

2017 Guide to Doctor's Course Entrance Examinations

Department of Architecture, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

1. Eligibility

In order to apply for the entrance examination, prospective students must meet the requirements set by the Graduate School of Engineering. Refer to *Guidelines for Applicants to the 2017 Doctoral Program Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo* for details.

http://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/soee/admission/general_guideline.html

There are no restrictions regarding past fields of specialization (majors/degrees) or year(s) when qualifications (degrees) were attained. For those who have attained their qualifications (degrees) in countries other than Japan, it is basically necessary for the applicant to spend at least six months as a Foreign Research Student (*Kenkyusei*) before entering the Doctor's Course. Doctor's Course entrance examinations are conducted once a year.

2. Supervising Professors and Application Forms

Students enrolled in the Graduate School pursue their research under a supervising professor. Therefore, applicants must select a supervising professor with whom they wish to work with from the list of faculty members. Applicants may apply for up to two faculty members of their choice. All applicants must write the name of their first choice faculty member on Department of Architecture application form Sheet 1B. It is not mandatory to include a second choice of supervising professor. On Sheet 1A, write about your research topic.

For those who have or is going to graduate from graduate schools other than the Graduate School of Engineering the University of Tokyo, please prepare two recommendation letters. The recommendation letters must be completed by two evaluators (each no longer than 1 page in A4 format, one from the applicant's graduate school faculty member).

Please send the two recommendation letters, Sheets 1A, 1B, and 1C together with the other application documents from the Graduate School of Engineering.

3. Number of Accepted Students and Admission Dates & Deadlines

The Department of Architecture Doctor's Course will accept 16 students in academic year 2017*. The number of students admitted to each professor is restricted in order to avoid unbalanced research environments within the department. Normally, admitted

students enter graduate school in April. Students who complete undergraduate courses by the end of September may enter the graduate school in September, as stated in *Guidelines for Applicants to the 2017 Doctoral Program Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo*.

*The Japanese academic year starts on April 1 and ends on March 31.

4. Examinations

Applicants will be evaluated based on first examination and second examination.

(1) First Examination

(A) Written examination

Subject	Duration of test	Content of Examination
1. Foreign Language	2.5 hours	English (TOEFL-ITP)
2. Architecture		
Subject Test II	3 or 4 hours	<p>Applicants must select one specific field (out of four) and solve the indicated problem related to that particular field. The selected field must be indicated on <u>Sheet 1C</u> and sent to administration together with the other application documents.</p> <p>Field 1: Architectural Design (4 hours)</p> <p>Field 2: Planning and History of Architecture, Building Construction (3 hours)</p> <p>Field 3: Architectural Environment (3 hours)</p> <p>Field 4: Architectural Structure and Building Materials (3 hours)</p>

*Those who have graduated from or going to graduate from the Master's course of the Graduate School of Engineering the University of Tokyo are exempted from the written examination.

(B) Oral examination

Oral examinations will be conducted as individual interviews in either Japanese or English. Each applicant will be allotted for approximately 10 minutes with a group of faculty members from the applicable field.

(2) Second examination

Each applicant will make a presentation of their master thesis, or research that can be replaced by master thesis. Each applicant need to turn in three copies of their master thesis (Japanese or English). If the applicant's master thesis is written in any other language, the applicant must turn in one copy of their master thesis together with three copies of the summary in Japanese or English (approximately 30 pages, on A4 format, 400 words/page) by the deadline indicated in the next page to the office of the department of architecture.

5. Examination Schedule

(1) First examination

Subject	Date& Time	Location	Items to Bring	Important Note		
(A) Written examination *1	Foreign Language	English	Monday, 29 August 9:00-11:30	Indicated in the documents sent from the university to applicants regarding the specifics of the entrance examination.	Pen, pencils, erasers, and other writing tools	The TOEFL-ITP test is required for all applicants, excluding those who submit TOEFL scores together with the application documents. Applicants who submit scores in advance do not need to take the TOEFL-ITP test at the university.
	Architecture	Subject Test II (Field 1)	Wednesday, 31 August 9:00-13:00	Drafting Room (and other locations), Engineering Building 1 on Hongo Campus	pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener, compass, triangle ruler, T-square, and coloring devices	A1 size paper will be used for designs.
		Subject Test II (Fields 2, 3, 4)	Wednesday, 31 August 9:00-12:00	Engineering Building 2 on Hongo Campus	pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener, compass, and triangle ruler	

(B) Oral examination	Thursday, 1 September Afternoon	Engineering Buildings 1 & 11 on Hongo Campus		The location and time of the interview will be posted ONE day before the interview at 12:00 (noon) on the department bulletin board in Engineering Building 1.
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*1 Those who have graduated from or going to graduate from the Master's course of the Graduate School of Engineering the University of Tokyo are exempted from the written examination.

(2) Second examination

Subject	Target Applicants	Date& Time	Location	Important Note
Presentation and review of Master thesis*1	All applicants wishing to enter the university in April, 2017	Monday 30 th Tuesday 31 st January, 2017 (tentative)	Lecture room 11 and 12 of Engineering Building 1 On Hongo Campus	Detail information of the presentation and board of review will be announced later. The master thesis must be turned in to the office of the department of architecture, no later than 16:00, Monday, 23 January, 2017
	Applicants wishing to enter the university in September, 2016*2 and who are going to graduate the Department of Architecture, The University of Tokyo in September 2016.	Monday 8 August, 2016, AM	Lecture room 15 of Engineering Building 1 on Hongo Campus	Detail information of the presentation and board of review will be announced later. The master thesis must be turned in to the office of the department of architecture, no later than 16:00, Friday 29 July, 2016
	Other applicants wishing to enter the university in September, 2016*2	Thursday, 1 September, 2016, AM	Lecture room 15 of Engineering Building 1 on Hongo Campus	

*1 Those who have graduated from or going to graduate from other than the Master's course department of Architecture Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo, need to prepare 20 copies of their summary of master's thesis (Japanese or English, number of pages is free) for handing out on the day of their presentation.

*2 The applicant must have graduated from or going to graduate from Master course no later than September, 2016.

6. Note

Applicants should carefully read the *Entrance Examination Notice – Master’s & Doctoral Program, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo*.

Entering the examination room 30 minutes after the beginning of the examination is prohibited under any circumstances.