#### Changes to the application guidelines due to changes in postal fees

Due to changes in postal rates as of October 2024, we would like to inform you that the postage stamp amounts listed in the application guidelines will be changed as follows.

#### Master's Course

	Before	After
PI Request of Application Form	210 yen (470 yen for express mail)	270 yen (570 yen for express mail)
P3 Preliminary Review of Admission Qualifications	I 20 yen (380 yen for express mail)	I 40 yen (440 yen for express mail)
P3 Application Documents for Preliminary Review of Admission Qualifications	84 yen	IIO yen
P4 Required Documents	354 yen	410 yen

# **Guidelines for Applicants Master's Course**

Admission in April 2025 Admission in October 2024

### Graduate School of Environmental Science, Hokkaido University

April 2024

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the examination may be conducted in a manner that differs from those described in this guideline.

Please check the following sites for the latest entrance examination information.

Please note that the postal stamp amount mentioned in this guideline is the current rate as of April 2024.

However, this rate may be subject to change.

If any changes occur, we will notify you on our website accordingly.

Please make sure to check our website for any relevant notifications regarding the postage.

Graduate School of Environmental Science Website: https://www.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/

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#### **Goals of Education**

The goals of education in the Graduate School of Environmental Science are, on the basis of natural science, to promote education and research for tracking environmental processes and solving global environmental issues, and to foster researchers and professionals who cope with these issues. To achieve these aims, the Division of Earth System Science, Division of Biosphere Science, and Division of Environmental Materials Science are established for the study of these fundamental natural science disciplines, and the Division of Environmental Science Development is established to integrate these specialized fields and provide a comprehensive approach to facing environmental issues. Through study at these divisions, we aim to foster the specialized skills required to play an active role in the international community.

#### **Admission Policy**

Graduate School of Environmental Science admits students with the basic specialized knowledge in science who are interested in the global environment, the wide range of environmental problems that exist, and how to solve such global issues. Enrolling students are expected to have scientific / logical consideration and judgement abilities required for these tasks, as well as sufficient representation and communication skills to work globally. It is also expected to collaborate on their initiative with various people.

In addition, the Graduate School of Environmental Science also actively accepts working adults who wish to deepen their knowledge in environmental science while continuing to contribute to society, and foreign students who have the burning desire to study at the cutting edge of environmental science. The Graduate School of Environmental Science selects new students through the comprehensive evaluation systems using various types of selection methods, such as written examination of specialized subject, written examination in foreign language (including external English examinations), oral examination, interview and application documents.

#### 1. Important Dates and Information for Examinations for the Academic Year 2024 / 2025

	Entrance Period	October 2024	April 2025			
	Entrance Examinations	Entrance Examination for October Admission	Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination	Fall Entrance Examination	Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination / Fall Special Entrance Examination	Spring Entrance Examination
	Examination Dates	Aug. 20 & 21, 2024	May 27, 2024	Aug. 20 & 21, 2024	Nov. 20, 2024	Feb. 18 & 19, 2025
Dates	Period of Preliminary review of Admission Qualifications	May 1 to 16, 2024	-	May 1 to 16, 2024	Sep. 2 to 13, 2024 (Excluding for Environmental Materials Science)	Nov. 1 to 15, 2024
	Application Period	July 1 to 16, 2024	April 16 to May 7, 2024	July 1 to 16, 2024	Oet 15 to 25, 2024	Jan.7 to 17, 2025
	Notification of the result	Aug. 29, 2024	Jun 6, 2024	Aug. 29, 2024	Dec. 5, 2024	Feb 27, 2025
Exa	Sapporo	0	0	0	0	0
Examination Venues	Tokyo	-	(Only for Environmental Material Science)	-	(Only for Environmental Science Development & Environmental Materials Science)	_
	Environmental Science Development (Capacity 44)	0	_	Approx. 20 to 30	0	Approx. 20
Capacity (No	Earth System Science (Capacity 35)	No applicants are accepted for course in Atmosphere- Ocean Climate Dynamics	_	Approx. 30	0	0
(Note*1)	Biosphere Science (Capacity 52)	0	Approx. 5 (students currently enrolled in an advanced course in a technical junior college)	Approx. 50	(Note *2)	0
	Environmental Materials Science (Capacity 28)		Approx. 5 (students currently enrolled in an advanced course in a technical junior college)	Approx. 20	Approx. 5 (Note *3)	0

(Note\*1) The marked 'O' in the fields of capacity indicates that successful applicants to be considered from several numbers to ten. (Note\*2) Fall Special Entrance Examination for the Division of Biosphere Science recruits student who has excellent English language skills and high academic motivation.

(Note\*3) Fall Selected Candidate Entrance for the Division of Environmental Materials Science is only for individuals who have graduated from or are currently enrolled in a university in Japan, or have graduated from an advanced course in technical junior college.

#### 2. Request of Application Form

- Application Forms are distributed at Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Environmental Science (Kita 10, Nishi 5, Kita-ku, Sapporo).
- •When you request the form by domestic mail, send an envelope with "Request for Admission Application Form (Master's Course)" written in red on the front that encloses a self-addressed stamped return envelope (24 cm× 33.2 cm, suitable for A4 paper) with 210 yen (or 470 yen for express mail) postage to the following address: Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Environmental Science, Hokkaido University Kita 10, Nishi 5, Kita-ku, Sapporo, 060-0810 JAPAN
- •Call or email us with any question. Telephone (011-706-2204 2205) / E-mail (kyomu@ees.hokudai.ac.jp).

#### 3. Admission Qualification

- ① Individuals who have graduated from a university in Japan (or who are expected to graduate by the month before the enrollment period).
- ② Individuals who have been awarded a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in Japan.

  (or who are expected to be awarded by the month before the enrollment period).
- ③ Individuals who have completed 16 years of school education abroad (or who are expected to complete by the month before the enrollment period).
- ④ Individuals who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country by taking a correspondence course provided by a school that foreign country while residing in Japan. (or who are expected to complete by the month before the enrollment period).
- [5] Individuals who have completed (or who are expected to complete by the month before the enrollment period) their education at educational institutions in Japan recognized as an equivalent of a university by foreign countries (limited to individuals who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country) and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (foreign university of Japan campus designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology).
- ⑥ Individuals who have received (or are expected to receive by the month before the enrollment period) a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a university or school outside of Japan (Note1), which requires at least 3 years for completion (Note2).
  - Note1) Institutions that have been evaluated by the government or by persons who have the approval of relevant organizations or designated separately to be an equivalent by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
  - Note2) Includes individuals who have completed correspondence course in the specific subject from a foreign school while living in Japan or have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of the specific country and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (7) Individuals who have completed a specialized course at a specialized training college on or after the date determined by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (The course must be designated by the minister, and the course term must be four years or more. It also must meet other standards established by the minister.) and individuals who are expected to complete such a course by the month before the enrollment period.
- Individuals designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (or who completed old system school, the National Defense Academy, Japan Coast Guard Academy, Meteorological College or College of each ministry, 1953 Notice No. 5, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture)
- Individuals who have attended a Japanese university for three years or more or individuals who meet one of the following:
  - Those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country
  - Those who have completed 15 years of school education of a foreign country by taking a correspondence course in Japan offered by a school of that foreign country
  - Those who have completed a coursework of a foreign university at an educational institution in Japan that is positioned within the school education system of that foreign country as an educational body with a university course (The completion of the coursework needs to be considered equivalent to the completion of 15 years of school education in that foreign country. In addition, the educational institution is required to be designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology) Furthermore, all individuals who apply to this qualification need to be deemed by this graduate school to have achieved excellent grades in the subjects prescribed by Hokkaido University [Accelerated promotion: A preliminary review of admission qualifications is required.] (hereinafter, referred to as academic accelerated individuals)
- Individuals who are at least 22 years old by the month before the enrollment period, and are considered to be academically equivalent to a university graduate [A preliminary review of admission qualifications is required.] (hereinafter referred to as individuals by the review of individual Admission Qualifications)
  - •Those who have not graduated from a university of Japan or a foreign country, etc.
- (Note) If you wish to apply to study at this university while continuing your current career, consult an expected supervisor whom you wish to study under about the entrance examination and learning process before applying.

#### 4. Preliminary Review of Admission Qualifications

Those individuals that correspond to <code>③[Academic accelerated individuals]</code> or <code>⑥</code> [Individuals by the review of individual Admission Qualifications] in "3. Admission Qualifications" above must submit the required documents for the preliminary review of admission qualifications and "5. Documents to Submit (Next page)" by the specified date for the preliminary review of admission qualifications. The applicant should not pay the examination fee when requesting a preliminary review of application qualifications. The examination fee is to be paid during application period after you get the results of preliminary review. The result will be notified by the period of the application period in writing.

Request for Application Forms

[Request to] Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Environmental Science, Hokkaido University, Kita 10, Nishi 5, Kita-ku, Sapporo, 060-0810 JAPAN

Write "Request for Preliminary Review of Admission Qualifications (Master's Course) Application Documents" in red of the front of the envelope and enclose the following items.

#### 1. A return envelope

(24 cm ×33.2 cm, suitable for A4 paper) with postal stamps equivalent to 120 yen (380 yen for express mail) and your name & address with postal code written.

- 2. Paper which is written about "a" and "b" (no fixed format)
  - a. The qualification you belong to, ③ [Academic accelerated individuals] or ⑩ [Individuals by the review of individual Admission Qualifications]
  - b. Your telephone number

Application Documents

Qualification	Required Documents	Remarks	
	Application form for the preliminary review of admission qualification	(Prescribed form)	
9	Review Form (only applies to who have been accelerated academically)	Prescribed form (Issued by the president or dean of the university and sealed up) [No fixed format]	
	Future goals	No fixed format (A4 paper, within 400 words)	
	A Return Envelope (for notification of review result)	Write your name and address on a standard sized envelope, and paste the equivalent of 84 yen in postage stamps.	
	Application form for the preliminary review of admission qualification	(Prescribed form)	
(10)	Academic and research history from last attended school, details of research and actual working experience, and reason of application and research goals after acceptance, in one document	No fived format (Ad paper within 800 words)	
	A Return Envelope (for notification of review result)	Write your name and address on a standard sized envelope, and paste the equivalent of 84 yen in postage stamps.	

<sup>\*</sup> In case that it is deemed to be necessary for review, applicants may be required to submit more documents other than the above.

#### 5. Required Documents for Applications

You should submit the following documents within the application period.

[Submit to] Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Environmental Science, Hokkaido University,

Kita 10, Nishi 5, Kita-ku, Sapporo, 060-0810 JAPAN

Office hours 9:00-16:30 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

- \* Any incomplete applications are not acceptable. Please be careful with your admission applications to be completed.
- •We may revoke qualifications for admission if it becomes apparent that false declaration was made in the application.
- •In case of mailing, write "Application Form of Graduate School" in red on the front of the envelope by simple registered mail (no later than the application period).
- Examination admission tickets are sent by one week before the examination date to those who are accepted as applicants.
- \*Call or email us with any question. Telephone (011-706-2204\*2205) / E-mail (kyomu@ees.hokudai.ac.jp).

#### ■ Required Documents for All Divisions

Divisions	Required for	Documents	Remarks
		Admission Application (1)~(3)	[Prescribed form] *(2) Submit only one of your major out of 4 sheets
		Identification Photographs (x 2)	A piece of photo taken within 3 months prior to application.  (4cm x 3cm, upper body, facing forwards, with no hats or other headgear.)  Write your name on the back of the photo, and attach it to the "candidate photograph."
		Academic Transcript	
	All Applicants	Graduation (Prospective) Certificate	
		TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS Score Sheet	Refer to "TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS Score Sheets"
		Prescribed return envelope	[Prescribed envelope] Write name and address on the prescribed envelope, and paste postal stamps equivalent to 354 yen.
		Prescribed Reply Address Label	[Prescribed label] Write name and address on the prescribed label.(Do not attach to return envelope)
All divisions		Screening Fee	30,000 yen (Use [the prescribed payment slip] to remit payment, and attach the "Screening fee receipt" from the right side of the notification form to the specified section of the application form. The screening fee is non-refundable.)  • This fee is not required for Japanese government scholarship students, Hokkaido University special grant program for International students, and students of Scholarship Program supported by China Scholarship Council (CSC Program).
	International Students	A copy of Resident Card or Passport	International students who reside in Japan : A copy of your Residence Card Other international students : A copy of your passport
	Those who graduated or will graduate from a university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau)	"Online Verification Report of Higher Ed- ucation Qualification Certificate" or "Online Verification Report of Student Record"	Those who graduated or will graduate from a university in China (excluding Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau) must submit the following documents.  Graduates: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表) *  Expected Graduates: Online Verification Report of Student Record (教育部学籍在线验证报告) *  * Obtain documents above by requesting it at "中国高等教育学历证书查询": http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp.
	Only international students who apply from EEA member countries	Consent to Transfer and Process Personal Data	(Prescribed form)

### ■ Required Documents for Each Divisions

Divisions	Examinations	Documents	Remarks
Sc		Self-recommendation	Self-recommendation detailing self-evaluation of one's abilities in studying. (one A4 sized paper)
Environmental Science Development	[Mandatory] Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination	2 Letters of Recommendation	Letters of recommendation from 2 persons who are able to accurately judge the academic ability of the applicant. Please download the letter of recommendation form from the Division of Environmental Science Development website.
ial oment		Short Essay (applicable to applicants for Global Management Course)	[In English]A short essay of the reasons for their application and research themes that they want to follow within this graduate school. (A4 size, approximately 1500 words)

Earth System Science	Fall Entrance Examination, and Entrance Examination for October Admission (Only for Biogeochemsitry Course)	Short essay	The applicant is required to submit a short essay (describing the applicant's motivation and ambitions for the research, approximately 300 to 600 words) along with the application form.
Biosph	[Mandatory] Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination	Self-recommendation	Applicants shall submit an overview of research undertaken to date (or background), reason for application and a research topic or plan they wish to undertake in this graduate school. (no more than 4 pages on A4-sized paper, may include tables, figures and schematic diagram, insert page numbering, may be word processed)
Biosphere Science	[Mandatory] Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination	A Letter of Recommendation	A letter of recommendation from the school principal or head of department (or equivalent person). (Letter should include information on the applicant's general academic knowledge of English and biology. No fixed format, approximately one A4-sheet in length)
	[Mandatory] Spring Entrance Examination	Short Essay	Short essay (past studies [including contents of bachelor's thesis], reasons for application and future goals within approximately 1,600 words) This shall be submitted with the application documents. It shall be used as reference in the oral examination.
Environmental Materials Science	[Mandatory] Applicants of Self- recommendation selection (Fall Entrance Examination, Spring Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination for October Admission)  Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination  Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination	Self-recommendation document	Applicants shall submit a self-recommendation document (A4 size, approximately 600 words, may be word processed), that includes an overview of research undertaken to date (or background) and reason for application. In case of no graduation research required at the college, applicants may write on a research topic they wish to undertake in this graduate school.
I ce	[Mandatory] Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination	A Letter of Recommendation	For the special selected candidate entrance examination, a letter of recommendation from the school principal or head of department (or equivalent person). For the fall selected candidate entrance examination, a letter of recommendation from the department head or course supervisor (or equivalent person), or from the applicant's supervisor (or equivalent person) of the most recently attended school if the applicant has graduated. (The letter should include information on the applicant's general academic knowledge of chemistry and English. No fixed format, approximately one A4-sheet in length.)

#### TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS Score Sheets

#### (1) Valid Score Sheets

Applicants must submit scores of tests taken within two years from the date of the written entrance examination.

- \*TOEIC Listening & Reading
- •TOEFL-iBT (including TOEFL iBT Home Edition)
- •IELTS Academic Module

NOTE: Scores of tests not listed above (e.g., TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC IP, TOEIC Speaking &Writing, TOEIC Speaking Test,

TOEIC BRIDGE or IELTS General Training Module) are not accepted.

Only one score is accepted. If multiple scores are submitted, none of them might be accepted.

#### (2) How to submit

	1. Both of the following are required when submitting a TOEFL score sheet.  ①A copy of the Test Taker Score Report shall be submitted with the application.  ②The Official Score Report shall be sent directly from ETS to the Graduate School of Environmental Science, Hokkaido University.
TOEFL	2. How to Request the Official Score Report  ①When applying for the test, request the report to be sent to the graduate school with TOEFL DI (Designated Institution) Code "8744" (free of charge), or ②After taking the test, order ETS Additional Score Reports to be sent to the graduate school with TOEFL DI Code "8744" (charges apply).
	Note • See the ETS website (https://www.jp.ets.org/toefl.html) for details.
TOEIC	Submit the original TOEIC Official Score Certificate or a printed TOEIC Digital Official Score Certificate with the application. The original TOEIC official score certificate will be returned on the examination date.
IELTS	Submit a copy of the Test Report Form with the application.

#### 6. Examination Venues

Sapporo venue: Graduate School of Environmental Science, Hokkaido University

Kita 10, Nishi 5, Kita-ku, Sapporo

Tokyo venue: Hokkaido University Tokyo Office

Sapia Tower 10F, Marunouchi 1-chome 7-12, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

#### 7. Selection Method

Successful applicants are selected after evaluation of admission tests (specialized subjects examinations, oral examinations, and basic academic skills examination) and submitted documents (transcript, recommendations, essays, score sheets etc.).

#### 8. Announcement of Successful Applicants

The list of examinee's numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Graduate School of Environmental Science on the day of the announcement of the results (refer to page 1). The examination result will also be sent to each applicant by mail and will not be provided over the telephone, by fax, or by email. The successful applicants will receive the notification of admission procedure.

#### 9. Admission Procedure

- Successful applicants of Entrance Examination for October Admission :An admission package including a Letter of Admission will be sent by mail. Please read them and complete the admission procedure within the designated period (early September).
- Successful applicants of Entrance Examination for April Admission

[Spring Entrance Examination] An admission package including a Letter of Admission will be sent by mail. Please read them and complete the admission procedure within the designated period (early March).

[Excluding Spring Entrance Examination] An admission package including will be sent by mail in mid-February. (apart from a Letter of Admission) Please read it and complete the admission procedure within the designated period (early March).

#### 10. Admission Fee and Tuition Fee

Admission Fee: 282,000 yen

Tuition Fee: 267,900 yen for half a year (535,800 yen for a full year)

%The fees stated above are scheduled fee amounts. If the fees are revised at the time of admission or during enrollment, the new revised fees shall be applied.

#### 11. Extended Enrollment

Please refer to the next page for details.

#### 12. Handling of Personal Information

Name, gender, date of birth, address, and other such personal information provided on application documents is only used by Hokkaido University for selection of applicants and admission processes at the graduate school. The information stated above of successful applicants is only used for the purposes of academic affairs matters (student's registration, study guidance), student support (health-care management, scholarship application, etc.), and tuition fee payment. Names and addresses may be used for correspondence from Hokkaido University Frontier Foundation, and allied organization of the university, called Hokkaido University Elm Alumni Association. The TOEFL, TOEIC and IELTS score of successful applicants may be used as statistical data to improve English ability of our students. The information stated above is not used for other purposes.

#### 13. Notes

- ·Your examination admission ticket is required and should be put on the desk while taking an examination.
- •Examinees are only permitted to use writing utensils and a watch without calculator or communication functions while taking an examination. The use of devices such as calculators and dictionaries is prohibited unless otherwise indicated.
- •The examinees are not allowed to leave the room until the finishing time of the writing examination.
- Applicants with physical disabilities should consult with Academic Affairs Section prior to the application, so that considerations for facilitating them in classrooms, etc may be arranged.

#### **Extended Enrollment**

#### 1. Purpose

The extended enrollment system allows students to complete programs by covering the curriculum systematically over a certain period that exceeds the standard number of years required for completion of a course of study at the Graduate School of Environmental Science if they wish to do so due to work commitments or other circumstances. Applications for extended enrollment shall be screened individually.

#### 2. Eligibility for Extended Enrollment

Individuals eligible to apply for extended enrollment shall be those who fall under any one of the following items:

- (1) Individuals who are working full-time such as those who are employed by the government, other public offices, businesses, etc. (excluding individuals who are temporarily exempt from work assignments while receiving remuneration) or those who are self-employed.
- (2) Individuals who hold a temporary or part-time jobs, etc. and whose work burden is recognized as having a significant impact on their study at the Graduate School of Environmental Science.
- (3) Individuals whose burden is parallel to that prescribed in the preceding item (2) (such as burdens arising from child rearing or nursing care for relatives, etc.) and are recognized as having a significant impact on their study at the Graduate School of Environmental Science.
- (4) Individuals with visual impairments, hearing impairments, or any other physical disabilities whose disabilities are recognized as having a significant impact on their study at the Graduate School of Environmental Science.

#### 3. Period of Extended Enrollment

The period of extended enrollment is up to four years for master's degree program and is available for a one-year period. The maximum period of enrollment is a period of the number of years approved for extended enrollment plus two years. All students of the Graduate School of Environmental Science may take a leave of absence for up to two years.

#### 4. Application Procedures for Extended Enrollment

#### (1) Application Period

In principle, individuals who intend to apply for extended enrollment shall apply for extended enrollment when submitting the application for admission.

#### (2) Application Documents

Application for extended enrollment shall be made by submitting the documents specified in each of the items below:

- ① Application form for extended enrollment (Form 1-1), Statement of reasons (Form 2-1)
- ② Extended enrollment study plan (Form 3)
- 3 Documents certifying the necessity of extended enrollment
- (3) Notification of results

Results of extended enrollment screening will be announced by notification sent to applicants in mid-September for October admission and mid-March for April admission.

#### 5. Abbreviation or Extension of the Period of Extended Enrollment

The Graduate School of Environmental Science may approve the abbreviation or extension of the period of extended enrollment in the program concerned only once if it is considered necessary. The period of extended enrollment may be abbreviated to a period of the standard number of years required for completion of the course of study plus one year.

#### 6. Tuition fee

The tuition fee for individuals who are permitted to plan and complete courses in an extended period shall be calculated by dividing the total tuition for the standard number of years required for completion of the course of study by the permitted period of extended enrollment. If the tuition amount is revised or a period of extended enrollment is shortened or extended, the tuition will be recalculated accordingly.

However, no adjustment will be made for tuition already paid to the university.

[Please DO NOT pay the tuition fee until you are approved.]

#### 7. More Information

Please contact the Academic Affairs Section for the application forms and further details.

### Division of Environmental Science Development

1. Time Schedule of Examination, Examination information

Examination	Date	Subject	Time	Remarks
Fall Entrance Examination	Aug. 20 2024	Specialized Subjects	13:00-15:00	Refer to '3. Specialized Subjects'
Entrance Examination for October Admission	Aug. 21 2024	Oral Examination	Announced later	Refer to '4. Oral Examination'
Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination	Nov. 20 2024	Oral Examination	Announced later	Refer to '4. Oral Examination'
	pring 2025 Subjects		Human and Ecological Systems 13:00-14:00	
Spring Entrance		Specialized Subjects	Practical Science for the Environment	Refer to '3. Specialized Subjects
Examination				et examination will not be conducted for Course in ation Science and Course in Global Environmental
	Feb. 19 2025	Oral Examination	Announced later	Refer to '5. Oral Examination'

#### 2. Advance Contact

Before applying, inquire by either way as indicated below to confirm the availability of your expected supervisor.

- 1) If you have chosen a supervisor under whom you wish to study research, contact the supervisor directly by email referring to the list on page 17.
- 2) If you have not chosen your supervisor, you should contact the chief of the division you wish to be considered for admission (kigaku@ees.hokudai.ac.jp).
- 3) If you apply for Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination in Tokyo without an advance contact, you may have to take an examination in Sapporo.

3. Specialized Subjects

Course	Fall Entrance Examination / Entrance Examination for October Admission	Spring Entrance Examination
Human and Ecological Systems	Candidates shall receive one Japanese or English written test booklet and two answer sheets and answer the test questions in the preferred language. Candidates shall choose and answer two questions out of the six questions as listed below.  Two questions related to environmental science One question related to physics Two questions related to ecology and geography One question related to chemistry Use one answer sheet for each question. Reference books are listed on the webpage.	A written examination to measure candidate's fundamental knowledge will be conducted. For the contents, refer to the past questions on the website.
Environmental Adaptation Science Global Environmental Management		Any written examination will not be conducted (Oral examination will be conducted to examine applicants' specialization through a presentation and Q&A).
Practical Science for the Environment	Candidates shall receive one Japanese written test booklet and two answ answer sheet for one question. Answer a short essay question on e (environmental education, regional problem solving, global warming, sustainable development etc.).	nvironmental science

#### 4. Oral Examination

The oral examination is approximately 10 to 20 minutes for interview for Fall Entrance Examination and Entrance Examination for October Admission. The examination place and time will be announced before Specialized Subjects Examination.

The oral examination for Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination consists of 10 minutes for presentation and approximately 20 to 30 minutes of Q&A time. A presentation consists of the candidates' bachelor's thesis and/or a research theme that applicants wish to pursue in this graduate school. Candidates shall bring a computer and use PowerPoint or similar applications to make their presentation.

The Q&A will be given based on the contents of applicant's presentation and self-recommendation detailing self-evaluation of their abilities in studying. (Submission of self-recommendation in A4 size is required). The notification of the examination place and time will be mailed with the examination admission ticket.

The oral examination for Spring Entrance Examination consists of 10 minutes for presentation and approximately 15 to 20 minutes of Q&A time (Three courses except Course in Practical Science for the Environment). A presentation consists of the candidates' bachelor's thesis and/or a research theme that applicants wish to pursue in this graduate school. Candidates shall bring a computer and use PowerPoint or similar applications to make their presentation. Working adults and other applicants who have not recently graduated may also give a presentation on their recent activities. Candidates for the Course in Practical Science for the Environment take an interview for 15 to 20 minutes per person. The notification of the examination place and time will be mailed with the examination admission ticket.

The oral examination for the Course in Global Environmental Management will be conducted in English for all entrance examinations.

#### Division of Earth System Science

1. Time Schedule of Examination, Examination information

Examination	Date	Subject	Time	Remarks
Fall Entrance Examination / Entrance	Aug. 20 2024	Specialized Subjects	13:00-15:00	Refer to '2. Specialized Subjects'
Examination for October Admission	Aug. 21 2024	Oral Examination	Announced later	A list of time and places will be mailed with the examination admission ticket
		Basic Academic Skills	9:30-11:00	Refer to '3. Special Entrance Examination'
Special Entrance Examination	Nov. 20 2024	Presentation on assigned theme and Oral Examination	Announced later	Basic Academic Skills Examination is only for Atmosphere-Ocean and Climate Dynamics Course. A list of time and places will be mailed with the examination admission ticket for Presentation on assigned theme and Oral Examination.
Spring	Feb. 18 2025	Specialized Subjects	13:00-15:00	Refer to '2. Specialized Subjects'
Entrance Examination	Feb. 19 2025	Oral Examination	Announced later	A list of time and places will be mailed with the examination admission ticket.

2. Specialized Subjects (Fall Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination for October Admission, Spring

Entrance Examination)

Course	Fall Entrance Examination / Entrance Examination for October Admission	Spring Entrance Examination		
Biogeochemistry  Specialized subjects: Examination contains 2 questions each from chemistry, biology, and earth science. Candidates choose and answer 2 questions among these 6 questions.		Candidates shall contact the course faculty by 2 weeks before the application deadline. The candidates shall submit an essay of approximately 1,600 words on the assigned theme by 10 days before the examination. At the time of oral examination, make brief presentation on the assigned theme		
Atmosphere- Ocean and Climate Dynamics	Compulsory questions: Candidates shall answer all short questions on basic mathematics and physics. Optional questions: Optional questions consist of 4 questions: 1 mathematics, 1 physics, and 2 geophysics (meteorology, physical oceanography) questions. Candidates shall choose and answer 1 questions from the 4 questions.			
Cryosphere Science	Candidates shall choose and answer 2 questions among the following 5 subjects: <b>physics, chemistry</b> , <b>meteorology</b> , <b>hydrology</b> , and <b>quaternary research</b> . However, candidates shall decide the subjects before application, and write their selection on the corresponded section of the application form (2).			

#### 3. Special Entrance Examination

 Pre-Application Contact: Applicants shall contact the following email address after September 1st, 2024 to receive instruction about the required documents, the oral examination and the specific examination topics for each course.

Contact: ess contact@eoas.ees.hokudai.ac.jp

This email address is available for inquiry about the examination and for arrangement of your laboratory visit. The laboratory visit will be accepted until the last day of application.

- (2) Basic Academic Skills Examination (only for Atmosphere-Ocean and Climate Dynamics), Examination Topics, Required Documents and Oral Examination (all courses)
  - The examination topics will be assigned by each course. Details will be instructed after the pre-application contact. Applicants should refer to each course's webpage, where the past examples and guidelines are available.

Course in Biogeochemistry

https://www.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/division/earth/

Course in Atmosphere-Ocean and Climate Dynamics

http://wwwoa.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/exam/shuukitokubetu.html

Course in Cryosphere Science

https://sites.google.com/site/courseincryosphere/Entranceguide\_j/entranceexam\_j

- •In the oral examination, applicants shall make a presentation on the given topics. The presentation quality including the contents and the presenter's attitudes/efforts to convince the audience will be evaluated.
- •Available devices for presentation: For oral presentation, a PC and a projector capable of displaying PowerPoint and PDF files will be prepared in the examination room. Applicants may bring own PC or a USB memory device containing a presentation file. To supplement oral presentation, applicants can use a whiteboard prepared in the room and/or bring in a poster.
- •The contents of each course are indicated below.

(i) Course in Biogeochemistry

Examination topics	Topics and related questions will be given in advance. Submit written answers to the questions in advance.
Presentation on assigned theme and Oral examination	Oral presentation and Q&A about the given topics and basic academic skills followed by Q&A about the motivation for application (approxim ately 45 minutes in total).

(ii) Course in Atmosphere-Ocean and Climate Dynamics

Basic academic skills examination	Written examination of fundamentals of mathematics and physics (classical physics).
Examination topics	Topics will be given in advance.  The oral presentation and Q&A about the topics will be conducted.
Documents that must be submitted on the examination day	Motivation for application (within one A4-sheet).
Presentation on assigned theme and Oral examination	Oral presentation and Q&A about the given topics followed by Q&A about the motivation for application (approximately 30 minutes in total).

(iii) Course in Cryosphere Science

Examination topics	Topics will be given in advance.  Submit an essay on the topics before the examination day.  The oral presentation and Q&A about the topics will be conducted.
Documents that must be submitted before the examination day in advance	Essay on the given topics.  Motivation for application (within one A4-sheet).  Applicant will be instructed when and where to submit.
Presentation on assigned theme and Oral examination	Oral presentation and Q&A about the given topics followed by Q&A about the motivation for application (approximately 30 minutes in total)

## 4. Advance Contact (only for Course in Cryosphere Science) Students applying for Course in Cryosphere Science must inquire before application to confirm the availability of your expected supervisor.

- 1) If you have chosen a supervisor for your research, contact him/her by email to the address listed on page 18.
- 2) If you have not chosen your supervisor, contact the chief of the course (admin-ccs@lowtem.hokudai.ac.jp)

### Division of Biosphere Science

#### 1. Time Schedule of Examination, Examination information

Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination (students currently enrolled in an advanced course in a technical junior college)

Date	Subject	Time	Remarks
May 27 2024	Oral Exami nation	Announced later	The examination includes Q&A about applicant's submitted self-recommendations. A list of time and places will be mailed with the examination admission ticket.

#### Fall Entrance Examination / Entrance Examination for October Admission

Date	Subject	Time		Remarks		
				from 3 subjects. To Subjects on	The 3 questions can be s jects  Questions are based	ns among 12 questions in elected from any subject.  Reference books  "Introduction to Ecology"
			1	Field Science (4 questions)	on ecology, agri- culture and forestry.	"Campbell Biology"
Aug. 20 2024	Specialized Subjects	13:00- 15:00	2	Subjects on Life Science (4 questions)	Questions are based on molecular biology, biochemistry, cell biology and cell physiology.	"Molecular Biology of the Cell" "Campbell Biology"
			3	Subjects on Aquatic and Marine Science (4 questions)	Questions are based on Aquatic Biology, Oceanography, and Fishery Science.	"A Handbook on Fisheries Science -3rd Edition" (in Japanese), "Invitation to Oceanography: Paul R. Pinet" "Campbell Biology"
Aug. 21	Oral	A				
Aug. 21 2024	Oral Examination	Announced later	Time	Time schedule will be informed before the specialized subject examination.		

#### Fall Special Entrance Examination

Date	Subject	Time	Remarks
Nov. 20 2024	Specialized Subjects	9:30- 11:00	General topics on environment and biology will be questioned in essay for mat.
	Oral Examination		A list of time and places will be distributed before the specialized subjects examination.

Spring Entrance Examination

Date	Subject	Time	Remarks
Feb.19 2025	Oral Examination (Including Specialized Subjects)	Announced later	<ul> <li>Specialized subjects examination is delivered as a part of the oral examination. No written examinations are conducted for specialized subjects.</li> <li>Candidates shall present their bachelor's thesis or research plan. The oral examination including Q&amp;A on the specialized subjects will be conducted based on the presentation. Presentation time is 15 minutes.</li> <li>A liquid crystal projector and a PC (Windows) will be prepared for presentations. Applicants may bring USB memory device for electric files.</li> <li>A list of time and places will be mailed with the examination admission ticket.</li> </ul>

#### 2. Advance contact of expected supervisors

Before applying, students must inquire by the following methods below to confirm the availability of their preferred course or supervisor.

- If you have decided which course and supervisor you wish to apply to, contact the supervisor directly by
  email referring to the list on page 19-20. in this guidebook. If you have your second choice of preferred
  supervisor, you should contact both of the first and second choice of preferred supervisors you wish to apply
  to.
- 2) If you have not decided which course you wish to apply to, you should contact the chief of the division you wish to apply (envsci@ees.hokudai.ac.jp).

#### Division of Environmental Materials Science

1. Time Schedule of Examination, Examination information

Examination	Date	Subject	Time	Remarks
Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination (students currently enrolled in an advanced course in a technical junior college)	May 27 2024	Oral Examination	Time schedule will be notified when the examination admission ticket is sent.	The oral examination is a presentation and Q&A based on the submitted self-recommendation document.
Fall Entrance Examination and Entrance	Aug. 20 2024	Specialized subjects	13:00-15:00	Basic-chemistry selection: Answer all questions in general chemistry (3 in physical chemistry and 3 in organic chemistry).
Examination for October Admission	Aug. 21 2024	Oral Examination	Time schedule will be notified when the examination admission ticket is sent.	Basic-chemistry selection: Interview Self-recommendation selection: Presentation and Q&A based on the submitted self-recommendation document.
Fall selected Candidate Entrance Examination Refer to 'Note' below	Nov. 20 2024	Oral Examination	Time schedule will be notified when the examination admission ticket is sent	Presentation and Q&A based on the submitted self-recommendation document.
Spring Entrance	Feb. 18 2025	Specialized subjects	13:00-15:00	Basic-chemistry selection: Answer all questions in general chemistry (3 in physical chemistry and 3 in organic chemistry).
Examination	Feb. 19 2025	Oral Examination	Time schedule will be notified when the examination admission ticket is sent.	Basic-chemistry selection: Interview Self-recommendation selection: Presentation and Q&A based on the submitted self-recommendation document.

(Note) Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination is only for individuals who have graduated from or are currently enrolled in a university in Japan, or have graduated from an advanced course in a technical junior college.

- 2. Fall Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination for October Admission, and Spring Entrance Examination
  - Choose (1) Basic-Chemistry Selection, (2) Self-recommendation Selection, or both at the time of application for admission.
  - The Basic-Chemistry Selection uses a paper test to judge candidate's ability in the specialized subjects that will be the basis of education and research in this division. An interview is imposed instead of an oral examination. In the self-recommendation selection, candidates are judged solely on the oral examination to evaluate research abilities and thinking skills from a broad aspect that cannot be accurately judged from a paper test.
  - Foreign applicants are required to contact an expected supervisor in advance.

#### 3. Oral Examinations

- Fall Entrance Examination (Self-recommendation selection)
- Entrance Examination for October Admission (Self-recommendation selection)
- Spring Entrance Examination (Self-recommendation selection)
- Special Selected Candidate Entrance Examination
- Fall Selected Candidate Entrance Examination

The Oral Examination will involve presentation and Q&A based on the submitted self-recommendation document: 7 Minutes for the presentation, 8 minutes for Q&A.

In the oral examination, candidates will also be evaluated fundamental knowledge and motivation.

A liquid crystal projector and computer will be provided for the presentation, so applicants should bring presentation files on a USB flash memory drive.

- Fall Entrance Examination (Basic-Chemistry Selection)
- •Entrance Examination for October Admission (Basic-Chemistry Selection)
- Spring Entrance Examination (Basic-Chemistry Selection)
  Interview will be held.
- 4. Expected supervisors to fill in the application forms
  - If you have decided which course and supervisor you wish to apply to:
     Write a group and a course to which the expected supervisor you wish to apply belongs.
     Refer to the list below (see the list below).
- 2) If you have not decided which course and supervisor to apply to: Contact the chief of the division(sfmc@ees.hokudai.ac.jp)

It depends on supervisors to accept students in specific entrance examinations. Before applying, students should inquire to the division or supervisors they wish to apply to confirm the availability of their preferred course or supervisor. Refer to page 20.

5. List of Expected Supervisors

Course	Research Group	Professor
Biomaterials	ONODA Group	Prof. ONODA
Chemistry	YAMADA Group	*Assoc. Prof. YAMADA
	UMEZAWA Group	Assoc. Prof. UMEZAWA
		Assistant Prof. MOROZUMI
	OKINO Group	Prof. OKINO (concurrent post)
Nano-Materials	KONISHI Group	Prof. KONISHI
Environmental		Assoc. Prof. SHICHIBU
	YAGI Group	Prof. YAGI
		Assoc. Prof. KATO
		Assistant Prof. NAKATA
	KAMIYA Group	Prof. KAMIYA
	KAMITA Gloup	Assoc. Prof. OTOMO
	HIROKAWA Group	Assoc. Prof. HIROKAWA
	NORO Group	Prof. NORO (concurrent post)
	NOICO Group	Assistant Prof. LIU (concurrent post)
	TOYODA Group	Assoc. Prof. TOYODA (concurrent post)
Molecular	NAKAMURA Group	Specially Appointed Prof. NAKAMURA
Photonics and		Assistant Prof. TAKAHASHI
Electronics		Assistant Prof. XUE
Science		Assistant Prof. HUANG
	DITTIC	Assistant Prof. WU
	BIJU Group	Prof. BIJU Assoc. Prof. TAKANO
		Assistant Prof. OKAMOTO
Environmental	NIAIZATIMA Coore	Prof. NAKAJIMA
	NAKAJIMA Group	Prof. NAKAJIMA Assoc. Prof. SUGANUMA
Catalytic		Assistant Prof. OSUGA
Chemistry	TAVAVIICACI C	Prof. TAKAKUSAGI
	TAKAKUSAGI Group	Assoc. Prof. TAKEYASU
		Assistant Prof. LU

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