Application Guidelines
for
Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering (Doctorate Course)
Okayama Prefectural University (OPU)
For
Fall Enrollment
of
the 2024 Academic Year

岡山県立大学
OKAYAMA PREFECTURAL UNIVERSITY

The Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering, Okayama Prefectural University offers master's and doctorate course. These guidelines are for application to the doctorate course. The Doctorate Course of Advanced Systems Engineering offers three majors closely related to the Master's Course of Systems Engineering. The majors provide research and education aiming to cultivate specialists with advanced knowledge as well as a broad range of basic knowledge in the field of computer science and systems engineering. Read the content of each major and submit the required documents by the listed deadlines.

Admissions Schedule Overview

Fall Enrollment

Items	Schedule/Examination Venue, etc.
Preliminary Consultation for Disabled Applicants	**Until Friday, July 12, 2024**
Submission of Application for Qualification Screening	**Until Friday, July 12, 2024** 〔Applicants falling into Qualification (5) or (6) on page 2〕
Interview with the Doctorate Course Supervisor	**Until Monday, July 22, 2024**
Application Period	**From Monday, July 29, 2024 to Friday, August 2, 2024**
Examination Date and Venue	**Wednesday, August 28, 2024 : at OPU**
Announcement of Successful Applicants	**Friday, September 6, 2024**
Enrollment Procedures	**From Thursday, September 12, 2024 to Friday, September 13, 2024**
Date of Enrollment	**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

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<Important Notice>

> The schedule and procedures of the entrance examination may change. Please check for the most recent information on the official Okayama Prefectural University website.

Online Application for Fall Enrollment of the 2024 Academic Year Entrance Examination

Okayama Prefectural University implemented an online application system for the graduate school entrance examination to improve applicant convenience and institutional efficiency.

The online application system enables applicants to apply 24 hours a day during the application period and alleviates the need to request the paper-based Applicant Guidelines.

Please note that some documents such as the Certificate of Graduation (Prospective Graduation) and transcripts will still need to be sent by mail.

Availability of the downloadable Applicant Guidelines for each of the examination categories on the official Okayama Prefectural University website is to be announced.

If you do not have the required Internet environment, please contact the university staff using the contact provided in the Application Guidelines.

I   Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering

The Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering holds entrance examinations for its master's and doctorate courses for students and working adults both in Japan and overseas to attract qualified individuals who satisfy all the requirements specified by its conferment policy.

Admission Policy of the Doctorate Course of Advanced Systems Engineering

The Doctorate Course in Advanced Systems Engineering cultivates engineers and researchers capable of developing comprehensive and cutting-edge knowledge and technology beyond the boundaries of existing frameworks through the development of theories and technology in their specialized fields, and identifying and finding solutions to new issues to respond to diverse requests from an innovation-oriented society in the future through digital innovation.

This Doctorate Course seeks individuals highly motivated to further their study of theory and technology in the fields of electronics, information and communication engineering, mechanical and information systems engineering, and human information systems engineering, capable of using English to gather and provide information, identifying research themes, and discovering solutions.

This Doctorate Course offers examinations for summer, winter, and fall enrollment as well as for special overseas student enrollment with the hope of attracting qualified individuals, including working adults, from both Japan and abroad.

For summer, winter and fall enrollment, this Course selects candidates through an academic proficiency examination designed to assess knowledge, thinking ability and expression skills in specialized fields, an academic proficiency examination designed to assess foreign language (English) competence, including the ability to gather and provide information using English, and an interview and document screening designed to assess achievement, motivation, independence, cooperativeness, and management skills related to research activities.

For special overseas student enrollment, the Course selects candidates through an interview (including an oral examination for foreign language [English], their specialized fields, master's thesis) and research plans to assess their specialized knowledge, logical thinking, achievements, motivation, independence, cooperativeness, management skills related to research activities, the ability to gather and provide information, and ability to express themselves in a clear and concise manner.

II Application Guidelines of the Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering (Doctorate Course), Okayama Prefectural University

1. Enrollment Capacity

(people)

Course	Total Capacity	Enrollment Capacity	
Doctorate Course of Advanced Systems Engineering	6	Fall Enrollment	Flexible

Note: Enrollment capacities include adult and overseas applicants.

2. Qualifications for Application

Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:

(1) Have or plan to complete a master's or professional degree by September 23, 2024.

(2) Have or plan to complete the equivalent of a master's or a professional degree from an overseas country by September 23, 2024.

(3) Have completed a curriculum of school education in an overseas country through correspondence education while in Japan and have or plan to complete the equivalent of a master's or professional degree by September 23, 2024.

(4) Have completed a curriculum of an overseas educational facility that offers graduate programs in Japan recognized under the relevant overseas country's school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and have or plan to complete the equivalent of a master's or professional degree by September 23, 2024.

(5) Have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Notification of Ministry of Education, No.118 of 1989)

　　1) Have graduated from a university and engaged in research at a university or a research institution for more than two years, and have been recognized based on their achievements in the relevant research as possessing academic ability equivalent to individuals who have completed a master's degree.

　　2) Have engaged in research at a university or a research institution for more than two years after completing a 16-year curriculum of school education of an overseas country, or after completing a 16-year curriculum of school education of an overseas country through correspondence education conducted by a relevant overseas school while in Japan, and have been recognized based on their achievements in the relevant research as possessing academic ability equivalent to individuals who have completed a master's degree.

(6) Have been recognized by the president of OPU as possessing academic ability equivalent to individuals who have completed a master's or professional degree through individual examination for admission and who are or will have reached the age of 24 by September 23, 2024.

　* Applicants wishing to apply for admission under Qualification (5) or (6) will be screened before application is accepted. (See 3(9) on page 6)

3. Application Procedures

(1) Application

Please read the Online Application Guidelines provided separately for more details.

Please place all the documents required for the application, including those downloaded from the online application system, in a "Kakugata 2-gou" envelope (332mmH x 240mmW)

and submit by simplified registered express mail.

However, you may bring those documents only on the last day of the Application period, between 9:00 and 17:00.

When you bring those documents in person, please make it sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by the day before you bring them.

Applicants filing from outside of Japan are requested to provide a contact address in Japan to which the documents may be sent. (If no contact address in Japan is listed, the university will send documents to the listed address abroad.)

(2) Application Period

> **From Monday, July 29, 2024 to Friday, August 2, 2024**

(Notes)

1. Only those application documents which are sent by simplified registered express mail with postmarked on or before Thursday, August 1 or earlier will be accepted.

* In cases where you send documents from outside of Japan, the documents must be reached on or before August 2(Fri.), 2024 JST.

2. Please note that we will not provide any information regarding the delivery.

(3) Where to send:

Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division
Okayama Prefectural University
111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

(4) Application Documents

Please read the Online Application Guidelines (For Graduate Schools) provided separately for more details.

Application Documents Required	Preparation Procedures
①Application Form(Original Form)	After completing the online application, please print out and submit the required documents in accordance with the Online Application Guidelines provided separately. Write "Preferred Major" with reference to "Research Supervisors and Major Research Theme" on page 14-15. Write the name of the supervisor who interviewed you in the column for the "Supervisor of the Doctorate Course You Wish to Enter."
②Certificate of Graduation (Prospective Graduation)	The certificate must be issued and sealed by the president or the dean of the relevant university. Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from our graduate school are exempt.

Application Documents Required	Preparation Procedures
③Transcripts	Transcripts must be issued and sealed by the president or the dean of the relevant university. Submit the transcripts listing grades of all credits obtained while at the university. Applicants falling into Qualification (1), (2), (3), or (4) must submit transcripts of the relevant faculty and graduate school, and applicants falling into Qualification (5) or (6) must submit transcripts of the relevant faculty.
④Resume	Use the <u>form provided</u>. Please download the forms from the official OPU website. Fill in the relevant column with the preferred major you listed in the application form (original form). Applicants filing from outside of Japan are asked to provide a contact address in Japan as an alternate contact address other than listed above (e.g. an address in their home country).
⑤Master's Thesis, etc.	a) Applicants who hold a master's degree must submit a copy of their master's thesis or the abstract thereof (within 2,000 words). b) Applicants who will graduate from a master's program and applicants falling into Qualification (5) or (6) must submit a report of research progress or work content (within 2,000 words). Materials regarding research presentations and patents, if any, should also be submitted.
⑥Research Project Overview	Applicants must describe a field and theme of research that they are interested in working on in the Doctorate Course of Advanced Systems Engineering. (Free Format)
⑦Application Approval	Applicants who wish to continue working while enrolled in a doctoral course at OPU must submit approval from the Chief of the relevant division at work. (Free Format)
⑧Others	Overseas applicants residing in Japan are required to submit a copy of the "certificate of residence" which includes status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the municipal office. Overseas applicants that are not registered residents must submit a copy of the page in their passport that shows their name, birth date and sex.

(Notes)

1. Among the documents required for the application, ④ is available from the website. Use black ballpoint pen for all application forms. Cross out mistakes with a double line and write the correction next to them.
2. Attach Japanese translations of certificates (except those written in Japanese and English) to the documents required for application.
3. Applicants who wish to have original certificates returned should note this when submitting the application forms. The university will make copies and return original certificates.

(5) Examination Fee
① Examination Fee
30,000 yen
② Payment Method
Please submit payment for the examination fee by one of the methods shown below in accordance with the online application procedures.

     (1) At a convenience store
     (2) By credit card
     (3) By ATM (Pay-easy payment)/ Net banking
    ＊Fees for Various payments shall be borne by the applicant.
③ Payment Period
   From Monday, July 29, 2024 to Friday, August 2, 2024
④ Refund of Examination Fee
The Examination Fee shall not be refunded except in cases ① through ③ described below. The amount of refund shall be equivalent to the amount of the Examination Fee. Refund of Examination Fee is made upon request. Applicants who fall into one of the following categories and who wish a refund are required to contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by the end of the month in which the relevant examination is held to complete the necessary procedures (Examination Fee Payment Certificate is required for the procedure). For Case ②, the Admissions Service Section, OPU will contact the relevant individual.
  (1) Applicants who paid the Examination Fee but did not submit the application documents
  (2) Applicants who paid the Examination Fee but whose application was not accepted
  (3) Applicants who have mistakenly paid the Examination Fee twice
⑤ Examination Fee Waiver Program
A special examination fee exemption is available for those who fall under either a. or b. below.
When you are eligible for this program, please be sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU before you apply online.
  a. Victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake (2011) or 2018 Japan Floods
   *Visit the official OPU website for more details.
  b. Individuals graduating from Okayama Prefectural University Graduate School (Master's Program) and planning to enroll in its Doctoral Program

(6) Interview with the Doctorate Course Supervisor

To discuss the content of research conducted in Doctorate Course in the Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering, **make appointments for interviews with the supervisor of the doctorate course you wish to enter by no later than Monday, July 22, 2024. Applicants are also required to obtain approval from a program advisor before submission.**
See "Research Supervisors and Major Research Themes" in page 14-15 to determine a supervisor of the doctorate course you wish to enter.

(7) Preliminary Consultation for Disabled Applicants

Disabled applicants requiring special consideration while taking the examination or following enrollment are asked to contact the Admissions Service Section, OPU by Friday, July 12, 2024.
Submit the application after receipt of notice of special measures for examinations and enrollment.

(8) Notes Regarding Application Procedures

①Ensure that all required documents are included in the application. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.
②Acceptance may be invalidated at any time if any information provided in the application documents is found to have been falsified.
③Changes to applications will not be allowed after submission. In the case of a change of name, address or telephone number, applicants should notify the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU as soon as possible.
④Application documents will not be returned.

⑤Documents will be sent to the contact address specified by the applicant. Applicants filing from outside Japan are asked to specify a contact address in Japan.

(9) Review of Qualifications for Application

Applicants wishing to apply for admission under Application Qualification (5) or (6) in 2 are asked to submit the below-listed documents to the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by no later than Friday, July 12, 2024 for review of the relevant qualification, which must be completed before the application can be accepted. The results of this review will be announced to the applicant.

Applicants are also asked to schedule interviews with the director and the supervisor of the doctorate course they wish to enter before submitting their application.

The Director of each course is shown below.

Doctorate Course of Advanced Systems Engineering	OZAKI Koichi, Prof.

Documents Required	Preparation Procedures
①Application Form for Review of Qualification for Application	Use the <u>form provided</u> and fill out completely.
②Certificate of Graduation	Certificate issued and sealed by the last school attended.
③Transcripts	Certificate issued and sealed by the last school attended. Submit the transcripts listing grades of all credits obtained while at the university.
④Statement of research performance	The <u>form provided</u> is used to describe research performance associated with the applicant's major field.
⑤Qualifications/Licenses	Copies of licenses relevant to the applicant's major field that may be useful, and a brief explanation of each.

(Notes) 1. Please download the "form provided" posted on our website.
2. Should the applicant's application qualifications be approved, application document ② and ③ may be omitted.

4. Examination Schedule
(1) Examination Date and Time Table

Exam Date	**Wednesday, August 28, 2024**

Name of Subject	Time
Interview (Based on the applicant's master's thesis and Research Project Overview)	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Academic proficiency Exam ・Foreign Language (English) ・Special Subject (associated with the preferred major)	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(Notes)

1. Applicants who missed academic proficiency exam or interview will be excluded as candidates.

2. Examinees must, according to the Exam Type, enter and be seated in the designated examination room or the interview waiting room by 9:45 respectively. The examination room and the interview room numbers will be posted at the examination venue on the examination day.

3. Examinees are permitted to enter the designated examination/interview room within 30 minutes after the beginning of the written examination/interview. However, the examination time will not be extended.

(2) Selection

Selection for admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of the applicant's Research Project Overview and the master's thesis, examination of academic proficiency, and interview.

(3) Allocation of Points

Name of Subject	Points	Total
Academic Proficiency Exam(Foreign Language)	100	
Academic Proficiency Exam (Special Subject)	100	300
Interview / document screening	100	

(4) Examination Venue (Common)

Okayama Prefectural University

111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

(5) Precautions for Examination (Common)

① Belongings on the day of the entrance examination

(A) At least five days prior to the day of the examination, we will announce that the Entrance Examination Admission Card is available for printing via the official OPU website and in an email sent to your registered e-mail address. Print this out and bring it with you. (A4 or letter sized, color, no expanding nor shrinking)

If you haven't received the notification e-mail, you may print out the Entrance Examination Admission Card from the official OPU website.

If it is less than five days prior to the examination date and the website is not showing a button for printing out the Entrance Examination Admission Card, please contact the Admissions Service Section, Education Affairs Divisions at OPU.

(B) The Entrance Examination Admission Card must, according to the instruction th e proctors, be put on the desk at the time of examination.

Applicants who failed to bring their Entrance Examination Admission Card should have the temporary card issued at the Examination Headquarter without delay.

The Entrance Examination Admission Card is necessary for the enrollment procedure. Please keep it even after the examination.

(C) Do not leave anything on the desk except an Entrance Examination Admission Card, pencils, mechanical pencils, an eraser, pencil caps, a manual pencil sharpener, a watch (sound function must be off), glasses, a handkerchief, tissues (without package), eye-drops, an English or applicants' native language-Japanese dictionary, and a thumb stall.

(D) Examinees are not allowed to use such electronic devices as mobile phones, smartphones, or wearable appliances during taking examination. Never fail to turn off those devices and alarm function before entering the examination/ interview waiting room. If an examinee's mobile phone or other device makes a sound during the examination, proctors will remove it from the room, and hold it at the examination headquarters until the end of the relevant examination.

(E) In order to identify the examinee, proctors may ask you to remove masks and/or hats.

(F) Examinees are prohibited from borrowing any items from other examinees during the examination (or interview waiting room).

(G) Examinees are allowed to read any books except for digital books or drink water during waiting for the interview, however examinees must obtain permission from the proctor to do so in advance.

(H) As the canteen and the campus shop are closed on the examination day, please bring your lunch, if necessary.

(I) If an examinee left something carelessly in the campus, we will keep it for a certain period since the examination day. However, it will be abolished after the certain period.

② Dishonest behavior

(A) Examinee who behaved dishonestly are ordered to stop taking examination and leave the room at once. S/he cannot continue the examination and all the result shall become invalid. In addition, depending on the nature of the dishonest behavior, we may submit an incident report to the police.

Dishonest behaviors are:

> ・ Intentionally providing false information on the Application Form, Entrance Examination Admission Card, or Answer Sheet.
> ・ Cheating on the examination.
> ・ Providing answers to other applicants or helping other applicants to cheat.
> ・ Bringing the examination questions paper out of the examination room before the examination ends.
> ・ Bringing the answer sheet out of the examination room before the examination ends.
> ・ Opening the examination questions or answering before being told to start answering.
> ・ Using electronic devices, including mobile or smart phones and wearables during the examination period.
> ・ Continuing to answer questions after being told to stop.

(B) Behavior described below may also be deemed dishonest; Examinees who do not follow instructions or deemed to be dishonest will be treated as above (A).

> ・ Wear or holding electrical devices, including mobile or smart phones and wearables without permission during the examination period.
> ・ Interfering with others during the examination by, for example, not disabling the sound of mobile phones and watches (ring tone, alarm, vibration, etc.).
> ・ Making false announcements regarding the examination to manipulate the situation to the advantage of themselves or other applicants.
> ・ Engaging in mischievous behavior directed at other applicants at the examination venue.
> ・ Disregarding instructions given by proctors.
> ・ Engaging in behaviors that may undermine the fairness of the examination.

③ Others

(A) In the event of unforeseen circumstances (natural disaster, etc.) that prevent administration of the examination on the predetermined schedule or necessitate emergency contact with applicants, the university will post information on the official Okayama Prefectural University website.

(B) Any other information will be sent to the e-mail address registered with the online application system.

5. Announcement of Successful Applicants

(1) Announcement Date

> **10 a.m., Friday, September 6, 2024**

(2) Announcement Procedures

The ID numbers of successful applicants are shown on the official OPU website. (No announcement will be posted on the bulletin board.)

Visit the "Examination Results" on Post@net, online application site (Post@net portal site) (hereinafter "Post@net") to check your results. If you passed the examination, please download

the "letter of acceptance" and documents required for enrollment. (We do not send a "letter of acceptance" or documents required for enrollment.)

We do not respond to any inquiries via telegram, telephone, mail, e-mail, or etc.

(Note) We have nothing to do with any persons who deal with sending notification of acceptance in campus on the day of Exam. Please note that we do not take responsibility for this matter.

6. Enrollment Procedures

(1) Enrollment Steps

Please check the documents required for enrollment you have downloaded from the Post@net for details regarding the enrollment procedure. Submit the application documents described in paragraph (4) below by simplified registered express mail.

However, you may bring those documents only on the last day of the enrollment procedure period, between 9:00 and 17:00.

If you plan to bring your application documents in person, please contact us at least one day before the day you plan to bring them.

(2) Enrollment Procedure Period

> **From Thursday, September 12 2024 to Friday, September 13, 2024**
> **(Due no later than the last day)**

(3) Where to Complete Enrollment Procedures

Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division
Okayama Prefectural University
111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

(4) Documents Required for Enrollment

Documents Required for Enrollment	Preparation Procedures
① Entrance Examination Admission Card	
② Affidavit	Fill out the <u>form provided</u> and affix your seal or signature.
③ Certificate of Residence (Application for Certification)	"Okayama Prefecture Residents" in 7-(1)-① are required to submit this certificate. Fill out the <u>form provided</u> (not the form used by the local government) and have it approved by your relevant local government office.
④ Entrance Fee	Applicants are required to remit the amount listed in 7-(1). Use the form provided by OPU, fill in the required items, and complete the payment procedure. **Applicants who will graduate from a master's course of our university and enroll in our doctorate course are not required to pay the entrance fee.**
⑤ 1 photo (For student ID card)	The doctorate course and the applicant's name should be written on the reverse side of a 4cmH x 3cmW color photos (front upper body, no hats, and no background scenery)
⑥ Certificate of Conferment of a Master's Degree	Required for applicants who fall into Qualification (1), (2), (3), or (4) of 2, and take the examination prior to acquiring their master's degree (Applicants who plan to acquire a master's degree from our university are exempt.)

(Notes)

1. Please download "the form provided by OPU" from the Examination Results on Post@net.
2. Certificate of Conferment of a Master's Degree, etc. described in ⑥ are used to verify the applicant's qualification for admission (Application Qualifications (1), (2), (3) or (4) shown in 2). Relevant applicants must submit this by **Friday, September 20, 2024**.

(5) Enrollment Procedure Precautions
①Enrollment procedures must be completed by the specified date. Applicants who fail to complete the procedure by the specified date will be deemed to have declined enrollment.
②Incomplete documents required for enrollment will not be accepted.
③Documents required for enrollment that arrived after the enrollment procedure period will not be accepted.
④Enrollment documents will not be returned.
⑤Applicants who lack the relevant qualifications as of **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**.

7. First-Year Payment

(1) Entrance Fee
Payment of the entrance fee is required at the time of enrollment.
①Okayama Prefecture Residents **188,000 yen**
②Non-residents **282,000 yen**
  (Notes)
  1. "Okayama Prefecture Residents" are defined as either:
    ①Individuals residing in Okayama Prefecture since September 1, 2023.
    ②Individuals whose spouse or first-degree relative has resided in Okayama Prefecture since September 1, 2023.
  2. Residency must be verified with a Certificate of Residence issued by the mayor of the relevant local government office.
    Individuals subject to Note 1-② or who have moved within Okayama Prefecture after September 2, 2023 must contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU to submit additional documents.
  3. Admission fee is subject to change. Revised admission fees shall apply from the date of revision.
  4. Entrance fees shall not be refunded except in cases ① through ③ described below. The amount of refund shall be equivalent to the amount of the entrance fee. Refund of the entrance fee is made upon request. Individuals who fall into one of the following categories and wish a refund are asked to contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by Friday, September 13, 2024 to complete the required procedures (Entrance Fee Payment Certificate is required). For Case ②, the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU will contact the relevant individual.
    ①Applicants who paid the entrance fees but did not submit the enrollment documents
    ② Applicants who paid the entrance fees but did not complete the enrollment procedures
    ③Applicants who mistakenly paid the wrong amount for the entrance fee

(2) Tuition
①Amount (Yearly amount) **535,800 yen**
②Payment Procedures Payment in two installments for the first and second semesters after enrollment
③Payment Period 1st semester; the end of July / 2nd semester; the end of Nov.
 (Note) The tuition is paid by account transfer. Please follow the necessary procedures at the time of enrollment. Tuition paid will not be refunded. Tuition is subject to change. Revised tuition shall apply from the date of revision.

(3) Insurance Fee, Supporter's Association Fee, Alumni Association Fee

①Amount

Insurance Fee*	Supporter's Association Fee	Alumni Association Fee
3,620 yen (for 3 years)	53,000 yen Admission fee 20,000 yen + Membership fee (for 3 years) 33,000 yen	10,000 yen

　*Fees for the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai), and Insurance for Accidents Involving Third Parties or Their Property for Students Covered Under Gakkensai provided by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES)

　(Note) OPU undergraduate or graduate school graduates or prospective graduates are not required to pay the supporter's association enrollment fee or alumni association fee (underlined).

②Payment Method　　　　Please pay by bank transfer when enrolling. The amount is refundable if enrollment is declined. Payment method for the fees will be announced separately.

8.　Degree Areas Written on the Doctor's Diploma

Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements for graduation from the Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering at OPU, students are awarded a doctor's degree. The degree area written on the doctor's diploma is **"Engineering"**.

9.　Subject Registration for Adult Students

Based on the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, Article 15, register extending system may be applied to working students or those who have difficulties in completing their program within a usual period.

In order to become a long-term registration student, s/he must apply for the system beforehand and be approved by the graduate school. Once approved, s/he cannot extend the period of registration or cancel the system, or apply for exemption or postponement of tuition any longer. Therefore, the student should consult with the supervisor prior to application for the system.

10.　Security Export Control

Okayama Prefectural University performs the security export control based on "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" so that education and study contents to foreign students do not obstruct maintenance of international peace and the security.

International applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may be unable to enter their desired course or program.

11.　Scholarships and Tuition Exemptions

Consultation and advice on scholarships and tuition exemptions are available following enrollment. Please contact the Student Support Team, Admission Service Section, OPU.

12.　Personal Information

Personal information obtained through the selection of entrants, etc. shall be handled in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (At No.57, 2003), and Okayama Prefectural University rules, and used only for the following matters:

① The personal information shall be used for selecting applicants(application process, screening), announcement of successful applicants, enrollment procedure, and auxiliary business. In addition, such personal information as exam performance shall be used to research and investigate for considering selecting method or improving university education. In such cases, we process the personal information not to identify the individual.

②After completion of enrollment procedure, the personal information shall be used for educational affairs (student registration, educational instruction), student support affairs (health care, tuition waiver, applying scholarship, student placement, etc.), and collecting tuition.

③The personal information of successful applicant shall be used by the alumni and supporters' associations to provide information related to their official activities.

④A part of the businesses mentioned above may be entrusted to outside business operator. In such cases, we will provide all or a part of the personal information to the party concerned at the extent necessary to perform businesses.

III Invitation from the Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering (Doctorate Course), Okayama Prefectural University

Highly-advanced information society is an integration of information processing and telecommunication technology. Informatization makes it possible for a society to share and reuse knowledge and contribute it to the growth of a wide range of fields, including industry, administration, economy, and culture. Intelligence technology is applied to install intelligent ability close to humans into computers, and such technology is contributing significantly to the advancement of industry and society. In order to respond appropriately to the diverse needs of society as it grows increasingly complex along with the progress of informatization, it is necessary to vigorously promote the development of systems and their elements as well as unification and intelligence technology from a new perspective based on informatization.

Three majors offered in the Doctorate Course of Advanced Systems Engineering provide research and education based on the application of computers to a wide range of fields.

Composition of Major & Content of Research and Education

[Electronics, Information and Communication Engineering Major]

Information processing and telecommunications, and electronic device technology are the fundamentals that support the advancement of information society. The Electronics, Information and Communication Engineering provides research and education regarding the foundation and application of optical light and electromagnetic waves, telecommunication network technology, information signal encoding, semiconductor technology and the development and application of photonic and electronic devices for management science, mathematical analysis of management information, knowledge databases for massive amounts of information, high-speed and spreading bandwidth of information telecommunications, and diverse usage.

[Mechanical and Information Systems Engineering Major]

Advancement of machine and processing technology in information society is closely related to the progress of intelligent technology and unification. The Mechanical and Information Systems Engineering provides research and education in the advancement of intelligent processing by computers and application to machine and processing control, human interface with mechanical systems, modeling and simulation of materials, movement and energy, information processing in design, and optimization and evaluation of machine and processing systems to promote intelligent technology in machine and processing systems, and the unification of design and production processes.

[Human Information Systems Engineering Major]

It is important to have a human-centered design concept, which matches human characteristics, in the design and development of machines and systems used in living environments. The Human Information Engineering helps students to analyze and understand human characteristics from the viewpoint of physical exercise, movement, behavior, and cognitive function, and provides research and education in engineering and technological development based on human-centered design and thought through the evaluation of compatibility between humans and machines.
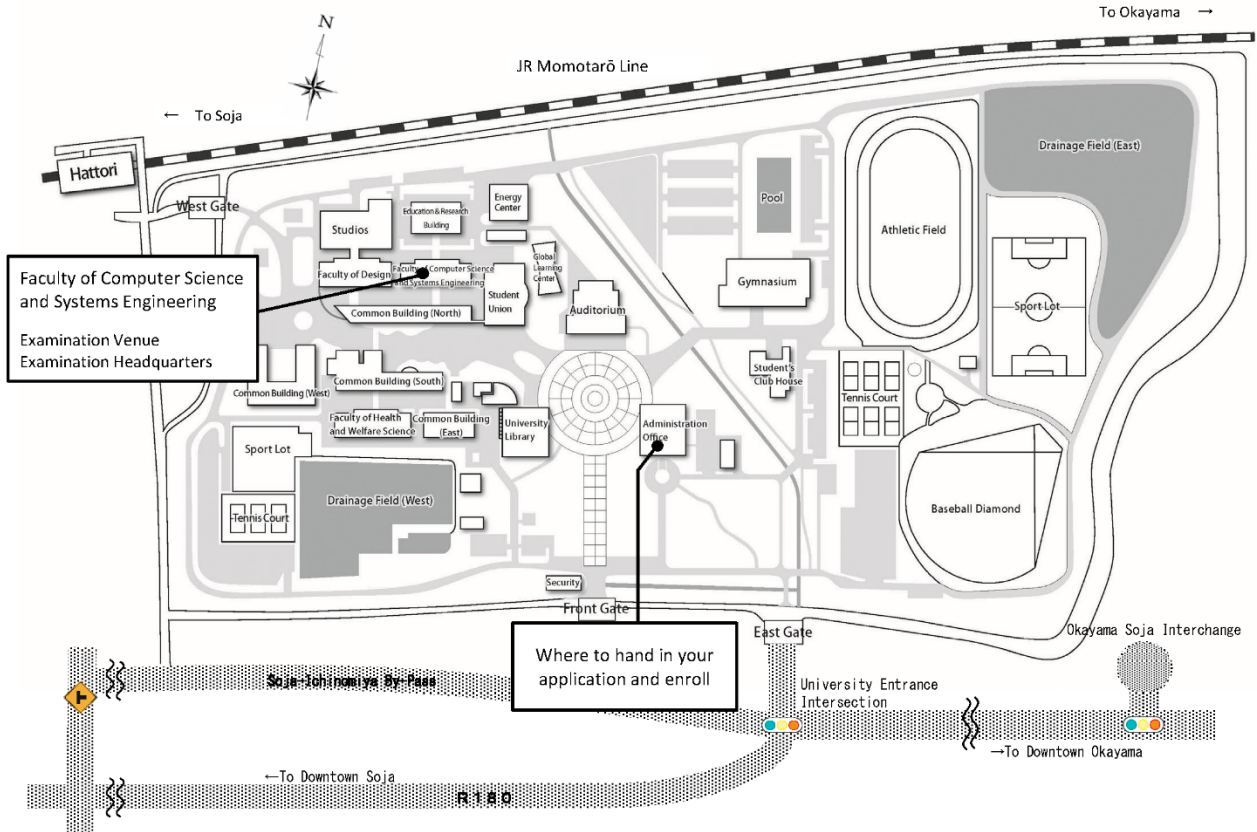
Research Supervisors and Major Research Theme

Major	Title	Name	Specialty	Research Content
Electronics, Information and Communication Engineering	Prof.	TAKIMOTO Hironori	Perceptual Information Processing, Image Engineering	(1) Modeling of perceptual information processing (2) Advancement of human sensing (3) Development of image processing technology based on visual and perceptual characteristics
		IWAHASHI Naoto	Intelligent Robotics/ Machine Learning	(1) Multimodal dialogue ability learning by robots (2) Human-robot interaction (3) Object concept learning
		SAKAKIBARA Katsumi	Communication and Network Engineering	(1) Algebraic error correcting coding theory (2) Error control protocols for communication systems (3) Random access protocols for mobile/wireless communication systems
		OKUBO Kensuke	Microwave and Millimeter wave Engineering	(1) Analysis of electromagnetic waves transmitting through microwave circuits, including magnetic substances (2) Microwave and millimeter wave circuit and device using magnetic material and metamaterial (3) High-frequency integrated circuits for mobile telecommunication
		INAI Hiroshi	Communication and Network Engineering	(1) Prediction of telecommunication system performance (2) High-speed, large-scale information network design (3) Distributed computing through information networks
		ITO Nobuyuki＊	Analog Integrated Circuit/ Device Modeling	(1) High-frequency analog integrated circuits (2) High-frequency device modeling (3) High-frequency integrated circuits for wireless telecommunication
		SUEOKA Koji	Applied Physics and Crystal Engineering	(1) LSI semiconductor substrates utilizing molecular simulation (2) Search for new materials through first-principles calculation (3) Fundamental research on physics of semiconductor surfaces and interface
	Associate Prof.	WAKABAYASHI Hideaki	Electromagnetic Theory/ Optical and Electromagnetic Wave Engineering	(1) A fundamental study of analytical theory and computational method for electromagnetic scattering and diffraction problems (2) A study on clarification and application of light and electromagnetic waves phenomenon caused by periodic and metamaterial structures
		FUKUSHIMA Takehiro	Applied Optics/ Quantum Optical Engineering	(1) Two-dimensional microcavity lasers (2) Laser chaos and its applications (3) Semiconductor lasers and related devices
Mechanical and Information Systems Engineering	Prof.	ISHII Yutaka	Human Interface	(1) Communication support via Embodied avatars (2) Human agent interactions

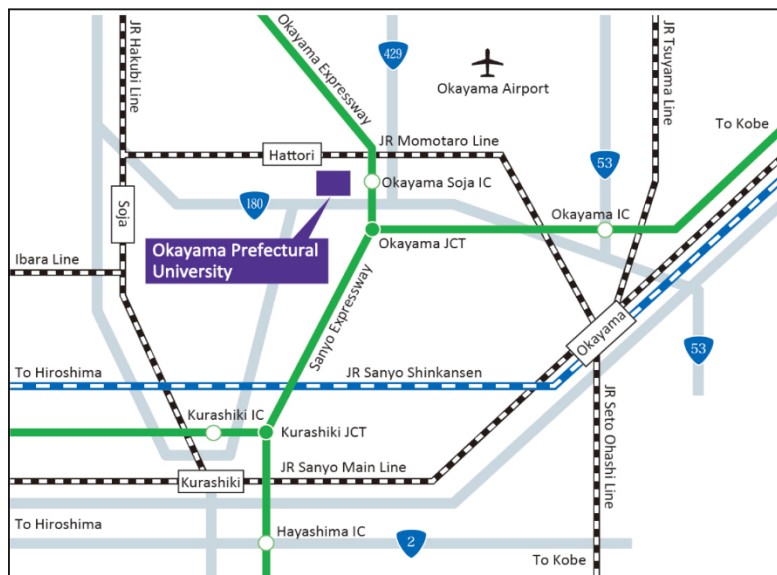| Major	Title	Name	Specialty	Research Content
Mechanical and Information Systems Engineering	Prof.	OZAKI Koichi	Mechanics of Materials/ Thermal Engineering	(1) Thermal and mechanical properties of porous medium and their application (2) Analysis of casting processes utilizing numerical simulations (3) Light metal strength properties
		TSUMAYA Akira	Design Engineering/ Manufacturing Systems	(1) Methodology for upper stage of design (2) Flexible and resilient supply chain (3) Management and usage of design/ manufacturing/ operation information
	Associate Prof.	AMASAKI Sousuke	Software Engineering	(1) Empirical study on software quality management (2) Repository data analysis on software development activities
		YOKOGAWA Tomoyuki	Dependable System/ Software Engineering	(1) Study of enhancement of reliability of software based on the formal methods (2) Study of hardware design automatic verification using the model inspection
		FUKUTA Tadao	Materials Processing Engineering/ Computational Dynamics	(1) Strength property evaluation for heat-processed materials (2) Clarification of material strengthening mechanisms utilizing molecular simulations (3) Strength properties of cast light metals
		TOKUNAGA Yoshitaka	Electrical Engineering	(1) Estimation with analytical model of electric power equipment (2) Electrical characteristics of home appliances
Human Information Systems Engineering	Prof.	SATO Yoichiro＊	Computer Engineering/ Image Engineering	(1) High performance and reliability of large-scale digital systems (2) High-functional image processing accelerators (3) High performance of medical equipment (4) High-speed conversion methods for high-resolution moving images
		YAMAUCHI Hitoshi	Image Engineering	(1) Object and motion recognition from image information (2) Image data processing
		SAITO Seiji	Human Engineering/ Exercise Physiology	(1) Study of shoes functionality with reference to usability (2) Study of influence of shoe bottom wearing and measuring method (3) Extracting characteristics for gait identification
		HARUKI Naoto	Heat Transfer Engineering	(1) Heat energy transport technology with high efficiency & low environmental load (2) Heat storage and radiation technology for comfortable spaces
		HOKARI Masaki	Instrumentation Engineering/ Sports Engineering	(1) Sports exercise measurement and quantitative evaluation of skills (2) Home security systems
	Associate Prof.	OSHITA Kazushige	Applied Bioinstrumentation, Physiological Anthropology	(1) Association between physiological parameters and health indices (2) Biometric-based measures leading to improvement of daily life and well-being

If you wish to have the faculty member whose name is marked with an asterisk as your instructor, please contact us in advance.

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Okayama Prefectural University

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To Okayama →

JR Momotarō Line

← To Soja

Hattori

West Gate

Studios

Education & Research Building

Energy Center

Faculty of Design

Faculty of Computer Science and Systems Engineering

Global Learning Center

Student Union

Common Building (North)

Auditorium

Faculty of Computer Science and Systems Engineering

Examination Venue
Examination Headquarters

Common Building (West)

Common Building (South)

Faculty of Health and Welfare Science

Common Building (East)

University Library

Administration Office

Sport Lot

Tennis Court

Drainage Field (West)

Tennis Court

Security

Front Gate

East Gate

Where to hand in your application and enroll

University Entrance Intersection

Soja-Ichinomiya By-Pass

←To Downtown Soja

R180

Pool

Athletic Field

Gymnasium

Student's Club House

Tennis Court

Sport Lot

Baseball Diamond

Drainage Field (East)

Okayama Soja Interchange

→To Downtown Okayama

Examination Venue Guide

JR Hakubi Line

Okayama Expressway

429

Okayama Airport

JR Tsuyama Line

To Kobe

JR Momotaro Line

Hattori

Soja

180

Okayama Soja IC

53

Okayama IC

Okayama Prefectural University

Okayama JCT

Ibara Line

Sanyo Expressway

To Hiroshima

JR Sanyo Shinkansen

Okayama

JR Seto Ohashi Line

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Kurashiki IC

Kurashiki JCT

JR Sanyo Main Line

Kurashiki

To Hiroshima

Hayashima IC

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To Kobe

<Transport>
A 5 minute walk from JR Momotaro Line Hattori Station(takes approximately 30 minutes from JR Okayama Station and 8 minutes from JR Soja Station)
Approximately 2.5km from the Okayama Expressway, Okayama Soja Interchange.
Approximately 18km from the center of Okayama city (via Route180) and 12km from the center of Kurashiki city (via Route 429).

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