

**Nagoya University Graduate School of Law**  
**Department of the Combined Graduate Program**  
**in Law and Political Science**

**LL.M. (Comparative Law) Program**  
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**(October-entry)**

**A Program to Enhance Human Resources for Sustainable  
Development in Asia through a Diverse Network of Legal and  
Development Studies**

**Application Instruction and Forms**  
**Academic Year of 2025**

**<Changes in examination schedule and procedures due to unforeseen circumstances>**

**The examination schedule and selection measures may be modified in the event of an outbreak of infectious disease or other unforeseen circumstances. Please check the website regularly for the latest notices, especially in the days preceding the application and examination periods.**

**■ Graduate School of Law website**

**<https://gsl.law.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>**

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**Admission Policy**

The Graduate School of Law at Nagoya University (GSL), a leading center of legal and political studies in Japan, established an English-taught course in 1999 under the name of “Special Course for International Students” in order to foster the development of human resources and contribute to legal assistance in Asia. That English-taught course expanded and evolved over time into the current “LL.M. (Comparative Law) Program in Law and Political Science (Comparative Law Course)” which has provided training to students from countries faced with difficult transitions to market-oriented economies, democratic systems of politics, and civil societies governed by the rule of law. Graduating students from the Comparative Law Course are expected to play a significant role in nation-building through their contributions to the construction and refinement of legal systems.

While responding to global circumstances, the GSL has developed educational programs under the Comparative Law Course which make use of twenty years of accumulated expertise and experience to train future generations of Asian leaders in law and politics. Over the past decade we have focused on strengthening legal networks and educating future leaders. To further enhance our human resources and legal networks, the curriculum of the Comparative Law Course was reinforced in 2023 to commence “A Program to Enhance Human Resources for Sustainable Development in Asia through a Diverse Network of Legal and Development Studies”. The program provides a high level of generalist training balanced with a curriculum offering a fundamental grounding in law and politics through classes conducted in English. It also offers individual guidance by a supervisor and a wealth of extra-curricular support within the GSL and Nagoya University to overseas students from a variety of backgrounds. Students can immerse themselves in their enjoyment of learning while building strong bonds with fellow students from various countries. The GSL seeks to provide the conditions for our students to reach their full potential.

The GSL invites students and legal professionals to apply for this program. A limited number of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan (MEXT) Scholarships are available on a competitive basis. In the admission process of the candidates to the MEXT Scholarship Program, priority is given to those from Asian countries, in particular ASEAN countries. Please note that once a student secures a MEXT Scholarship, withdrawal is not allowed in principle.

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## **1 Qualifications and Condition for Application**

Those who are non-Japanese and meet one of the following qualifications are eligible to apply:

- (1) Applicants who have completed, or expect to complete by September 30, 2025 16 years of formal education in foreign countries;
- (2) Applicants who have completed or expect to complete by September 30, 2025 16 years of formal education in Japan through taking correspondence courses managed by foreign schools;
- (3) Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate by September 30, 2025 from an accredited Japanese university;
- (4) Applicants who have been awarded or expect to be awarded by September 30, 2025 a Bachelor's Degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD), an independent administrative institution;
- (5) Applicants who have completed or expect to complete by September 30, 2025 a course offered by a foreign university situated in Japan (whose graduates are regarded as completing 16 years of formal education in the foreign country concerned), that is recognized as part of the formal educational system of the relevant foreign country and for which the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has indicated approval;
- (6) Applicants who have completed, or expect to complete by September 30, 2025 an advanced professional course of the professional training college. The course must fulfill the requirements set by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (e.g. offering a minimum of four years of education, etc.) and be recognized by the Minister of Education, Science and Sports as such. Applicants must have graduated from the course after the date of approval by the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports;
- (7) Applicants who have been conferred, or expect to be conferred by September 30, 2025 a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through attending an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to those whose education and research activities have been evaluated by persons who have been certified by the relevant country's government or a related institution, or have been separately designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to such) and graduated from a program that requires 3 or more years to complete (includes graduating from a program implemented by the relevant overseas school while living in Japan through distance learning, as well as graduating from a program implemented by an educational facility established with the relevant overseas country's school education system and has received the designation mentioned above);
- (8) Applicants who have been designated under the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (Notification No. 5 of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology of 1953);
- (9) Applicants who have completed at least 15 years of formal education in a foreign country or have completed a relevant course managed by a foreign university situated in Japan (whose graduates are regarded as completing 15 years of formal education of the foreign country) which is recognized as part of the formal educational system of the foreign country and for which the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has indicated approval and who are recognized by our Graduate School as received necessary units or credits with good records\*; or
- (10) Applicants who are recognized by our Graduate School as possessing academic ability equivalent to or above that of a graduate on the basis of individual preliminary screening of qualifications\* and are age 22 or over by September 30, 2025.

\* Those wishing to qualify under the category (9) or (10) should refer to the “*Note on the Individual Preliminary Screening of Qualifications*,” which is given in the ‘4 Documents Required for Application’ below.

## 2 Admission Openings

There are several openings in the Program each year.

## 3 Application Procedures

Those who wish to apply for the Program should download application materials from the GSL website:

<https://gsl.law.nagoya-u.ac.jp/admissions/master.php>

### ***Submission of Application:***

All documents required for application listed in the section 4 below should be submitted no later than the deadline of application given below to the Student Affairs Section of the GSL administrative office. For the mailing address, confirm at the last page (p.7).

In case of mailing, applications have to be sent by registered mail (EMS, UPS, FedEx, or DHL). The application must reach the office with APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM written in red on the face of the envelope.

### ***Filing Period for Application:***

Application will be accepted **between Friday, November 8, 2024 and Thursday, November 14, 2024.**

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

\* The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.) and closed on national holidays, Saturday and Sunday.

## 4 Documents Required for Application

Documents for application should be prepared in English, in typewritten or neatly written in English block letters. In the event that application materials below are prepared in a language other than English or Japanese, a translation into one of these languages should be attached. The translation must be a literal and complete version of the original document. Applicants should not use generative AI tools to generate text or any other content in their application documents.

- (1) Application Data Sheet;
- (2) Application Form (Form No.1);
- (3) Field of Study and Proposed Study Program (Form No.2);
- (4) A certificate of graduation or prospective graduation or degree conferral, issued by university the applicant has attended;
- (5) An official academic transcript or a certified copy of the original transcript issued by the university the applicant has attended;

- (6) Documents certifying English language proficiency : An official score report of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) The test should have been taken within two years prior to the application;  
 \* Applicants who would graduate/have graduated from a university where the primary language of instruction is English and can submit official documents confirming this fact (Form: CERTIFICATE OF (PROSPECTIVE) GRADUATION), will be exempt from submitting a certificate showing their English proficiency test score.
- (7) A letter of recommendation in English or in Japanese on prescribed Form No.3: (not required for those who are currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Law or School of Law, Nagoya University); It should be written by the dean (or above) at the current university or other institutions (to the president of the accepting university) or head of the institution/employing body;
- (8) Two photographs (4.5×3.5cm in size) taken within the past six months with the applicant's name and nationality written on the back, which should be pasted on the Application Data Sheet and Application Form;
- (9) List of publications; A list of books, article, or theses the applicant has published, if any, providing the title, date of publication, name of publisher and a summary for each
- (10) An original certificate of citizenship or nationality, or a copy of the information page of the applicant's passport or a photocopy of Residence Card (both sides); and
- (11) Certification of Health (Form No.4) based on a medical examination within the past six months.

***Note on the Individual Preliminary Screening of Qualifications:***

Please contact the student affairs section of GSL administrative office in advance, seeing the last page (P.7).

Those wishing to qualify under the category (9) or (10) in the Qualifications for application should submit the following documents to the Student Affairs Section of the GSL administrative office by Wednesday, October 9, 2024, in order to receive the Individual Preliminary Screening of Qualifications as possessing equal academic abilities as a university graduate.

- 1) Application form for Preliminary Screening of Qualifications;
- 2) Curriculum Vitae on prescribed form;
- 3) Proof of applicant's academic research experiences on prescribed form;
- 4) Proof of educational history since graduation from high school (e.g. Certificate of graduation, withdrawal, or period of enrollment from high school attended);
- 5) Official academic transcript of high school; and
- 6) If available, three copies of academic papers or books.

The result of the Individual Preliminary Screening of Qualifications will be notified by Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

Those who are recognized as possessing academic ability equivalent to university graduates should submit all documents given on the item (1) to (3) and (6) to (11) listed above in the '**4 Documents Required for Application**', together with a copy of the notice of the result of the screening sent from the Students Affairs Section of the GSL administrative law office, by the deadline for application given above.

## 5 Selection Method

Selections will be through screening of submitted documents and interview (oral examination).

The selection process may be amended. The detailed contents of any such changes will be published on the Faculty website.

### 1) Document Screening:

Applicants will be screened for interview after consideration of their research proposal (including reasons for applying), official academic transcript, language proficiency, a letter of recommendation, and other documents submitted.

The result of the document screening shall be notified to each applicant via personal e-mail.

### 2) Interview:

Those who pass the document screening will be invited to an interview. An interview will be given, as follows:

Note: Applicants on the short list will be informed of the interview schedule when they are notified of their passing of the document screening.

- (1) An interview will be conducted in English mainly on the candidate's research proposal.
- (2) An Interview will be given **on December 18, 19 or 20, 2024 via teleconference system, Zoom, or Skype.**

## 6 Applications from Disabled Persons

Those persons who require special consideration in terms of taking exams or attending college on account of disability should consult with the Graduate School, prior to applying.

- (1) Deadline for consultation: Wednesday, October 9, 2024
- (2) Consultation method: Applicants must submit the following documents.
  - 1) Request Letter for Special Consideration: Candidates should write on A4 paper (no special format required) on the matters such as the nature of their disability, the special consideration they desire in regard to taking exams and attending college, and any other relevant matters.
  - 2) Health Certificate
- (3) Mailing address: See the last page of this booklet (P.7).

## 7 Final Announcement of Selection Result

The notification of the result will be sent directly to the applicants **via email from the admission section of the Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University by the end of January 2025.**

Note: A limited number of the candidates who have got a highest score in the process of the selection will be recommended to MEXT as candidates to the special seats for the MEXT Scholarship. The result will be announced during July 2025.

## 8 Enrollment Procedures

Detailed information regarding enrollment registration procedures will be sent to successful candidates in early September. Candidates are required to register for enrollment on the designated date, scheduled in the middle of September 2025.

\* Note that failure to register on the designated dates will be regarded as cancellation of admission by the candidate.

### ***Required Fees:***

The registration fees for the past academic year of 2024 were as follows (in yen):

\* MEXT Scholarship Recipients are exempted from the above fees.

The required fee for 2025 will be fixed by April 2025.

-Application fee: 30,000 yen

-Entrance fee: 282,000 yen

-Tuition fee: 267,900 yen (per semester\*) (yearly tuition fee is 535,800 yen)

\* Autumn semester begins on October 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year.

Spring semester begins on April 1 and ends on September 30.

## 9 Related Notes

- (1) Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. After applications are filed, changes in submitted documents are not permitted. The application fee of 30,000 yen will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- (2) A false statement, misrepresentation or omission provided by the applicant in the applications may be the basis for denial of admission or dismissal from the Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University.
- (3) Regarding the clarification of the scope of control for “deemed exports” under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (“FEFTA”)

**As a general rule, the following is unnecessary if the research involves only the humanities and social sciences.** As an exception, if you are involved in a fusion area with a science field, please follow the procedures below.

In November 2021, in accordance with the clarification of the scope of control for “deemed exports” under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (“FEFTA”), some provision of sensitive technology to faculty members and students by universities and research institutions has become subject to control under the FEFTA. Consistently with this change, when applying to study at the University, students will be required to submit a “Declaration of applicable specific categories” based on the “Flowchart for determining applicable specific categories”. In addition, submitting a “Letter of confirmation” may be required at the time of acceptance.

“Declaration of applicable specific categories” & “Flowchart for determining applicable specific categories”  
[https://mado.adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp/form1\\_export-control\\_en](https://mado.adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp/form1_export-control_en)



## 10 Treatment of Information on Individuals

- (1) All personal information submitted to Nagoya University is managed in compliance with the “Act on the Protection of Personal Information” and the “Tokai National Higher Education and Research System Rules on the Protection of Personal Information”.
- (2) Personal information related to the applicant, such as a name, address, date of birth, etc., will be used only for purpose of admissions, announcement of results, and enrollment procedures.
- (3) The purpose enumerated under (2) above include, but are not limited to, the use of personal information related to the applicant and admission evaluation results for the purpose of improving future selection procedures. Furthermore, the personal details of applicants admitted to Nagoya University will be used for: (i) academic affairs (student registration, academic advising, etc.), (ii) student welfare services (health care, career services, tuition exemption, scholarship applications, etc.), and (iii) tuition fees payment.

## 11 Contact Addresses

### ***For entrance examination-related information:***

Admission Section, Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University

Tel.: +81-(0)52-789-2316, 2317 / Email: law-exam@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

### ***Mailing address for Applications:***

Student Affairs Section of the administrative office

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**Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University**