

2026 Academic Year

**Graduate School of
Human Development and Environment
Kobe University
[Doctoral Degree Program]**

Application Procedure

Department of Human Development
Department of Human Environmental Science
• First Round: Implemented August,
• Second Round: Implemented February

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Depending on various reasons, the entrance examination method or other matters may be changed after the announcement of this Application Procedure. Changes will be announced on the website of the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University, so persons planning to apply should check the website frequently. In particular, be sure to check the website immediately before submitting an application and immediately before the test date.

Website of Graduate School of Human Development and Environment
<https://www.h.kobe-u.ac.jp/ja/>

**Graduate School of
Human Development and Environment
Kobe University**

Organization Chart of Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University

Department	Course	Specialized Fields	Courses of Master's Degree Program	Ancillary facilities
Human Development	Human Development	Psychological Development and Health Promotion		
			Clinical Psychology Course	
		Human Expression		■ Institute of Development Support ▷ Action Research Center for Human and Community Development ► ARCH: Satellite Agency of Action Research Center for Human and Community Development
		Human Behavior		
		Education and Learning		
		—	one-year master's program	▷ Psychological Counseling Center
Human Environmental Science	Human Environmental Science	Basic Environmental Science		▷ Office of Promoting Education Collaboration ▷ Science Shop
		Environmental Formation		▷ Kobe Active Aging Research Hub (KAARb)
	Collaborative course Advanced Environmental Science *Doctoral Program only	Advanced Environmental Science		

【Degree Awarded】

For persons who have completed the Doctoral Degree at the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, the basic rule is that a Doctor of Arts is awarded. However, depending on the contents of the education and research, it is also possible to receive a Doctor of Education in the Department of Human Development, or a Doctor of Science in the Department of Human Environmental Science.

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Implementation of special educational methods (such as evening and Saturday/Sunday classes)

Some classes at this Graduate School will be implemented with the special educational methods stipulated in Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (where consideration is given to the working conditions where an employed person is employed and the time required for commuting to the university, and the class times are set either within normal class hours or at a specific time outside of normal class hours or at a specific period of the year).

1. Admission Policy

The Graduate School of Human Development and Environment aims to produce graduates who 1) contribute to fundamental, applied, and practical research and education activities on human development and supporting environments in a proactive and self-motivated manner and 2) apply their advanced expertise to play a leading role to advance such research and education activities.

The Graduate School achieves these objectives by accepting students according to the policy below.

• Applicants are sought with the following qualities and abilities:

1. The fundamental qualities and abilities necessary to perform advanced research
[Required competences: knowledge and technique]
2. The qualities and abilities required to identify new issues based on a keen awareness of and in-depth expertise in the various challenges related to human development and supporting environments
[Required competences: knowledge, technique, critical thinking, sound judgement, expression, interest, and motivation]
3. The advanced intellectual ability needed to analyze existing issues in a multilateral and multi-layer manner and to systematically conceptualize and theorize such issues
[Required competences: knowledge, technique, critical thinking, sound judgement, expression, initiative, cooperativeness, interest, and motivation]
4. The ability to propose concrete measures in order to solve modern issues and respond flexibly
[Required competences: knowledge, technique, critical thinking, sound judgement, expression, initiative, cooperativeness, interest, and motivation]

• Basic Policy for the Selection of Students:

To select students in accordance with the Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, each applicant's competencies are evaluated. The General entrance examination and Special entrance examination for international students comprehensively assess knowledge, technique, critical thinking, sound judgement, expression, initiative, cooperativeness, interest, and motivation via an oral examination and submitted documents.

2. Admission Capacity

Department	Course	Examination Category	Admission Capacity
Human Development	Human Development	Psychological Development and Health Promotion	11 persons
		Human Expression	
		Human Behavior	
		Education and Learning	
Human Environmental Science	Human Environmental Science	Natural Environmental Science	6 persons
		Mathematics and Informatics	
		Living Environment	
		Social Environment	
		(Collaborative course) Advanced Environmental Science	

(NOTE)

1. The Department of Human Environmental Science admission capacity is the combined total for the First Round (conducted in August 2025) and the Second Round (conducted in March 2026).
2. The admission capacity includes persons who are continuing their studies and a few persons who will take the special entrance examination for international students.
3. For the Department of Human Environmental Science Human Environmental Science course (Examination category: Social Environment), the First Round applications are only for persons who have submitted a master's thesis and obtained a master's degree.

3. Eligibility

I. General entrance examination

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria.

- (1) A person who have received a master's degree or an MBA degree or will have received one by March 31,2026.
- (2) A person who have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or an MBA degree in a foreign country or will have received one by March 31,2026.
- (3) A person who have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or an MBA degree from a foreign school by completing correspondence courses administered in Japan or will have received one by March 31,2026.
- (4) A person who have completed a course and have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or an MBA degree from a foreign graduate school in Japan. The school must be recognized as an educational institution by the home country's education system, and approved by the Minister of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or will have received one by March 31, 2026.
- (5) A person who have completed a course and have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree from the United Nations University, which was established under the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of December 21,1972, based on the provision in Paragraph 2, Article 1 of the Act on Special Measures Law (Law No. 72, 1976) concerning the Implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan relating to the Headquarters of the United Nations University or will have received one by March 31, 2026.
- (6) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (A person who has been engaged in research at a university or research institute, etc., for two years or longer after graduating from university, or after completing 16 years of school education in a foreign country, and who has been recognized by this Graduate School as having academic ability equal to or higher than that of a person with a master's degree, based on the results of that research)
- (7) A person whom the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment of Kobe University has deemed via a separate enrollment eligibility screening process to possess academic ability equivalent to or higher than a master's degree or an MBA degree holder and who will be 24 years of age by March 31, 2026.

II. Special entrance examination for international students

A person who does not have Japanese nationality who falls under any of the following items and is able to obtain the status of residence of "Student" after enrollment:

- (1) A person who have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or an MBA degree in a foreign country or will have received one by March 31,2026.
- (2) A person who have received a master's degree or an MBA degree or will have received one by March 31,2026.
- (3) A person who have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or an MBA degree from a foreign school by completing correspondence courses administered in Japan or will have received one by March 31,2026.
- (4) A person who have completed a course and have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or an MBA degree from a foreign graduate school in Japan. The school must be recognized as an educational institution by the home country's education system, and approved by the Minister of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or will have received one by March 31, 2026.
- (5) A person who have completed a course and have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree from the United Nations University, which was established under the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of December 21,1972, based on the provision in Paragraph 2, Article 1 of the Act on Special Measures Law (Law No. 72, 1976) concerning the Implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan relating to the Headquarters of the United Nations University.
- (6) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (A person who has been engaged in research at a university or research institute, etc., for two years or

longer after graduating from university, or after completing 16 years of school education in a foreign country, and who has been recognized by this Graduate School as having academic ability equal to or higher than that of a person with a master's degree, based on the results of that research)

(7) Applicants whom the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment of Kobe University has deemed via a separate enrollment eligibility screening process to possess academic ability equivalent to or higher than a master's degree or an MBA degree holder and who will be 24 years of age by March 31, 2026.

(Note) Screening for individual eligibility for admission (preliminary eligibility)

Persons must undergo a preliminary examination of eligibility for this Graduate School prior to application if the intention is to apply under the above mentioned general entrance examination eligibility (6) or (7) or special entrance examination for international students eligibility (6) or (7).

Those who wish to apply for the preliminary screening must send the following documents [1] through [7] by postal mail (registered express mail) by deadline. (Must arrive by deadline)

[Documents to be submitted]

1. Record of eligibility screening (Please use the Graduate School's designated format on the website and submit it.)
2. Academic transcript and proof of graduation or completion prepared by the final school principal
3. Certificate of research history (Only for Eligibility (6), must be on the form stipulated by this Graduate School and certified by the head of the institution, etc., belonged to)
4. Report on research history or work experience: One copy
5. Academic papers, published books, etc., and summaries of papers: Three copies of each (Up to three items can be submitted, copies are accepted)
(Summaries of papers should be around 2,000 Japanese characters)
Persons applying to Psychological Development and Health Promotion or to Education and Learning should submit an English language abstract of their papers.
Three copies of each (Summaries of papers should be around 1,000 English characters; copies are accepted)
6. Research plan for this Graduate School: Four copies (Please use the Graduate School's designated format on the website; copies are accepted)
7. Envelope for notification of screening result (A standard-size envelope with the return address, name and zip code written and 410 yen of stamps for express postage pasted on it)

[Period for submission of documents for screening for eligibility for admission (preliminary eligibility)]

(1) Department of Human Environmental Science (First Round)	19 May, 2025, Monday to 30 May, 2025, Friday
(2) Department of Human Development Department of Human Environmental Science (Second Round)	25 November, 2025, Tuesday to 28 November, 2025, Friday

* The documents submitted for the screening will not be returned.

* The results of the screening will be notified to the individual by Friday, June 13, 2025 in the case of (1) Department of Human Environmental Science (First Round), and by Friday, January 9, 2026 in the case of (2) Department of Human Development or Department of Human Environmental Science (Second Round).

* Please do not send application documents or pay the examination fee before receiving notification of the result of the screening.

4. Application Period

(1) Department of Human Environmental Science (First Round)

7 July, 2025, Monday to 11 July, 2025, Friday 4:00 pm (**Must arrive during this period**)

(2) Department of Human Department and Department of Human Environmental Science (Second Round)

13 January, 2026, Tuesday to 20 January, 2026, Monday 4:00 pm (**Must arrive during this period**)

Those who send applications by postal mail should send them by registered express mail and send them as soon as possible with consideration of the postal conditions.

Persons who bring the application themselves should bring it either **between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm or between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm** on any day during the above application period.

The examination admission slip will be sent at a later date.

Address for sending application documents, eligibility screening documents, etc., and address for inquiries regarding student admissions

3-11 Tsurukabuto, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501, Japan

Academic Affairs Section

Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University

TEL (078)803-7924

- * On the front of the envelope, write "**Contains application form for Graduate School of Human Development and Environment Doctoral Degree Program**" in red ink.
- * When sending the documents for screening for eligibility for admission (preliminary eligibility), please write "**Contains documents for preliminary screening of eligibility for the Doctoral Degree Program**" on the front of the envelope in red ink.

5. Application Procedure

Applicants should prepare the following documents and either bring them or send them by registered express mail.

Applicants who applied for the screening for individual eligibility for admission (preliminary eligibility) and received permission may omit the submission of the documents (2), (3), (6) and (7) below.

Documents to be submitted, etc.	summary
(1) Application Form and Curriculum Vitae	(Forms stipulated by the Graduate School)
(2) Academic transcript	Document certifying eligibility that has been prepared by the dean (or president) of the graduate school attended. However, persons who have not completed graduate school, and persons who have graduated from a foreign university, must submit an academic transcript prepared by the final school principal.
(3) Certificate of Completion (or Expected Completion)	Document certifying eligibility that has been prepared by the dean (or president) of the graduate school attended. However, persons who have not completed graduate school, and persons who have graduated from a foreign university, must submit an academic transcript prepared by the final school principal.
(4) Examination admission slip, sorting slip	(Forms stipulated by the Graduate School)
(5) Photographs	Three photographs (Upper body, no hat, front-facing, 4 cm high/3 cm wide) Photographs taken within the three months prior to the application submission must be pasted in the stipulated fields on the application form, examination admission slip, and sorting slip.
(6) Papers, etc.	<p>(1) Department of Human Development Examination Category: Psychological Development and Health Promotion, Human Expression, Education and Learning</p> <p>A. Persons who have obtained, or are expected to obtain, a master's degree by submitting a master's thesis should submit [1], [2], [3] and [5] below. B. Persons who have obtained, or are expected to obtain, a master's degree without submitting a master's thesis should submit [4] and [5] below.</p> <p>[1] Master's thesis: Seven copies (Copies accepted) [2] Abstract of master's thesis (Japanese): Seven copies (Use A4 size paper, around 2,000 Japanese characters. Copies are acceptable. However, submission is not necessary for foreign students.) [3] Abstract of master's thesis (English): Seven copies (Use A4 size paper, around 1,000 English characters. Copies are acceptable.) [4] Academic papers, etc., equivalent to a master's thesis (up to three papers): Seven copies of each (Copies accepted) [5] If there are any published academic articles (including those accepted), up to three articles: Seven copies of each (Copies accepted)</p> <p>※If [4] or [5] are papers in a foreign language, submit a summary of the paper in Japanese (Seven copies of each, about 2,000 Japanese characters, copies are accepted). ※Of the persons applying under the Psychological Development and Health Promotion examination category of the Department of Human Development, persons who fall under B should submit an English abstract of at least one of the representative papers in [4] or [5] above. Seven copies of each, about 1,000 English characters (Copies accepted))</p>

	<p>(2) Department of Human Department</p> <p>Examination Category: Human Behavior</p> <p>A. Persons who have obtained, or are expected to obtain, a master's degree by submitting a master's thesis should submit [1], [2], [3], [4] and [5] below.</p> <p>B. Persons who have obtained, or are expected to obtain, a master's degree without submitting a master's thesis should submit [3], [4] and [5] below.</p> <p>[1] Master's thesis: three copies (Copies accepted)</p> <p>[2] Abstract of master's thesis (Japanese): three copies (Use A4 size paper, around 2,000 Japanese characters or around 1,000 English characters. Copies are acceptable.) If the master's thesis is in a foreign language, submit a summary of the thesis in Japanese.</p> <p>[3] Summary of research to date: three copies (A4 size paper, about 2,000 Japanese characters or about 1,000 English words. Copies accepted)</p> <p>[4] If there are any published academic articles (including those accepted), up to three articles: Three copies of each (Copies accepted)</p> <p>[5] List of research achievements and academic conference presentations (Use A4 size paper) three copies (Copies accepted)</p> <p>*Persons who fall under B should submit an English abstract of at least one of the representative papers in [4] above. (Seven copies of each, about 1,000 English characters, copies are accepted).</p>
	<p>(3) Department of Environmental Science (common to both first round and second round)</p> <p>A. Persons who have submitted a master's thesis and obtained a master's degree, or persons who have already prepared (submitted) a master's thesis and are expected to obtain a master's degree, should submit [1], [2] and [4] below.</p> <p>B. Persons who are expected to obtain a master's degree, or persons who have obtained a master's degree without submitting a master's thesis, should submit [3] and [4] below.</p> <p>(Note1) However, persons who wish to apply for the Social Environment examination category of the Human Environmental Science course should submit [1], [2] and [4] below.</p> <p>(Note2) Persons who wish to apply for the Second round and who are expected to obtain a master's degree should submit [1], [2] and [4] below.</p> <p>[1] Master's thesis: Seven copies (Copies accepted)</p> <p>[2] Abstract of master's thesis: Seven copies (Use A4 size paper, around 2,000 Japanese characters or around 1,000 English characters. Copies are acceptable.)</p> <p>[3] Summary of research to date: Seven copies (A4 size paper, about 2,000 Japanese characters or about 1,000 English words. Copies accepted)</p> <p>[4] If there are any published academic articles (including those accepted), up to seven articles: Three copies of each (Copies accepted)</p>
<p>(7) Research Plan for this Graduate School</p>	<p>Eight copies (Examination Category: Human Behavior : Four copies) Persons who wish to apply for the Department of Human Development should submit the form stipulated by this Graduate School. Copies are accepted.</p> <p>Persons who wish to apply for the Natural Environmental Science examination category of the Department of Human Environmental Science Human Environmental Science course should use A4 size paper with approximately 2,000 Japanese characters or 1,200 English words. Copies are accepted. Persons who wish to apply for other examination categories for the Department of Human Environmental Science should fill out the form stipulated by this Graduate School in Japanese or English. Copies are accepted.</p>

(8) Examination Fee	<p>[1] JPY 30,000 Pay into the post office using the post office payment form (for the Examination Fee) stipulated by this Graduate School. Be sure to affix the "Certificate of transfer payment receipt" (which must be stamped with a date by the post office) in the stipulated space on the back of the application form.</p> <p>[2] The examination fee is not required for persons who are government-sponsored international students at the time of the application and will continue to be a "person eligible to file an extension application upon the expiration of the payment period of the government-sponsored international student scholarship" after April 1, 2025.</p> <p>[3] Persons who will not pay the examination fee at the time of filing due to [2] above should attach the following documents to prove that [2] applies at the time of the application. (Persons who are currently enrolled in this university as a government-sponsored international student and who fall under [2] do not need to attach the documents for proof.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A certificate issued by the university the student is currently attending that indicates that the applicant is a government-sponsored international student • A certificate indicating that the applicant is qualified to perform the extension application procedures provided for in [2] issued by the university in which the applicant is enrolled • A written statement from the applicant that the intention is to perform the extension application procedures provided for in [2] <p>[4] Any questions regarding the details in [3] should be directed to the Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University before applying (before the examination fee is paid to the post office).</p> <p>(Note) The examination fee paid will only be refunded if the application documents, etc., are not submitted, or if the application is not accepted for consideration. It will not be refunded for any other reason.</p>
(9) Certificate of residence (copy), passport(copy) etc.	<p>Applicants with non-Japanese nationality only A person who are already residing in Japan should submit a copy of their residence certificate issued by the mayor of their city or town or village (Only certificates issued within 30 days prior to the date of submission will be accepted), or a copy of a document that can be substituted for this certificate (copy of their residence card or certificate of alien registration (including copies of both the front and rear sides)). Persons who live overseas should submit a copy of their passport.</p>
(10) Address labels	<p>One sheet (Forms stipulated by the Graduate School) Write your address, name and zip code.</p>
(11) Envelope for sending of examination admission slip	<p>Long Size 3 (length about 23 cm x width 12 cm) Write your address, name and zip code and affix 410 yen of postage stamps. (This will be used to send the examination admission slip)</p>

*If the current name is different from the name on a certificate due to marriage, etc., submit a certificate issued by a public organization to prove this (such as a copy of a residence certificate).

*Students who are advancing their studies within the University should refer to the "Guidelines for the selection of advancing students" that will be distributed separately.

6. Selection Method, Date and Venue of Examination

(1) Selection Method

【Department of Human Development】

Examination Category	Selection Method,
Psychological Development and Health Promotion Human Expression Human Behavior Education and Learning	Judgment combining the submitted documents and the oral examination results.

【Department of Human Environmental Science】 (common to both first round and second round)

Examination Category	Selection Method,
Natural Environmental Science Mathematics and Informatics Living Environment Social Environment	Judgment combining the submitted documents and the oral examination results.

(2) Date of Examination

【Department of Human Environmental Science (first round)】

Date	Subject	Examination Schedule	summary
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	Oral Examination	Notification of the time and venue of implementation will be given when the examination admission slips are sent.	This includes presentations on research plans, etc.

*A projector will be available for use.

【Department of Human Development】

(Examination category: Psychological Development and Health Promotion, Education and Learning)

Date	Subject	Examination Schedule	summary
Monday, February 23, 2026	Oral Examination	Notification of the time and venue of implementation will be given when the examination admission slips are sent.	

【Department of Human Development】

(Examination category: Human Expression, Human Behavior)

【Department of Human Environmental Science (second round)】

Date	Subject	Examination Schedule	summary
Monday, February 23, 2026	Oral Examination	Notification of the time and venue of implementation will be given when the examination admission slips are sent.	This includes presentations on research plans, etc.

*A projector will be available for use.

(3) Venue of Examination

Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University

3-11 Tsurukabuto, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501, Japan

(City Bus route 36, get off at 'Shindai Ningen Hattatsu Kankyo-gaku Kenkyuka-mae')

7. Advance consultation for persons requiring extra consideration regarding the taking of the examination

As a general rule, applicants with disabilities who wish to be accommodated in the examination and in studies are requested to report this by the date below for consultation.

The consultation may take several days, so please report it as soon as possible.

(1) Department of Human Environmental Science (first round)	by Friday, June 6, 2025
(2) Department of Human Environmental Science (second round) Department of Human Development	by Friday, November 28, 2025

8. Announcement of Entrance Examination Results

(1) Department of Human Environmental Science (first round)

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

(2) Department of Human Development, Department of Human Environmental Science (second round)

Monday, March 9, 2026

The results of the selection will be sent out by express mail to all examinees on the day of the acceptance announcement. The arrival date of the materials will be the day after the date above.

There will be no announcement by a posted notice or on the website. In addition, absolutely no response will be given to inquiries by telephone or other means.

9. Admission Procedure

Admission procedures will be conducted by postal mail in mid-March 2026.

Details such as the admission procedure dates, documents to be submitted, and admission procedure methods will be given when the documents related to the admission procedures are sent.

Please note that for the documents related to the admission procedures:

For persons passing the examination for the Department of Human Environmental Science (First Round), the plan is to send the documents in early February, 2026.

For persons passing the examination for the Department of Human Development, or for the Department of Human Environmental Science (Second Round), the plan is to send the documents together with the notification of passing the examination.

Procedure documents, etc.	Remarks
[1] Examination admission slip for 2026 Academic Year Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University [Doctoral Degree Program]	
[2] Payment <input type="radio"/> Admission fee JPY 282,000 Tuition fees - First semester JPY 267,900 Tuition fees – Annual JPY 535,800	The admission fee must be paid by the date of the admission procedures in (1). *The tuition fee for the first semester will be debited in late April 2026. Details will be provided separately to successful applicants.

(Note) 1. The figures above are an example from the 2025 academic year.
2. The details of the admission procedures (such as the documents to be submitted and how to pay the admission fee) will be separately notified to successful applicants.
3. The admission fees paid will not be refunded for any reason.
4. If the tuition fee is revised during the period of enrollment at the university, the new tuition fee will be applied from the time of the revision.

(Reference) On admission fee exemption or deferment of payment, and tuition fee exemption

Details on the 2026 Academic Year admission fee exemption and deferment of payment, and tuition fee exemption, will be posted on the Kobe University website under "Campus Life" → "Tuition and Fees" → "Tuition(Amission Fee) Exemptions and Respite of Admission Fee Collection" once the details of the exemption and how to apply are determined.

(URL:<https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/ja/campus-life/financial-aid/tuition/>)

Please use the inquiries contact below for any questions about the contents posted.

Inquiries on admission fee exemption or deferment of payment, and tuition fee exemption
Kobe University Student Affairs Department Student Support Division Financial Support Group
(stdnt-shogakushien@office.kobe-u.ac.jp)

10. Handling of Personal Information

- (1) Kobe University complies with legislation such as the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" in using applicants' personal information, and handles it based on the "Guideline on the Control of Personal Information Held by Kobe University."
- (2) Personal information including the individual results of screening shall be used for screening (application procedures, conducting screening), announcement of successful applicants, enrollment procedures, future screening methods, and surveys/research aimed at improving university education. The results of these surveys/research will be published without information that could identify specific individuals
- (3) The personal information of enrolled students provided for the application will be used for supporting the students after enrollment (health management, tuition fee exemption or scholarship application), educational purposes (registration, academic instruction), tuition-fee related matters, and other corresponding work.
- (4) Part of these operations may be outsourced to an agency (hereafter referred to as "Agency"). In cases where operations are outsourced, all or part of the personal information provided will be provided to such an Agency under a nondisclosure obligation within a certain limit necessary for the Agency to execute the operations.

11. Cautions

- (1) Before applying, applicants should consult the faculty member they wish to receive supervision from regarding the possibility of acceptance and research guidance for the chosen research theme.
- (2) After the application procedures, no changes to the contents written on the application documents will be allowed.
However, please contact us immediately if there is any change in your contact information.
- (3) Application documents will not be returned after they have been accepted.
- (4) If an applicant passes the First Round of the Graduate School entrance exam, it is not possible for that applicant to pass the Second Round examination.
- (5) Admission acceptance may be cancelled if any false entries are discovered in the details written, even if this is after admission.

Preventive measures against measles, rubella, epidemic parotiditis, and chickenpox

(1) Submission of a certificate demonstrating inoculation and an antibody test against measles and rubella:

Kobe University has implemented the *Measles and Rubella Registration Policy*, and all newly enrolled Kobe University students must submit one of the following three certificates (①, ②, or ③) to prevent a possible outbreak of measles and rubella on campus.

Please note that students admitted to the following schools are required to submit either ① or ③:
School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences),
the Graduate School of Medicine, or the Graduate School of Health Sciences.

- ① A vaccination certificate to prove that you have received two doses each of the measles and rubella vaccine after turning one year old (recommended)
- ② A vaccination certificate to prove that you were inoculated with measles and rubella vaccines each within the last five years (since April 2021).
- ③ An antibody certificate to prove that you have sufficient antibody titer in your blood (refer to the chart next page) to prevent the development of measles and rubella, based on the results of an antibody test performed within the last five years (since April 2021)
 - * For ① and ②, a combined vaccine against measles and rubella (e.g., MR vaccine) is permissible.
 - * For ① and ②, the certificate must be issued by an accredited medical institution and state the type of vaccine and the date of inoculation.
 - * If you have a history of measles or rubella, please submit ③ or receive a vaccination and submit ① or ②.
 - * For ③, the certificate must specify the measuring method and the measured values of antibody titer in your blood (refer to the next page), and it must satisfy the judging standard listed in the chart. A blood test report sheet itself can be accepted for submission.
 - If the antibody titer in your blood is insufficient, you must receive the necessary vaccination, and submit either ① or ②.
 - * You may submit a combination of ①, ②, and ③ (e.g., ① for measles and ③ for rubella).
 - * If your antibody titer level is below the threshold, yet you are unable to receive the vaccinations due to certain circumstances (such as illness or specific body conditions), please provide an official document (like a medical certificate) that explains the reason.

Procedure, deadline, and location for submission

- All successful undergraduate and graduate applicants enrolling in April (except the Graduate School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Health Sciences and the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences):

Please submit at the time of the medical checkup for new students scheduled in April.

- All successful graduate applicants enrolling in April (the Graduate School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Health Sciences, and the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences):

Submit the certificate to the following institution by the designated date:

- Students of the Graduate School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch, by April 21.
- Students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences should submit directly to the Physical and Mental Health Consultation Office (Myodani Campus), by April 21.
- Students of the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences should submit the form at the medical examination site on the day of the medical check-up for maritime sciences students.

- Successful applicants enrolling in October:

Please submit the form at the time of the medical check-up for students entering in October.

(2) Submission of a certificate demonstrating inoculation and an antibody test against epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox (only for successful applicants enrolling in the School of Medicine including both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences; the Graduate School of Medicine; and the Graduate School of Health Sciences):

In addition to the measles and rubella certificate, successful applicants enrolling in the School of Medicine (the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences, are also required to submit a certificate regarding epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox. A designated form for the certificate is available at the Academic Affairs Section.

The certificate must state that either you were inoculated against epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox (twice each after one year of age), or verify that you have sufficient antibody titer in your blood to prevent the development of epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox based on an antibody test performed within the last five years (since April 2020).

If the antibody titer in your blood is insufficient, you must receive the necessary vaccination (twice each), by the due date for the certificate submission. (The two vaccinations must be given at least 4 weeks apart.)

* If your antibody titer level is below the threshold, yet you are unable to receive the vaccinations due to certain circumstances (such as illness or specific body conditions), please provide an official document (like a medical certificate) that explains the reason.

Procedure, deadline, and location for submission>

• Successful undergraduate and graduate applicants enrolling in April

(Only for the School of Medicine including the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences;

the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences):

By the end of June of your first year, submit the certificate to the following:

- Students of the School of Medicine (both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences) should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health (Rokkodai).

- Students of the Graduate School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch.

- Students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences should submit directly to the Physical and Mental Health Consultation Office (Myodani Campus).

☆ Attention: For those who are enrolled in the School of Medicine but miss the submission deadline, you may not be able to participate in the initial on-site clinical training program etc.

• Successful graduate applicants enrolling in October

(Only for the Graduate School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Health Sciences):

Submit the certificate by end of December of your first year to the following:

- Students of the Graduate School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch.

- Students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences should submit directly to the Physical and Mental Health Consultation Office (Myodani Campus).

Measuring Methods and Judging Standards for Protective Antibodies in Blood

	Measuring Method	Judging Standard	Remarks
Measles	IgG—EIA method	8.0 \leq positive (16.0 \leq) *	Positive result by one of these three methods. * For the School of Medicine (both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences: Positive result by one of these three methods, and must achieve values shown in brackets.
	PA method	256x \leq positive (256x \leq) *	
	NT method	4.0x \leq positive (8x \leq) *	
Rubella	HI method IgG—EIA method	32x \leq positive 8.0 \leq positive	Positive result by one of these two methods. (HI method is recommended)
Epidemic Parotiditis (Mumps)	IgG—EIA method	4.0 \leq positive	Only for the following schools: School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences), Graduate School of Medicine, and Graduate School of Health Sciences
Chickenpox	IgG—EIA method IAHA method NT method	4.0 \leq positive 4-fold \leq positive 4-fold \leq positive	Only for the following schools: School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences), Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Health Sciences Positive result by one of these three methods (IgG—EIA method is recommended)

* Antibody testing is not required if the vaccination history meets the requirements or if additional vaccinations are given.

* Make sure the above methods are followed when the antibody titer is measured in your blood.

* The protective antibody value differs according to the measuring method used. Please note that **the judging standards are higher than the usual standards used at medical institutions.**

Students who wish to enter the School of Medicine (the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences should note that they are required to have a higher level of protective antibodies against measles, as indicated in brackets.

* Before visiting a medical institution, please confirm in advance whether you can receive the necessary antibody tests and/or the vaccinations.

When you visit a doctor at a medical institution, make sure to present this document to obtain the necessary certificate(s). (In particular, when taking an antibody test, please ensure the measurement methods meet the above criteria.)

* Points to consider when submitting a certificate:

- ① Please bring the original certificate along with one copy (A4 size).
- ② If the certificate is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please attach a document showing the Japanese or English translation.

For further information, please refer to:

Medical Center for Student Health, Kobe University Tel: 078-803-5245

Student Support Division, Student Affairs Department, Kobe University Tel: 078-803-5219

12. Number of successful applicants in the past etc.

2023 Academic Year

Department	Admission Capacity	Selection of advancing students			Selection of new students			Enrollment
		Applicants	Examinees	Successful applicants	Applicants	Examinees	Successful applicants	
Human Development	11	9	9	9	8(1)	8(1)	5(1)	14(1)
Human Environmental Science	first round	6	4(2)	4(2)	4(2)	2(1)	2(1)	6(3)
	second round		0	-	-	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)
total		17	13(2)	13(2)	13(2)	11(3)	11(3)	21(5)

2024 Academic Year

Department	Admission Capacity	Selection of advancing students			Selection of new students			Enrollment
		Applicants	Examinees	Successful applicants	Applicants	Examinees	Successful applicants	
Human Development	11	8	8	8	13(4)	13(4)	7(1)	14
Human Environmental Science	first round	6	3	2	2	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)
	second round		2(1)	2(1)	2(1)	4(1)	4(1)	4(1)
total		17	13(1)	12(1)	12(1)	18(6)	18(6)	12(3)
								23(3)

2025 Academic Year

Department	Admission Capacity	Selection of advancing students			Selection of new students			Enrollment
		Applicants	Examinees	Successful applicants	Applicants	Examinees	Successful applicants	
Human Development	11	6	5	5	11(2)	9(0)	6(0)	11
Human Environmental Science	first round	6	2	2	2	1	1	1
	second round		1(1)	1(1)	1(1)	2	2	2
total		17	9(1)	8(1)	8(1)	14(2)	12(0)	9(0)
								17(1)

(Remarks)

1. The numbers included indicate the numbers for the special entrance examination for international students.
2. The Department of Human Environmental Science admission capacity is the combined total for the First Round and the Second Round.

**13. List of Graduate School of Human Development and Environment faculty members
(Japanese syllabary)**

【Department of Human Development】

as of December 1, 2025

Examination Category	Title	Name of Instructors
Psychological Development and Health Promotion The teaching staff marked with <input checked="" type="radio"/> are responsible for Clinical Psychology Course .	Associate Professor	○AIZAWA Naoki
	Professor	AKAGI Kazushige
	Associate Professor	○ADACHI Tomonori
	Associate Professor	○ITOH Toshiki
	Professor	KATO Yoshiko
	Lecturer	○KISHIDA Kohei
	Professor	SAKAMOTO Miki
	Associate Professor	TANI Fuyuhiko
	Professor	HAYASHI Hajimu
	Associate Professor	FURUTANI Maki
Human Expression	Associate Professor	YAMANE Takahiro
	Assistant Professor	YAMAMOTO Kenta
	Assistant Professor	UEDA Kaori
	Professor	OHTA Misako
	Associate Professor	OKANO Masahiro
	Professor	KISHIMOTO Yoshihiro
	Assistant Professor	SHIMIZU Daichi
	Associate Professor	SEKI Noriko
	Professor	TANI Masato
	Professor	TABATA Akeo
Human Behavior	Professor	NONAKA Tetsushi
	Professor	HIRAYOSHI Hiroko
	Associate Professor	AKIMOTO Shinobu
	Associate Professor	ISHIHARA Toru
	Assistant Professor	UCHIDA Atsuhiko
	Professor	KATAGIRI Keiko ※
	Associate Professor	KIBUSHI Benio
	Associate Professor	KIMURA Tetsuya
	Professor	KONDO Narihiko ※
	Professor	SATO Koji
	Associate Professor	TAKADA Yoshihiro
	Professor	TAKAMI Kazushi
	Professor	CHOGAHARA Makoto
	Professor	HARADA Kazuhiro
	Professor	MAEDA Masato
	Professor	MASUMOTO Kouhei

Examination Category	Title	Name of Instructors
Education and Learning	Associate Professor	INAHARA Minae
	Professor	OKABE Yasuyuki
	Associate Professor	KAWAJI Ayako
	Professor	KITANO Sachiko
	Professor	KINOSHITA Takashi ※
	Assistant Professor	GOTO Satomi
	Associate Professor	TANAKA Noboru
	Professor	TSUDA Eiji
	Associate Professor	TESHIGAWARA Kimie
	Professor	NAKATANI Natsuko
	Assistant Professor	MURASE Rumi
	Professor	MEGURO Tsuyoshi
	Professor	YAMAGUCHI Etsuji
	Professor	YAMASHITA Koichi
	Associate Professor	LASSILA Erkki Tapio
	Professor	WATANABE Takanobu

※:Plans to retire in March 2027

【Department of Human Environmental Science】

as of December 1, 2025

Examination Category	Title	Name of Instructors
Natural Environmental Science	Professor	ASHIDA Hiroki
	Professor	USHIMARU Atushi
	Professor	EBARA Yasuhito
	Professor	OHKUSHI Kenichi
	Professor	OHMIDO Nobuko
	Associate Professor	KUROSAWA Kosuke
	Associate Professor	KOYANO Yuki
	Assistant Professor	SAGA Tatsuya
	Professor	SATO Harumi
	Professor	TAKAMI Yasuoki
Mathematics and Informatics	Professor	TANI Atsushi
	Professor	MINAMOTO Toshifumi
	Associate Professor	ESCOLAR, Emerson
	Professor	KUWAMURA Masataka
	Associate Professor	SAKAMOTO Yuji ※
	Assistant Professor	ZHOU YI
Living Environment	Associate Professor	NAGASAKA Kosaku
	Professor	MIYATA Takahisa
	Professor	INOUE Mari
	Associate Professor	UCHIYAMA Yuta
	Associate Professor	OHNO Tomoko
	Associate Professor	KIYONO Mieko
	Professor	SATO Masayuki
	Associate Professor	TABATA Tomohiro
	Associate Professor	FUKUDA Hiroya
	Associate Professor	MURAYAMA Rumiko
Social Environment	Associate Professor	YUASA Masahiro
	Lecturer	YOKOUCHI Nobutada
	Associate Professor	INOKUCHI Katsuro
	Professor	OTA Kazuhiro
	Associate Professor	SAKAI Kosuke
	Professor	SAWA Munenori ※
Associate Professor	HASHIMOTO Naoto	
	HARA Masaya	

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