Tuition

In 2017, the admission fee is 282,000 JPY and annual tuition is 535,800 JPY. Students with financial difficulties may be exempted from all or part of the annual tuition if they demonstrate an excellent academic record.
www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/finance/tuition-fees

Scholarships

1) Japanese Government(Monbukagakusho) Scholarships
The Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarships can be applied. The scholarship information is available in the Japanese embassies or consulates-general in the applicant's home country.
2) Other Scholarships or Assistance
Local governments, international associations and private foundations provide scholarships and assistance for outstanding students.
For more details, visit: www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/finance/scholarships

MASTER'S PROGRAM IN LIBRARY, INFORMATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

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Information networks play an increasingly vital role in the circulation and use of knowledge and information, to which traditional books, materials, and academic literatures have made a massive contribution. The importance of information in multimedia form continues to grow. While information networks have become similar to a huge library, we should develop new library functions that allow us to manage and utilise information resources. In response to this need, we conduct interdisciplinary research on information and media studies.

The University of Tsukuba, a national research university, offers an academic and international environment for students. The Graduate School of Library, Information and Media Studies (GSLIMS) provides an interdisciplinary environment for the study of library, information and media sciences. GSLIMS is a member of iSchools, a global consortium of research-oriented information schools, and is also a member of CiSAP, a consortium of information schools in the Asia-Pacific area.

LIS English Program for master's degree

This program is designed for international students who intend to pursue careers as information professionals in a global context. A special focus of this program is to provide students with the opportunity to study Japanese advanced information technologies and advanced knowledge and skills for the management and utilization of knowledge and information resources.

This is a two-year program completed in English, starting in October. Students are granted a Master of Science in Library and Information Studies.

Admission
Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria,

(A) Individuals who have graduated or who will graduate from a Japanese four-year university by September 2018.
(B) Individuals who have graduated from a university outside Japan that implements 16 or more years of school curriculum up to university graduation, and earned a bachelor's degree.
(C) Individuals who are expecting to graduate from a university described above, and earn a bachelor's degree by September 2018.
(D) Individuals who are 22 years of age or older as of September 2018, and whose qualification is recognized as equivalent to a bachelor's degree as the result of the Eligibility Screening conducted by us.

Student applications will be assessed according to the following criteria.

1) Proficiency in English;
2) Basic knowledge; and
3) An interest in studying the topics related to library, information and media sciences.

Application schedule

• Deadline for the application: December 2017
• Interview by video conference or at the UT: January 2018
• Announcement of the selection results: February 2018
• Program start date: October 1, 2018

Degree Requirements

(A) Students are required to obtain a minimum of 30 credits.
• *Research Methods in Informatics* (2 credits)
• A minimum of 20 credits from lecture courses
• *Practical Seminar A, B* (Total 4 credits)
• *Synthetic Seminar on MSc Research a,b* (Total 4 credits)
(B) Students are required to give an interim presentation.
(C) Students are required to submit a Master thesis written in English and pass the thesis defense.

A list of lectures (2 credits each)

• Research Methods in Informatics
• Introduction to Library and Information Science
• Information Seeking and Retrieval
• Organization of Information and Resources
• Metadata
• Digital Libraries and Archives
• Natural Language Processing
• Media Education
• History of Libraries and Communication Media
• Library and Information Services in Culturally Diverse Communities
• Higher Education and Information Professionals
• Academic Libraries and Information Infrastructure
• Management of Libraries
• Legal Study on Internet Issues
• Professional Communication
• Selected Topics in Cognitive Science
• Speech and Audio Processing
• Special Topics