



Prospective Leaders' Programmes

Faculty of Law & Graduate School of Law, Doshisha University

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Academic Information

First (Spring) Semester: April 1 to September 20 (from 2017)

(Class period: Early April to Early August with a nationwide holiday week early in May)

Second (Fall) Semester: September 21 to March 31 (from 2017)

(Class period: Late September to Early February with a nationwide holiday week from late December to early January)

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[Graduate School Calendar](#)

Faculty of Law – Undergraduate Program

*Department of Political Science

Bachelor of Political Science

*Department of Law

Bachelor of Laws

[Faculty of Law \(Outline\)](#)

Graduate School of Law – Master's Program (and Doctoral Program)

*Political Science Division

Master of Political Science – General program students

Master of Arts in Comparative Political Studies – Dual-degree program students

*Private Law Division

Master of Laws – General program students

Master of Laws – Dual-degree program students

*Public Law Division

Master of Laws – General program students

Master of Laws – Dual-degree program students

[Graduate School of Law \(Outline\)](#)



Faculty Information

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[Doshisha University Database of Researchers \(Seryo\)](#)

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Participation in a Dual-Degree or Exchange Program from Partner Universities (For Incoming International Students)

Nomination and Application

- 1) After you have nominated your students for an agreed program listed below, send your nominee information and required documents (at least “**Personal Information Sheet**”) electronically to ji-ddp@mail.doshisha.ac.jp **by the end of August for April (Spring) entry or by the end of January for September (Fall) entry.** When your nomination will be in **in September (Spring) or February (Fall)**, please consult us beforehand.

Dual-Degree Programs

	Partner Universities	Nomination Deadline	
		April (Spring) entry: August 31	September (Fall) entry: January 31
1	School of Law, University of Sheffield, UK	N/A	<input type="radio"/>
2	Graduate School of Governance, Sungkyunkwan University, S. Korea	<input type="radio"/>	N/A
3	Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland	N/A	<input type="radio"/>
4	Graduate Institute of Japanese Political and Economic Studies, Tamkang University, Taiwan	<input type="radio"/>	N/A
5	Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, Thailand	N/A	<input type="radio"/>
6	Law School, Renmin University of China, China	<input type="radio"/> (2-year Program)	<input type="radio"/> (3-year Program)
7	School of Law, Soochow University, Taiwan	N/A	<input type="radio"/>

Exchange Programs

	Partner Universities	Nomination Deadline	
		April (Spring) entry: August 31	September (Fall) entry: January 31
1	Faculty of Law, University of Montreal, Canada	<input type="radio"/> (Spring only or 1 year)	<input type="radio"/> (Fall only or 1 year)
2	School of International Studies, Renmin University of China, China	<input type="radio"/> (Spring only or 1 year)	<input type="radio"/> (Fall only or 1 year)



3	School of Law Vietnam National University-Hanoi, Vietnam	TBD	TBD
4	Faculty of Law University of Zurich, Switzerland	<input type="radio"/> (Spring only or 1 year)	<input type="radio"/> (Fall only or 1 year)
5	College of Law National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan	<input type="radio"/> (Spring only or 1 year)	<input type="radio"/> (Fall only or 1 year)
6	School of Law, Soochow University, Taiwan	<input type="radio"/> (Spring only or 1 year)	<input type="radio"/> (Fall only or 1 year)

- 2) Your nominated students must prepare and send us the application documents to be officially admitted to Doshisha University **by the end of September for April (Spring) entry or by the end of February for September (Fall) entry.**

[Documents Your Students Must Submit To Doshisha]

Instructions:

- A. All documents must be produced either in English or Japanese (When neither language version can be arranged, attach a professional translation with a certification mark on it to the original language version)
- B. All documents must have an issuing date within 3 months of issuance, unless otherwise instructed
- C. All documents must properly be arranged and sent to Doshisha by the deadline
- D. All documents are unreturnable

List of Application Documents

Documents	Dual-Degree	Exchange	Remarks
1 Personal Information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	*Prescribed EXCEL Sheet (File Name: Personal Information Sheet)
2 Photocopy of Passport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	*Face photo page
3 Educational Background	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	*Prescribed Excel Sheet (File Name: Educational Background)
4 Certificate of Academic Transcript from Current University	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	*Latest version possible *Certified or authorized copy accepted *No photocopy accepted
5 Certificate of Academic Transcript from Undergraduate Program	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	*Certified or authorized copy accepted *No photocopy accepted
6 Certificate of Graduation	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	*A document certifying that they have obtained a bachelor's degree *No photocopy accepted



7	Personal Statement or Letter of Motivation	○	○	*A4 size, Standard layout, Single-space typing *This statement will help us to select an academic advisor and/or thesis supervisor for each student while in Doshisha
8	Proof of English Proficiency	○	○	*English program nominees must demonstrate their language proficiency by either IELTS™ or TOEFL® iBT Test, unless otherwise indicated in the Agreement *Undergraduate students who wish to take the ILA (the Institute for the Liberal Arts) courses must demonstrate IELTS™ 6.5 or TOEFL® iBT Test 85, aside from the Agreement *The certificate must be within 2 years from the test day *Photocopy accepted
9	Proof of Japanese Proficiency	○	○	*Japanese program nominees must demonstrate their language proficiency by Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) , with Level N1 (at least N2) *Photocopy accepted
10	Curriculum Vitae or Resume	Optional	Optional	*Free format
11	Research Plan or Proposal	Optional	N/A	*A4 size, Standard layout, Single-space typing, Within 1,000 words of body text *Nominees can select to produce this document combined with their personal statement
12	Letter(s) of Recommendation	Optional	Optional	*Free format

- 3) Admission procedure at Doshisha University **takes at least a month**. In most cases, students nominated by our partner universities will be accepted without specific conditions as long as all documents mentioned above are sufficiently provided.
- 4) After successfully admitted to Doshisha University, we send each nominee “Notification of Acceptance” and/or “Certificate of Admission” by post, followed by the electronic information on the initial registration procedures, visa application and housing.



- 5) [Step 5 applies only to students from the University of Sheffield]
Sheffield students must make a payment to Doshisha University for the university registration (admission) fee by mid-June for Fall entry in advance. Note that their visa application document (Certificate of Eligibility: COE) would be applied for at the Immigration Bureau of Japan by proxy when the payment is confirmed by the university.
- 6) The students are strongly recommended to send us the COE application form and supporting documents **by the end of November for Spring entry and by the end of May for Fall entry.**
- 7) Doshisha will apply for the COE by proxy to the Immigration Bureau of Japan that opens for applications from three months before the student's expected date of entry to Japan. The COE issuing process takes at least 6 weeks even without problems. Note that the COE does not always guarantee the visa issuance. It simply speeds up the visa issuing process at a Japanese embassy or consulate in the student's home country.
- 8) [Step 8 applies only to students from the University of Sheffield]
Sheffield students must make a payment for the tuition fees of the upcoming fall semester by the designated date, which will be informed to them after the COE is successfully issued. Note that the COE will not be sent to the student until the payment is confirmed by the university.
- 9) Doshisha will send their COE to the students by post, and with it and supporting documents they must apply for a student visa at a nearby [Japanese Embassy or Consulate](#) by themselves. Note that it generally takes 7 to 10 business days for a visa issuance.
- 10) All students are expected to arrive in Kyoto about 2 weeks before the first day of the semester so that they will have enough time to prepare for the new school and adjust themselves to the new environment.

Other Information

- 1) Average Living Cost for Students
JPY 100,000 to 130,000 /month
- 2) Housing
Doshisha University has the limited numbers of own dormitories for students and many of our students in fact arrange the places to live outside campus. [Our dormitory for international students](#) is reasonably cheap but is located approximately 1 hour from Imadegawa Campus. Therefore, we introduce some student dormitories operated by a private company to our partner students who prefer to live near the campus but who have a difficulty in finding their own place to live. The monthly rent is approximately JPY 75,000 with half board.