

Bilingual Master's Program in Law (*BiP*)

***Application Guidelines for Recipients of a Japanese Government
Embassy Scholarship
(For Spring or Autumn 2021 Admissions)***

1. Introduction

Please read the following Application Guidelines before submitting an application.

The Bilingual Master's degree program in Law (*BiP*) offers students the unique opportunity to engage in graduate level study of law in a "bilingual" environment at a law faculty in Japan. The program is designed for students who already have a solid foundation in the Japanese language but wish to improve their Japanese ability, whilst at the same time engaging in classroom study and supervised research across a wide range of subjects in the fields of law and political science.

For further details on the *BiP*, see: <http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>

Please note that this application process only covers admission for the Bilingual Master's Program in Law. The procedure for confirmation of the Embassy Scholarship is different. Please consult with your local Japanese Embassy for further details.

2. Program Duration

BiP is taught on a full-time basis and takes a minimum of 12 months for completion, beginning in either April or October every year and ending in March or September of the following year.

Students are able to extend the period of study for an additional 6 or 12 months (one or two semesters) if they so wish. Please note that the decision to extend the period of study is subject to faculty approval.

Candidates with an Embassy Scholarship may apply for Spring or Autumn 2021 admission.

3. Admission Requirements

For admission to *BiP*, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. An undergraduate degree in either Law OR Japanese/East Asian Studies.
2. **A good command of oral, written and reading Japanese.** Although there is no formal Japanese language requirement for *BiP*, an interview will be conducted with all applicants to ensure that students have the ability to fully participate in courses taught in Japanese. In addition, students will be obliged to submit a personal statement written in Japanese as part of the application process.
3. A good command of English. A *TOEFL* score of 79+ (internet-based) or equivalent is required for non-native English speakers.
4. Sufficient financial support for the duration of the program.

Please note: Japanese Nationals are not eligible for *BiP*.

4. Application Materials

Applicants are requested to submit by registered airmail or equivalent (i.e. Federal Express, DHL etc.), **an original and one copy** of the following documents:

1. Completed ***BiP* Application Form** (Application Form attached below). Please note: (1) It is very important that the name that you include in Section 1 of the Application Form is the same as the name in your passport. The Student Visa of successful applicants will be issued with the name provided in Section 1, and it can cause problems at immigration when entering Japan if the names are different. (2) Nationality. You must indicate if you have dual nationality or Japanese nationality.
2. A photocopy of the **Graduation Certificate** of the last university or graduate school attended, OR a **Certified Letter** from the university at which the applicant is currently attending, stating the expected graduation date.

3. **Official School Transcript** of the last school from which the applicant graduated and that which the applicant is currently attending. The transcript should include a clear indication of the overall GPA, if the school uses a GPA system.
4. **Two Letters of Recommendation** from the Dean, the applicant's supervising professor or other teaching staff who have had direct contact with the applicant; or from a supervisor in the employing body with personal knowledge of the applicant (forms attached below).
5. For non-native speakers, **proof of English proficiency** must be provided. A *TOEFL* score of 79+ (Internet- based) or equivalent is required for non-native English speakers.
6. A copy of **all** application materials submitted to the Japanese Embassy or other diplomatic mission (e.g. Scholarship Application Form(s), research plan, Official School Transcript etc.).
7. A copy of the “**Passing Certificate of the Primary Screening**” issued by the Japanese Embassy.

All application materials should be typed **in English or Japanese** on the attached forms or additional sheets of A4 paper.

In the event materials required above are in a language other than English or Japanese, a translation into one of these languages must be attached.

Application materials will **not** be returned to applicants.

5. Application Deadlines

The deadline for receiving application materials is **November 20, 2020**.

Applications arriving after that date cannot be accepted.

Please note, however, that there will be another round of applications for **Fall 2021** entry.

6. Interview

Applicants will be interviewed either by Skype, phone or (if it is convenient) in person within 6 weeks of the application deadline.

The main purpose of the interview is to assess whether an applicants' Japanese language

is of an appropriate standard to pursue graduate study in Japan.

7. Notification of Result

Applicants will be informed of the result of their application by late December.

8. Warning

Successful applicants will have their enrollment at Kyushu University withdrawn immediately in the event of **any** of the following:

- If the student is found to have made false statements on his/her application.
- If the student is subject to disciplinary measures or has been found to have no promise for academic achievement by the University.
- If the student is absent from University for a prolonged period of time without permission.
- If the student has insufficient resources to finance their studies in Kyushu University.

9. Inquiries

Inquiries by phone cannot be accepted. Candidates may correspond by e-mail:

admission@law.kyushu-u.ac.jp

10. Submission

Applicants are requested to submit all materials by registered airmail or equivalent (i.e. Federal Express, DHL etc.).

All application materials should be addressed to:

Admission Office of the *BiP* Program,
Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University,
744 Motooka, Nishi-ku,
Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan.



LL.M. Application Form

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Last Name		First		Middle	
Contact Address					
Nationality		E-mail			
Phone			Please paste a passport sized photo here		
Age					
Date of Birth					
Gender	M	F			
2. EDUCATION HISTORY					
Elementary School					
Attended From – To					
Secondary School (1)					
Attended From – To					

Candidate Application Checklist: 1. Completed Application Form 2. Proof of English Proficiency 3. Two Recommendation Letters
Date: _____ 4. Transcript from University 5. Degree Certificate 6. Embassy App. Copy 7. Passing Certificate

Secondary School (2)			
Attended From - To			
Higher Education			
Attended From-To		Degree Awarded	
Higher Education			
Attended From-To		Degree Awarded	
Total Years of Schooling	___ Years		
3. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY			
Name & Address of Employer			
From - To		Position	
Name & Address of Employer			
From - To		Position	

4. ENGLISH ABILITY (Please indicate your TOEFL [or equivalent] score)

5. THESIS PROPOSAL (In less than 1,000 words, please write a research proposal for a topic that is suitable for an LL.M. program.)

PROPOSED THESIS TITLE:

SUMMARY:

7. DECLARATION & SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I have read and understood the Privacy Policy for International Students Applying for Admission at Kyushu University available at:
<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/website/privacypolicy/internationalstudents>

If this application leads to my enrolling at Kyushu University, I understand that false or misleading information in this application may result in my enrollment at Kyushu University being terminated.

SIGNATURE		DATE	
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(Optional) Could you please indicate how you became aware of the *LL.M.* program at Kyushu University? (e.g. Internet, friend, poster, pamphlet etc.)

RECOMMENDATION (1)

To: President of Kyushu University

※To the RECOMMENDER: Please write a statement concerning the applicant, stating how long and in what connection you have known him/ her, your evaluation of his/ her character, your speculation on the applicant's potential for success as a graduate student and his/ her potential for independent research (use space below)

On behalf of

(Name of Applicant): _____, _____, _____
Family First Middle

CONFIDENTIAL

IMPORTANT: Please evaluate the applicant's qualification, compared with the last 5 years students, by checking the appropriate space below, and specifying first the group with which you have compared him/her.

QUALIFICATION	Excellent (upper 5%)	Good (6-20%)	Satisfactory (21-50%)	Average or below (lower 50)	No basis for judgement
①KNOWLEDGE					
Intellectual ability					
Knowledge in subject of proposed study					
General knowledge					
②GOOD JUDGEMENT & EXPRESSION					
Imagination					
Oral Expression					
Written Expression					
③COMMON SENSE					
Industry and Perseverance					
Emotional stability					
Inquisitiveness & independence					
④CONCLUSION(Overall potential as)					
Teacher					
Scholar (research fellow)					
LL.M. holder					
LL.D. holder					

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Position _____

Institution _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-mail _____

We appreciate the time and effort that you have taken to provide us with these comments.
Please return this letter directly to Kyushu University OR place in a sealed envelope and return to the candidate.

Address: Admission Office of International Programs
Faculty of Law, Kyushu University
744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka, 819-0395 JAPAN

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