Tohoku University Graduate School of Information Sciences Two-Year Master's Program Admission Guidelines (April 2022 Admissions)

Examination dates: 24-26 August 2021

Admission Policy

The Tohoku University Graduate School of Information Sciences (GSIS) aims to develop researchers and professionals who possess advanced expertise in information science based on an interdisciplinary outlook on science that encompasses mathematics and social science. We expect researchers and professionals to be always sensitive to the demands of society, discover problems on their own, and promote concrete solutions to problems, by utilizing their expertise, which is based on the integration of the humanities and sciences. To develop persons who contribute to the creation of new value in "Information Science" that the GSIS aims to achieve, we seek diverse students, including students who want to deepen their studies based on our accumulated achievements in various fields, students who want to actively pursue research in interdisciplinary fields, students who want to pursue research in new fields different from their previous research field, international students whom we expect to have different backgrounds from Japanese students, and mature students who are employed persons working at companies, institutes or other places.

Specifically, we seek students who are eager to become professionals capable of contributing to society by utilizing their expertise based on interdisciplinary and fundamental ability in mathematics and science, and students who are eager to become researchers who can contribute to further development of interdisciplinary science.

To this end, we have various types of admission options in the following categories: general admission, early graduate admission, mature student admission, international student admission, and special selection for recommended admission. The selection process is divided into seven "groups" according to the academic specialties within the GSIS, and in each group, the selection method is appropriately chosen and determined from written examinations, essays, and oral examinations depending on the characteristics of each group in the two-year Master's Course and three-year Doctoral Course.

(Two-Year Master's Course)

In the general admission, early graduate admission, and international student admission, the applicant will take a written examination that evaluates their specialized knowledge and ability to apply their knowledge to problems, and an oral examination based on the applicant's research plans and research motivation, with special emphasis on basic academic skills.

In the mature student admission, a comprehensive evaluation of the applicant's work history, research content, and basic academic skills will be conducted.

In the special selection for recommended admission, we evaluate the applicant's ability to think logically, writing ability, research plans, and motivation for research.

Before entering the university, students are expected to have acquired basic knowledge in their major field of study and adjacent fields, as well as the skills necessary to systematically prepare presentations of their research results.

Assistance Program for Doctoral Students

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As of FY2006, the GSIS provides an assistance program for doctoral students with the aim of providing economic support and a suitable learning environment for high achieving graduate students.

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<For details, please contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section [Kyoumu Kakari].>

1. Recruiting departments and admission category

Department	Number of students to be admitted	Additional Information
Computer and Mathematical Sciences	38	The figures shown in the left column includes the following quota:
System Information Sciences	37	Mature students: 4 for each department (Note1) International students: 10 for all departments (Note
Human-Social Information Sciences	30	2). The total of mature students and international
Applied Information Sciences	35	students also includes 10 slots assigned for special selective admission upon recommendation.
Total	140	

- Note 1: The status of mature students is granted to those who have worked full time for more than 2 years (see Note 3 below) as well as to those who meet one of the qualifications described in section "2. Application requirements."
- Note 2: Those who are eligible for taking the entrance exam as international students are current international students or Japanese students who have received education in higher educational institutions abroad, and who at the same time meet one of the requirements described in "2. Application requirements" (hereinafter referred to as "international students").
- Note 3: In principle, "Mature students" are those who have experience as technically skilled workers, teachers, researchers, etc. in such as public office, educational institutions, and/or private companies. For individual cases without such previous work experience, contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section to see the possibility of being classified as such.
- Note 4: All international students and mature students must engage in prior consultation with their prospective supervisors to discuss their post-admission research plans.

2. Application requirements

In order to apply as applicants, prospective students must satisfy at least one of the following prerequisites:

- (1) University graduates (including those who are expected to graduate by the end of March 2022).
- (2) Those who have been awarded a bachelor's degree under the provisions of National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education(NIAD-QE) in Japan (including those who are expected to be awarded this degree by the end of March 2022).
- (3) Those who have completed 16 years of education in a foreign country (including those who are expected to have completed this by the end of March 2022).
- (4) Those who have completed a curriculum equivalent to 16 years of foreign school education in Japan (including those who are expected to complete it by the end of March 2022).
- (5) Those who have completed a university program in an educational institution in Japan, which is (i) recognized under the education system of a foreign country as operating a university program (graduates must be recognized as equivalent to those completing 16 years of education in that country) and (ii) otherwise designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) (including those who are expected to complete such program by the end of March 2022).
- (6) Students who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree upon completion of a curriculum that has a course term of three years or longer at a university or other school (limited to schools whose overall educational and research activities have been evaluated by the relevant country's government or a government-approved individual, or are designated separately as having met this requirement by the MEXT) in a foreign country (including cases in which the student completed the curriculum by taking subjects conducted by said school via distance learning while the student resided in Japan, and cases in which the student has completed a curriculum at an educational facility that is positioned within that country's educational system as per the previous item) (including those who are expected to be awarded this degree by the end of March 2022).
- (7) Those who have completed a specialist program at a vocational school (restricted to those programs meeting standards prescribed by the MEXT, including the condition of a study period of at least four years) that has been otherwise designated by the said Minister, where the prospective student has completed the course since the date stipulated by the Minister (including those who are expected to complete such a course by the end of March 2022).
- (8) Those designated by the MEXT (please refer to Public Notice of the Ministry of Education No.5 of 1953).

- (9) Those who have been admitted to the graduate school of another university according to Article 102 (2) of the School Education Law, and in the opinion of the GSIS, have attained a sufficient standard of achievement.
- (10) Those who will be at least 22 years old by the end of March 2022 and who are expected based on an individual the GSIS screening, to have a level of scholastic attainment equivalent to or above that of a university graduate.
- Note 5: The application qualifications stipulated under Article 102 (2) of the School Education Law and Article 11 (9) of Tohoku University Graduate School Regulations are not applicable to "those who have studied at university for at least three years, those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country, those who have completed 15 years of education in a foreign country by finishing in Japan a correspondence course operated by a school in that country, and those who have completed a university course in Japan at an educational facility, which is (i) recognized under the education system of a foreign country as operating a university program (graduates must be recognized as equivalent to completing 15 years of education in that country) and (ii) otherwise designated by the MEXT, and who have been recognized by the GSIS as having attained the necessary credits with outstanding results."
- Note 6: Applicants who wish to apply according to application requirement (6) should contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section in advance.
- Note 7: Prospective students with qualifications (9) or (10) who wish to apply as mature or international students will be subject to our prior documentation screening. Therefore, they should consult first with the GSIS Educational Affairs Section and their prospective supervisor, and submit the documentation stipulated by the GSIS by 17 June 2021.

3. Application deadlines

Applications must be submitted to the GSIS Educational Affairs Section from 7 July 2021 to 15 July 2021. The reception is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Except from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Mailed applications must reach us no later than 15 July 2021.

Reception of applications/mailing address:

Educational Affairs Section,

Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University Aramaki-Aza Aoba 6-3-09, Aoba-ku Sendai 980-8579, JAPAN

Tel: 022-795-5814

4. Application procedure

The documents necessary for application are as follows.

No.	Documentation	Details	
1	Application form and CV	Use the form designated by the GSIS.	
2	Supervisor request	Use the form designated by the GSIS.	
3	Examination admission card and photo ID card	Use the form designated by the GSIS. (Attach to the photo ID card one photograph of yourself (head and shoulders, no hat) taken no more than three months prior to the application.)	
4	One of the followings: Certificate of (expected) graduation, Certificate of (expected) degree conferral, Certificate of (scheduled) application for degree Certificate of (expected) Completion	- Certificate of (expected) graduation issued by your university chancellor or faculty dean - Certificate of (expected) bachelor's degree issued by the NIAD-QE - Certificate of (scheduled) application for degree issued by your two-year college or technical school chair, etc Certificate of (expected) completion issued by the head of the school you last attended	
5	Academic transcript	Issued by the chancellor of your former university, your faculty dean, or the head of the school you last attended or equivalent.	
6	TOEFL®Test or TOEIC®Test Scoresheet (Note 8)	Required for applicants for international student admission of Mathematics (Group 1), and for applicants for general admission and international student admission of Information and Biosystems (Group 2), Machine and Intelligence (Group 3), Civil Engineering (Group 4), Languages and Media (Group 5), Psychology and	

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1) Submit papers, reports, or other supporting documents that
demonstrate scholastic ability, if any.
2) Mature students (see Note 3 below) and international students (see
Other Note 2 below) who prefer to admit as the general admission
instead should submit a confirmation letter from the prospective
supervisor about the research plan.

Note 8: We accept a score of any of the following publicly offered standardized tests: TOEFL-iBT®Test, TOEFL-PBT®Test or TOEIC®Test. We do not, however, acknowledge scores of institutionally offered TOEFL-ITP®Test or TOEIC-IP®Tests. Scores of multiple tests may be submitted provided they are of different types.

If a scoresheet is not submitted at the time of your application (by the final day of the period for application acceptance), your English language score will be rated at zero. We only accept TOEFL iBT® scores from a single test date, not MyBestTM scores.

The following applicants must submit a scoresheet. (For further details, please see pp.8-11.)

- Mathematics (group 1): Applicants for international student admission.
- Information and Biosystems (group 2), Machine and Intelligence (group 3), Civil Engineering (group 4), Languages and Media (Group 5), Psychology and Philosophy (Group 6), Social Science (group 7): Applicants for general admission and the applicants for international student admission.

Regarding groups 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, those whose native language is English need to inquire on an individual basis.

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Additional documentation to submit for mature student admission and international student admission:

[The applicants for mature student admission]

No.	Documentation	Details	
1	Written consent to take examination If you are currently employed, written consent to take the entrance examination (no set format, but a company seal or equivalent are required) from the head of your division.		
2	Employment An employment certificate about the employment period, content of work, and position (no set format, but company seal, or equivalent a required) issued by the head of your division.		
3	3 Letter of acceptance Written by your prospective supervisor and signed or stamped by him/her (no set format)		
4	Statement of purpose Areas of interest, research plan, future goals, etc. (use A4 for printing		
5	Graduation thesis and supporting documents Graduation thesis or your research content from previous institution or employment place (use A4 for printing)		

[The applicants for international student admission]

No.	Documentation	Details	
1	Letter of acceptance	Written by your prospective supervisor and signed or stamped by him/her (no set format)	
2	2 Letter of recommendation Written by your previous university supervisor or a person of the sample position as the supervisor (no set format). Unnecessary for those who graduated (or expected to graduate by the end of March 2022) from a university in Japan.		
3	Government scholarship certificate	For international students on Japanese government (MEXT) scholarships at other universities, submit a MEXT scholarship certificate issued by their university.	
4	Written consent to take Exam If you are currently employed, written consent to take the entrance examination (no set format, but a company seal, or equivalent are needed) issued by the head of your division is required.		

5. Admission method

In principle, admission will be based upon a combination of written examinations (in the case of mature students, short essay, or equivalent), an oral examination, their academic transcript and other submitted documents.

However, in the case of Group 3 (Mechanical and Intellectual Engineering), the oral examination may not be conducted depending on the results of the written examination.

1) General admission and international student admission

Applicants should refer to "the list of laboratories (areas)" on pp.14-17 or the GSIS website (https://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/en/laboratory/) to select their first choice in terms of laboratory (area) and take the written and oral examinations for the specialized subject group specified by that laboratory (in that area).

Subject group codes, laboratory codes and departments are shown in Table 1.

The content of examinations for each specialized subject group is shown on pp.8-11.

Table 1

Specialized subject group				
Group code	Name	Laboratory codes	Department	
1	Mathematics	A01-1, A01-2, A02-1, A02-2, A03, A04	Computer and Mathematical Sciences	
		B01-1, B01-2, B02-1, B02-2, B03	System Information Sciences	
		A05, A07, A08, A09, A10, A11, A13, A14, A16, A17, A18	Computer and Mathematical Sciences	
2	Information and Biosystems	B04, B05, B06, B07, B08, B11, B12, B13, B15, B16	System Information Sciences	
		D01, D02, D04, D05, D07, D08-1, D08-2, D10, D11, D12	Applied Information Sciences	
		A06-1, A06-2, A12-1, A12-2, A15-1, A15-2, A19-1, A19-2	Computer and Mathematical Sciences	
3	Machine and Intelligence	B09, B10-1, B10-2, B14	System Information Sciences	
	memgenee	D03-1, D03-2, D03-3, D09-1, D09-2	Applied Information Sciences	
4	Civil Engineering	C11-1, C11-2, C12-1, C12-2, C13-1, C13-2	Human-Social Information Sciences	
5	Languages and Media	C01, C06, C14, C15	Human-Social Information Sciences	
6	Psychology and Philosophy	C02, C03, C04, C05, C16	Human-Social Information Sciences	
		D06	Applied Information Sciences	
7	Social Sciences	C07, C08, C09, C10	Human-Social Information Sciences	

^{*} Aside from the above, the following examination methods can also be chosen.

Method 1: In case of taking the written examination in another specialized examination subject group.

Method 2: In case of taking the written examination on a subject that is not part of the specialized examination subjects of the GSIS (Some subjects may not be available upon the request).

Method 3: In case of taking an examination such as an essay related to your background, an oral examination, or a foreign language subject (English) in place of the above written and oral examinations (Please note that some applicants may not be allowed to take the examination by this method depending on the prior document review).

Those wishing to be examined using the above methods must consult with the GSIS Educational Affairs Section and their prospective supervisor by 17 June 2021.

(1) Schedule for entrance examinations

Examinations will be held by specialized subject group from 24 August 2021 to 26 August 2021 according to the schedule on pp.8-11.

(2) Place and time of examination

The details including the examination venue will be notified along with the examination admission card to be sent. As for the details, refer to "Examination schedule and examination content for each specialized subject group" (p.8).

2) Mature student admission

In principle, those applying for admission as a mature student should have been employed for two or more years as technicians, teachers or researchers in public office, schools or companies, etc. The aim is for mature students to exploit their workplace experience in their learning and research, refresh and advance their knowledge and skills, or to acquire knowledge and skills in new areas, advancing their creative abilities.

In principle, screening will entail a holistic assessment of the applicant's basic academic ability and work experience and research content as a working member of society based on a short essay, oral examination and

documentation screening. Emphasis will also be placed on the relationship between the research area in which the candidate wishes to major and their work and research experience to date.

The examination schedule and content for each specialized examination subject group are shown on pages 12-13. The examination venue is the same as previously mentioned in "1) General admission and the international student admission.

6. Announcement of successful applicants

The examination code numbers of passed applicants will be listed on the GSIS website around 5 p.m. on 3 September 2021 (https://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/). Applicants will also be notified of results placed in the envelope exclusively used for official communication by mail.

7. Application for Long-Term Study System

The GSIS can, based on the results of a review, give permission for a student to complete their study program (Note 10) systematically over a period of more than two years, which is the standard completion period, in response to circumstances such as the student's having a job (Note 9). Students to whom this system is applied are called "long-term students."

The GSIS will engage in consultation in relation to this system at any point in time. Details of application methods will be contained in the documentation on admission procedures sent out after the announcement of successful applicants.

Note 9: Students eligible for the long-term student system are: (i) full-time employees at companies, etc., or those who are self-employed; (ii) those needing time away for childbirth, childcare or nursing care, etc.; and (iii) other persons deemed eligible by the GSIS.

Note 10: The term of study cannot extend past four years. However, students can request that the permitted term of study be shortened. In principle, there will be no special curriculum set for long-term students.

8. Admission procedures

Information on admission procedures will be sent to each applicant at the end of February, 2022.

9. Costs

(1) Entrance fee 282,000 yen (subject to change)
(2) Tuition fee (Per Semester) 267,900 yen (subject to change)
(Annual fee: 535,800 yen) (subject to change)

Note 11: Tuition fees while enrolled at Tohoku University should be paid to the university through an automatic debit from a bank account held at a designated bank. The above fees are provisional, and where tuition fees are revised during your period of study, the new tuition fee will apply as of the time of revision.

Note 12: Information on exemptions from entrance and/or tuition fees or permission for delayed fee payment will be provided in the documentation on admission procedures sent in late February 2022.

10. Notes

- (1) Application documents and the examination fee will not be returned.
- (2) Anyone who files a false declaration in the application documents, the enrollment may be canceled even after admission.
- (3) When submitting an application by mail, use the envelope designated by the GSIS and send it by express registered mail.
- (4) If you have not received an examination admission card 10 days before the entrance examination, please contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section.
- (5) Consultation is available for those applicants with special examination or study needs. Please contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section in this regard by 17 June 2021.
- (6) When requesting application documents by mail, please enclose a self-addressed envelope (No. 2 size, or approximately 34 cm x 24 cm) on which your name, address, postal code, and the type of application materials required (admission categories) are clearly written and a 250 yen stamp(*) attached. If you require a brochure explaining details of the school's program, clearly write your request in red ink on a request envelope and enclose a self-addressed envelope (same size as above) with a 390 yen stamp(*) attached.
 - * If you need more than one copy, or if you want it sent by express mail, please contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section.

- (7) We will disclose the entrance examination results only to those who took the entrance exam of Graduate School of Information Sciences on 2022. If you wish, please inquire to the academic staff about procedures, etc. Applications will be accepted only if there is a request for disclosure (prescribed application form) from the applicant himself / herself.
- (8) Handling of personal information
 - (i) Personal information gathered in the course of admission screening will be used solely for the purposes of conducting admission screening, admission procedures, providing support after admission (scholarships, tuition fee exemptions, health management, etc.), education (educational guidance, etc.), and administrative activities such as collecting tuition fees.
 - (ii) Personal information gathered in the course of admission screening will be handled strictly in compliance with "the Law for the Protection of Personal Information Retained by Independent Administrative Institutions," and "the Act on the Protection of Personal Information of Tohoku University," and will not be disclosed or released to third parties without the consent of the person concerned.
 - (iii) It is deemed that those applying to Tohoku University Graduate School of Information Sciences have consented to the above provisions.
- (9) In accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, Tohoku University has established the Rules for Security Export Control at National University Corporation Tohoku University and conducts screening when accepting international students.

June 2021

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- (i) In addition to the August admission, as for mature student admission and international student admission, we plan to accept applications for another term course. The deadline for such applications is in the beginning of January, and the written exam is scheduled to be held in the end of January (groups 1, 5, 6, and 7) and the beginning of March (groups 2, 3, and 4).
- (ii) In addition to the August admission, as for specialized subject groups, we plan to accept applications for another term course. The deadline for such applications is in the beginning of January, and the written exam is scheduled to be held in the end of January (groups 1, 5, 6 and 7) and the beginning of March (groups 2, 3 and 4).
 - Further information regarding those examinations will be announced in the beginning of November.

Examination schedule and examination content for each specialized subject group

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	Group 1 Mathematics
Written	Specialized subjects 25 August 10:00-13:00
examinations	Select four out of 11 questions on differential and integral calculus (2), linear algebra (2),
*	applied mathematics (1), discrete mathematics (1), probability/statistics (1), complex analysis
	(1), differential equation (1), geometry (1), and algebra (1).
	English
	Applicants must provide at the time of application their original TOEFL®Test or
	TOEIC®Test scoresheet from an examination taken no more than two years before the first
	day of the entrance examinations. The scoresheet is the Test Taker Score Report in the case
	of TOEFL®Test, and the Official Score Certificate in the case of TOEIC®Test. When
	submitting the TOEFL®Test Institutional Score Report, please ensure that your score report
	is sent directly from U.S. ETS and reach to the GSIS office by the final day of the application
	period. (For mailing, the GSIS's DI code is 2149.) Applicants whose native language is
	English should contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section on an individual basis.
Oral	25 or 26 August: Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 10 minutes on their (expected) graduation research
	at their former university or the main areas of mathematics that they have studied. (PC
	projectors can be used.) On the day of the examination, bring five copies of an outline of
	your presentation and your research goals following admission (A4 size).

	Group 2 Information and Biosystems		
Written	Basic subjects 24 August 9:40-10:40 (Meeting time 9:00)		
examinations	Physics and informatics: Select two out of six questions on electromagnetics, electrical		
*	circuits, fundamentals of informatics 1, fundamentals of informatics		
	2, fundamentals of physics, and fundamentals of mathematics. Medicine and biology: Select two out of five questions on fundamentals of molecular higher fundamentals of paragraphy higher fundamentals of physics of paragraphy higher fundamentals of physics of paragraphy higher fundamentals of physics of paragraphy higher fundamentals of physics.		
	biology, fundamentals of general physiology, fundamentals of		
	neuroendocrinology, fundamentals of pathophysiology, and fundamentals of health science.		
	English		
	Applicants must provide at the time of application their original TOEFL®Test or		
	TOEIC®Test scoresheet from an examination taken no more than two years before the first		
	day of the entrance examinations. The scoresheet is the Test Taker Score Report in the case		
	of TOEFL®Test, and the Official Score Certificate in the case of TOEIC®Test. TOEFL iBT		
	Home Edition score sheets are also accepted. When submitting the TOEFL®Test Institutional		
	Score Report, please ensure that your score report is sent directly from U.S. ETS and reach to		
	the GSIS office by the final day of the application period. (For mailing, the GSIS's DI code		
	is 2149.) Applicants whose native language is English should contact the GSIS Educational		
	Affairs Section on an individual basis.		
	Specialized subjects 25 August 9:40-10:40 (Meeting time 9:00)		
	Physics and informatics: Select two out of six questions on electrical engineering,		
	communication engineering, electronic engineering, computers 1, computers 2, specialized physics.		
	Medicine and biology: Select two out of five questions on specialized molecular biology,		
	specialized general physiology, specialized neuroendocrinology,		
	specialized pathophysiology, and specialized health science.		
	Note: Please enter the subjects in which you wish to be examined (physics and informatics or		
	medicine and biology) along with the subject group (Information and Biosystems) in		
	the application form. Please refer to the relevant departments in regard to the scope of		
	each subject, or check on the website at this address: http://www.ecei.tohoku.ac.jp/ecei_web/admission/		
Oral	25 or 26 August: Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.		
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 10 minutes on the education they received at their		
CAMIMIUUOII	former university, their (expected) graduation thesis and their research goals following		
	admission, etc. (International students who undertook their undergraduate studies at Tohoku		
	University may in some cases be exempted from giving this presentation.)		
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	Group 3 Machine and Intelligence		
Written	English		
examinations	Applicants must provide at the time of application their original TOEFL®Test or		
*	TOEIC®Test scoresheet from an examination taken no more than two years before the first		
	day of the entrance examinations. The scoresheet is the Test Taker Score Report in the case		
	of TOEFL®Test, and the Official Score Certificate in the case of TOEIC®Test. TOEFL iBT		
	Home Edition score sheets are also accepted. When submitting the TOEFL®Test Institutional		
	Score Report, please ensure that your score report is sent directly from U.S. ETS and reach to		
	the GSIS office by the final day of the application period. (For mailing, the GSIS's DI code		
	is 2149.) Applicants whose native language is English should contact the GSIS Educational		
	Affairs Section on an individual basis.		
	With the exception of applicants whose native language is English, if an applicant cannot		
	provide an original score report from the TOEIC public test, the application request will not		
	be accepted. (However, if the applicant is submitting a scoresheet of the TOEIC public test, it		
	can be accepted after the application period. In such a case, unless the original scoresheet is		
	submitted by the deadline, the applicant will be classified as having "failed.")		
	Mathematics A 24 August 9:30-10:30 (Meeting time 8:50)		
	Differential and integral calculus, linear algebra, vector analysis		
	Mathematics B 24 August 13:00-14:00		
	Ordinary differential equations, Partial differential equations, Fourier series and transform,		
	Laplace transform		
	Specialized subjects 24 August 15:45-16:45		
	Select two out of the following five subjects: thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, material		
	dynamics, mechanical dynamics and control engineering		
	Note: 25 August will be used in case of extraordinary circumstances, so leave your schedule		
	open.		
Oral	26 August Applicants will be notified of the meeting time separately.		
examination	According to the result of the written examination, you may be exempted from the oral		
	examination. Applicants must speak for approximately 10 minutes on the education they		
	received at their former university or their graduation thesis (including these under		
	production). (PC projectors can be used.) On the day of the examination, bring 13 copies of		
	materials related to your presentation (presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).		
	International students who undertook their undergraduate studies at Tohoku University do not		
	need to give a presentation, but they will be asked about their (expected) graduation research		
	and their research goals after admission, etc.		

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	Group 4 Civil Engineering		
Written	English		
examinations	Applicants must provide at the time of application their original TOEFL®Test or		
*	TOEIC®Test scoresheet from an examination taken no more than two years before the first		
	day of the entrance examinations. The scoresheet is the Test Taker Score Report in the case		
	of TOEFL®Test, and the Official Score Certificate in the case of TOEIC®Test. When		
	submitting the TOEFL®Test Institutional Score Report, please ensure that your score report		
	is sent directly from U.S. ETS and reach to the GSIS office by the final day of the application		
	period. (For mailing, the GSIS's DI code is 2149.)		
	Specialized subjects 24 August 13:00-15:00		
	Applicants must choose four questions out of 17 questions on 8 subjects.		
	1. Mathematics (differential and integral calculus (1 question), linear algebra (1 question),		
	probability and statistics (1 question)		
	2. Mechanics of Elastic Media and Structures (2 questions)		
	3. Geotechnical and Concrete Engineering (2 questions)		
	4. Hydraulics (2 questions)		
	5. Water Quality and Environment (2 questions)		
	6. Biological and Ecological Engineering (2 questions)		
	7. Transportation Engineering and Planning (2 questions)		
	8. Operations Research (2 questions)		
	Notes		
	(1) No dictionary or calculator allowed.		
	(2) For past entrance examination questions and question scope, please refer to the following		
	website:		
0.1	http://www.civil.tohoku.ac.jp/inshi.html		
Oral	24 or 25 August: Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.		
Examination	Questions cover the education received in the previous institution, the content of the thesis		
	(including the one in progress), their drive and motivation, and research goals following		
	admission, etc. The Japanese language proficiency of the applicants is also judged.		

	Group 5 Languages and Media		
Written	English		
examinations	Applicants must provide at the time of application their original TOEFL®Test or		
*	TOEIC®Test scoresheet from an examination taken no more than two years before the first		
	day of the entrance examinations. The scoresheet is the Test Taker Score Report in the case		
	of TOEFL®Test, and the Official Score Certificate in the case of TOEIC®Test. When		
	submitting the TOEFL®Test Institutional Score Report, please ensure that your score report		
	is sent directly from U.S. ETS and reach to the GSIS office by the final day of the application		
	period. (For mailing, the GSIS's DI code is 2149.) Applicants whose native language is		
	English should contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section on an individual basis.		
	Specialized subjects 25 August 10:00-13:00		
	Choose one of the following fields of study: Linguistics or Media Studies		
	[Linguistics]		
	Answer two questions from the following areas: morphosyntax, semantics, historical		
	linguistics, sociolinguistics, or psycholinguistics.		
	[Media studies]		
	Answer two questions from the following areas: literary theory, media studies, cultural		
	studies, educational technology, or information literacy.		
Oral	25 or 26 August: Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.		
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 15 minutes on the education they received at their		
	former university and their graduation thesis (including theses under production). (PC		
	projectors can be used.) On the day of the examination, bring five copies of materials related		
	to your presentation (presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).		

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	Group 6 Psychology and Philosophy
Written	English
examinations	Applicants must provide at the time of application their original TOEFL®Test or
*	TOEIC®Test scoresheet from an examination taken no more than two years before the first
	day of the entrance examinations. The scoresheet is the Test Taker Score Report in the case
	of TOEFL®Test, and the Official Score Certificate in the case of TOEIC®Test. When
	submitting the TOEFL®Test Institutional Score Report, please ensure that your score report
	is sent directly from U.S. ETS and reach to the GSIS office by the final day of the application
	period. (For mailing, the GSIS's DI code is 2149.) Applicants whose native language is
	English should contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section on an individual basis.
	Specialized subjects 25 August 10:00-13:00
	Select three out of 12 questions from these areas: psychology (sensation and perception,
	cognition, learning and memory, personality, psychometrics) and philosophy (history of
	philosophy).
	Applicants for either psychology (cognitive psychology, human learning and memory,
	cognitive psychology of communication) or philosophy (philosophy of human information,
	philosophy of logical analysis) should ensure that they answer questions from the area
	designated in the book for questions respectively.
Oral	26 August 10:00-
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 20 minutes on the education they received at their
	former university and their graduation thesis (including theses under production). (PC
	projectors can be used.) On the day of the examination, bring five copies of materials related
	to your presentation (presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).

	Group 7 Social Sciences							
Written	English							
examinations	Applicants must provide at the time of application their original TOEFL®Test or							
*	TOEIC®Test scoresheet from an examination taken principally no more than two years							
	before the first day of the entrance examinations. The scoresheet is the Test Taker Score							
	Report in the case of TOEFL®Test, and the Official Score Certificate in the case of							
	TOEIC®Test. When submitting the TOEFL®Test Institutional Score Report, please ensure							
	that your score report is sent directly from U.S. ETS and reach to the GSIS office by the final							
	day of the application period. (For mailing, the GSIS's DI code is 2149.) Students whose							
	native language is English should contact the GSIS Educational Affairs Section by the last							
	day of the application period.							
	Specialized subjects 25 August 10:00-13:00							
	Select one of the following categories.							
	Sociology: select three out of five questions from the following areas: the history of							
	sociology, contemporary society, sociology of local community, civil society							
	and social research methods							
	Politics: select three out of five questions from the following areas: political							
	consciousness, modern political thought, public administration, political							
	processes, political systems and comparative politics							
	Economics : select three out of five questions from the following areas: microeconomics,							
	macroeconomics, urban economics, regional economics, statistics,							
	econometrics and mathematics for economics							
	Questions may be answered in English. Where necessary, the examiner will supply calculators.							
	* State the name of the categories in which you wish to be examined (sociology, politics, or							
	economics) in the application, along with the name of the specific subject (Social Sciences).							
	No change in category will be allowed after the application has been submitted.							
Oral	25 or 26 August Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.							
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 20 minutes on the education they received at their							
	former university and their graduation thesis (including theses under production). (PC							
	projectors can be used.) The examiners will ask questions for approximately 10 minutes. On							
	the day of the examination, bring five copies of materials related to your presentation							
	(presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size). Presentations can be given in English.							

^{*}In each of the subject groups, applicants may be exempted from the written examinations according to the content of their academic transcripts. A TOEFL $^{\$}$ Test or TOEIC $^{\$}$ Test scoresheet must still be provided at the time of application.

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	Group 1 Mathematics
Short essay	25 August 10:00-11:30
	Includes questions testing your understanding of basic mathematical concepts and
	terminology.
Oral	25 or 26 August: Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 20 minutes on their main area of mathematical
	research either at their workplace or on a personal basis. (PC projectors can be used.) On the
	day of the examination, bring five copies of an outline of your presentation (presentation
	outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).

	Group 2 Information and Biosystems
Oral	25 or 26 August
examination	Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.
	Applicants must speak for approximately 10 minutes on their research (work) to date and
	their research goals following admission, etc. On the day of the examination, bring five
	copies of materials related to your presentation (presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4
	size).

	Group 3 Machine and Intelligence						
Written examinations	Choose two out of 7 subjects from Mathematics A, Mathematics B and specialized subjects. (Notify the GSIS of these in advance.) The time at which the written examination finishes for specialized subjects will vary according to the subject chosen.						
	Mathematics A 24 August 9:30-10:30 (Meeting time 8:50)						
	Differential and integral calculus, linear algebra, vector analysis						
	Mathematics B 24 August 13:00-14:00						
	Ordinary differential equations, Partial differential equations, Fourier series and transform, Laplace transform						
	Specialized subjects 24 August 15:45-16:45						
	Thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, material dynamics, mechanical dynamics and control						
	engineering						
	Note: 25 August will be used for ordinary circumstances, so leave your schedule open.						
Oral	26 August						
examination	Applicants will be notified of the meeting time separately.						
	Only those who have passed the written examination or who were exempt from that						
	examination will be eligible for the oral examination. Applicants must speak for						
	approximately 10 minutes on their research to date and their research goals after admission.						
	(PC projectors can be used.) On the day of the examination, bring 13 copies of materials						
	related to your presentation (presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size). Your English						
	ability may also be subject to evaluation.						
	Note: Some applicants may be exempted from the written examinations as a result of prior						
	screening of their documentation. For details, please contact Machine and Intelligence						
	educational affairs section.						
	Contact point: Machine and Intelligence educational affairs officer						
	Tel: 022-795-7030						

	Group 4 Civil Engineering
Short essay	24 August 9:30-11:00
	A theme on civil engineering
Oral	24 or 25 August: Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 10 minutes on their research or work at their
	workplace. (PC projectors can be used. If you wish to use a PC projector, please contact the
	Educational Affairs Section beforehand.) The examiners will ask questions concerning your
	presentation, drive and motivation, and research goals following admission, etc. On the day
	of the examination, bring eight copies of materials related to your presentation (presentation
	outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).

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	Group 5 Languages and Media
Short essay	25 August 10:00-11:30
	The applicant must answer the essay question given on the examination day
Oral	25 or 26 August: Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 15 minutes on their research or work at their
	workplace, and their future research plans after admission. (PC projectors can be used.) On
	the day of the examination, bring five copies of materials related to your presentation
	(presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).

	Group 6 Psychology and Philosophy
Short essay	25 August 10:00-11:30
	Theme to be indicated on the examination day.
Oral	26 August 10:00-
examination	Applicants must speak for approximately 20 minutes on their research or work at their
	workplace and their research plans after admission. (PC projectors can be used.) On the day
	of the examination, bring five copies of materials related to your presentation (presentation
	outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).

	Group 7 Social Sciences					
Short essay	25 August 10:00-13:00					
	Select one of the themes indicated at the time of the examination and produce a short essay.					
	Themes will relate to proposed research areas across sociology, politics and economics.					
Oral	25 or 26 August Applicants will be notified of the exact date and start time separately.					
examination	Applicants will be notified of the time of the examination separately.					
	Applicants must speak for approximately 20 minutes on their research or work at their					
	workplace. (PC projectors can be used. If you wish to use a PC projector, please contact the					
	Educational Affairs Section beforehand.) The examiners will ask questions for around 10					
	minutes. On the day of the examination, bring five copies of materials related to your					
	presentation (presentation outline, diagrams, etc.; A4 size).					

List of laboratories (areas) within Tohoku University Graduate School of Information Sciences 2022 * For details on the research, etc., at these laboratories (areas), please see the GSIS's website at: https://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/en/laboratory/

Group code	Group	Division	Laboratory (Area)	Lab.	Staff	Department
		Mathematical Structures	Mathematical Structures I	A01-1	Prof. Akihiro MUNEMASA	Computer and Mathematical Sciences
				A01-2	Assoc. Prof. Hiroki SHIMAKURA	
			Mathematical	A02-1	Prof. Toshiyuki SUGAWA	
			Structures II	A02-2	Assoc. Prof. Hajime TANAKA	
			Mathematical Structures III	A03	Prof. Hitoshi MURAKAMI**	1
1	Mathematics		Mathematical Structures IV	A04	Prof. Hiromi SENO	1
			Mathematical	B01-1	Prof. Masaaki HARADA	
			System Analysis I	B01-2	Assoc. Prof. Kei FUNANO	
		Mathematical System	Mathematical	B02-1	Prof. Nobuaki OBATA*	System Information
		Analysis	System Analysis II	B02-2	Assoc. Prof. Reika FUKUIZUMI	Sciences
			Mathematical System Analysis III	В03	(Currently vacant)	
		Applied Mathematical Science	Mathematical Informatics	A05	Prof. Masayuki OHZEKI	
		Computation Science and Systems	Computation Science and Systems Computation Theory	A07	(Currently vacant)	
			Computer Structures	A08	Prof. Takafumi AOKI Asoc. Prof. Koichi ITO	
			Intelligent Integrated Systems	A09	Prof. Masanori HARIYAMA Assoc. Prof. Hasitha Muthumala WAIDYASOORIYA	
2	Information and	Software	Firmware Science	A10	(Currently vacant)	Computer and Mathematical
	Biosystems	Biosystems Science and Systems Logic for Information Science Communication Theory Information Security	Foundations of Software Science	A11	Prof. Eijiro SUMII Assoc. Prof. Kazutaka MATSUDA	Sciences
			Logic for Information Science	A13	Prof. Keisuke NAKANO	
			Communication Theory	A14	Prof. Go HASEGAWA Assoc. Prof. Gen KITAGATA	
			Information Security	A16	Prof. Hiroki SHIZUYA* Assoc. Prof. Masao SAKAI Assoc. Prof. Shuji ISOBE	

	Environmental Informatics	Environmental Informatics	A17	(Currently vacant)	
	Fundamental Data Informatics	Fundamental Data Informatics	A18	Prof. Yoshinori HAYAKAWA Assoc. Prof. Takashi MITSUISHI	
		Algorithm Theory	B04	Prof. Xiao. ZHOU Assoc. Prof. Akira SUZUKI	
	Intelligent Information Science	Intelligent Systems Science	B05	Prof. Ayumi SHINOHARA Assoc. Prof. Ryo YOSHINAKA	
		Natural Language Processing	B06	Prof. Kentaro INUI	
	Biosystem	Information Biology	B07	(Currently vacant)	
	Information Sciences	Design and Analysis of Information Systems	B08	Prof. Takehiro ITO Assoc. Prof. Jinhee CHUN	
	Acoustic Information	Acoustic Information	B11	Prof. Shuichi SAKAMOTO	System Information
	Visual Cognition and Systems	Visual Cognition and Systems	B12	Prof. Satoshi SHIOIRI Assoc. Prof. Chia- Huei Tseng	Sciences
	Information Contents	Information Contents	B13	Prof. Yoshifumi KITAMURA Assoc. Prof. Kazuki TAKASHIMA	
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		Informatics	Informatics	D09-2	Assoc. Prof. Makoto HIROTA	
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