

# A Guidebook for International Students

## Graduate School of Law Tohoku University



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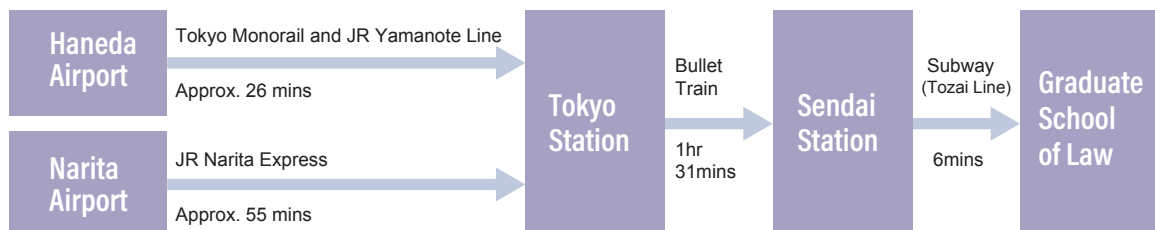
Destinations	Durations	Destinations	Durations
Beijing	7hrs 10mins	Osaka-Itami	1hr 20mins
Shanghai	3hrs 35mins	Osaka-Kansai	1hr 35mins
Seoul	2hrs 30mins	Nagoya	1hr 15mins
Taipei	3hrs 45mins	Hiroshima	1hr 35mins
Sapporo	1hr 10mins	Fukuoka	2hrs
Tokyo (Narita)	1hr	Okinawa	2hrs 50mins

#### 2. Bullet Train (Shinkansen)

From Tokyo to Sendai: 1hr 31mins

#### 3. Airport Access (from Tokyo)

From Haneda to Sendai: 2hrs 10 mins  
From Narita to Sendai: 2 hrs 30 mins



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## Why Study at the Graduate School of Law,

### 1) Disaster Science

-Tohoku University's commitment to its community role was demonstrated in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011. Tohoku University was one of the institutes of higher education at the center of the disaster area and it undertook considerable efforts toward reconstruction and revitalization of the local region. The aim of these endeavors was to establish new industries through close collaboration with industrial and government agencies so as to boost employment and invigorate the Tohoku region. These efforts have served as a stimulus to the Japanese economy as a whole.

\*IRIDeS: International Research Institute of Disaster Science



## Tohoku University?

### 2) Empirical Analysis

Our program offers students various opportunities to learn the tools and methods of social science research, such as making causal inferences from observational data and implementing survey experiments in the fields of law and political science.

### 3) "Two is better than One" :Cross-National Doctoral Course and Cross-National Master's Course

We allow students registered for a PhD at one institution to be considered for registration at another institution. On the successful completion of all academic requirements at both institutions, students can be considered for the award of the doctorate from both their home institution and Tohoku University- a double degree!

## Welcome to

Tohoku University, formerly known as the Tohoku Imperial University, was founded in 1907. Unlike other imperial universities of that time, it initiated both technical and regular high schools. In 1913, it went a step further and became Japan's first university to admit female students, despite opposition from the government.

Since its inception, Tohoku University has been attracting young and brilliant researchers from around the world as faculty members and students. The "Research First" Principle was thus established, calling on scholars not only to pursue highly productive research but also to put their findings into the education of their students.

## Tohoku University

In addition to this, Tohoku University has a proud tradition of "Practice-Oriented Research and Education": the results of cutting-edge research are put to use for the good of society and the improvement of living standards. Thus, Tohoku University has established local venture businesses, which have contributed to the regional economy, and is recognized as the nation's center for research on family law. In 2011, Tohoku University was severely damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake. However, it responded to the disaster by providing its expertise and support to the damaged region. Now, most of the region has gone through numerous reconstruction projects.



## Faculties, Graduate Schools and Institutes

<b>Faculties/ Schools</b>	Arts and Letters, Education, <b>Law</b> , Economics, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, and Agriculture
<b>Graduate Schools</b>	Arts and Letters, Education, <b>Law</b> , Economics and Management, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Agricultural Science, International Cultural Studies, Information Sciences, Life Sciences, Environmental Studies, Biomedical Engineering, Educational Informatics Education, Educational Informatic Research, and Internet School of Tohoku University (ISTU)
<b>Professional Graduate Schools</b>	<b>Law School</b> , <b>School of Public Policy</b> , and Accounting School
<b>Research Institutes</b>	Institute for Material Research, Institute of Development, Aging and Cancer, Institute of Fluid Science, Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials, and International Research Institute of Disaster Science

## Numbers of Students (as of 2018)

Categories	Student Quota	Number of Students	International Students	
			Japanese Government Scholarships	Private Means
<b>Undergraduate Students</b>	10,040	10,881	56	149
<b>Taught Postgraduates</b>	3,838	4,279	120	657
<b>PhD Students</b>	2,581	2,664	188	476

## Agreements on Academic Exchanges (as of May 2017)

<b>Agreements at the University Level</b>	36 countries and regions (213 institutions)
<b>Agreements at the Department Level</b>	52 countries and regions (469 institutions)



## Library

### Numbers of Collections (as of March 2017)

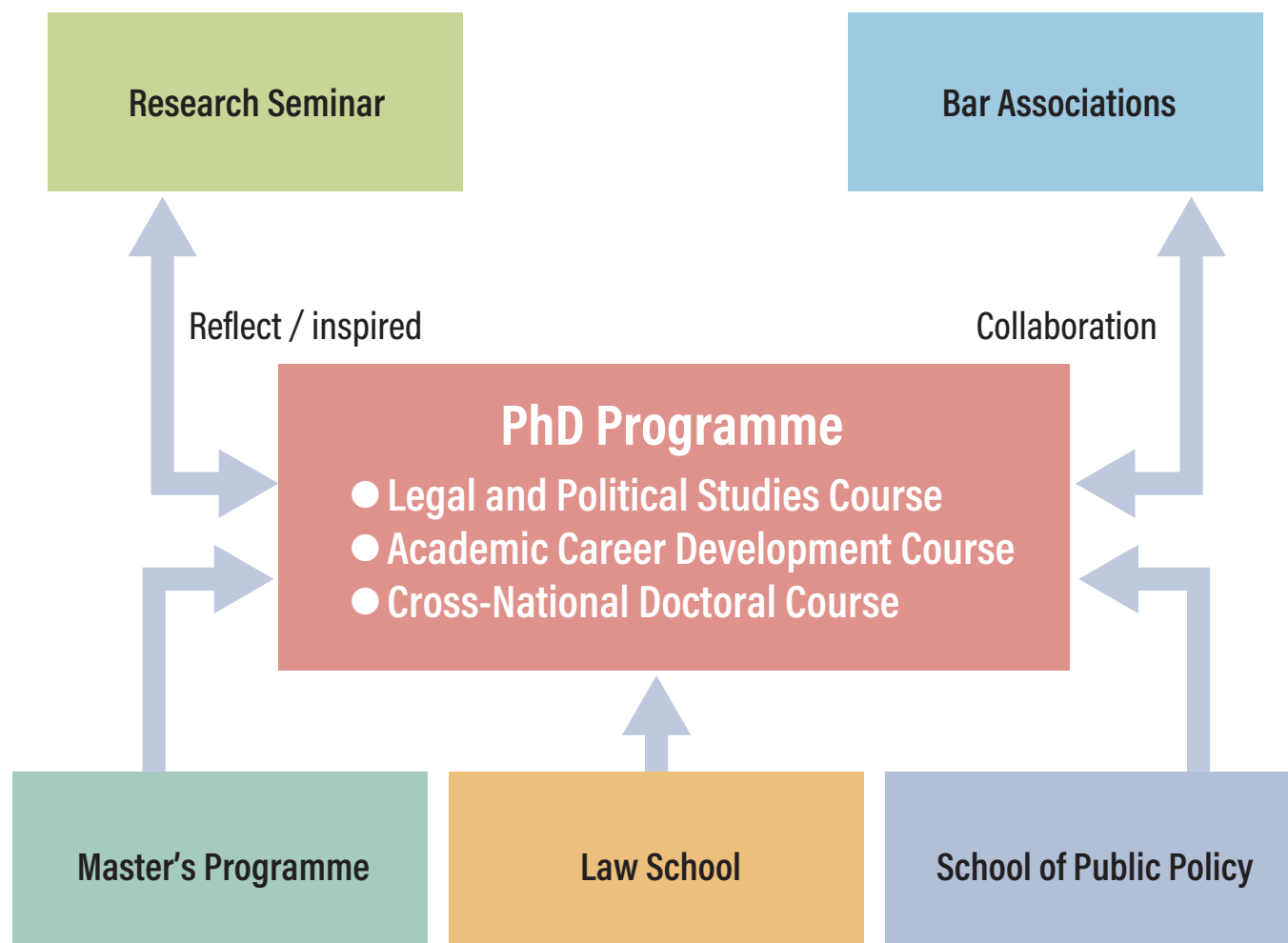
Classifications	Language	Main Library	Law Library
<b>Books</b>	Japanese	1,637,192	24,312
	Foreign	1,174,670	1,628
<b>Periodicals</b>	Japanese	26,679	8,668
	Foreign	17,442	74
<b>National Treasures</b>	Shiki Kobun Hongi/ Shiji Xiao Wen Benji di shi v. 10 (Heian Period) Ruiju Kokushi v. 25 (Heian Period)		
<b>Old and Rare Collections</b>	Japanese books: 820 items (including 574 items of Kano Collection), Foreign Books: 110 items, the Derge Edition of Tibetan Buddhist, the Soseki Collection, and the Akita Collection		
<b>Special Collections</b>	Kano Collection (excluding national treasures and Old Rare Collection), Wasan (native mathematics of Japan) Collection, Bansui Collection, Kushida (Tamizō) Collection, Wundt (William) Collection, Koeber (Raphael von) Collection, Stein (Fredrich) Collection, Seckel (Emil) Collection, Zitelmann (Ernst) Collection, the Ancient Documents, and Wilhelm Winderlbant notes		
<b>Other Special Collections</b>	Abe (Jiro) Collection, Orui (Noburu) Collection, Kojima (Kikuo) Collection, Ishizu (Teruji) Collection, Umehara (Sueji) Collection, Yajima (Genryō) Collection, Wada (Saichirō) Collection, Sunaga (Shigemitsu) Collection, Konishita (Akira) Collection, Kouno (Yōichi) Collection, Nakano (Tadashi) Collection, Nakamura (Kichiji) Collection, Kanaya (Osamu) Collection, Serizawa (Chōsuke) Collection, Yanase (Yoshimoto) Collection, Würfel (Georg) Collection, Documents of the Haruyama Family, Saito Collection, and the Second Special Collections		



# The Graduate

In April 2004, the Graduate School of Law was reorganized into a tripartite organization, which comprises **the Graduate School of Law, the Law School, and the School of Public Policy.**

Among these three institutes, **the Graduate School of Law** is the most important center of academic research activities, covering a wide range of fields of law and politics (note that law departments of Japanese universities have both law major and political science major). As an educational institute, the Graduate School of Law provides the Master's Course and the Doctoral Course for training future scholars in law and politics and others who wish to pursue advanced academic research; **the Law School** provides a curriculum for training future legal professionals; and **the School of Public Policy** provides one for training future government officials and others who are to develop and enforce public policies.



# School of Law

Traditionally, the Tohoku University School of Law, as a matter of principle, has given special priority to academic research activities (“Research Fist Principle”). However, as contemporary society has become increasingly sophisticated and complicated, many difficult legal and political problems have come to the fore, and this in turn has necessitated a reconsideration of the significance and the social role of academic research activities. While the principal object of the Graduate School of Law is to approach various problems in contemporary society from the “theoretical” perspective, such activities also aim to provide illuminating insights into the “practical” aspects of such problems, contributing to the education in the Law School and the School of Public Policy, where questions are often raised on the relationship between theory and practice.

## Field of Interests

<b>Law</b>	Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Tax Law, International Law, Competition Law and Policy, Civil Law, Family Law, Commercial Law, Corporation Law, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Intellectual Property Law, Labor Law, and Social Security Law Jurisprudence, Japanese Legal History, Western Legal History, Anglo-American Law, and European Law
<b>Political Science</b>	European Political History, Modern Chinese Political History/ Contemporary Chinese Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Economy of Asia, International Volunteering, Japanese Politics, History of Political Thoughts, City Act, Environmental Policy for Urban Areas, Social Security Policy, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Policy, International Politics, Public Administration, Political and Diplomatic History of Japan, and Comparative Politics



Research Seminars

## Courses of the

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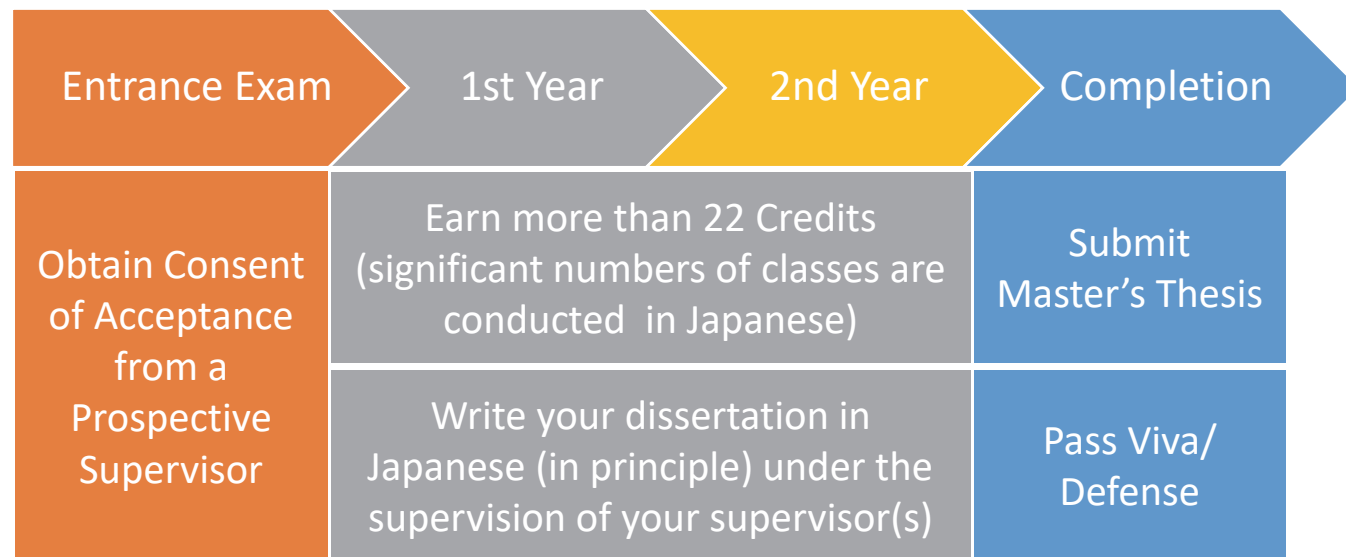
Please refer to our website for further details:

<http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/english/graduate/about/>

### Master's Programme:

#### Legal and Political Studies Course

This Course is intended for those who want to become traditional researchers. Based on the Graduate School of Law's traditionally unique prioritization of academic research activities, the "Research First" Principle, this course aims to foster researchers who will be able to contribute to the pressing internationalized issues of contemporary society. By drawing on the theoretical perspective of law and political science, and complimenting them with our "Research First Principle," we hope that students in this course will go on to contribute to the research and their field of study.



\*You might need to start from a non-degree research student (please consult your prospective supervisor).

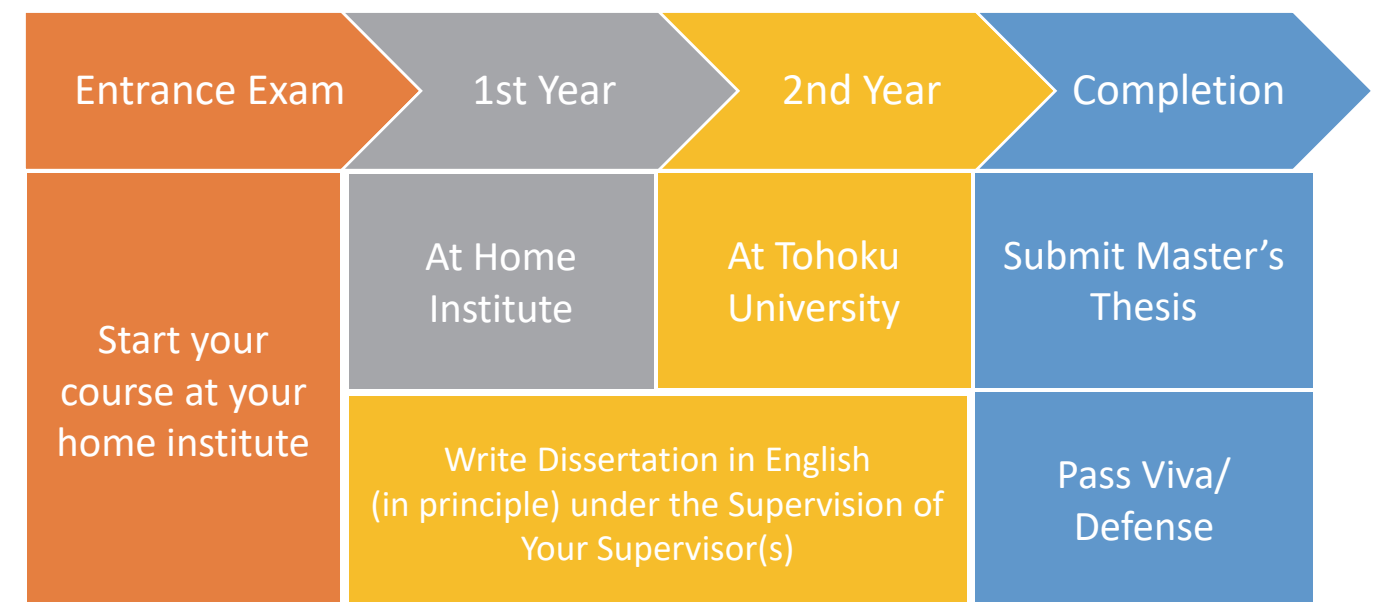
\*You may write your dissertation in English (please consult your supervisor)



## Graduate School of Law

### Cross-National Master's Course (CNMC)

This course, in collaboration with our overseas partner institutions, aims to foster young researchers and advanced professionals who can go on to be active internationally. CNMC students will have both Tohoku University and partner institution's student statuses, conducting their research at both institutions. Ultimately, CNMC students will be able to obtain a Master's degree from both institutions (a double degree).



\*Tohoku University collaborates with the College of Law at National Taiwan University (as of January 2019)

\*\*Tohoku University is planning to collaborate with other universities.

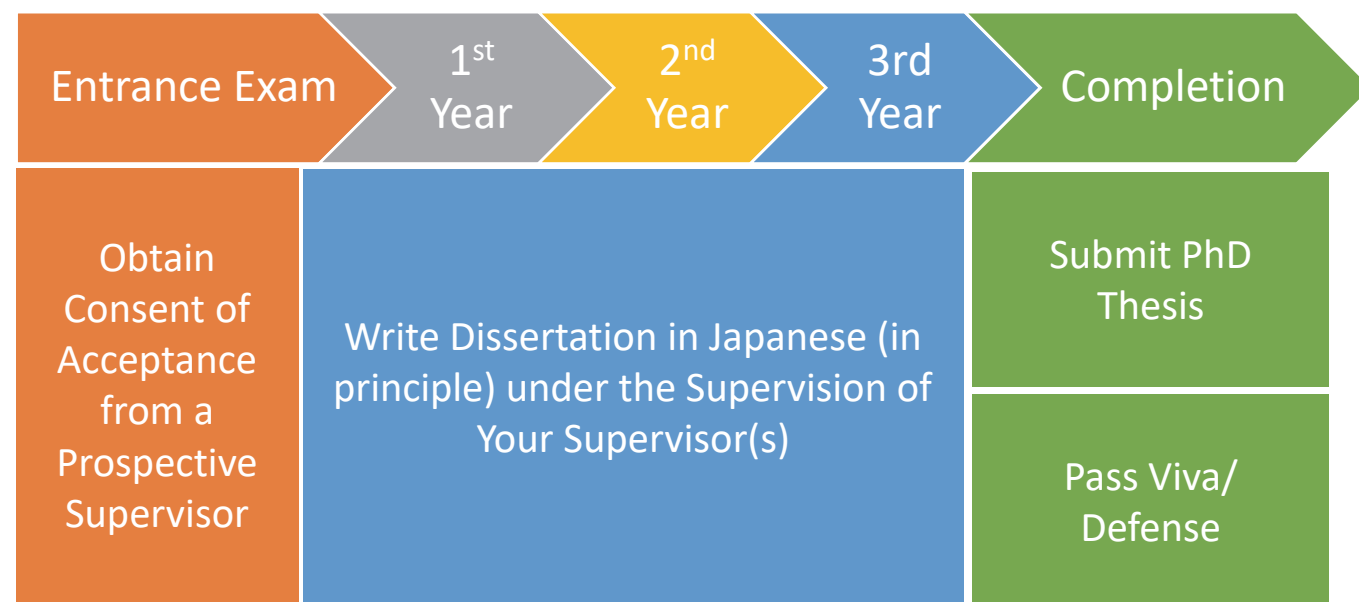


## Courses of the

### PhD Programme:

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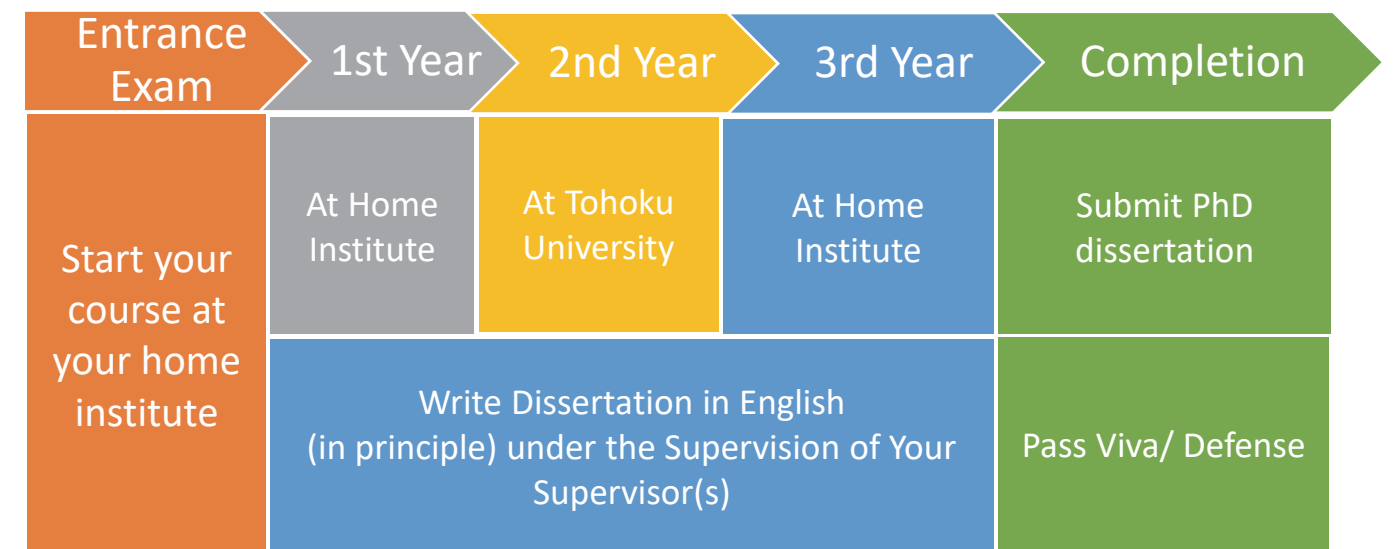
#### Academic Career Development Course

This course aims to foster Law School graduates or legal licensees to become academic researchers for education at law schools or practical professionals. In this course, excellent enrolled students may be hired as fellows and may receive a monthly stipend by engaging in educational activities at Tohoku University's Graduate School of Law

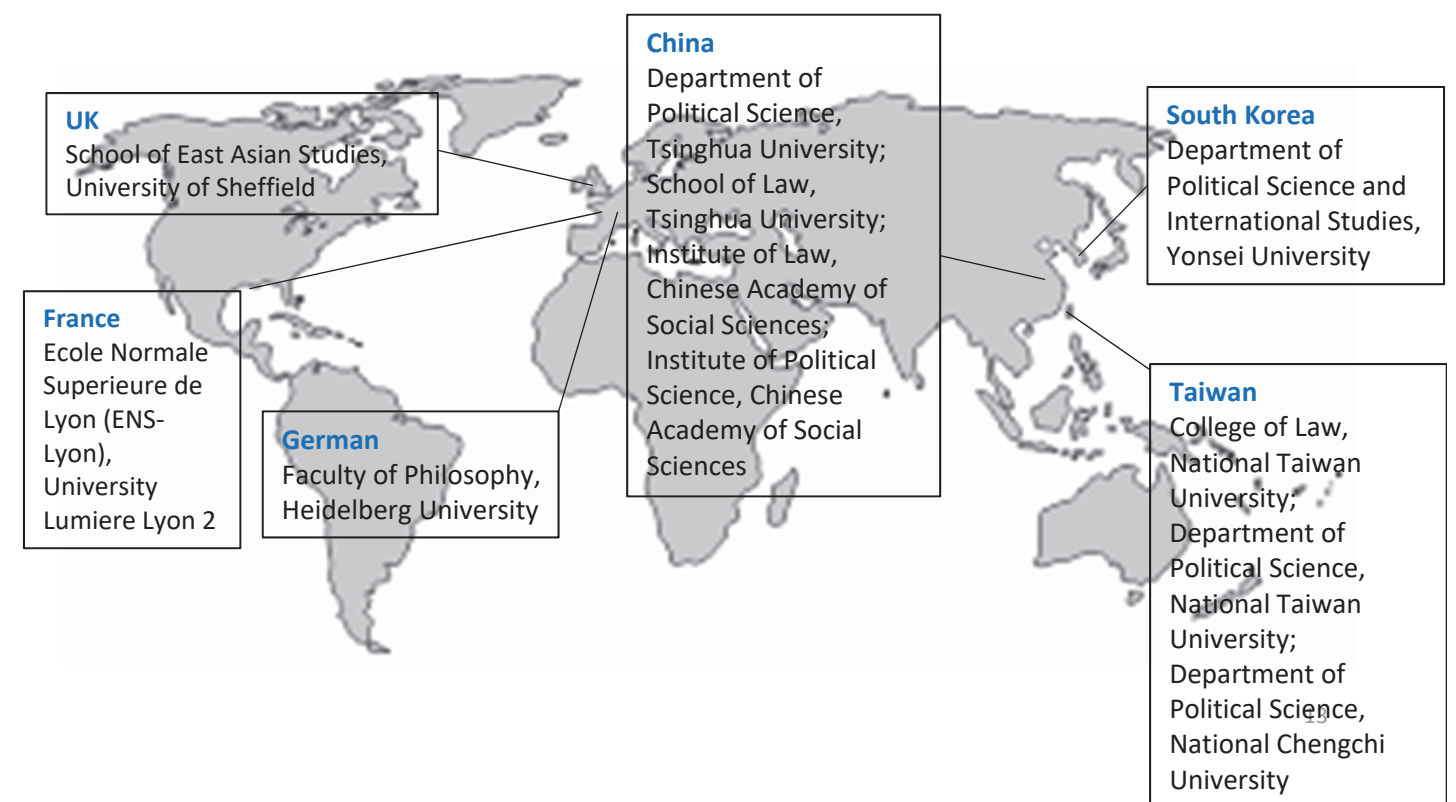
## Graduate School of Law

### Cross-National Doctor's Course (CNDC)

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### Agreements on Academic Exchanges (as of January 2019)



# Meet Our Faculty

- Law-



**Associate Prof.  
Kentaro Nishimoto**

My research field is international law, with a focus on the international law of the sea. At the center of my research is the question of how international law continues to provide a framework for reconciling the different interests of States. Notwithstanding its universal nature, the way in which international law is interpreted, applied and approached is diverse across States and regions. My students in the CNDC program have constantly reminded me of this fact. I invite students to take advantage of this program, which provides an opportunity to enrich their research at their home institutions with insights from different perspectives.

My research field is social security law. Taking both an aging population and weakening family solidarity, Japanese society is facing serious challenges in the domain of social security. How can we make social security systems sustainable? What kind of supports should be organized in a local community? Tohoku University offers you the ideal research environment to tackle such difficult questions. I am looking forward to sharing our interests in social security law and holding discussions with you at Tohoku University.



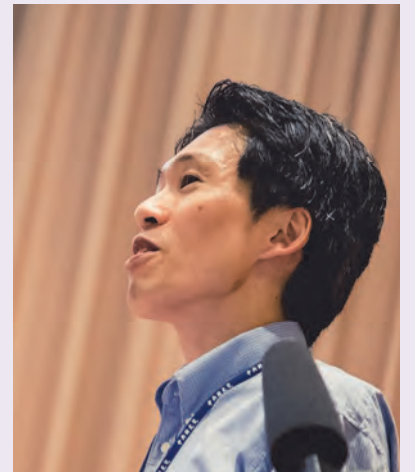
**Prof. Sayaka Dake**

I teach Constitutional Law and Comparative Constitutional Law, and my main research focuses on the comparative and historical study of the development of religious liberty in Japan and the U.S.A. Japan is the first country to adopt Western constitutionalism in Asia, and our constitutional experience is filled with the conflict between the Western constitutionalism and the non-Western tradition or culture. Those who are interested in that experience are especially welcome to come to Sendai and study at our Graduate School of Law.



**Prof. Hiromichi  
Sasaki**

Law is an instrument to achieve specific social objectives. In order to evaluate whether a legal rule is socially desirable or not, we need to evaluate whether it brings the intended social outcomes. I often employ economics and statistics (or data science) to analyze this issue. My research covers various areas of law, ranging from business law, corporate law, financial regulation, consumer protection law, environmental law, medical law, and criminal law. Anyone who is interested in 'scientific' analysis of law is welcome.



**Prof. Haturu  
Morita**



**Associate Prof.  
Akira Tokutsu**

My research field is Corporate Law (Company Law) and Commercial Law. Especially, cross-shareholding and ownership structure are my areas of expertise. Corporations are the engines for economics all over the world. Therefore, a variety of agendas are appropriate for comparative research. Does Corporate Law converge? Is Corporate Law different from Corporate Governance? What is the purpose of Corporate Law: shareholder primacy or stakeholder theory? We, you and I, can talk about these themes through various topics: shareholder derivative actions, the duty of the director, the function of independent directors and so on. I welcome ambitious international students.

Thank you for your interest in our university. I used to be an international student in Japan. After graduation, I returned to my home country and engaged in teaching for several years. Now, I teach commercial law at this university and my main research topics are related to corporate governance and disclosure regulations in the securities market. My research covers several countries, including Japan, the United States and China. I would be happy to discuss the corporate law or securities law in your country and share my experience of studying abroad with you. Looking forward to seeing you at our university.



**Associate Prof.  
Xiaotong Wen**



# Meet Our Faculty

-Law-



**Associate Prof.  
Maia Roots**

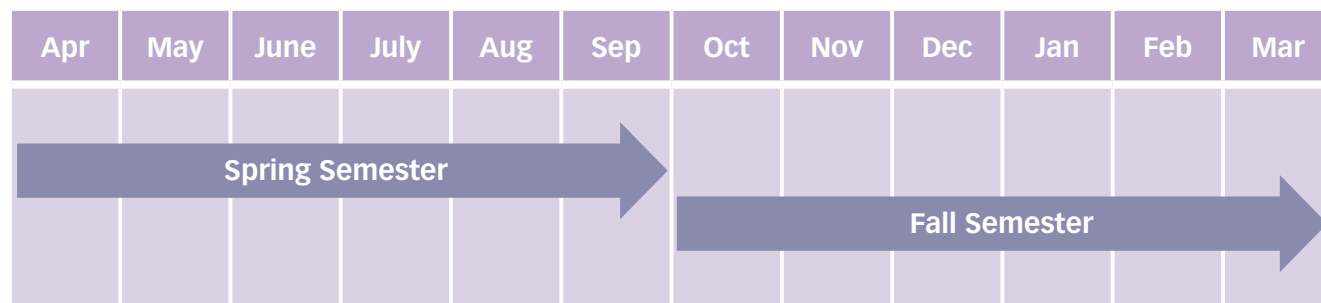
My main field of interest is Japanese family law. The School of Law of Tohoku University has a long tradition of excelling in family law scholarship. Professor Nakagawa Zennosuke, who is considered to be the father of Japanese family law, taught and researched here for almost 40 years. Tohoku University's libraries boast of an excellent collection of books and journals for those interested in family law and related research.

My major is jurisprudence and philosophy of law. I would like to enjoy interdisciplinary communication with intellectuals who have interests in the following two topics that my current research focuses on- one is public law litigation in Japan which covers pollution cases from Minamata disease to Fukushima meltdown as well as war compensation suits filed by comfort women and forced labor victimized in World War II, and the other is history of modern Japanese morality, especially concerned with Kyoto School of philosophy and Japanese Romanticism represented by K Nishida and Y Yasuda.



**Prof. Hiroshi  
KABASHIMA**

## Academic Calendar



-Political Science-



**Prof. Yoshikuni  
Ono**

My research focuses on the comparative study of political parties, legislative politics, and electoral behavior. Current research projects include studies on the effect of gender stereotypes on voter evaluation of candidates running for electoral office, the effect of foreign threats on parliamentary speeches in Japan, and a comparative study between Japan and the United States on the response styles to public opinion surveys among citizens. I also study political activities of local politicians and their relationship with voters in the Tohoku region of Japan.

My work has appeared in American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Political Science Research and Methods, and Japanese Journal of Political Science. I look forward to working with students interested in Japanese politics and empirical social science research.

I specialize in political and diplomatic history of modern Japan. My published works includes Budget Politics during the Formation of Party Government in Modern Japan: The Political Leadership of Taro KATSURA, 1900-1914 (University of Tokyo Press, 2013, in Japanese), and Japanese translation of Dr. Sheila A. Smith's Intimate Rivals: Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China (joint translation, University of Tokyo Press, 2018). I look forward to meeting motivated graduate students from around the world.



**Associate Prof.  
Taketo Fushimi**

Entrance Ceremony	Early April/ Early October
Orientation for New International Students	April/ October
University Foundation Day	22 June
Semester End Vacation	Early Aug- Sep / Early Feb- Mar
Commencement	End of September / End of March
Office Closes	Mid of August / End of Dec- Early Jan

# Fees and Living Expenses

## Information on Application, Admission and Tuition Fees

An application fee is required to take the entrance exam. In order to enrol, students must also pay entrance and tuition fees. Students who find it difficult to pay entrance or tuition fees for economic reasons may be granted a waiver of half or the entire entrance fee and/or one-third, half, or the entire tuition fee, pending an application and screening.

Students	Application Fee	Admission Fee	Tuition
Undergraduates	17,000 JPY	282,000 JPY	535,800 JPY (per year)
Graduates	30,000 JPY	282,000 JPY	535,800 JPY (per year)
Non-degree Research*	9,800 JPY	282,000 JPY	29,700 JPY (per month)

\*Non-degree research students are not eligible for these waivers.

## Living Expenses

The cost of rent and living in Sendai is cheaper than the same in other major Japanese cities. Monthly living expenses are around 110,000 JPY, which is relatively low for Japan.

Average Monthly Living Cost by Region  
地域別平均生活費/月



Source: Lifestyle Survey of Privately Financed International Students 2015, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)  
出典: JASSO平成27年度私費外国人留学生生活実態調査

Beverages	Foods (prepared at home)	Foods (at convenience stores)	Transportation	Other Services/Entertainment
Milk (1 litre) 180 yen	Wheat Flour (1kg) 250 yen	Sandwich 220 yen	City Bus (one-way) 100-250 yen	Mobile Phone 3,000 yen and up / month
Mineral Water 110 yen	Rice (5kg) 2,000 yen	Rice Ball 120 yen	Subway (one-way) 200-320 yen	Internet Fees 1,800-6,980 yen / month
Bottled Tea 140 yen	Eggs (carton of 10) 200 yen	Bento (lunch box) 380 yen	Taxi Fare 680 yen and up	Paperback Novel (English, imported) 1,000-3,000 yen
Canned coffee 120 yen	Beef (100g) 200 yen	Potato Chips (small bag) 140 yen	Train (one-way) 190 yen and up	Movie Theater Ticket 1,800 yen

## Tutoring Program

Each international students will be matched with a domestic students who will provide continuous support throughout a semester or academic year. Your tutor will support you to practice Japanese, or to explore life in Japan. For further details, please visit: <https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Tutor-system.pdf>

## University Accommodation

International students are provided university accommodations, such as the Tohoku University International House and University House. Tohoku University provides international students with various types of housing support to help them find a suitable accommodation relatively easily. Housing costs vary depending on location and other conditions.

### International House (as of March 2019)

	Room Types	Eligibility		Rent (JPY/m)	Maintenance Fee (JPY/m)	Deposit (JPY)	Duration
		Undergrad	Grad				
Sanjo I	Single	○	○	13,000	1,000	30,000	6-12 months
	Couple	○	○	21,000			
	Family	○	○	25,000			
Sanjo II	Single	○	○	22,800			
	Couple	○	○	32,000			
	Family	○	○	50,000			
Higashi Sendai	Single	○	○	10,000			
	Couple	○	○	22,000			
	Family	○	○	33,000			

### University House (as of March 2019)

	Room Types	Eligibility		Rent (JPY/m)	Maintenance Fee (JPY/m)	Deposit (JPY)	Duration
		Undergrad	Grad				
Sanjo I	Single A	○		21,600	2,500	30,000	6-12 months
	Single B		○	22,000	3,100		
Sanjo II	Single	○	○	22,000	2,500		
Sanjo III	Single	○	○	22,000	1,500		
Naga-machi	Single	○	○	22,000	1,500		
Katahira	Single		○	25,000	1,000		
Aoba-yama	Single	○	○	28,000	1,000	6-24 months	



# Information on

## Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

There are three ways to apply for the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT) Scholarship. Once selected, awardees benefit from fee waivers and a monthly stipend until stipulated period.

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| <p><b>1. Embassy Recommendation</b><br/>You apply for a scholarship through an embassy or consulate general of Japan in your country or region of residence, take a primary screening, and then choose the university you wish to enter. Admission can take place in April or October.</p> | <p><b>2. University Recommendation</b><br/>You apply for the scholarship through Tohoku University as a prospective applicant for admission. Admission under this scheme is only in October.</p> | <p><b>3. Domestic Selection</b><br/>You can apply for the scholarship as an international self-financed student after admission. Admission under this scheme is only in April.</p> |
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Undergraduate Levels	117,000-120,000 JPY/m
Postgraduate Levels	143,000-148,000 JPY/m

\*Tuition for national universities and Institute of National College of Technology waived.

\*\* Roundtrip fare (air ticket) provided.

## JSPS Research Fellowship

Awarded to excellent young researchers, these fellowships offer the fellows an opportunity to focus on a freely chosen research topic based on their own innovative ideas. Ultimately the program works to foster and secure excellent researchers.

	Eligibility	Tenure	Monthly Stipend	Research Grant
<b>DC1</b>	Enrolled in the first year of doctoral course	3 years	200,000 JPY	Up to 1,500,000 JPY/y
<b>DC2</b>	Enrolled in the second year or higher of doctoral course	2 years		

## For CNDC Students

Students applying to and enrolling in the Cross-National Doctoral Course will be exempt from the admission, matriculation, and tuition fees of Tohoku University. Travel fees to Japan, living expenses including utilities and rent, insurance, and other expenses will be a student's responsibility. Those who are in the Cross-National Doctoral Course will be employed as Research Assistance or fellows for one academic year.

Monthly Stipend	130,000 JPY/m
Research Grant	100,000 JPY/y

# Financial Aids

\* Please refer to the individual organizations/institutions for the most up-to-date information.

## Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship

Self-financed international students may be eligible for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

<b>Eligibility</b>	Self-financed international students
<b>Monthly Stipend</b>	48,000 JPY/m (for a year)
<b>Scholarship Starts</b>	April for current students, October for prospective students
<b>Application</b>	Through Tohoku University
<b>Inquiry</b>	Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Law

## Mitsubishi UEF Trust Scholarship

As of April in the year of application, the applicants shall be a sophomore or older of undergraduate school, or, in a master's or doctoral course of a nominated university.

<b>Eligibility</b>	International students
<b>Monthly Stipend</b>	100,000 JPY/m (more than a year of duration of scholarship)
<b>Scholarship Starts</b>	July
<b>Application</b>	Through Tohoku University
<b>Inquiry</b>	Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Law

## Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Inc.

The scholarship supports excellent students from other countries who are studying or doing research at Japanese institutions of higher learning and who will go on to play active roles in both their own countries and international society.

<b>Eligibility</b>	International students
<b>Monthly Stipend</b>	140,000 JPY/m (two years for 1 year of master's programme or 2 years of doctoral programme: one year for 2 years of master's programme or 3 years of doctoral programme)
<b>Scholarship Starts</b>	April for current students, October for prospective students
<b>Application</b>	Through Tohoku University
<b>Inquiry</b>	Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Law

# Admissions for

## 1. Legal and Political Studies Course

### Entrance Examination for International Students

#### Diploma Policy

We confer a master's degree on the students who achieve the following goals;

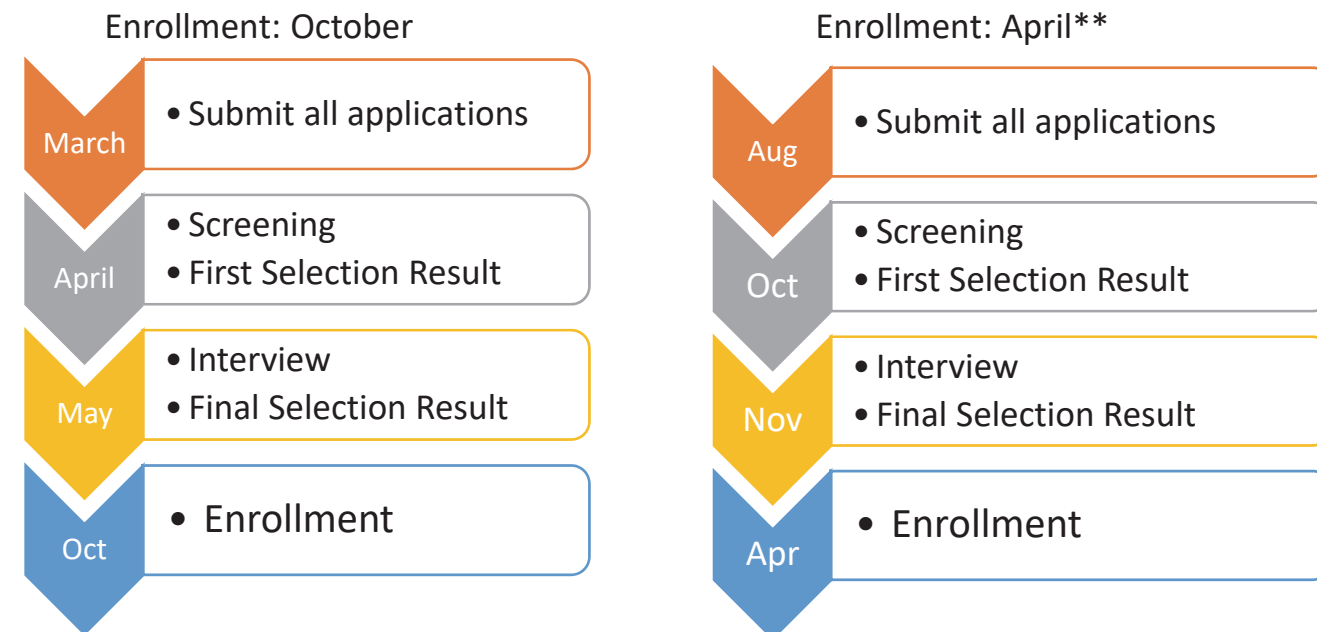
- 1) Possess the skills to accomplish an original research in law and political science and engage in a highly professional occupation;
- 2) Are able to participate in social development with the understanding of social and academic background, higher morality, and responsibility;
- 3) Are able to report the research result by using the skills to communicate with others having a wide range of viewpoints in international society.

#### Documents:

1. Application for Admission and CV
2. Score of Language Proficiency Test (such as TOEFL, IELTS, and JLPT)
3. Research Proposal (4 copies)
4. Research Paper (4 copies) [if applicable]
5. Bachelor's Transcript
6. Fee for Examination (30,000 JPY)
7. Residence Certificate\*
8. Certificate of Bachelor's Degree
9. Label
10. Envelope with a 362 JPY stamp

\*For those who already have residence card.

### Schedule



\*Information on the application will be on our website and is subject to change

\*\*Due to visa application, you might have difficulties enrolling in April.

\*You might need to start as a Research Student (please consult your prospective supervisor)

# Master's Programme

## 2. Cross-National Master's Course (CNMC)

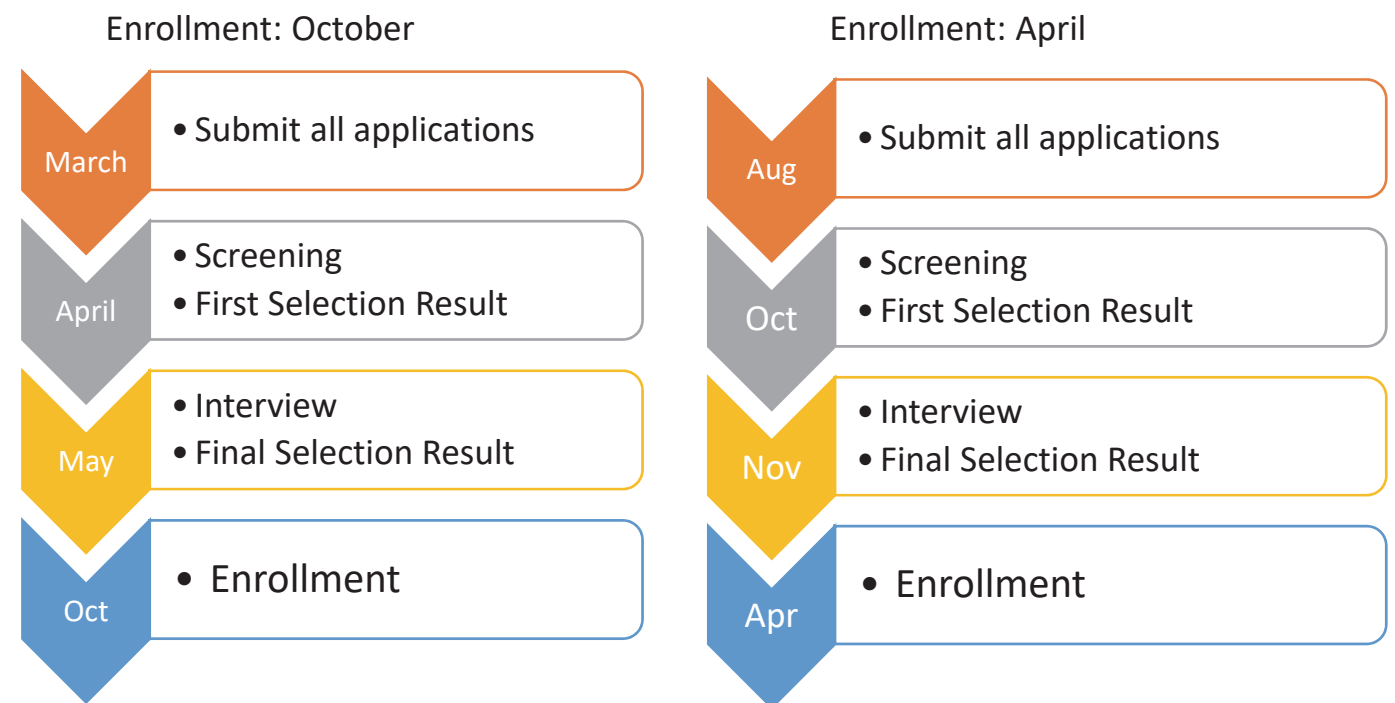
#### Application Eligibility:

1. Those who are registered, or are expected to be registered, as Master's students at the Home Institutes
2. Those who have passed the preliminary requirements set forth by the Home Institutes at which he or she is registered or plans to be registered, and are agreed upon as candidates for making an application to the Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University

#### Documents:

1. Application for Admission and CV
2. Research Proposal (4 copies)
3. Research Paper (4 copies) [if applicable]
4. Bachelor's Transcript
5. Recommendation Letter from a Faculty Member at the Home Institution
6. Student Registration Certificate
7. Certificate of Bachelor's Degree
8. EMS Label

### Schedule



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# Admissions for

## 1. Legal and Political Studies Course

### Regular Entrance Examination

#### Diploma Policy

We confer a degree of PhD (law) on the students who achieve the following goals;

- 1) Based on their wealth of knowledge and higher profession, the students have the skill to attain an original research and to supervise, or to engage in higher professional career;
- 2) With social and academic knowledge, an original idea, higher ethics, and higher responsibility, the students are able to contribute to develop society and academics;
- 3) With a wide range of viewpoints and the skill to communicate, the students report the research result, which is on par with international standards. By sharing the research result with the other researchers, the students are able to lead the related research inside or outside of Japan and contribute to develop the area of work.

#### Documents:

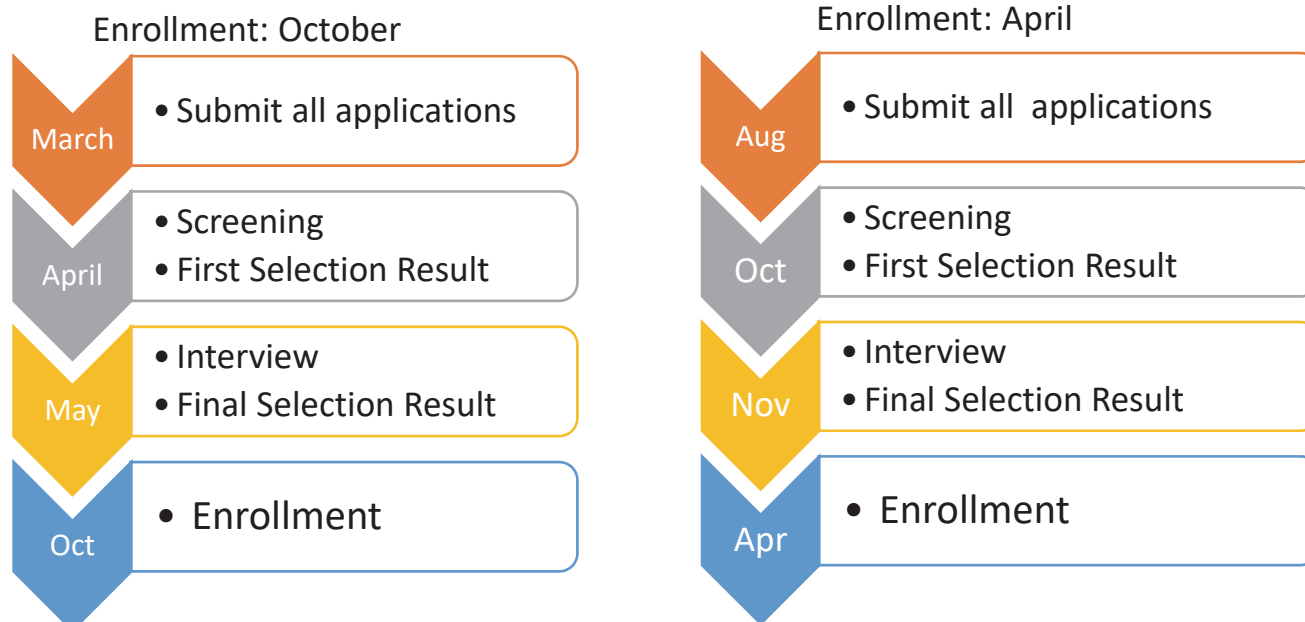
1. Application for Admission and CV
2. Score of Language Proficiency Test (such as TOEFL, IELTS, and JLPT)
3. Research Proposal (3 copies)
4. Certificate of Master's Degree
5. Certificate of Employment (for academic career development course)

### Entrance Examination for International Students

6. Fee for Examination (30,000 JPY)
7. Residence Certificate\*
8. Certificate of Bachelor's Degree
9. Label
10. Envelope with a 362 JPY stamp
11. Master's Thesis (3 copies)
12. Abstract of Master's Thesis (3 copies)

\*Information on the application will be on our website and is subject to change.

#### Schedule



# PhD Programme

## 2. Cross-National Doctoral Course (CNDC)

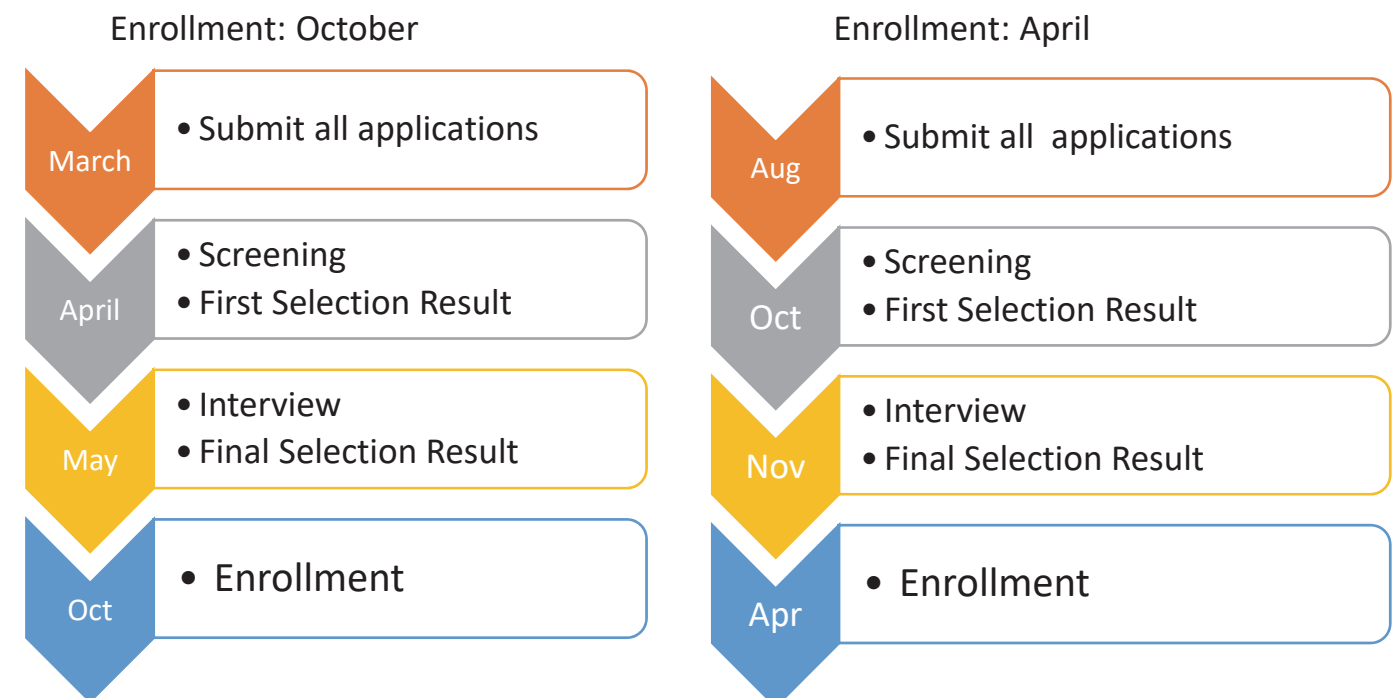
#### Application Eligibility:

1. Those who are registered, or are expected to be registered, as PhD students at the Home Institutes
2. Those who have passed the preliminary requirements set forth by the Home Institutes at which he or she is registered or plans to be registered, and are agreed upon as candidates for making an application to the Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University

#### Documents:

1. Application for Admission/ CV
2. Master's Thesis (4 copies)
3. List of Past Research and Publications (4 copies)
4. Research Proposal (4 copies)
5. Recommendation Letter from a Faculty Member at the Home Institution
6. Student Registration Certificate
7. Certificate of Master's Degree
8. EMS Label

#### Schedule



\*Information on the application will be on our website ([www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/english](http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/english)) in May and November.

## Main Courses of Advancement for Graduates (2002-2014)

### Master's Programme

Entrance into a Doctoral Course, etc.	Entrance into the Tohoku University Graduate School of Law (PhD Course) Entrance into Law Schools Entrance into other/foreign universities' Doctoral Courses
Government and Public Sector	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Ministry of International Affairs and Communications Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare Prefectural Office City Sendai Regional Taxation Bureau Court of Law Foreign Government and Municipal Office
Banks, Security Companies and Insurance Companies	Bank of Japan Japan Bank for International Cooperation The 77 Bank Sompo Japan Insurance
Firms and Corporations	NEC Nippon Steel Corporation Kawasaki Heavy Industries Fujitsu Chubu Electric Power Benesse Corporation Yuhikaku Publishing Aeon Retail Hitachi Transport System Mitsui & Co. Fujitsu Research Institute

### PhD Programme (CNCD Course)

Research Institute/ University	Aix-Marseille University, Osaka University, University of East Anglia, Heidelberg University, Southwest University, Goethe University Frankfurt, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Tsinghua University, Chinese Academy for Social Science, Aarhus University, Ruhr University Bochum, Lyon Institute of East Asian Studies, etc.
Arbitration	China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission and Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration

## Previous Research

Between Brazil and Japan: Identifies out of Places (Pauline Cherrier, enrolled in 2011)

Law and Economics of Executives' Stock Option in Chinese Public Corporations (Jian Fan, enrolled in 2013)

The Cluster Policy in Japan and the Changing Relationship between Central and Local Authorities (Akira Hattori, enrolled in 2013)

The Policy of War Memory in Japan 1990-2010: Progressive Civil Society Groups and Contestation of Memory of the Asia-Pacific War (Kamila Szczepanska, enrolled in 2012)

Women's Identity Formation and Transformation in Contemporary Japan: A Gendered Approach to Faith-Based Volunteering (Paola Cavaliera, enrolled in 2012)

Playing the Sovereignty Game: Understanding Japan's Territorial Disputes (Paul, O'Shea, enrolled in 2012)

Japan's Recalibration of Risk: the Framing of North Korea (Ra Mason, enrolled in 2012)

For further details:  
[http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/gcoe/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/gemc\\_10\\_cate3\\_4.pdf](http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/gcoe/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/gemc_10_cate3_4.pdf)

## Message from the Alumni

My experience of Tohoku University as a CNDC student was a hugely enriching one. From the world-class library to the helpful guidance of the friendly staff, and the excellent living conditions, I found life as a CNDC student to be comfortable, educational and highly effective with regards to completing the PhD. Scholarly supervision was also readily available from a range of experts in their fields, upon request, and office staff were on hand to provide support and offer information on extracurricular opportunities. The diverse student body and range of daily activities also helped prepare me for the challenges that lay ahead as a researcher - cultivating transferable skills such as flexibility, team-work, leadership and dedication.



Ra Mason  
Enrolled in 2012

Lecture, University of East Anglia

## Collaboration with Other Institutes



The Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University, works together with other institutes annually to exchange ideas on legal system, legal theory, and practice. International students get a chance to visit *saiban-in saiban* (lay judge in Japan) with lawyers in Sendai and learn the system of *saiban-in saiban* from them.