

Admission Policies of the School of Letters

Education and research conducted at the School of Letters covers a broad range of topics in a wide range of fields such as philosophy, history, literature, arts, and Japanese Studies.

In all of our departments, students learn to take the initiative in analyzing problems, to have objective and multifaceted discussions and analyses, and to present the results from a broad and literate perspective.

In order to select successful applicants, based on Osaka University's Admission Policies and in accordance with the characteristics of the School of Letters, the school examines applicants' abilities and aptitudes in the liberal arts.

The school screens students by means of the examinations made by the National Center for University Entrance Examinations and the Individual Achievement Examination (in February and/or March), in order to ascertain the following:

1. Applicants' basic knowledge and understanding of Japanese, geography, history, civics, science, mathematics, and foreign language(s) they learned at high school
2. Reading and writing abilities in a foreign language and Japanese
3. Accurate and broad knowledge and logical thinking in understanding human intellectual and cultural activity as well as society and the history of Japan and the world.
4. Whether applicants have unique ideas and sensitivities, whether they can express such in their own words, and whether they have the power to think using their acquired knowledge
5. The school conducts screening for selecting privately-funded international students in order to admit students who have Japanese language proficiency, the ability to think logically, and a desire to pursue studies.