## **Graduate School of Language and Culture**

Based on Osaka University Admission Policies, in accordance with the principles of personnel development defined in the university's education objectives, the Graduate School of Language and Culture selects students with different backgrounds by making use of the appropriate screening methods, primarily, written and oral examinations.

The Department of Language and Culture emphasizes comprehensive and interdisciplinary research regarding language and culture. Thus, the department opens its door to students versed in human studies, the social and natural sciences, as well as international students and working people. Students wishing to enroll in the master's course are required to take written examinations related to courses listed in curriculum policies, areas of study common to different fields, and foreign language. For students wishing to enroll in the doctor's course, their master's thesis is also assessed.

The Studies in Language and Society conducts entrance examinations to select persons who have expertise in the language of a specific region and the ability to conduct research in that language or its region in literature, history, sociology, and/or politics. The recurrent courses for English teachers and those for Chinese teachers seek practicing teachers wishing to acquire expertise and advanced education in culture and society of the language(s) of their choice.

The Studies in Japanese Language and Culture conducts entrance examinations for three categories: general public, working people, and international students. In order to accept outstanding persons from all over the world, the school has two courses with different times of admission and screening methods.

- Japanese Language and Culture Practical Course for the general public, working people, international students — admission in April
- Japanese Language and Culture Special Course for international students admission in April
  or October (doctoral program admission only in October)