

# Outline of Admissions for AY2027 Enrollment Master's Program in Innovative Legal Studies

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## 1. Desired Student Profile

We seek individuals who possess a strong interest in specific law related topics, who can analyse and creatively re-envision the role of law in an ever-changing society from an interdisciplinary perspective, and who, grounded in a keen awareness of real-world legal challenges, can conceptualise new possibilities for legal studies. Candidates should demonstrate both the motivation and the foundational intellectual capacity to contribute proactively to addressing the pressing issues that the world faces today.

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## 2. Student Selection Process

The general entrance examination consists of document screening and an oral examination.

In the document screening, applicants will be evaluated based on their research proposal, academic record, and foreign-language proficiency. The research proposal will be assessed in terms of its academic relevance and multi perspective approach. The academic record will be used to evaluate the applicant's capability to conduct advanced research. Foreign language proficiency will be assessed using scores from external language tests and an oral examination.

In the oral examination, the evaluation criteria will be communication skills and interactive discussion ability.

### Documents to be submitted for application

(Expected) Graduation Certificate, Degree Certificate, Academic Transcript, Letter of Recommendation, English Proficiency Test Scores, Research Proposal, etc.

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### **3. Number of Students to Be Admitted**

10 students

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### **4. Entrance Examination Schedule for AY2027**

#### **October Selection Process**

Application Guidelines Release: September 2026

Application Period: September 2026

Entrance Examination: October 2026

Announcement of Results: November 2026

#### **January to February Selection Process**

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### 1. Desired Student Profile

We seek individuals who possess foundational knowledge of specific law related topics, who can analyse and creatively re envision the role of law in an ever changing society from an interdisciplinary perspective, and who are capable of advancing and leading the development of innovative legal studies. Candidates should also have a solid understanding of real world legal challenges and demonstrate both the creativity and the motivation to conceptualise new possibilities for legal scholarship while proactively contributing to the resolution of the pressing issues that the world faces today.

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### 2. Student Selection Process

The general entrance examination consists of document screening and an oral examination.

In the document screening, applicants will be assessed based on their research proposal, master's thesis or an equivalent academic paper, academic record, and foreign language proficiency. The research proposal, master's thesis, or equivalent academic paper will be evaluated in terms of academic specialisation, multidimensionality, and originality. The academic record will be used to assess the applicant's capability to conduct advanced research. Foreign language proficiency will be evaluated using scores from external language tests and an oral examination.

In the oral examination, the evaluation criteria will be communication skills, interactive discussion ability, and leadership.

## **Documents to be submitted for application**

(Expected) Graduation Certificate, Degree Certificate, Academic Transcript, Master's Thesis or an Equivalent Academic Paper (including unpublished materials newly prepared for the application), Letter of Recommendation, English Proficiency Test Scores, Research Proposal, etc.

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## **3. Number of Students to Be Admitted**

6 students

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