

## About the Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies (Admission policy)

The GSS Program intends to cultivate human resources in new emerging interdisciplinary area of “Global Survivability Studies” such as human resources filled with the sense of mission and ethics necessary to overcome crises the human being is facing and to enrich human society and contribute to its well-being and human resources with sound judgment and energy to take actions based on expertise, a wide vision, knowledge and wisdom. This GSS Program requires those students who agree with the goals, have general knowledge and education, have ethical thinking, and have strong will to participate to this program.

This program aims to foster human resources with a broad-based knowledge and a specific expertise, combined with flexible thinking, determination and the ability to take action, ready to lead in every area of society, is one of the missions of Kyoto University, and an essential requirement in all areas of society, including industry, government and academia.

The Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies is based on cooperation among 9 graduate schools and 3 research institutes. In close collaboration with industry, governments, international organizations, national and overseas universities, this program aims at developing an advanced interdisciplinary graduate education focused on the area of safety and security, and at actively fostering the future leaders of our global society.

Today’s global society is facing an increasing frequency of hazardous events and social instability, which can be identified as 1) large-scale natural disasters, 2) unexpected man-made disasters and accidents, 3) regional environmental changes such as environmental degradation and infectious diseases, 4) issues regarding food security. In the Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies, a new interdisciplinary field of global survivability studies will address and cover each of these issues (fig.1), and will develop human resources who are:

1- filled with the sense of mission and ethics necessary to overcome the many crises the human race is facing, and to enrich human society and contribute to its well-being.

2- equipped with sound judgment and energy, able to implement appropriate measures based on their own specific expertise, and on a wide vision and a broad-based knowledge.

The students who complete the Global Survivability Studies Program (GSS) are expected to be:

- Academic leaders who are active in the field of social/safety system science, as high-level researchers and educators,
- Leaders in the field of international crisis management, who are active on the global scene, in international organizations,
- Leaders in the industry who are able to appropriately address disasters, accidents and economic crisis, providing a stable and consistent business management,
- Leaders at the local and national level who exercise their leadership in policy making regarding food, resources and energy safety,
- Science communicators who convey correct information based on their scientific knowledge, thus limiting public anxiety, or
- New business leaders who develop new technologies and methodologies in the field of safety and security and start their own business

They will be able to assume leading positions in various areas of our global society and move it in the right direction.

Students who are able to apply to this program are those who have finished a Master degree or who have an equivalent qualification and enrolled in a Doctorate Program (Third-Year) in one of the graduate schools and departments involved in the program (see Table 1 below) as of April 2020, and must satisfy the above-mentioned condition (A) or (B).

Those students who are willing to receive our program degree are required to complete the required number of credits in their respective graduate schools and the required numbers of credits and activities provided by GSS program.

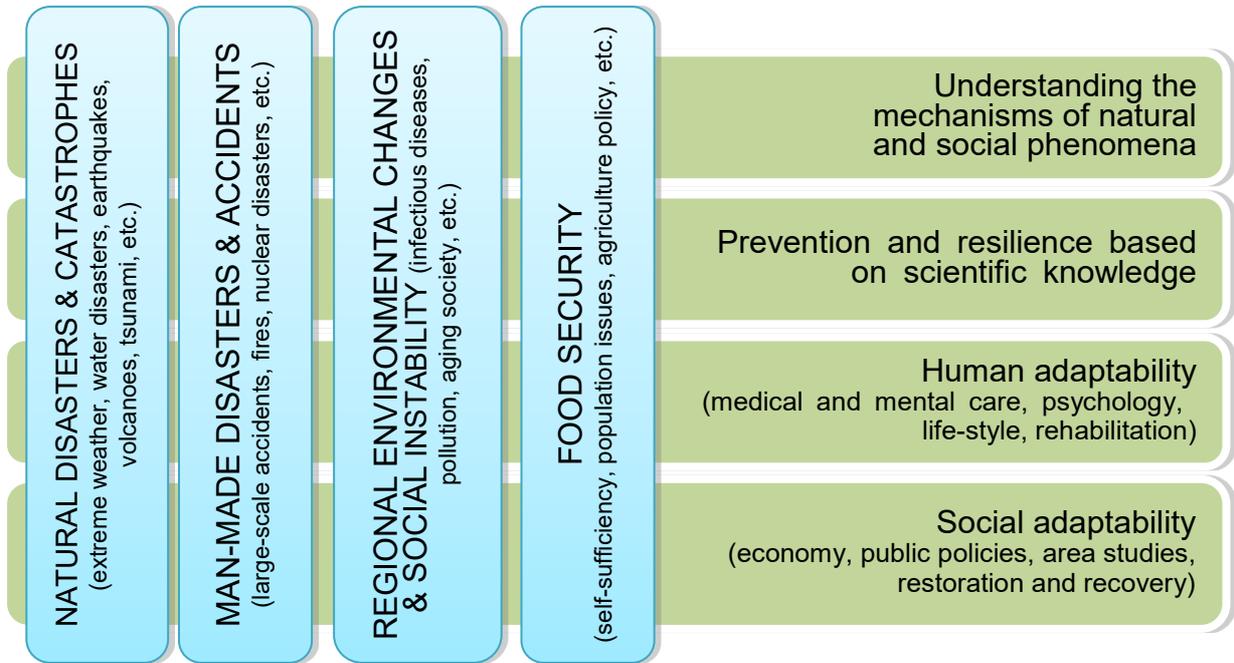


Fig.1 : Scope of Global Survivability Studies

This program welcomes able young students who are aiming at such careers, and will send them out in the world as capable human resources after a fruitful **5-year graduate education**. Kyoto University strongly hopes that these students eventually contribute to a harmonious global society.

In this program, students are expected to not only fulfill the requirements of their respective graduate schools, but also to complete several classes and curriculum requirements specific to the GSS Program.

## 1. Requirements to apply for Third-Year Enrollment

Students who would like to join this program through Third-Year enrollment are eligible to apply if they meet the following condition (A) or (B):

(A) Those who have work experience or professional career and meet all the below criteria from (A-1) to (A-3).

(A-1) Having a clear motivation that is in alignment with the Degree Policy of the GSS Program.

(A-2) Having more than 2 years of work experience or professional career in a company, governmental office, international organization, school, NPO, NGO, etc.

(A-3) Satisfying or exceeding one of the following English language proficiency criteria:

-TOEIC score: 730 or higher

-TOEFL iBT score: 79 or higher

-IELTS: BAND 6 or above

-UN Association's Test of English: Grade A class or above

**Note:** the original certificate of your English language proficiency test, taken after April 2019, must be submitted to GSS Office by April 17 2020.

(B) Students who do not meet the category (A) qualification criteria and meet all the below criteria from (B-1) to (B-4).

(B-1) Having a clear motivation that is in alignment with the Degree Policy of the GSS Program.

(B-2) During master program (or its equivalent), having already completed at least one subject that is considered equivalent to one of the following compulsory subjects in the GSS program, and being able to describe clearly what has been done in "Description of Past Related Activities":

-Field training;

-Internship;

-International academic exchange;

-Industry-university collaborative project;

-International cooperation project

(B-3-1) Students who have completed master program (or its equivalent) from Kyoto University should satisfy the following (a) or (b) :

(a) Having already completed (received the credits for) at least one of GSS Program classes (compulsory, optional compulsory or optional).

(b) Having already completed (received the credits for) at least one of Kyoto University Interdisciplinary Graduate Courses (interdisciplinary subjects, Japanese classes are acceptable) or G30 Program subjects (offered in English).

(B-3-2) Students who have been enrolled from outside of Kyoto University:

Having already completed (received the credits for) at least one subject that is strongly related to GSS program in the previously attended institution, and its syllabus being available for submission with the application form.

(B-4) Upon enrollment, students should have excellent school records as well as excellent English language proficiency. All students should satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Having an academic records for undergraduate as well as master program that meet one of the followings:

-At least 75% of total credits scoring higher than 80% (excluding "pass or fail" credits)

-The average of grades/marks/score is 80% or higher (excluding "pass or fail" credits)

(b) Meeting or exceeding one of the following English language proficiency test criteria:

-TOEIC score: 730 or higher

-TOEFL iBT score: 79 or higher

-IELTS: BAND 6 or above

-UN Association's Test of English: Grade A class or above

**Note:** the original certificate of your English language proficiency, taken after April 2019, must be submitted to the GSS Office by April 17, 2020.

**Note:** Third-Year enrollment students are required to take and pass the Basic Doctoral Ability Qualification examination (BDAQ or simply QE).

## 2. Number of students to be recruited

A few program students.

## 3. Eligibility requirements

Third-Year enrollment students for this program must be enrolled in a Doctorate Program (Third-Year) in one of the graduate schools and departments involved in the program (see Table 1 below) as of April 2020, and must satisfy the above-mentioned condition (A) or (B).

Table 1: Graduate Schools, Departments and Divisions involved in the Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies

Graduate School of Education	All departments (Interdisciplinary Studies in Education)
Graduate School of Economics	All departments (Department of Economics)
Graduate School of Science	Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Graduate School of Medicine	School of Public Health
Graduate School of Engineering	Department of Civil and Earth Resources Engineering, Department of Urban Management, Department of Environmental Engineering, Department of Architecture and Architectural Engineering, Department of Mechanical engineering and Science
Graduate School of Agriculture	All departments (Division of Agronomy and Horticultural Science, Division of Forest and Biomaterials Science, Division of Applied Life Sciences, Division of Applied Biosciences, Division of Environmental Science and Technology, Division of Natural Resource Economics, Division of Food Science and Biotechnology)
Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies	All departments (Division of Southeast Asian Area Studies, Division of African Area Studies, Division of Global Area Studies)
Graduate School of Informatics	Department of Social Informatics, Department of Communications and Computer Engineering
Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies	All departments (Doctorate Program in Global Environmental Studies, Doctorate Program in Environmental Management)

## 4. Request for application form and application guideline

The three following documents will be available at the website of the Leading Graduate School for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies, Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School.

Please download them and print out the application form from the following website.

<http://www.gss.sals.kyoto-u.ac.jp>

If it is difficult to download by yourself, these will be available at the office of the Leading Graduate School for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies, Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School.

- (1) Leading Graduate Program Transfer request form (including Third-Year Enrollment Requirements Check-List)
- (2) Application form and reason for applying to this program

### (3) Application guideline (1 copy)

These documents will be available from March 2 (Monday) to April 17 (Friday) 2020 (weekdays from 9:00 to 17:00).

Leading Graduate School for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies Office,  
Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School, Kyoto University  
KYOTO UNIVERSITY HIGASHI ICHIJOKAN, basement floor  
1 Yoshida-Nakaadachi-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8306  
Tel.: 075-762-2163/2164

## 5. Application procedure

In order to apply, students have to submit the seven following documents in person:

- (1) Leading Graduate Program Transfer request form (including Third-Year Enrollment Requirements Check-List)
- (2) Application form and reason for applying to this program
- (3) Academic record of undergraduate course
- (4) Academic record of graduate school
- (5) Experience certificate issued by the employers (for candidates applying for requirement A)
- (6) Results of English language proficiency tests (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) taken after April 2019. Results need to be available before April 17, 2020.  
Regarding TOEFL, results of both TOEFL-iBT (internet-Based Test) and TOEFL-PBT (Paper-Based Test) are acceptable. Regarding TOEIC, results of open tests conducted in Japan or Korea are acceptable. Note that results of other tests such as TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC-IP, etc. are not acceptable.  
Documents shall be the original and copies will not be accepted. Any misrepresentation in the document and/or score will result in immediately rejection.
- (7) Documents related to requirements (B-2), (B-3-1) and (B-3-2), such as syllabus explaining the contents of the classes, etc. (for candidates applying for requirement B)

Students are required to submit these documents in person at:

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If you cannot submit the form in person, you can send it in an envelope marked “application documents enclosed” as registered mail (with trackable delivery status). In such case, it must imperatively be delivered by April 17 (Friday) 17:00.

Application period: April 13 (Monday) ~ April 17 (Friday) 2020 (weekdays from 9:00 to 17:00)

## 6. Global Survivability Studies (GSS) Program selection process

Students will be selected by screening of documents based on the application, reasoning for application, and results of English proficiency tests, the past academic record (s), as well as “Description of Your Past Related Activities” before transferring to the University. A selection interview may be organized if deemed necessary.

※ Students will be informed of the date and time of the interview by April 23 (Thursday) through the e-mail addresses they provided in their application forms. The interviews will take place on April 24 (Friday).

## 7. Announcement of the selection results for program students (Third-Year enrollment students)

Results of the selection for the program students (Third-Year enrollment students) will be announced on the website on May 15 (Friday).

## 8. Handling of personal information

We will treat personal information of the students in accordance with the personal information policy in force in Kyoto University for the selection and registration of program students.