

2021 Osaka University Admissions

Special International Science Entrance Examination and Conclusion of the “Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program”

Starting from 2021, Osaka University will begin a new admissions entrance examination system.

Due to this new entrance examination system, the final admissions for the Special Course in English “Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program” will occur in 2019 (October 2019 enrollment).

Examination name:

Special International Science Entrance Examination

Outline:

From 2021, the Special English Entrance Examination “Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program” will be replaced by the Special International Science Entrance Examination. This examination will feature an AO (Admissions Office) examination held in English in conjunction with the relevant department(s).

The new course is to be mainly conducted in English at its outset. In later years, it is to be conducted mainly in Japanese to obtain an academic degree. Students will take the advanced Japanese language instruction courses offered by Osaka University.

Departments / courses seeking applications:

School of Science: Departments of Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry

Student intake:

A few

Eligibility for application

You must meet at least one of the following criteria 1-11:

1. International applicants (students not residing in Japan) who have completed / are expecting to complete a 12-year school education system in a country other than Japan (this includes applicants who have completed a 12-year school education system in a country outside Japan in less than 12 years as a result of being promoted up a grade ahead of their peers) by September 30, 2020.
2. International applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, and who have passed an examination in a country other than Japan which certifies that they have scholastic ability equivalent to a person who has completed a 12-year school education system in that country.
3. International applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, who have completed / are expecting to complete by September 30, 2020, a school education system in a country other than Japan that corresponds to that of a senior high school in Japan (including those who have passed an examination which certifies that they have scholastic ability equivalent to a person who has completed such a system), and who have completed pre-university preparatory education required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by MEXT (the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

4. International applicants who have completed their education in a school that is considered to be the equivalent of high school (upper secondary) level and met the requirements stipulated by MEXT. Such applicants should have completed / be expecting to complete by September 30, 2020, at least 11 years of education in a country outside Japan at institution(s) that meet the standards laid down by MEXT.
5. Applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, and who have completed / are expecting to complete by September 30, 2020, a program of study at an educational institution considered within the educational system of their home country to be equivalent to the school curriculum corresponding to a Japanese senior high school in that country (but only if completion of the program is considered comparable to completion of a 12-year school education system under the country's school education system).
6. Applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, who have completed / are expecting to complete by September 30, 2020, a program of study at an educational institution considered within the educational system of their home country to be equivalent to the school system corresponding to Japanese senior high school in that country (if completion of the system is considered comparable to completion of a 12-year school education program under the country's school education system), and who have completed pre-university preparatory education required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by MEXT.
7. Applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, and who have obtained the International Baccalaureate qualification awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization in Switzerland.
8. Applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, and who have obtained the Abitur issued by the Federal Republic of Germany for college entrance.
9. Applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, and who have obtained the Baccalaureate Diploma issued by the French Republic for college entrance.
10. Applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, and who have obtained the General Certificate of Advanced Level accredited as a qualification for admission to a university in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
11. Applicants who are at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2020, and who have completed a 12-year school education system in one of the special schools for international students in Japan that is certified by international evaluation organizations as designated by MEXT (WASC, ACSI, CIS).

Applicant selection:

Admission will be based primarily on a comprehensive screening of submitted documentation: the application form (including essays in English), English proficiency, academic transcripts, national standardized test results, recommendation letters, etc.; and an interview.

A document screening will be conducted. Applicants who pass the 1st stage of this screening can go forward to the 2nd stage of screening and an interview.

1st screening:

Applicants will be selected through screening of the following application documents:

-Application form, including an essay in English, English proficiency documentation, High School academic transcript(s), a letter of recommendation, National Standardized test results, etc.

(The 1st screening will be conducted from the middle to the end of March, 2020)

Announcement of the 1st screening result:

Only applicants who pass the 1st screening will be informed by e-mail by the end of March, 2020.

2nd screening (Final selection):

-A second essay screening or basic knowledge assessment, and interview will be conducted.

(The 2nd screening will be conducted from the middle of April, 2020 to the middle of June, 2020)

*Timing will vary depending on applicant's region of residence.

Essays or assessment / interview date and venue:

Interviews will be held at Osaka University or at an Osaka University overseas center.

Applicants who pass the 1st screening will be notified of the details of place, date, and time for the interview.

Schedule (detailed schedule to be determined later):

Application acceptance period	From the middle of February, 2020 to the middle of March, 2020.
Interview period	From the middle of April, 2020 to the beginning of June, 2020.
Announcement of the result	[Final selection] Applicants will be informed of their results by e-mail with an official pass/fail letter attachment. The official letter for pass or fail will be sent by e-mail and by post in early July, 2020. At that time, successful applicants will also receive information regarding entrance procedure.

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