

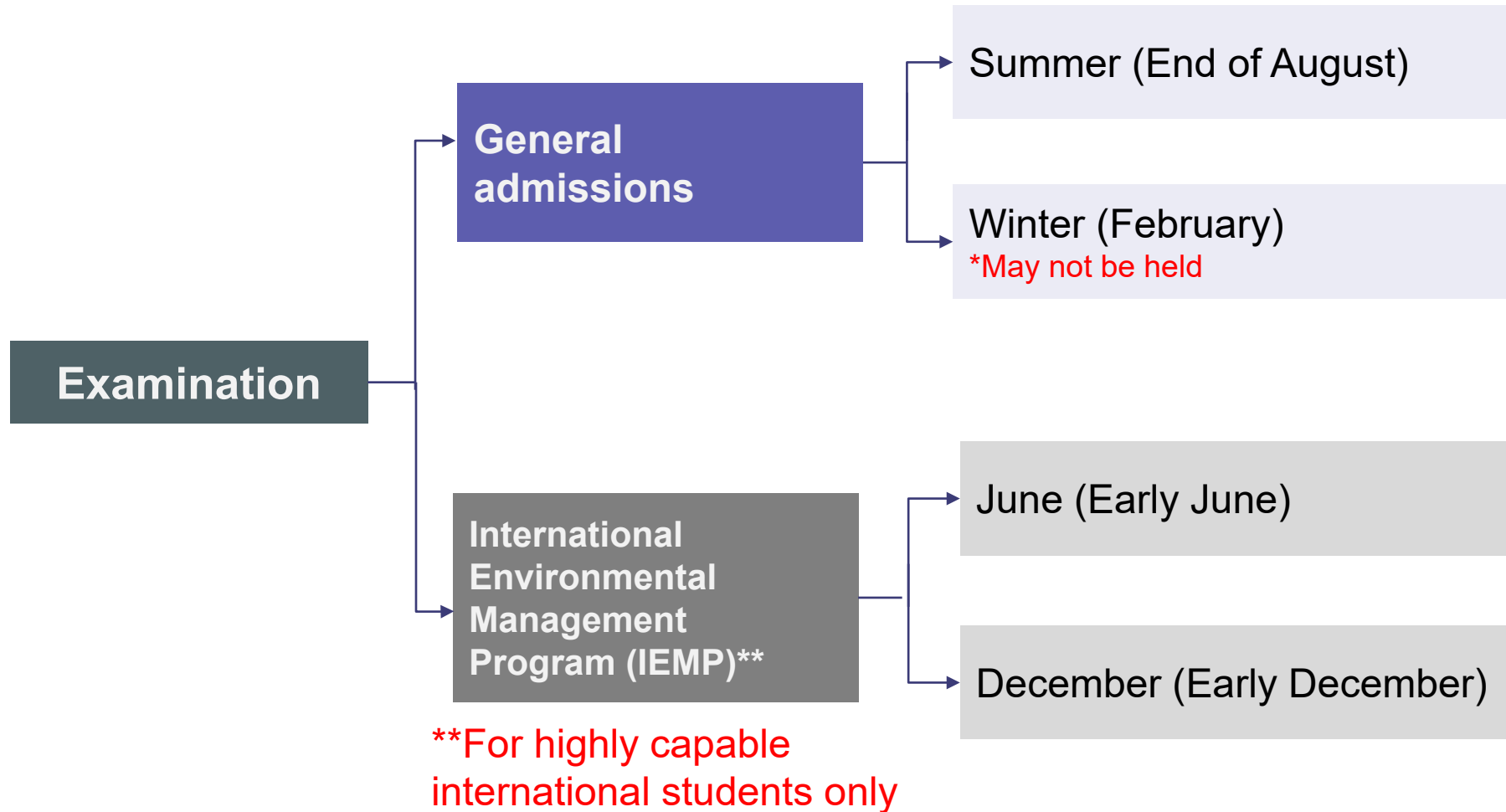


Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies,  
Kyoto University

# Entrance Exam Guidance



# GSGES Entrance Examinations



# Entrance Exams held in each academic year

Program	Type	Enrollment period	Examination period	Release period of the guideline
<b>Master's Program</b> • Environmental management	General entrance examination	April next year	Late Aug.	<b>Late Apr.</b>
		April next year Oct. next year	Early Feb.	Late Oct.
	IEMP special entrance examination	Oct. this year April next year	Early June	Early Mar.
		April next year Oct. next year	Late Dec.	Middle of Sept.
<b>Doctoral program</b> • Environmental management • Global environmental studies	General entrance examination	Oct. this year April next year	Late Aug.	<b>Late Apr.</b>
		April next year Oct. next year	Early Feb.	Late Oct.
	IEMP special entrance examination	Oct. this year April next year	Early June	Early Mar.
		April next year Oct. next year	Late Dec.	Middle of Sept.

- ❖ Special entrance examination for International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) accepts **only international students**.
- ❖ **Please note that the winter admissions in February 2025 may not be held.**  
Please check our website for more information (scheduled to be announced in September).

# Entrance Exams held in AY2024

## October 2024 enrollment

Program	Major	Examination Date
Master's Program (IEMP)	Environmental Management	<b>Jun. 4–6, 2024</b>
Doctoral Program (IEMP)	Environmental Management	<b>Jun. 4–6, 2024</b>
Doctoral Program (including thesis-track admission applicants)	Global Environmental Studies	<b>Aug. 27–29, 2024</b>

- IEMP is only applicable to international students.

# Entrance Exams held in AY2024

## April 2025 enrollment

Program	Major	Examination Date
Master's Program	Environmental Management	<b>Aug. 27–29, 2024</b>
		Feb. 2025 (undecided)
Master's Program (IEMP)		<b>Jun. 4–6, 2024</b> <b>Dec. 11–13, 2024</b>
Doctoral Program (including thesis-track admission applicants)	Environmental Management	<b>Aug. 27–29, 2024</b>
		Feb. 2025 (undecided)
Doctoral Program (IEMP)	Global Environmental Studies	<b>Jun. 4–6, 2024</b> <b>Dec. 11–13, 2024</b>


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# Entrance Exams held in AY2024

**October 2025** enrollment

Program	Major	Examination Date
Master's Program (IEMP)	Environmental Management	<b>Dec. 11–13, 2024</b>
Doctoral Program* (IEMP)	Environmental Management  Global Environmental Studies	<b>Dec. 11–13, 2024</b>

\* The IEMP special entrance examination may be held in February for the priority placement of government sponsored-international students by MEXT (Doctoral students, October enrollment). We will notify you in December regarding the status of the examination. Please check our website for further details.



# Master's Program (general) for Summer admission

Selection methods and criteria might change.  
Please check our website carefully and frequently.



# For April 2025 enrollment

Major	Study Area	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	20	44	<b>Aug. 27–29, 2024</b>
			Feb. 2025 (undecided)

- Successful applicants of the career-track admission and the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) are included in enrollment capacities.
- Successful applicants are decided by considering the acceptable number of students fixed for each study area.

※ Winter admissions in February 2025 may not be held for Master's Program and Doctoral Program. Please check our website for more information (scheduled to be announced in September).



# Contents of the exam

Subject		Criteria of evaluation	Marks
English		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2021)</li> <li>■ <b>Submit the score at application.</b> ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.</li> <li>■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.</li> </ul>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>Interview</b> (35 min)  <div>Those living abroad will be interviewed online.</div>	General knowledge of global environmental studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Basic academic skills, general knowledge and understandings of the subject, problem understanding and analytical abilities in the subject of the intended study area, problem setting and research ability, comprehension of questions and communication skills</li> <li>■ The contents of application documents</li> </ul>	<b>400 points</b>
	Knowledge of intended study area <b>Question differ by study area.</b>		
	Research and study plans after admission, qualities and abilities required by the admission policy		

- Those with a total score <250 points or an interview score <200 points are not eligible.
- The maximum number of students and **selection procedure is determined separately for each field.**

# Career-track admission

- Career-track admission is for applicants who intend to continue their vocational status after enrollment in the graduate school.

Subject		Criteria of evaluation	Marks
English		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TOEFL-IBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2021)</li> <li>Submit the score at application. ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.</li> <li>Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.</li> </ul>	<b>100 points</b>
Interview (35 min)	General knowledge of global environmental studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For career-track applicants, content based on practical experience will be asked.</li> </ul>	<b>400 points</b>
	Knowledge of intended study area <b>Questions differ by study area.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic academic skills, general knowledge and understandings of the subject, problem understanding and analytical abilities in the subject of the intended study area, problem setting and research ability, comprehension of questions and communication skills</li> </ul>	
	Research and study plans after admission, qualities and abilities required by the admission policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contents of application documents</li> </ul>	

- Those with a total score <250 points or an interview score <200 points are not eligible.
- The maximum number of students and selection procedure is determined separately for each field.

# List of study areas (for 2025 April enrollment)

- Select one study area
- You **MUST** contact your intended academic supervisor **prior** to application

Department of Global Ecology	Department of Technology and Ecology	Department of Natural Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Environmental Policy</li><li>• Environmental Economics</li><li>• Global Ecological Economics</li><li>• Sustainable Rural Development</li><li>• Water Environment Conservation</li><li>• Environmental Marketing Management</li><li>• History of Art and Culture</li><li>• Environmental Education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development</li><li>• Environmental Infrastructure Engineering</li><li>• Global Environmental Architecture</li><li>• Biodiversity Conservation</li><li>• Landscape Ecology and Planning</li><li>• Elemental Materials Chemistry</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Regional Planning</li><li>▪ Urban Infrastructure Design</li><li>▪ Environmental Photo-ceramic Material Chemistry</li><li>▪ Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics</li><li>▪ Terrestrial Ecosystems Management</li><li>▪ Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society</li></ul>

# What kind of questions will be asked?

## ■ Interview

- ☐ General knowledge in global environmental studies
- ☐ Knowledge in your intended study area
- ☐ Research and study plans after admission
- ☐ Qualities and abilities required by the admission policy

✂ The contents of application documents will also be taken into consideration.

# Important points for application

- **Take one of TOEFL-iBT, TOEFL-PBT, TOEIC, or IELTS**
  - Only scores obtained after April 2021 are recognized
  - The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.
- **“Essay on Global Environment” is required as an application document.**
- **Online application only: July 9 (Tue) to July 16 (Thu), 2024**
- **Eligibility Screening is needed for:**
  - A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree, obtained by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years
  - Those who have reached the age of 22 who have been recognized as having academic ability equal to or higher than those who have graduated from a university as determined by screening criteria from this graduate school.

Online application period: May 31 (Fri) to June 7 (Fri) , 2024



# Master's Program for IEMP

Selection methods and criteria might change.

Please check our website carefully and frequently.



# International Environmental Management Program (IEMP)

- You must **not be a Japanese national**.
- You must be able to confirm that you have received a scholarship from government or non-government sources in Japan or abroad **when you enroll in the program**, or you must be **applying for ADB-JSP scholarship program**.

## For October 2024 Enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	21	A limited number	<b>Jun. 4–6, 2024</b>

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## For April 2025 Enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	20	A limited number	<b>Jun. 4–6, 2024</b>
	20		<b>Dec. 11–13, 2024</b>



# Subjects and criteria of evaluation

Subject	Criteria of evaluation	Marks
<b>Application documents and Interview</b> (35 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Basic academic skills, general knowledge and understandings of the subject, problem understanding and analytical abilities in the subject of the intended study area, problem setting and research ability, comprehension of questions and communication skills</li><li>■ The contents of application documents</li></ul>	<b>200 points</b>

- Candidates with a total score <120 points are not eligible.
- Each study area has the fixed number of acceptable students. Questions and contents of the interview differ by study area.

# List of study areas (for Oct. 2024 and Apr.2025 enrollment)

- Select one study area
- You **MUST** contact your intended academic supervisor **prior** to application

Department of Global Ecology	Department of Technology and Ecology	Department of Natural Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Environmental Policy</li><li>• Environmental Economics</li><li>• Global Ecological Economics</li><li>• Sustainable Rural Development</li><li>• Water Environment Conservation</li><li>• Historical Geography and Culture*</li><li>• Environmental Marketing Management</li><li>• History of Art and Culture</li><li>• Environmental Education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmentally-friendly Industries for Sustainable Development</li><li>• Environmental Infrastructure Engineering</li><li>• Global Environmental Architecture</li><li>• Biodiversity Conservation</li><li>• Landscape Ecology and Planning</li><li>• Elemental Materials Chemistry</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Regional Planning</li><li>▪ Urban Infrastructure Design</li><li>▪ Environmental Photo-ceramic Material Chemistry</li><li>▪ Terrestrial Microbiology and Systematics</li><li>▪ Terrestrial Ecosystems Management</li><li>▪ Ecosystem Linkages and Human Society</li></ul>

\* Applicable only for enrollment in October 2024



# **IEMP: Important points for application**

## **IEMP (held in June)**

- **Online application: May 1 (Wed) to May 14 (Thu), 2024**
- **Eligibility Screening is needed for:**
  - A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree, obtained by completing studies with an enrollment term of at least three years
  - Those who have reached the age of 22 who have been recognized as having an academic ability equal to or higher than those who have graduated from university as determined by eligibility screening from this graduate school.

Online application period: April 17 (Wed) to April 24 (Wed), 2024

## **IEMP (held in December) \*to be announced on the website**

- **Application Due: November 2024**
- **Eligibility Screening: October 2024**



# Doctoral Program for Summer Admissions

Selection methods and criteria might change.

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# October 2024 enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Environmental Management	19	A limited number	<b>Aug. 27–29, 2024</b>
Global Environmental Studies		A limited number	

- The thesis-track and the career-track admissions are also held.
- Successful applicants of the career-track admission and the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) are included in enrollment capacities.

# April 2025 enrollment

Major	Study Areas	Enrollment Capacity	Examination Date
Global Environmental Studies	18	13	<b>Aug. 27–29, 2024</b>
			Feb. 2025 (undecided)
Environmental Management	18	7	<b>Aug. 27–29, 2024</b>
			Feb. 2025 (undecided)

- The thesis-track and the career-track admissions are also held.
- Successful applicants of the career-track admission and the International Environmental Management Program (IEMP) are included in enrollment capacities.

# Summer/Winter admissions

## Global Environmental Studies & Environmental Management

Subject	Criteria of evaluation	Marks
<b>English</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2021)</li><li>■ <b>Submit the score at application.</b> ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.</li><li>■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.</li></ul>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>Interview</b> (50 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Presentation (20 minutes)</li><li>■ Your research ability, significance of your proposed research, presentation effectiveness</li><li>■ The contents of application documents</li></ul>	<b>200 points</b>

- Candidates with a total score <180 points or an interview score <120 points are not eligible.

# Thesis-track admissions

Subject	Criteria of evaluation	Marks
<b>English</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ TOEFL-iBT、TOEFL-PBT、TOEIC、IELTS (taken after April 2021)</li><li>■ <b>Submit the score at application.</b> ※The original official score sheet must be submitted at the time of enrollment.</li><li>■ Different types of English test scores are converted to the same scale of up to 100 points.</li></ul>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>Draft doctoral thesis and Interview (50minutes)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Presentation (20 minutes)</li><li>■ Your research ability, the progress of your research, significance of your proposed research, presentation effectiveness</li><li>■ The contents of application documents</li></ul>	<b>200 points</b>

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# General admission

## Application documents

### Others

- Photo
- Academic transcript
- Graduation certificate or certificate of expected graduation

### Master's Program



TOEFL  
TOEIC  
IELTS

#### English score

**Submit** score as  
part of application

Prepare well in  
advance to have  
your scores ready  
when applying. !



#### Statement of reasons for application

- Reason for application
- Research and study plan after admission



#### Essay on Global Environment

- An essay on a theme set by your intended study area
- Themes are listed in the application guideline

### Doctoral Program



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#### Copy of master's thesis

If you are applying only for Environmental Management, the report of relevant work experience and assigned essay are also acceptable.



#### Statement of proposed research

The content should be discussed with your intended supervisor

※ For both thesis-track and career-track applications, additional documents are required in addition to those mentioned above. For details, please refer to the application guidelines.

# General admission Selection process

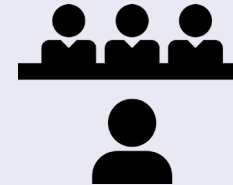
## Master's Program



### English Proficiency

Determined by **score on application document**

Prepare well in advance to have your scores ready when applying. !



### Interview

Japanese or English



Online for overseas residents

No written examinations

- General knowledge of global environment
- Knowledge of intended study area
- Research and study plans after admission
- Qualities and abilities required by the admission policy
- The contents of application documents

## Doctoral Program



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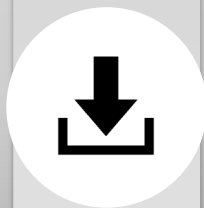
- Specialized knowledge gained through your master's study or practical experience
- Contents of your proposed research plan presentation
- Any relevant knowledge about the research plan or related subjects.

※For thesis-track selection, please refer to the application guidelines.

# Online application only

## Mailing by post is not needed!

- Please prepare the submission documents.
- You can apply online only!
- Don't forget to digitize your submission documents in advance!



## Prepare the submission documents

Don't forget to digitize your documents for online submission!

## Apply Online

Input basic information and upload submission documents

※Certificates of graduation and other certifying documents are also submitted online. However, the original documents must be submitted during the admission procedure.

## Payment of examination fee

Make a payment through EXSS. You can pay in one of the following

- Convenience store
- Credit card
- Financial Institutions ATM (Pay-easy)
- Net banking

## Output of examination voucher

## Announcement of acceptance

- Applicants who graduated from University outside of Japan and wish to study as a student or research student at Kyoto University **must take the AAO process** before submitting application.



<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/international/students1/study1/graduate/graduateinfo/ku-aa0>

This process may take  
up to a month to a few months.  
**Please have plenty of time for this  
process!**



# Events and postings in AY2024

(To be posted on the GSGES website)

- **Publication of entrance examination guideline:** The guidelines for the June IEMP will be released in early May, for the summer general entrance exam in late April, and for December IEMP in mid-November.
- **Update of video on admission procedure and introduction to study fields:** The philosophy and features of the graduate school are explained in detail. The video also introduces the fields of study at our graduate school.
- **April 20 (Sat) Admission Explanation Session (Onsite):** This is a meeting where you can meet directly with professors from various fields and ask them about their research, entrance examinations, and other topics. We look forward to your participation.