prepare the following documents.
Before submitting the documents, please consult with the faculty members you would like to be supervised by.

	April 2027 Admission (First screening) September, October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)
Application schedule	May 11, 2026 – May 13, 2026 【Deadline May 13, 2026】	November 9, 2026 – November 11, 2026 【Deadline November 11, 2026】
	Please send by registered mail before the deadline. Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Building A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please use an envelope and ensure it is sealed.	
Submission address	Osaka Metropolitan University, Admissions Office (Nakamozu Campus) 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Mailed documents must bear the following on the envelope in red ink: "Documents to apply for the qualification screening for admission into the Graduate School of Informatics."	
Qualification Screening Documents	1. Application Qualification Screening Form Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. 2. Report of Academic Standing Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics, in about 2,000 Japanese characters or 1,000 English words. Note: However, if a student is enrolled in a university which has entered into an exchange relationship with this university and is submitting an application to earn a joint degree based on this agreement, the student is not required to submit such documents. 3. Certificate of graduation or Prospective certificate or Certificate of enrollment Certificate issued by the president of the applicant's previous university. Copies will not be accepted. 4. Academic Transcript A transcript issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating the number of credits and the grades of courses taken. Copies will not be accepted. 5. Copy of residence card or Copy of Passport Please submit photocopies of both sides of the residence card. Overseas residents must submit a photocopy of their passport (page with face photo).	
The results of the qualification screening	Scheduled to be mailed on May 22, 2026	Scheduled to be mailed on November 20, 2026
	Results will be provided in writing and mailed by simplified-registration mail addressed to the applicant. We will send the Applicant's Qualification Certificate to the qualified applicant.	

【Notes】

- If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.
- The form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics can be downloaded from the university website.
  https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/graduate/gs_info/
- Original copies of the above certificates are required for application. Copies will not be accepted.
- When using a certificate bearing the test taker's maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register,etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname). *Original copy (duplicates are not allowed)
- Submission of documents in languages other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by translations into either English or Japanese.
- If you are asked to submit additional documents by the graduate school, please follow the instructions carefully.

〔4〕 Application Procedures

The application process is conducted through online application registration and submission of application documents.
Before submitting the documents, please consult with the faculty members you would like to be supervised by.

1. Application Period

	April 2027 Admission (First screening) September, October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)
Online application schedule	May 29, 2026 10:00 – June 8, 2026 17:00	December 1, 2026 10:00 – December 9, 2026 17:00
Application period	May 29, 2026 – June 8, 2026 【Postmarked by June 8, 2026*】	December 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026 【Postmarked by December 9, 2026*】
	Please send by registered mail before the deadline. * If the application is sent from overseas, it is valid as long as it arrives in Japan by the last day of the application submission period. Please be sure to send the documents using a method that can be tracked. Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Building A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please use an envelope and ensure it is sealed.	

【Note】
If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.

2. Method of Application

Please follow **Steps 1** – **6** below to submit your application.

	● Advance Preparations	
Step1	PC or other Operating Environment	・Applications can be registered from a PC, smartphone, or other device connected to the internet.
	Printing Requirements	・Print the documents that need to be mailed on A4 paper.
	Email Settings	・A notification email will be sent when you register your application. Ensure that you have added @sak-sak.net and @omu.ac.jp to your safelist as an authorized sender so that you can receive emails from this domain.
	Documents Necessary for Application	・Please refer to [4] Application Procedures 4. Application Documents and prepare them, so they may be submitted on time.
	Envelope	・Please be sure to enclose your application documents in a commercially available C4 envelope (International), square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) (Japan) with an "address label" attached, or equivalent envelope. The "address label" can be printed from the online application site after payment of the examination fee, etc.

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	● Accessing the Portal Site
Step2	・Access the portal site from University's website after the application registration begins, register your user ID and password, and proceed with the Internet application registration. *Your email address is required as a user ID for the portal site. Register an email address that can be used until a grade Individual Information is provided (November 2026 or May 2027). 【University Website】https://www.omu.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/inet-apply/

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Step3	**● Application Registration** ・Before submitting your application, please read the "Application Procedure," and "Q&A" sections on the online application site accessible via the portal. ・Even if you select "Online Method (Zoom)" as your examination method, please proceed with "Nakamozu Campus" as your test site during the application registration process. ・Please verify all your entered information on the final confirmation screen, as you cannot change the input information after the application registration is completed.

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Step4	**● Payment of Examination Fee** ・Please pay the examination fee (30,000 yen) by any of methods (1)–(4), as per the instructions on the online application site. (See [4] Application Procedures 3. Examination Fee Payment Method) ・In addition to the examination fee, a handling fee (990 yen) is required.			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Credit card	Convenience stores	ATM (Pay-Easy)	Internet banking

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Step5	**● Printing the Application Confirmation Slip and Address Label** ・Please access the online application site again and print the confirmation slip and address label single-sided on white A4 paper. ・Please complete printing within the registration period for the online application.

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Step6	**● Sending the Required Documents** ・Please send the application documents by registered mail. (See [4] Application Procedures 4. Application Documents) ・If the required documents do not arrive before the deadline, and your application will not be accepted, please take postage into account and send your application well in advance. (See [4] Application Procedures 1. Application Period)

3. Examination Fee Payment Method

The fees required for application registration are as follows.

・Examination fee　30,000 yen

・Handling fee　990 yen

Payment may be made through any of the following payment methods available. For detailed information on payment methods, please check the screen for the payment method selected on the "Select Payment Method" page of the online application site.

Payment Method	Handling Agency, etc.
(1) Credit card	VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club Note: Only lump-sum payments are accepted.
(2) Convenience stores	7-Eleven, Lawson, Ministop, FamilyMart, Daily Yamazaki, Seicomart Note: Only cash payments are accepted.
(3) ATM (Pay-Easy)	You can pay at ATMs in financial institutions that have the Pay-easy mark. You cannot use it at the convenience store counter or at the shared ATM of convenience stores.
(4) Internet banking	You can use the banking services of more than 1,000 banks across Japan, including major megabanks that support Pay-easy. Note: To avail yourself of this method, you need to have signed up for Internet banking.

4. Application Documents

Before submitting the documents, please consult with the faculty members you would like to be supervised by.

After registering your application and paying the examination fee, please submit all the following documents within the submission period.

Applicants who underwent Qualification Screening may omit documents that are duplicates of those used in the screening.

The "Application Confirmation Form" and "Address Label" can be printed from the online application site after payment of the examination fee, etc., is completed. Please be sure to enclose your application documents in a commercially available C4 envelope (International), square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) (Japan) with an "address label" attached, or equivalent envelope.

	Application Documents, etc.	Preparation, etc.
1	Application Confirmation Form (submission to the university)	・Please print on A4 paper.
2	Address Label	・Please print it on A4 paper and attach it to a commercially available square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm). ・For those who will be mailing the requirement from outside Japan, please do not use an address label. Use the following address instead. Osaka Metropolitan University, Admissions Office 3F, Building A3, 1-1 Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka 599-8531, Japan
3	Application for Admission	・Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. ・Paste a photo (4 cm × 3 cm) taken within the past 3 months. ・Additionally, you may submit a printed color copy of the form with a clear photograph of your face digitally inserted into the form.
4	Photo Card	
5	Resume	・Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. ・Not required for applicants who underwent Qualification Screening.
6	Certificate of graduation or Prospective certificate (documents certifying eligibility for application)	・Certificate issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating that the applicant has received (or expects to receive) the degree. Copies will not be accepted. ・In case Graduation Certificates and Proof of Degree Certificates were issued separately, please submit both (original copies). ・Applicants who have qualified under [3] Qualification Screening must submit the Application Eligibility Certificate.
7	Academic Transcript	・A transcript issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating the number of credits and the grades of courses taken. Copies will not be accepted. ・Transfer students must also submit transcripts of grades from the educational institution they attended before transferring.
8	Research Plan	・Use the form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics. (There is no limit to the number of characters.) ・Please describe what you have learned about research areas that you wish to pursue, as well as the research contents you plan to implement after admission.
9	【Second screening】 Graduate Thesis related to your desired field (Including theses to be submitted) or Equivalent Academic Paper	・For the Graduation Thesis related to your desired area of study or its outline (or equivalent academic paper or its outline). ・The thesis or the abstract should have a title and author name written clearly. ・If you cannot submit the materials at the time of application, please submit a statement of reasons (free format) along with the application documents. You may submit at a later date by it must arrive no later than Friday, January 22, 2027. If you do not submit your application before the deadline, it will not be processed, on the grounds of incomplete documentation. Submitted graduation theses will not be returned.

	Application Documents, etc.	Preparation, etc.
10	TOEIC Listening & Reading OFFICIAL SCORE CERTIFICATE TOEFL (iBT) Test Taker Score Report IELTS (Academic Module) Test Report Form	Please submit one of the following score certificates taken after April 2024. The original copy of the submitted score certificate will not be returned. The official score certificate submitted with the application cannot be resubmitted. 1. TOEIC Listening & Reading OFFICIAL SCORE CERTIFICATE of TOEIC Listening & Reading test PDF Digital Official Score Certificate downloaded from the TOEIC application site printed on A4 paper. *Certificates whose integrity and authenticity cannot be verified using a QR code will not be accepted. However, applicants who took the test outside Japan must have the original copy of the Official Score Certificate which was sent to applicant. 2. TOEFL Test Taker Score Report of TOEFL-iBT test PDF Test Taker Score Report downloaded from the your ETS account should be printed on A4 paper. *1 The Graduate School will verify authenticity. *2 Only the 0-120 score from the Test Date Score is used as the application score. The 1~6 score from the Test Date Score (band score method) and My Best® score are not acceptable. 3. IELTS Test Report Form of IELTS (Academic Module) test Score sheets downloaded (printed) from the website will not be accepted. ・Score certificates from group special examination systems such as IP, Score certificates from the home edition and Score certificates sent directly from ETS to our university will not be accepted. ・In the cases described below, you may provisionally submit the score displayed online by printing it. ▸ You have already taken TOEIC Listening & Reading Test or TOEFL-iBT test, but not received your Digital Official Score Certificate or PDF Test Taker Score Report yet. ▸ You cannot submit the original copy of the Official Score Certificate (which is sent to you by mail) on time because of postal delays. However, you must submit a valid certificate of your tentatively submitted score (1 ~3 above) by the following deadline. If you do not submit it on time, you may still take the test. April 2027 Admission (First screening)：By July 3, 2026 a.m. September, October 2026 Admission：By July 3, 2026 a.m. April 2027 Admission (Second screening)：By January 29, 2027 a.m.
11	Copy of residence card or Copy of Passport	・Please submit photocopies of both sides of the residence card. ・Overseas residents must submit a photocopy of their passport (page with face photo).

【Notes】

- ・If the number of students is filled in the first screening, a second round of intake will not be held. Please check with the Admissions Office or the University's website before applying to see if a second screening will be held.
- ・The form specified by the Graduate School of Informatics can be downloaded from the university website. https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/graduate/gs_info/
- ・Original copies of the above certificates are required for application. Copies will not be accepted.
- ・When using a certificate bearing the test taker's maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register,etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname). *Original copy (duplicates are not allowed)
- ・No changes in the information will be accepted after the application procedure.
- ・Submission of documents in languages other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by translations into either English or Japanese.

5. Notes for Applications

(1) Please complete all the procedures within [4] Application Procedures: 1. Application period: registering applications, payment of examination fees, printing of an application confirmation slip and an address label, and mailing of application documents (by registered mail or brought in manually within the submission period).
Please note that the application procedure is not completed merely by online registration and paying the examination fee.

(2) Input of Applicant Information
Please enter an address where you can receive mail. If your address has changed since the announcement of successful applicants, please contact the Admissions Office (E-mail : gr-nyu-informatics@omu.ac.jp) or submit a change of residence notification to the post office.

(3) You cannot change the details in the application once registration has been completed. If you notice a mistake before paying the examination fee, please do not pay the fee, and begin registration again from the beginning. Additionally, you are not permitted to cancel an application once it has been accepted.

(4) The "Application Receipt Number" listed on the application confirmation slip is not the examination number.

(5) We cannot accept incomplete Applications for Admission. When registering the application, please ensure you include a contact number and email address where you can be reached, as we may contact you if the application is incomplete.

(6) Once paid, the examination fee shall not be refund except for the following reasons.
○ Grounds for refund:
1. If you paid the examination fee but did not apply.
2. If the application documents are incomplete or otherwise unacceptable.
3. In case of duplicate payment of examination fee.
4. If you are a Japanese Government Scholarship student who is enrolled in the graduate school program.

(Note) For information on how to obtain a refund for cases 1 through 3, please contact the Admissions Office within one month of the last day of the application submission period. In the case of 4, a refund will be made after enrollment.

6. Entrance Examination Card

For those who have completed the application procedure, you will be received a notification by e-mail (to registered address specified in the application), The notification includes (1) Information for Entrance Examination Card, (2) Instructions for the Examination, and (3) Guidelines of Online Examination (only for applicants who choose online examination). Log in to the portal using the URL in the email and print the Entrance Examination Card on white A4 paper. Please be sure to bring the Entrance Examination Card with you on the day of the examination. (The Entrance Examination Card will not be mailed). Also, please read carefully the instructions and guidelines before the examination. If you do not receive any e-mail by the scheduled dates, or if you find any corrections on your Entrance Examination Card, please contact the Admissions Office by e-mail.
(E-mail: gr-nyu-informatics[at]omu.ac.jp Please replace [at] with @.)

April 2027 Admission (First screening) September, October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)
Scheduled to be mailed on June 19, 2026	Scheduled to be mailed on December 18, 2026

7. Considerations for Examination

Persons with disabilities or in another situation that requires consideration for the examination, please contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible before submitting your application.
(E-mail：gr-nyu-ask4[at]omu.ac.jp Please replace [at] with @.)

〔5〕 Applicant Selection Method

Applicants will be subject to comprehensive evaluation based on the oral examination, application documents, and other factors. English proficiency is assessed by the results of an externally administered exam.
If you do not submit a valid score certificate, your English score will be recorded as zero.

	April 2027 Admission (First screening) September, October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)
Examination Subject	Oral Examination	
	Applicants will be asked about the fundamental knowledge of informatics and mathematics, and about their research proposals (including research content). At the appropriate time in the application process, please select an application language (Japanese or English).	
Examination Date	July 12, 2026 16:00-	February 10, 2027 16:00-
Examination Spare Date	July 19, 2026	February 13, 2027
	In the event that the entrance examination cannot be conducted as planned due to a natural disaster, etc., an "Emergency Notice" will be published on the university's website, so be sure to check it. https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/news/	
Examination Location	B1 Building of the Nakamozu Campus	Nakamozu Campus The location of examination rooms will be posted at the Nakamozu Gate and Shirasagi Gate.
	The examination is held in person. Those who prefer to take the examination in an online format, please confirm the details of the online format below.	

The start time of the oral examination is subject to change. Only in the case of a change, the applicant will be notified individually.

【About the online format (Zoom)】

Applicants may only select their preferred format (in person or online) at the time of application.
Changes will not be permitted after the application has been processed.
Applicants wishing to take the examination in the online format are required to agree the following notes.

Required Examination Environment	1. A private room (a quiet environment where no one else can enter during the examination) 2. Two devices with cameras* (e.g., a computer and a smartphone equipped with a camera, speaker, and microphone) 3. Stable Internet connectivity 4. Video conference software (Zoom will be used. Please inform in advance if you cannot use Zoom.) 5. Writing implements and two sheets of paper on which to provide answers (white A4 sheets on which to record your answers) * Both cameras must be connected to the Zoom call. When two devices of the same type are used, you will need to log in to two Zoom accounts, one on each device. Please set the Zoom contact name on both devices as the applicant's ID number.
Precautions	・During the examination, you are requested to answer on your own to the oral examination. ・If necessary, you will be called through the telephone number you registered on your application. Ensure that you are always able to answer the telephone call during the examination. ・During the examination, please keep your cameras on at all times. At the beginning of the examination, you are requested to use your camera to show your examination environment to the evaluation committee. ・During the examination, if asked to do so by an examination official, please photograph your answer paper in its entirety using the camera function on your smartphone or similar device and send the image using the Zoom chat function. If the image is unclear, you will be asked to retake the photograph. ・Please understand that, to prevent cheating, the video call will be recorded for the duration of the examination. ・Applicants are not permitted to use their devices to record sound or images. The use of a virtual background is also prohibited. ・Any incompletions of the examination due to any causes regardless the responsibility, will be treated as an absence. ・The examination will be suspended immediately if someone else enters the room during the examination, or if the examinee leaves the seat, regardless of the reason. ・If the examinee does not follow the evaluation committee's instructions during the examination, or is suspected of wrongdoing such as using any materials or devices that are not permitted, the examination is evaluated as failed.

《**Rehearsals (pre-connection test)** 》

Rehearsals (pre-connection test) will be held on the following dates and times for those who wish to take the examination in the online format. Please prepare the same exam environment as the one mentioned above for the rehearsal (pre-connection test).

April 2027 Admission (First screening) September, October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)
July 8, 2026 13:30-	February 5, 2027 13:30-

* If the date and time of the rehearsal (pre-connection test) change, you will be contacted separately.

Details about the Zoom meeting ID and passcode for the rehearsal (pre-connection test) and the examination day will be sent to the email address registered at the time of application.

〔6〕 Announcement of Examination Results

1. Announcement of Examination Results

The successful applicant ID numbers will be listed on the website of Osaka Metropolitan University. (In Japanese only) Please note that the university will not respond to any inquiries regarding the results by telephone or other means.

https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/pass/

April 2027 Admission (First screening) September, October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)
July 27, 2026 10:00 – August 2, 2026 17:00	February 19, 2027 10:00 – February 25, 2027 17:00

2. Letter of Acceptance

A letter of acceptance will be mailed to successful applicants via simplified registered mail (kani-kakitome-yuubin) on the day of announcement. Please note that these can only be mailed to an address in Japan.

〔7〕 Enrollment Procedures

1. Date of Enrollment

April 2027 Admission	September, October 2026 Admission
April 1, 2027	September 24, 2026 *

* Date of enrollment of those who meet application qualification during September 24, 2026 to September 30, 2026 will be October 1, 2026.

2. Enrollment Procedures

In line with the information in the Enrollment Procedure Guide, please carry out the necessary procedures via the portal in accordance with the schedule below. Enrollment activities must be performed using the online system.

* Applicants who applied on the basis of prospective graduation (completion) or similar should submit their certificate of graduation (confirming completion of the referenced course of study) or the equivalent before the deadline in line with the instructions in the Enrollment Procedure Guide.

Portal Site (Online system)：https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/general/procedure/

April 2027 Admission (First screening)	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)	September, October 2026 Admission
October 1, 2026 11:00 – October 6, 2026 12:00	March 11, 2027 11:00 – March 15, 2027 12:00	September 11, 2026 11:00– September 15, 2026 12:00

【Notes】

・The enrollment fee must be paid during the online registration period. A payment fee will be charged depending on the selected payment method. Please see “Section 8 – Tuition (Enrollment Fees and Tuition)” for details regarding these charges.
・Those who fail to complete the enrollment procedures during the specified period will be assumed to have decided not to enroll.

〔8〕 Tuition (Enrollment and Tuition Fees)

The current schedule for academic fees (enrollment and tuition fees) is as follows, both of which are subject to revision. Please be sure to check the details in the Enrollment Procedure Guide.
(Note) Fees already paid will not be refunded.

1. Enrollment Fees

Osaka Prefectural Citizens and Their Children: 282,000 yen　All others: 382,000 yen

“Osaka Prefectural Citizens and Their Children” shall apply to the following persons who have completed the prescribed procedures and have been approved.

《**Eligibility**》

Either the applicant or his/her parents who appear on the same family registry as the applicant must present a certificate of residence in Osaka Prefecture for at least one year prior to the date of admission (on or before April 1, 2026 for admission in April 2027, on or before September 24, 2025 for admission in September or October 2026). The same requirement applies to applicants who do not have Japanese citizenship.

* Those who qualify for admission between September 24 and September 30, 2026, must have a certificate of residence in Osaka Prefecture continuously starting from a date that is before October 1, 2025. The same requirement applies to those who do not have Japanese citizenship.

《**Required Documents**》

Certificate of residence (for all eligible applicants), certificate of all items of the family register (for those applicable), and other official documents.

* These documents should have been issued no more than one month prior to the online registration period. Details can be found in the Enrollment Procedure Guide.

・Please pay the enrollment fee during the specified period.
・In addition to the enrollment fee, a payment handling fee will be required (to be borne by the student). Payment can be made via the three methods listed below. For more details about payment options, please consult the webpage corresponding to your chosen method while enrolling via the online site.

Payment Method and fees	Handling Agency, etc.
(1) Credit card Osaka residents and their children ¥6,500 All others ¥8,500	VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club Note: Full payment must be made in a single payment.
(2) ATM (Pay-Easy) ¥1,250	You can pay at ATMs in financial institutions that have the Pay-easy mark. You cannot use it at the convenience store counter or at the shared ATM of convenience stores.
(3) Internet banking ¥1,250	You can use the banking services of more than 1,000 banks across Japan, including major megabanks that support Pay-easy. Note: To avail yourself of this method, you need to have signed up for Internet banking.

【Notes】

・As for the payment methods (2) and (3), the fees required for payment by Pay-easy, the available hours, the maximum amount to be paid in cash, etc., may vary by financial institution, so please check the website of each financial institution in advance.
・After payment of the admission fee, we will not refund the admission fee for any reason.
・The university will not extend the payment deadline of the enrollment fee.

2. Tuition Fees

〔Annual amount〕 535,800 yen (Payment after enrollment)

- Tuition is to be paid semi-annually（first and second semester） in the amount equivalent to half of the annual tuition fee by direct debit from the bank account you register.
- The tuition fee will be debited from your bank account on May 27 for the first semester and October 27 for the second semester. If the debit date falls on a holiday of a financial institution, the debit date will be the next business day.
- If the tuition fee is revised during the student's enrollment, the revised amount may apply.
- For students who have applied for tuition reduction and exemption or are long-term study students, the amount of tuition fee and the date of withdrawal for the relevant year may differ.

3. Others

(1) Separate fees are required to join various organizations.

(2) Expenses (transportation, etc.) for moving between campuses may be required.

(3) Personal laptop computer (required)

In addition to class registration, viewing grades, and various other communications, students will be expected to use the computer system for classes. We will be promoting education and research using computers by distributing materials and submitting assignments using electronic files as much as possible. We ask that all new students have a laptop computer ready by the time classes begin.

《April 2027 Admission》

The required specifications for laptop computers (for the 2027 academic year) will be available on the University's website (scheduled around February 2027). For those who have difficulty in preparing a laptop computer due to financial circumstances, we offer a one-year loan program.
https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/course/academic-calendar/index.html#pc

《September, October 2026 Admission》

Please refer to the required specifications for laptop computers (for the 2026 academic year), which are available on the University's website. For those who have difficulty in preparing a laptop computer due to financial circumstances, we offer a one-year loan program.
https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/course/academic-calendar/index.html#pc

(4) Some graduate schools require a practical training fee. Details on the amount, etc. will be announced at the orientation of the graduate school.

〔9〕 Long-Term Study System

The standard term of study for the Master's Program is two years.
For students who have difficulty completing the program within the standard two-year period because they are working or have difficulty finding sufficient time to study due to childcare, nursing care, etc., a long-term study system is available to enable them to complete the program over a certain period of time beyond the standard two-year period.
Details are posted on the university’s website. Please check the details and complete the procedures as soon as possible before using the system.
https://www.omu.ac.jp/contribution/recurrent/longcourse/index.html

〔10〕 Others

1. Handling of Personal Data

In compliance with legislation on the protection of personal data and regulations on the handling and custody of personal data within the University Public Corporation of Osaka, Osaka Metropolitan University aims to minimize data collection. We use and store any data we collect appropriately in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, etc.

(1) Definition of personal data

Personal data comprise names, addresses, telephone numbers, examination numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, results, health information (collected for the purpose of support provision), and other information that could allow an individual to be identified (including items that do not facilitate individual identification on their own but can be easily matched with other information thereby allowing an individual to be conclusively identified).

(2) Use of personal data

・Personal data such as examination results, which are necessary to screen applicants for admission, are utilized in the applicant screening process and enrollment procedure. They are also used in research and surveys related to improving the efficacy of the entrance examination. Examples are follow-up surveys, analyses and surveys of applicant trends, tasks related to supporting students during their tenure at the University (regarding, for example, scholarships and tuition fees, student counselling, and health management), FD※1 activities including those aimed at improving the quality of education provided, and IR※2 activities including those aimed at improving the running of the University. (For those who provide information while enrolling, the disclosed data may also be analyzed in combination with personal data collected after enrollment.)

・The University uses personal data for academic research. However, research outcomes are not published in a form that allows individuals to be identified.

・The University may outsource the computerization, processing, and analysis of data to third parties, as well as the production of statistics and printing and binding. When the University supplies all or some personal data to a business for outsourcing, the business in question is contractually obligated to follow protection and storage stipulations that conform with legislation on personal data protection.

※1 FD means faculty development, which refers to the systematic efforts of faculty to improve and enhance teaching content and methods.
For example: Teaching method workshops and training sessions for newly appointed teaching staff

※2 IR means institutional research. In this context, it refers to the University's collection and analysis of internal data to improve institutional management, provide the highest quality student support and education, and inform the planning, implementation, and testing of other improvement measures.

2. Providing Information on Individual Results

Information on individual results will be provided as follows.

(1) Period

April 2027 Admission (First screening) September, October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission (Second screening)
November 5, 2026 10:00 – November 27, 2026 15:00	May 7, 2027 10:00 – June 4, 2027 15:00

(2) Eligible Persons

Only the examinees themselves.

(3) How the information is provided

Please check your results by logging in to the portal using the URL below.
https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/score/

3. In the event that the entrance examination cannot be conducted as planned due to a natural disaster, etc., an "Emergency Notice" will be published on the university's website, so be sure to check it.
https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/news/

4. If any false information is found in the Application documents, or if the applicant is found to have committed any misconduct on the entrance examination, the admission approval may be revoked even after the enrollment procedure has been completed.

5. If a student who has applied and completed the admission procedures with the expectation of graduating or receiving a degree fails to graduate or receive a degree by September 30, 2026 for the fall admission or March 31, 2027 for the spring admission, admission will be cancelled.

6. The second semester starts from September 24, and the classes are open for those admitted in October 1.

7. OMU (Osaka Metropolitan University) stipulates the regulations for security export control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and strictly reviews all items and technologies to be exported from the university. If you have conflict of interest with any regulations set by OMU, you may not be eligible for education and research of OMU. Please note that you may be asked to submit documents as necessary.

〔11〕 Financial Aid

The University has financial aid programs available to students, such as tuition reduction / exemption and scholarships. Details on these programs and how to apply are available on the university's website.

＜OMU (Osaka Metropolitan University) Financial Aid and Scholarships＞

Tuition Reduction / Exemption https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/information/exemption/

Scholarships https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/information/scholarship/

Tuition Reduction / Exemption　　Scholarships

〔12〕 Inquiries

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Department of Core Informatics

To nurture professionals in informatics with knowledge and skills in a discipline that repeatedly evolves and develops through paradigm shifts, and who will pursue education and research on the unchanging truths and methods that underlie the field even if values change and diversify with the changing times.

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（As of October 1,2026）

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※3 Scheduled to retire in March 2029　* Joint faculty position with Innovation Academy Co-Creation Research Institute

Please refer to the table above for information on the fields of affiliation (Intelligent Informatics / Systems Informatics) of faculty at September, October 2026 admission. There are no fields for Spring admission 2027.