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UNDERGRADUATE NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Spring and Autumn Semester 2020

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

Student Status

Non-degree students are those who enroll in either the Faculty of Liberal Arts (FLA) or Center for Language Education and Research (CLER) to take undergraduate courses and obtain credits but do not intend to receive an academic degree. This status is applicable only to international students who will enroll as full-time students.

Tracks and Fields of Study

There are two tracks for Non-degree students. (1) English Track and (2) Japanese Intensive Track. Applicants are required to choose one of the tracks at the time of application.

English Track

- Comparative Culture (Art History / Visual Culture, Literature, Religion-Philosophy)
- International Business and Economics
- Social Studies (Anthropology-Sociology, History, Political Science)
- Japanese Studies
- Japanese Language Regular Program

Students who intend to take classes from the above fields will enroll in the Faculty of Liberal Arts (FLA).

Note:

- All courses (except Japanese Language Regular Program) in this track are conducted in English.
- For the courses listings, please refer to the FLA website: https://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/program/undergraduate_c/UG_LA/
- FLA core programs (for degree-students) and language programs other than Japanese are not open to non-degree students.
- Japanese Language Regular Program is for a) beginners of Japanese or b) intermediate-advanced level students who do not intend to take the Japanese Language Intensive Program (JLIP). In the Japanese Language Regular Program, 100-minute classes meet four or five times a week. Students take placement test before course registration. English is occasionally used for instruction when necessary.

Japanese Intensive Track A

This track is for students who would like to take Japanese Language Intensive Program (JLIP). JLIP is an intensive course for those who study Japanese as a foreign language. In the JLIP, 100-minute classes meet twice a day (9:00 to 12:35) from Monday through Friday. English is occasionally used for instruction when necessary. There are four levels, and the lowest level is for students who have reached a level N5 in Japanese Language Proficiency Test (日本語能力試験) or equivalent.

All students who plan to take JLIP must take a language placement test before course registration, and will be assigned to a level on the basis of the results of the placement test.

Note:

- Level N5 in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test corresponds to completing 150 hours of study at university (1-2 semesters). Those who have not reached this level cannot apply for this track.
- For the courses listings, please refer to: www.sophia-cler.jp/study/ja/lesson
- If students enrolled in this track wish to take classes of English track as well, English proficiency requirements must be met. However, please **note that students in this track are required to take Japanese Intensive courses.**
- If the previous learning experiences in studying Japanese or the result of Japanese Placement Test is considered as higher level than JLIP, there is a possibility that students may not be able to register for Japanese Intensive Track. Those students have to register for Japanese Regular Program (twice-a-week class) and content courses offered by other faculties.

Japanese Intensive Track B (日本語集中講座 B)

This track is designed for Chinese character users and Asian students. For more information, please refer to another application booklet “日本語集中講座 B 募集要項” for this track.

Accreditation

The academic programs of the non-degree programs are chartered by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Credits earned are fully recognized by major universities in the United States of America and elsewhere.

The Academic Calendar

There are two semesters, beginning in April and September. Each semester consists of 15 weeks of classes, including final examinations.

Spring Semester 2020

Entry date for Sophia University: April 1, 2020.

Classes start in early April and end at the end of July.

Autumn Semester 2020

Entry date for Sophia University: September 21, 2020.

Classes start in late September and end in late January.

Period of Study

The period of study is either one semester or two semesters.

Requirement for Enrollment

Students are required to register for at least 10 hours of class time (equivalent to 6 classes) per week. If a student fails to register for courses in a given semester, or fails to meet the deadline for tuition payment, he/she will lose his/her student status at Sophia.

Financial Aid

There is no scholarship available for non-degree students at Sophia University.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

Those who have completed at least one semester at degree-conferring institution(s) as a regular student at the time of application.

Note: There is a chance that those who have attended a school in Japan with a status of "auditor" or "non-degree" before might not be able to obtain the same type of visa again under the policy of the Japanese Immigration Bureau.

III. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application is accepted through the following steps.

- ① Register for the on-line application system: <https://sophia.applyjapan.com>
- ② Make sure to include all your application information together with the required written essay in your on-line application.
- ③ Pay the application fee and submit your application online.
- ④ Mail the printed application forms and other application materials to Sophia Admissions Office.

IV. APPLICATION SCHEDULE

For Spring 2020 entry (April)

Application Period (on-line)	October 2 through October 23, 2019, 23:59 (JST*)
Application Materials Receipt Deadline	October 30, 2019**
Notice of Results on the Sophia Website	November 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m. (JST*)
Matriculation Deadline for Admitted Students	December 20, 2019

For Autumn 2020 entry (September)

Application Period (on-line)	March 11 through April 1, 2020, 23:59 (JST*)
Application Materials Receipt Deadline	April 8, 2020**
Notice of Results on the Sophia Website	May 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m. (JST*)
Matriculation Deadline for Admitted Students	June 1, 2020

* Date and time are based on Japan Standard Time.

**Application materials must reach Sophia Admissions Office by the deadline. Late applications may be refused.

V. APPLICATION FEE

35,000 yen

Payment should be made by credit card or through Chinapay or PayPal services, at the last stage of online application during the application period. Payment must be completed by 23:59(JST) of each application deadline. After the deadline, application will not be accepted. The application fee is non-refundable once it is paid.

*On-line application usage fee of 550 yen will be charged in addition to the application fee.

VI. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The following documents (A to G) except the official test scores of TOEFL/IELTS should be enclosed in an envelope and sent to the following address by express traceable mail or international courier service.

They must reach Sophia Admissions Office by the deadline of submission. Late application may be refused.

On the envelope, please make sure to write:

SOPHIA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICE
7-1 KIOI-CHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 102-8554 JAPAN
2020 NON-DEGREE APPLICATION

or

102-8554 東京都千代田区紀尾井町7-1
上智大学入学センター
2020 NON-DEGREE 出願書類在中

Note:

- Documents printed in languages other than English or Japanese should be translated into English and certified by a school official or an official agency, such as an embassy or consulate.
- If an original document cannot be reissued (e.g. a school report handwritten by a teacher), a copy certified by the school official (Principal or Registrar) or Sophia Admissions Office is acceptable.
- Applicants will receive a notice of reference number two weeks before the notice of results.
- The application documents once submitted are not returnable.

A. Application Forms & Essay (3 pages)

Application forms should be filled out through the web application system (<https://sophia.applyjapan.com/>) and printed out after the application fee payment. In the application essay, the applicant must give the reasons for wishing to study at Sophia University's non-degree program.

For English Track applicants: The application essay should be approximately 500 words in length and written in English.

For Japanese Intensive Track applicants: The application essay should be written in either English (approx. 500 words in length) or Japanese (approx. 800 letters in length).

B. Official Transcript(s)

An official transcript showing all courses taken and grades received from the most recent academic institution attended must be submitted. The transcript should be certified by a school official and be officially sealed in a school envelope.

C. Proof of Language Proficiency

For English Track applicants

Applicants must prove their English proficiency by taking the **TOEFL** or the **IELTS** (Academic). It should be taken not more than two years before the time of application. The official test score must be delivered directly to Sophia from each testing institution. When registering for these tests, be sure to indicate Sophia University to ensure that your official scores is sent to Sophia University. For TOEFL, Sophia's institution code is **0819**. TOEFL ITP is not acceptable.

For information about TOEFL and IELTS and test registration, please refer to the following websites.

TOEFL: www.ets.org/toefl

IELTS: www.ielts.org

Note:

- Please enter your MyBest™ score during the online application.
- TOEFL or IELTS can be waived if a student has studied at least five years out of the last six years in an institution where English is the primary medium of instruction, or holds a C2 on Cambridge ESOL Examination (Official test result is required).
- TOEFL ITP is not acceptable.

For Japanese Intensive Track applicants

Applicants should show their Japanese and English proficiency level by submitting the test results mentioned as follows.

-For Japanese proficiency, test results of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (日本語能力試験) or J-Test

-For English proficiency, TOEFL (including ITP), IELTS, TOEIC (including IP).

In addition, applicants should submit a report of their previous experiences in studying Japanese, and any background information including history of residence, language use at home, and any experience of previous contact with Japanese. The report should be one page of A4 in the format of your own choice.

Note: TOEFL, IELTS or TOEIC can be waived if a student has studied at least five years out of six years in an institution where English is the primary medium of instruction, or holds a C2 on Cambridge ESOL Examination.

D. Two Letters of Recommendation (use forms provided)

Letters of recommendation from two teachers and/or officials of the most recent school(s) attended by the applicant must be submitted. They should be written in either English or Japanese. Each letter must be sealed in a separate envelope with the recommender's signature written across the seal, or sent directly to Sophia University Admissions Office by the recommender via the on-line application website as below.

Procedure to ask for an on-line recommendation letter

1. Click "Recommendation Letter" on the top page after login on "applyjapan.com."
2. Find your "Recommendation Code" and let your recommender(s) know your code.
3. Make sure your recommender(s) know your recommendation code and send the recommendation request message to the recommender(s) via the on-line application website.

E. Photocopy of Passport (for those who hold a nationality other than Japan)

This is to check your full name.

-If you have dual nationalities, please submit a photocopy of passport for the other nationality than Japan.

-If you do not have a passport, please submit a photocopy of your ID.

F. Certificate of Health (use the form provided)

A medical certificate completed within the previous 6 months, signed by a practicing physician and indicating that the applicant is physically fit to attend university and do the required academic work, must be submitted.

Note: Any applicants with physical conditions that might require special attention when undertaking university work should notify the Sophia Admissions Office in writing before the application period.

G. Standardized Test Scores (optional)

If an applicant has taken one of the following in the past, submission of results is recommended.

- 1) SAT (Reasoning Test) Scores
- 2) ACT Scores
- 3) IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma

H. Application Materials Checklist (use the form provided)

Check the items you enclose in your application.

VII. SCREENING

Decision on acceptance or rejection will be based on screening of documents submitted by the applicant.

VIII. NOTICE OF RESULTS

Applicants can confirm their acceptance/rejection through the Sophia official website below from 10:00 a.m. (JST) on the results-notice date (See **APPLICATION SCHEDULE**).

www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/

For the accepted applicants, notification of the on-line entrance procedure will be sent via email (to the email address registered on the on-line application website) on the next day of the results-notice date. If the email has not reached you within a few days, please contact the Sophia Admissions Office.

Note: •Sophia University will not disclose the results of an application by telephone, fax or e-mail.

•Acceptance is valid only for the semester specified in the letter of acceptance.

•No physical materials (including a letter of acceptance) will be sent to applicants from the Sophia Admissions Office.

IX. ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

A. Payment of Fees Due Prior to University Entrance and Submission of Necessary Forms

It is necessary that accepted applicants complete the payment of the fees due prior to university entrance and submit the necessary forms to the Sophia Admissions Office by the matriculation deadline (see **APPLICATION SCHEDULE**).

The process would be as follows:

1. Register on the website of the on-line entrance procedures from the URL indicated in the email sent to accepted students.

Note: The URL is valid for ten days from the date of notification.

2. Click "Start Entrance Procedures" to download and print out the "Letter of Acceptance" and the "Booklet of Entrance Procedures."
3. Choose your program to start entering the required information and upload a photo of yourself online.
4. Print out the designated documents (payment slip for payment in Japan, Student Record, and Pledge)
5. Complete the payment of the fees and post mail the required documents by the matriculation deadline.

Students will be informed of the exact amount of the fees in their letter of acceptance. For your reference, payment information with the figures the academic year 2020 is as follows.

The fees due prior to university entrance 2020

Education Enhancement Fee	105,000 yen (per semester)
Total	105,000 yen

Note:

a. The tuition fee is revised annually based on the rate of inflation.

b. The fees due prior to university entrance are not refundable. However, if you notify Sophia University of your intention not to attend by the appointed deadline, these fees, with the exception of the handling charge (20,000 yen), may be refunded. For details, please refer to the "Entrance Procedures" leaflet.

B. Tuition Fee Payment (pay after course registration)

Tuition Fee for the academic year 2020 is 34,100 yen per credit (see the above Note a.). The tuition fee varies according to the number of credits for which a student registers. After course registration, a bill is sent to each student (in May for the Spring semester and in October for the Autumn semester). For the second semester, Education Enhancement Fee will be included in the tuition bill.

Approximate Rate of Tuition & Fees

Taking 12 credits

Tuition Fee	409,200 yen (assuming 12 credits)
Education Enhancement Fee	105,000 yen
Total estimate	514,200 yen

Taking JLIP (8 credits per semester) for one semester

Tuition Fee	272,800 yen (assuming 8 credits)
Education Enhancement Fee	105,000 yen
Total	377,800 yen

X. STATUS OF RESIDENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMING TO JAPAN

Students coming from abroad to study at Sophia University must have a college student status of residence or other appropriate status of residence such as diplomatic, official, or dependent. A temporary visitor status is not acceptable. To qualify for a college student status of residence, a student is required to register for at least 10 hours of classes per week. Additional information concerning college student status of residence will be sent to each student after acceptance.

Note:

Please note that the status of residence as a non-degree student is admitted only once for each international student under the policy of the Japanese Immigration Bureau. If the same status of residence has been issued to you before, you would not be able to enter Japan again as a non-degree student.

XI. NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

International students who will stay in Japan for more than three months are required to join this insurance system. The procedures are carried out at the local ward/city office. The premium (approx. JPY 20,000 per year) must be paid. However, by declaring you have no income, it will be reduced. Please ask directly about the details at the local ward/city office.

Subscribers to the National Health Insurance system have only to bear 30% of medical expenses for any treatment covered by the insurance at clinics or hospitals (expenses for medical treatment not covered by the insurance must be paid in full).

XII. HOUSING

Sophia University has several off-campus dormitories and offers affiliated housing options. For more information, please refer to the following website.

www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/studentlife/housinginfo/