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Change of Admission Policies (Master's Programs) starting from 2022 Enrollment

The Master's Programs of Graduate School of Design, Kyushu University, will integrate the current two departments into one in April 2022. There will be several changes to the admission policies for 2022 enrollment following the reorganization.

Please note that this change in the admission policies is subject to the finalization of the Graduate School of Design's reorganization depending on future circumstances. Please check our website (https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/) regularly for updates. For further details, please refer to the application guidelines that will be announced shortly.

1. Outline of the Reorganization

Current Departments	New Department (tentative)
Department of Design Human Science Course Communication Design Science Course Environment and Heritage Design Course Content and Creative Design Course Department of Design Strategy	Department of Design Strategic Design Course Environmental Design Course Human Life Design and Science Course Design Futures Course Media Design Course Acoustic Design Course

2. Change of Entrance Examinations

Current Types of Entrance Examinations	New Types of Entrance Examinations
• General Entrance Examination • Special Entrance Examination for Applicants with Work Experience • Entrance Examination for International Students	• Self-recommendation Examination • General Entrance Examination

*The applicants may choose to take the examination either in English or Japanese for both self-recommendation and general entrance examinations.

3. Introduction of External English Proficiency Test

The external English proficiency test scores will replace the formerly used Foreign Language Test (English) to evaluate the English abilities of applicants. The Graduate School of Design will accept the following test scores:

TOEIC Listening & Reading Test, TOEFL iBT, and IELTS Academic

Applicants are required to submit an English proficiency test score taken within four years by the entrance examination.

Only applicants who will take the general entrance examination for the academic year 2022 will be accepted to submit the result of TOEIC IP held at Ohashi Campus, Kyushu University (please refer to the application guideline for more details). For applicants of self-recommendation examination who cannot submit the test score as listed above, the scores of TOEIC IP (Online), TOEFL iBT Home Edition, or TOEFL ITP are also acceptable. Please note that a valid passport is necessary to register for TOEFL-iBT or IELTS. This special consideration is only applicable for the applicants of the entrance examinations for the academic year 2022 (April 2022 entry). The entrance examination is subject to change depending on future circumstances.

4. Schedule

The schedule for admission may vary depending on the approval date of the new department by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (Monbukagakusho: MEXT).

If approved in Late June, the schedule as follows:

	Self-Recommendation Examination	General Entrance Examination
Release of Application Guidelines	Early July	Early July
Application Period for Pre-Application Screening	Late July	Early August
Application Period	Mid-August	Late August
Examination Date	Early September	Late September
Announcement of Successful Applicants	Late September	Mid-October

If approved in Late August, the schedule as follows:

	Self-recommendation Examination	General Entrance Examination
Release of Application Guidelines	Late August	Late August
Application Period for Pre-Application Screening	Mid-September	Mid-September
Application Period	Late September	Early October
Examination Date	Late October	Mid-November
Announcement of Successful Applicants	Early November	Early December