

**The 2021 School Year Application Guidelines for the Graduate School of Creative Studies  
in Society and Culture, Yamagata University (Master's Degree Program)  
– Mature Students Entrance Examination for the Social and Cultural Systems Course,  
Department of Creative Studies in Society and Culture –**

Note: Due to the impact of the novel coronavirus disease, any changes to the contents set out in these Guidelines will be announced in the Admissions and Prospective Students sections on the Yamagata University's website. Please check the website as needed.

**I Number of students to be admitted**

10 \*This is the total number of applicants to be admitted across all selection categories (Mature Students Entrance Examination, General Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination for International Students, Entrance Examination for Recommended Candidates, and Entrance Examination for Recommended Candidates from Affiliated Schools).

**II Schedule (Japan time)**

- 1 Deadline for submission of the Pre-Application Eligibility Check Sheet (PAECS): Friday, September 11, 2020
- 2 Application period: Monday, October 19 - Friday, October 23, 2020
- 3 Examination: Saturday, November 7, 2020
- 4 Announcement of results: Friday, November 13, 2020

**III Application eligibility/Application requirements**

Applicants must have three years or more of working experience in a government office or agency, a company, an educational institution, or other organization as of April 1, 2021 (for the Social and Cultural Systems Course, applicants who have one continuous year or more of working experience after graduation or who graduated three or more years prior to the time of application, are also included), and must meet one of the following requirements, or expect to be able to meet one of the following requirements by March 2021.

Note: The required working experience does not include work not deemed as a regular occupation, such as part-time work.

1. Those who have graduated from universities designated under Article 83, Paragraph 1 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947) (hereinafter, "universities").
2. Those who have been conferred a bachelor's degree in accordance with Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act.
3. Those who have completed 16 years of school education outside Japan.
4. Those who have completed 16 years of school education within Japan through correspondence courses offered by an overseas school.
5. Those who have completed courses at an educational institution within Japan that is deemed to have courses offered by an overseas university according to the educational system of that country, and which has been recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (only in cases where the person who has completed the said course is deemed to have completed 16 years of school education in the said country).
6. Those who have completed courses of which the minimum period for graduation is three years or more and which are offered by an overseas university or other overseas school (of which the overall state of educational and research activities has been evaluated by an institution authorized by the country's government or relevant organization or which has been recognized as equivalent to such a school by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology, Japan) and have received a degree comparable to a bachelor's degree. (This includes the completion of the said courses within Japan through

correspondence courses offered by an overseas school, and completion of the said course at an educational institution in Japan that is deemed to have courses offered by an educational institution according to the educational system of that country, and which has been recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan.)

7. Those who have completed specialized courses offered at a vocational school, recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (of which the minimum period required for graduation is four years or longer and which also satisfies other conditions specified by the Minister), after the date specified by the Minister.
8. Those who have been recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (Public Notice of the Ministry of Education No. 5, 1953).
9. Those who have completed 15 years of school education overseas, and who have been recognized as having obtained the required number of credits in this graduate school with outstanding results.
10. Those who have completed 15 years of school education within Japan through correspondence courses offered by an overseas school, and who have been recognized as having obtained the required number of credits in this graduate school with outstanding results.
11. Those who have completed courses at an educational institution within Japan that is deemed to have courses offered by an overseas university according to the educational system of that country, and which has been recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (only in cases where the person who has completed the said course is deemed to have completed 15 years of school education in the said country), and who have been recognized as having obtained the required number of credits in this graduate school with outstanding results.
12. Those who have been evaluated by the Graduate School of Creative Studies in Society and Culture as possessing academic abilities equal to or superior to the average university graduate, and who have reached the age of 22 by March 31, 2021. This evaluation shall be carried out through an independent eligibility examination.

\*Confirmation of eligibility prior to applying

The eligibility of applicants will be confirmed prior to applying based on their personal history (educational and career history). Please submit the Pre-Application Eligibility Check Sheets (PAECS) to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Admissions Section via e-mail by Friday, September 11, 2020.

#### IV Application method

- 1 Applicants must compile the application documents and submit them during the application period.
- 2 Points to note in submitting an application:
  - Download the application form and other application documents from the website of the Graduate School of Creative Studies in Society and Culture (<https://www-cssc.yamagata-u.ac.jp/>), print them out on single-sided white A4 paper, and complete them.
  - Incomplete applications will not be processed.
  - Changes cannot be made to submitted documents after the application procedures have been completed.
  - Interested applicants should consult with faculty members in the field of education and research that they wish to pursue on the direction and contents of their future research and education via e-mail or other means prior to application. Please refer to the following website for the contact details of the faculty members. (<https://www-cssc.yamagata-u.ac.jp/>)
  - Graduation thesis and research achievements will be returned to the applicant, but other application documents will not be returned.
  - Applicants should notify the Admissions Section immediately if there are any changes to their contact information after the submission of their applications.

3 Fields of education and research and program structure of the Social and Cultural Systems Course

Course	Fields of education and research	Program structure
Social and Cultural Systems Course	Linguistics/cultural studies	Fields that make up the Cultural Systems Program
	Japanese studies	
	Human science / philosophical cultural studies	
	Historical cultural studies	
	Global cultural studies	
	Archaeological anthropology	Fields that make up the Archaeological Anthropology Program
	Public systems	Fields that make up the Social Systems Program
	Corporate systems	
	International systems	

V Selection method

1 Examination subjects: Oral examination

First, the candidate shall give a 10-minute presentation on their research theme. Where necessary, the candidate may refer to two or less pieces of A4-sized documents.

Next, based on the presentation and the research proposal (about 4,000 Japanese characters, or about 1,000 words only if the candidate has been permitted to submit the application in English or Spanish), the candidate shall answer questions relating to their specialized knowledge in the field of research they are applying for, as well as to their future research.

2 Scoring and evaluation criteria: Candidates shall be evaluated based on their specialized knowledge in the field of research they are applying for, as well as their research plan for the future.

3 Acceptance criteria: Candidates shall be evaluated based on an overall consideration of the oral examination and their application documents.

4 Examination venues

Yamagata examination venue: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Yamagata University (Yamagata City, Yamagata Prefecture, Japan)

Nasca examination venue: Institute of Nasca, Yamagata University (Nasca, Peru)

\*In cases where it is difficult to conduct an interview in person, the examination will be conducted through teleconferencing via the Internet.

VI Additional acceptance

If the number of successful applicants who complete their admission procedures falls below the quota, additional candidates may be accepted between Friday, November 27 and Thursday, December 3.

If additional acceptance is carried out, a candidate's intention to enroll will be confirmed through a phone call made to the phone number provided in the column for "current address" in the application form. Please ensure that you provide the correct phone number.

## VII Other matters

Yamagata University uses personal information pertaining to entrance examinations in the following ways. It does not disclose, provide, or entrust such information to third parties for purposes other than those listed below.

- (1) For conducting entrance examinations and selecting candidates
- (2) For completing admission procedures
- (3) For conducting statistical surveys related to entrance examinations
- (4) For university work that is necessary for the enrollment of students
- (5) For other necessary university-related work

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