

PROSPECTUS  
FOR  
THE DOCTORAL COURSE

Graduate School of Engineering  
KOBE UNIVERSITY

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(Starting in October , 2016)

## About Kobe University Graduate School of Engineering

Kobe University Graduate School of Engineering was established in April 2007 in the wake of the reorganization of the Graduate School of Natural Science. Both the Master's and Doctoral Courses of the Graduate School of Engineering consist of the following five departments: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Chemical Science and Engineering.

A Doctoral Degree, either a Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering or a Doctor of Philosophy, will be granted upon completion of the Doctoral Program of Graduate School of Engineering.

## Admission Policy of Kobe University Graduate School of Engineering

We welcome applications from students who:

- ( 1 ) Show enthusiasm for identifying the principles underlying natural phenomena and possess the potential to contribute to human society through science and technology.
- ( 2 ) Possess high ethical standards and are able to consider the impact of science and technology on human society.
- ( 3 ) Derive satisfaction from identifying novel challenges and finding creative solutions.
- ( 4 ) Use their international experience to increase their cultural awareness, particularly with respect to the potential applications of their research.
- ( 5 ) Demonstrate a passion for acquiring advanced and specialized academic knowledge and capabilities in order to conduct cutting-edge research.

(Where to Contact Regarding the Admission of the Doctoral Course of the Graduate School of Engineering)

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Kobe University Website:	<a href="http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/">http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/</a>

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- Application Form (Form No.1)
- Curriculum Vitae (Form No. 2)
- ID for the examination (Form No.3)
- Certificate of payment Card (Form No. 4)
- About the payment of entrance exam fee for application (Form No. 5)
- Summary of master's thesis and Research Progress Report (Form No. 6)

- ☐ Research proposal (Form No. 7)
- ☐ Self-addressed Forms (Form No. 8)
- ☐ Envelope (For sending the ID for the examination) (Form No. 9)
- ☐ Application Form for Examination of Qualification (Form No. 10)
- ☐ History of research (Form No. 11)
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I      The Doctoral Course of Graduate School of Engineering  
General Admission Guidelines

**2016 April (Term 2)**  
**Kobe University Graduate School of Engineering, the Doctoral Course**  
**Application Guidelines**

**1. Departments and the Number of Students to be Accepted**

Department	No. of Students
Architecture	8
Civil Engineering	6
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	7
Mechanical Engineering	9
Chemical Science and Engineering	8
Total	38

(Note) The number of students to be accepted includes students who go on to a doctoral course from our master's courses, foreign students and students entering from workforce.

**2. Qualification for Applicants**

Those who meet one of the following requirements have the eligibility.

- (1) Those who have obtained a master's degree or a professional degree or who are expected to do so by September 30, 2016.
- (2) Those who have obtained a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree in a foreign country or who are expected to do so by September 30, 2016.
- (3) Those living in Japan who have completed the correspondence course in a foreign-affiliated educational institution and obtained a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree or who are expected to do so by September 30, 2016.
- (4) Those who have completed the education in a foreign-affiliated university within a school educational system of a foreign country in Japan and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology limiting to those who have obtained a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree or who are expected to do so by September 30, 2016.
- (5) Those who have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred, by September 30, 2016, a degree equivalent to a Master degree from the United Nations University which was promulgated by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 11, 1972 and in accordance with the Agreement between Japan and the United Nations concerning the Act on Special Measures Incident to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (1976, Resolution 72, Article 1, Item2)
- (6) Those who have completed the curricula at a foreign university, an educational institution which is designated under Item 4 or the United Nations University and are recognized as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those given a master's degree by passing the examination and screening which are equivalent of the ones stipulated in Article 16, paragraph (2) of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (under Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Ordinance No. 28, 1974).
- (7) Those who are approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (under Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Public Notice No. 118, 1989).
- (8) Those who are 24 years of age or older and are recognized by Eligibility Screening as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to those given a master's degree or a professional degree.

【Note】 Those who intend to apply under the requirement (7) or (8) above should refer to “8. Eligibility Screening” because they are subject to screening prior to their applications.

### 3. Application Procedures

(1) Period of application and how to submit the application

**From November 9 (Mon) 2015 to November 13 (Fri) 2015 (except Saturday & Sunday)**

When you submit in person, the office hour is Monday through Friday, from 9:00 to 12:00 & 13:00-17:00.

If you submit by mail, your application documents must be postmarked by Friday, November 13, 2015. On the envelope, write “Application Documents for the Doctoral Course” in red and mail it by “express registered mail”.

(2) Mailing Address:

Kobe University Graduate School of Engineering, Students Affairs Section

1-1, Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501

Tel (078) 803-6350 (direct)

(3) Application documents

Application Documents		Applicants who are required to submit	Comments
(A)	Application Form	All Applicants	Form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No.1)
(B)	ID for the examination	All Applicants	Form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No.3)
(C)	Certificate of Payment Card	All Applicants	Form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No.4)
(D)	Photograph	All Applicants	Affix two copies of photograph to the designated places on the application form and the ID for the examination. The photograph should be 4 cm long and 3 cm wide and of upper body, taken within three months prior to submitting the application; in the picture, you should be looking straight ahead with your head uncovered.
(E)	Curriculum Vitae	All Applicants	Form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No.2)
(F)	Certificate of (Prospective) Graduation	Applicants who apply with a Qualification for Applicants (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5)	A Certificate of (Prospective) Graduation issued by the head of department or the principal of the graduate school you graduated from. If the Graduation Certificate indicated above does not show the degree you obtained, please submit a certificate of degree as well.
(G)	Academic Transcript (1)	All Applicants	Academic performance record created by the head of faculty or the principal of the university you graduated from
(H)	Academic Transcript (2)	Applicants who apply with a Qualification for Applicants (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5)	Academic performance record created by the head of department or the principal of the graduate school you graduated from

(I)	Entrance Exam Fee: ¥30,000	All Applicants	Bring the attached form of JP bank (Form No. 5) and deposit the fee from the bank; make sure to affix the proof of receipt of postal transfer for entrance exam fee to the mounting card and send it together with the application documents. (When paying from overseas, please refer to the “Guide for overseas remittance of entrance examination fees” on page 10.) Japanese government-sponsored international students who will continue to be so after enrollment do not have to pay the fee on condition that they should submit the “Certificate of Japanese Government-sponsored International Student” from the university you are currently enrolled (unless you are a student of Kobe University).
(J)	A Copy of Master’s Thesis	Applicants who have completed a master's degree program (master course)	A copy of Master’s thesis written either in Japanese or in English. If not available, please contact the Student Affairs Section of Graduate School of Engineering in advance and follow the instructions you will be provided.
	Summary of Master's Thesis	Applicants who have completed a master's degree program (master course)	A set of copies of the A4 outline written in both Japanese (approx. 2,000 words) and English (approx. 1,200 words), with a cover sheet designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No. 6). For foreign applicants, only English copy suffices.
	Research Progress Report	Applicants who are expected to complete a master's degree program (master course) or who have succeeded in eligibility screening	A set of copies of the A4 report written in both Japanese (approx. 2,000 words) and English (approx. 1,200 words), with a cover sheet designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No. 6). For foreign applicants, only English copy suffices.
	Reference Material	All Applicants	Any reference material other than indicated above may be submitted.
(K)	Research Proposal	All Applicants (except successful applicants of eligibility screening)	A copy of A4 report written in Japanese (approx.2,000 words) or English (approx. 1,200 words) with a cover sheet designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No. 7) indicating the details of your intended research and field.
(L)	Resident Certificate	Foreign Applicants	Foreign applicants should submit a Copy of Resident Certificate which is issued by the local municipality within 30 days, or a document that can take the place of the Resident Certificate. (Only for those residing in Japan)
(M)	Self-Addressed Forms	All Applicants	Write your postal number, address, and name in the form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No.8).



(N)	Envelope	All Applicants (except those who live abroad)	Write your postal code, home address and name on the envelope designated by the Graduate School of Engineering with 372 yen stamps(Form No.9).
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[Note]

- (1) No changes are allowed in the application documents once they have been received. The entrance exam fee will not be returned to an applicant except the case where the applicant did not apply or the application was not accepted.
- (2) Make sure that documents created in a foreign language other than English should be accompanied by Japanese translation with the translation accreditation issued by the public institution such as the diplomatic facilities of Japanese or foreign government.  
However in the case of submitting documents issued by Chinese universities, please make Credentials Reports sent by mail to Graduate School of Engineering, Kobe University (Registration Code: W600501) through CDGDC (China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Development Center) by the deadline for applications. The documents which are obtained and submitted by applicants themselves are not accepted in principle. You need to send the documents issued by your university to CDGDC and pay the fee. Please make sure to have Credentials Reports issued in English. For more details, please refer to its website (<http://www.cdgdc.edu.cn>).
- (3) Applicants should select a desired faculty member from the “Departments and Divisions Guidance” and indicate the name in the admission application form. Without the name of the desired faculty member’s name, the application documents will not be accepted. Also, applicants should closely contact the expected academic supervisor and create a research proposal.
- (4) For those who submit a certificate of prospective graduation, please submit a certificate of graduation when you enroll. If the certificate does not show the degree you obtain, please submit a certificate of degree as well.

#### 4. Screening Methods

Admission will be determined based on the results of academic examination together with the submitted documents.

The academic examination will take place through oral examination and interview.

- (1) Content of a master thesis or research progress report  
Examined as to whether or not the applicant has basic academic skills required for the course.
- (2) English capability (for applicants graduated from a foreign university, both English and Japanese language skills are examined)  
Examined as to whether or not the applicant has language skills required for the course.
- (3) Content of research proposal  
Examined as to whether or not the research plan meets the doctoral degree to be awarded.

#### 5. Date and Place for the Interviews

Date	Place	Remark
<b>December 8, 2015 (Tue)</b>	Graduate School of Engineering Building, Kobe University,	Applicants will be notified of time and place for the interview at a later date.

【Access to Kobe University Graduate School of Engineering Building】

Hanshin “Mikage” sta. JR “Rokkomichi” sta. or Hankyu “Rokko” sta.

Kobe Municipal Bus No. 16 (bound for Rokko Cable)

Shindai Kokusai Bunka Gakubu Mae, 5 min on foot to the Rokkodai Campus

## 6. Announcement of Successful Applicants

### December 15, 2015 (Tue) 10:00 (scheduled)

The results will be announced both on the bulletin board and via the website of Kobe University Graduate School of Engineering.

<http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/eng-ofc/kym/examinee.html>

※Successful applicants will receive the acceptance letter. Inquiries will not be accepted via telephone.

## 7. Admission Procedure

### (1) Admission procedure period and admission documents

The admission procedure period is scheduled to be around mid March 2016. The details will be mailed to each successful applicant in late February 2016 with necessary documents for the procedure.

### (2) Where the admission procedure is held

Kobe University Centenary Commemorative House (Shindai Kaikan) (scheduled)

### (3) Fees

Division		In Japanese yen	Remark
Admission fee		282,000	Admission fee should be paid during the admission procedure period.
Tuition fee	For semester	267,900	Refer to the “General Information for Successful Applicants” which will be sent in late February 2015. [In case the tuition is revised, the new fee is applied from the time of the revision.]
	Annual total	535,800	

(Note) The amounts quoted above apply to 2015.

[Note]

### (1) The admission of applicants who fall under the following items may be cancelled.

(A) Applicants who made a false declaration

(B) Applicants who did not meet the qualification requirements for applicants

### (2) The admission fee already paid will not be returned for any reason.

### (3) Admission fee and tuition fee are not required for Japanese government-sponsored international students who will continue to be so after enrollment.

## 8. Eligibility Screening

Those who intend to apply under the requirements “2. Qualification for Applicants (7) or (8)” will be screened by the following documents submitted.

### (1) Documents necessary for screening

(A) Application Form for Examination of Qualification : the application form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No. 10)

(B) Graduation certificate created by the head of faculty or the principal of the university you

graduated from

- (C) Curriculum Vitae : the form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No. 2)
- (D) History of research : created by immediate manager or representative of education/research institute or company where the research was conducted. If such a certification is unavailable, an application written by the applicant can substitute it. Use the form designated by the Graduate School of Engineering. (Form No. 11)
- (E) Research experience (A4): the outline of thesis that is “an equivalent of master’s thesis”. A set of copies written in both Japanese (approx. 2,000 words) and English (approx. 1,200 words), with a cover sheet designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No. 12). For foreign applicants, only English copy suffices.
- (F) Materials of research achievements : Index of thesis and separate print (photocopy acceptable), which are the basis of the research achievements, along with references of other achievements, if any. In case of collaborative research, attach the material clearly indicating the portion the applicant was in charge.
- (G) Research proposal (A4) : a copy of report indicating the field and research the applicant would like to explore, written either in Japanese (approx. 2,000 words) or English (1, 200 words) with a cover sheet designated by the Graduate School of Engineering (Form No. 7).
- (H) A self-addressed envelope (23.5cm long × 12cm wide with 362 yen stamps)  
Note: that those who have completed a 6-year course of medical college, dental college, or veterinary medicine are not required to submit the abovementioned (D), (E) and (F).

## (2) Period and place for submission

Your application documents must be submitted in person or by mail (simplified registered mail written “Application Form for Examination of Qualification” in red on the envelope) by Friday , October 16, 2015 to the Student Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Engineering.

Office hour (for those who hand in): Monday through Friday: 9:00-12:00 & 13:00-16:00

## (3) Announcement of the screening results

Successful applicants will be notified of the result by Friday , October 30, 2015.

## 9. Others

### 1. Admission Fee Payment Exemption

Applicants recognized as having extreme difficulties for the payment of the admission fee who fall under any of the following items and make the relevant application may be exempted from the payment of all or half the admission fee upon screening. (low income only is not qualified for the exemption.)

- (1) The person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having passed away within the year prior to admission.
- (2) The applicant or the person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having suffered from flood or storm damage within the year prior to admission.
- (3) The applicant having the reason corresponding to either of the above-mentioned and recognized by the university as having the reason.

### 2. Admission Fee Payment Deferral

Applicants who fall under any of the following items and make the relevant application may be able to defer payment of the admission fee for a certain period upon screening.

- (1) Applicants, for whom payment by the payment deadline has become difficult due to financial reasons, and recognized as having excellent academic records.
- (2) Applicants recognized for whom payment by the payment deadline has become difficult because the person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant

have passed away within the year prior to admission.

- (3) Applicants recognized for whom payment by the payment deadline has become difficult because the applicant or the person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant has suffered from flood or storm damage within the year prior to admission.
- (4) Applicants recognized for whom payment by the payment deadline has become difficult due to unavoidable circumstances other than indicated above.

### 3. Tuition Fee Payment Exemption

Applicants who fall under any of the following items and make the relevant application may be exempted from the payment of all or half of the tuition fee upon screening.

- (1) Applicants recognized as having difficulty for the payment due to financial reasons and having excellent academic records.
- (2) Applicants, except those who fall under (1), recognized as having extreme difficulty for the payment due to any of the following circumstances.
  - i The person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having passed away within a year prior to admission (when concerning the exemption of tuition fee of the term of the admission).
  - ii The applicant or the person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having suffered from flood or storm damage within a year prior to admission (when concerning the exemption of tuition fee of the term of the admission).
  - iii The applicant having the reason corresponding to either of the above-mentioned and recognized by the university as having the reason.

### 4. Handling of personal information

- (1) Kobe University complies with the legislation such as “Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Legal Entity” in using the personal information on applicants, and handles it based on the “Guideline on the Control of Personal Information Held by Kobe University”.
- (2) Personal information including the individual results of screening shall be used for screening (application procedures, conducting screening), announcement of successful applicants, enrollment procedures, and materials for reviewing the screening methods for the future.
- (3) Personal information of only enrolled students provided for the application will be used for supporting the students after the enrollment (health management, tuition fee exemption or scholarship application, etc), educational purposes such as academic instruction, tuition-fee related affairs, and other corresponding work.
- (4) Part of the operations may be outsourced to an agency. (Hereafter called “Agency”). In the case of outsourcing the operations, all or part of the personal information provided will be provided to such an Agency with nondisclosure obligation within a certain limit necessary for the Agency to execute the operations.

### 5. Preventive Measures Against Measles and Rubella

**Submission of the “Immunization Certificate” of measles and rubella vaccines (or combination vaccine of both measles and rubella vaccines such as MR vaccine), or “Antibody Test Certificate” of measles and rubella**

To prevent a possible outbreak of Measles and Rubella on campus after enrollment, Kobe

University requires all students to submit either one of the following certificates. Students entering in April must submit either one of them at the routine medical check-up for new students scheduled in early April, while students entering in October must do so at the routine medical check-up scheduled in October.

- ① Vaccination Certificate given to students who were inoculated with measles and rubella vaccines, twice for each. (Immunization Certificate)
- ② Vaccination Certificate given to students who were inoculated with measles and rubella vaccines once for each within the last five years (Immunization Certificate)
- ③ A document given to students who display adequate antibody titer in their blood to prevent developing measles or rubella within the last five years (refer to the following table). (Antibody Test Certificate)

If the antibody titer level is below the requirement yet you cannot be inoculated with the vaccine for any reason such as illness or constitution, please present the document explaining why (for example, a certificate issued by the doctor).

- \* “Vaccination Certificate” refers to a document issued by an accredited medical institute that states the type of vaccine used and the date of inoculation.
  - \* The MR vaccine (a combination vaccine of both measles and rubella) suffices for the vaccines of ① and ②.
  - \* “Antibody Test Certificate” is a document issued by an accredited medical institute showing the measurement methods and values for the antibody titer in the blood specified in the below table, and the measurement values meeting the “protective antibody titer values”.
  - \* The combination of the documents ①, ②, and ③—for example, the combination of “Vaccination Certificate” for measles(①) and “Antibody Test Certificate” for rubella (③)—is accepted.
- The maternity passbook in which the type of vaccines and the date of inoculation are specified can be used as documents for ① or ②. If it only indicates the past medical history (the record of suffering the diseases) without the test results (a proof of the diagnosis), submit either “Antibody Test Certificate” (③), or “Vaccination Certificate” (① or ②) after the inoculation.
- \* “Vaccination Certificate”, “Antibody Test Certificate”, and “A document issued by the doctor stating you cannot be inoculated with the vaccines for reason such as illness or constitution” will not affect the admission decision of screening.

Methods and Judgment Standard for Values of Protective Antibody Titer in Blood that Prevents Measles and Rubella

Division	Measurement Method	Judgment Standard	Remark
Measles	IgG—EIA PA NT	8.0 and above, positive 128 and above, positive 4 and above, positive	Has to show positive in one of the three measurement methods
Rubella	IgG—EIA HI	8.0 and above, positive 32 and above, positive	Has to show positive in one of the two measurement methods

Please use the methods indicated above to judge the titer in the blood for measles and rubella. The protective antibody value differs according to the measuring method. Also, note that the values are higher than the values considered as simply positive. If your antibody

titer level is below these values, please take the required vaccination and submit “Vaccination Certificate”.

When you go to a medical institute, please show this vaccination notification to the doctor and receive required certificates (in particular, the measurement methods and judgment standards for the antibody test).

For further information concerning the infection-control measures, contact  
Kobe University Medical Center for Students Health      TEL: 078-803-5245  
Kobe University Student Affairs Division                      TEL: 078-803-5219

\* If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact us below.

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Graduate School of Engineering,  
Kobe University,  
1-1 Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501  
TEL (078) 803-6350  
e-mail: eng-kyomugakusei@office.kobe-u.ac.jp

“Guide for overseas remittance of entrance examination fees for the 2013 Doctoral Programs at the Graduate School of Engineering, Kobe University”

The entrance examination fee is 30,000 Japanese yen. When paying from overseas, please be sure to make the payment in Japanese yen basis and remit 30,000 yen as the examination fee to the designated bank account mentioned below.

The remittance fees will be borne by the applicant, while Kobe University covers any other commissions including lifting charges or handling fees. No overseas remittance checks will be accepted.

A photocopy of the remittance request form must be attached to your application for admission.

Bank name	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
Bank code	0009
Swift Code	SMBCJPJT
Branch	Rokko
Branch Code	421
Account No.	4142727
Recipient	Kobe University

In addition, please include the following information, if necessary.

Purpose of Remittance : Entrance Examination Fee

Message to Payee, if any : Please indicate "D60 : Applicant's full name"

\* Please put "D60" before your name.

### ◎Special Education System for Students Entering From Workplace

Recently, increasing number of engineers and researchers in workforce want continued education and training as well as obtaining doctoral degrees in graduate school. However, education programs of graduate schools usually require them away from their workplace to focus on the graduate program for three years, which is likely to limit their learning opportunities. On the other hand, the "Graduate School Foundation Standard, Article 14" stipulates that "When special educational measures are recognized necessary in the courses of the Graduate School, appropriate educational measures can be taken such as providing classes or research guidance during night or certain periods." considering the students from workplace. Based on these backgrounds, the Doctoral Course of Graduate School of Engineering has conducted the special educational measures as stipulated by the statement for those students since 1995. (\*). The following items summarize the program.

1. Part of class by a faculty member upon an agreement of the member, and part of research guidance by academic supervisor upon an agreement of the supervisor, can be provided during night or a certain period.
2. If the academic supervisor recognizes that the thesis has been well under progress, and that superior facilities or equipment for the research are provided in the relevant company where outstanding performance can be expected, the student can conduct research within the company.

(\*) Then, they were provided by the "Graduate School of Natural Science", the predecessor of the Graduate School of Engineering.



## II Introduction of the Doctoral Course of Graduate School of Engineering

### **1. Philosophy and Features of Curriculum**

The doctoral degree program of the Graduate School of Engineering provides highly-specialized education integrating the master's degree program based on the policy of cultivating human resources after the course completion; at the same time, an individual-based instruction is provided for new students from the doctoral course. The Graduate School of Engineering features the curriculum organization as indicated below.

The current courses of the Master's and the Doctoral Degree Program, which meet the students' demand for learning while covering subdivided and diversified disciplines of engineering, are the outline of the curriculum of the Graduate School of Engineering, into which the course work and multi-major education are incorporated.

### **2. Features of Doctoral Program Education**

Fostering the Interdisciplinary Perspectives :

The combination of "Advanced Study on Advanced Integrated Science II" (optional course)—the cross-graduate-school course of our five Graduate Schools of natural science (Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Marine, and System Informatics)—and specialized course (optional course) of other Graduate Schools or other departments fosters the interdisciplinary perspectives.

Measures Taken for New Students Enrolled from Other Graduate Schools of Kobe University :

New students who enrolled in the doctoral course of the Graduate School of Engineering from other graduate schools of Kobe University may be instructed to take courses in the master's degree program if considered necessary.

Doctoral Degree Accreditation Process :

We provide the research progress presentation for research concept, research progress, and future research plan during both the 1st year and 2nd year in order to instruct the students to create appropriate doctoral thesis. In the 3rd year, the research result presentation is conducted, and if the research result is acknowledged as superior, the student can proceed to submitting the doctoral thesis and reviewing (including the doctoral thesis presentation). The entire department makes concerted effort in conducting research progress presentation, research results presentation, and the doctoral thesis presentation so that each department can be involved in guiding the students' research. For those who are finished early, the research result presentation and the doctoral thesis presentation are conducted during the 1st or the 2nd year.

### **3. Departments and Divisions of the Graduate School of Engineering**

The Graduate School of Engineering has five departments: Architecture, Civil engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Chemical Science and Engineering.

#### **( 1 ) Architecture**

The Department of Architecture aims to create a variety of spaces and areas in daily lives and social lives. The targets include not only the requirements of current days—comfort and convenience as part of environment, or enough strength for safety—, but the creation of architectures that are environmentally-friendly allowing for the sustainable development is also sought after in these days. Instead of focusing only on successive creation of building in the past, what is needed now is to create new buildings that can coexist more harmoniously with the earth and the natural environment, while, at the same time, succeeding the human environment that has been built by the humans and the society for long years until now. In this department, based on the human's eternal challenges as such, we provide the education and research to foster the human resources who can consider architecture not only as single entity but also as part of regional and urban spaces as well as ecological environment directly connected with the earth. To this end, The Department of Architecture consists of the following four divisions: Spatial Design, Architectural Planning History and Theory, Engineering of Building Structures, and Architectural Environment Engineering.

#### **Spatial Design**

The Division of Spatial Design aims to provide synthetic theory establishment and practical education and research on the creation of space, which include architectural and urban design, housing and community design, structural engineering and design building management.

### Architectural Planning, History, and Theory

The Division of Architectural Planning, History, and Theory provides the basic education and research on the basic architectural design including history and theory of architecture, conservation and renovation planning of historical environment, planning of human living, housing and regions, urban and architectural safety planning, architectural planning, and urban planning.

### Engineering of Building Structures

The Division of Engineering of Building Structures provides education and research on structural safety engineering, dynamic behaviors and architectural analyses of building materials (members and joint parts of structures), quake-resistant safety of structures and vibration suppression, improvement of performance, and structural systems.

### Architectural Environmental Engineering

The Division of Architectural Environmental Engineering provides the education and research on analysis and control of acoustical, thermal, aerial, and lighting environment in buildings and analysis and planning of regional and urban environments.

## ( 2 ) Civil Engineering

We welcome students who are ambitious to become the pillars of public service demanded by the citizen and society, to foster the human resources with broader interdisciplinary perspectives embracing the traditional civil engineering fields, as well as high-level practical skills and expertise. “New Civil Engineering (public engineering) in the 21 century” focuses on engineering of wider fields embracing urban redevelopment, citizen participation, and globalization, based on the education of creating safe cities and regions against natural and social disasters, and the education of conserving the environment where cities and regions living in symbiosis with nature, and the education of maintaining and reviving urban facilities. To this end, the Department of Civil Engineering consists of Engineering of Human Security, and Engineering of Environmental Symbiosis.

### Engineering of Human Safety

As basic research fields to create safe cities and regions against natural disasters and social disasters such as terrorism and accidents, the Division of Engineering of Human Safety provides education and research on structural safety engineering, geotechnical safety engineering, and transportation system engineering concerning social safety, and geo-disaster engineering, earthquake-disaster prevention engineering, and flood control engineering concerning the prevention of urban disasters.

### Engineering of Environmental Symbiosis

As basic research fields to aim for conserving environment and maintaining/reviving urban facilities that allows for cities and regions living in symbiosis with nature, the Division of Engineering of Environmental Symbiosis provides education and research on environmental fluid engineering, hydrospheric environment engineering, and geo-environmental engineering concerning the environmental preservation of cities and regions, and wide-area environment engineering, urban safety & security engineering, and urban management engineering concerning the maintenance and revival of cities and regions living in symbiosis with the nature.

## ( 3 ) Electrical and Electronic Engineering

The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering shares the academic as well as technological bases with various research fields including computer information processing system, information and telecommunications, computer science, quantum mechanics, and optical electromagnetic theory. In the department, we aim for fostering the human resources with highly specialized basic academic skills and basic research capabilities in the master’s degree program; and we aim for fostering the human resources processing further advanced and pioneering research capabilities in the doctoral degree program. To this end, we provide the systematic education and research—from basics to most advanced—on science and technology that assume the core role of the modern society; and the basic theories and technologies required for establishing the new nano-materials, devices, hardware, software, wearable computing technology, and system engineering for the coming highly advanced information society, and its progress and new development. To be more specific, the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering consists of two divisions, Physical Electronics, and Computer and Information, which are functionally integrated and provide the education and research on 1) electronics materials properties and device physics as the basis of electronics, 2) theories and technologies of information exchange, transmission, and processing, 3) conversion, transmission, and control of electrical energy, and basics of new energy system.

#### Physical Electronics

The Division of Physical Electronics provides education and research on solving the mechanism of quantum mechanical interaction between electrons and light in various electrical materials such as semiconductors, developing new electrical materials, building the models of nano-devices and molecular devices incorporating the quantum behaviors of electronics, and developing new devices and systems with a view to applying the electrical energy.

#### Computer and Information

The Division of Computer Information provides education and research on information mathematics, information processing, information transmission, and information recognition to realize highly advanced computer information processing and communication systems, as well as the design and configuration of computer information device including the large-scale integrated circuit (LSI).

#### ( 4 ) Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical engineering is a discipline that serves to the bases for supporting the industrial society and the information society. In the Department of Mechanical Engineering, we provide the education and research on a wide range of mechanical and related fields from design, manufacturing, and control of the mechanical system that is highly complicated and diversified, while maintaining the harmony with the society and the environment, by synthesizing and integrating a number of cutting-edge and highly functionalized elemental technologies from both hardware and software including the environment, energy, nanotechnology, robotics, and design and manufacturing systems.

In the master's degree program, we foster the human resources possessing advanced, specialized basic academic skills and basic research development capability as well as high moral value and an international mindset required for the leader of the future society; in the doctoral degree program, we foster the human resources who have the interdisciplinary sense and capability of performing creative researches and development. To this end, the Department of Mechanical Engineering consists of the following three divisions: Thermo-Fluid Dynamics, Mechanics and Physics of Materials, and Design and Manufacturing.

#### Thermo-Fluid Dynamics

The Division of Thermo-Fluid Dynamics aims to solve the complicated, diversified generative mechanism and transportation mechanism of the fluid energy and thermal energy, to achieve their higher efficiency, and also provides the general education and research on thermal and fluid energies from a wider perspective of the environment by systematically reviewing energy conversion.

#### Mechanics and Physics of Materials

The Division of Mechanics and Physics of Materials provides education and research with a view to acquiring the basics of nanotechnology through evaluating the function, strength, and stability of the properties of solid structure, composition, and dynamics, by defining them from micro-, mezzo- and nano-hierarchies and constructing their organic interrelations, and through designing the function of the surfaces and interfaces.

#### Design and Manufacturing

The Division of Design and Manufacturing provides education and research on the system design, system analyses, intelligent robot, control theory, emergent system, and next-generation processing technology covering wide phenomena—from micro to macro—of mechanical element technology, mechanical system, and social systems, and also the integration of them.

#### ( 5 ) Chemical Science and Engineering

The Department of Chemical Science Engineering offers consistent education and research by, based on the new norms, extensively integrating the range of contents including the basic chemistry of molecular levels, the provision of functionality for chemical substances and materials consisting of molecules, discovery of functionality, engineering application of biological functions to the creation of substances and manufacturing technologies, creating the actual macro industrial scales, and manufacturing technologies and systems, to foster researchers and engineers who will lead the chemical industry of the future on a global scale. We provide education and research on the following: the analyses of structure and properties of molecular/nano order of chemical substances; creation of substances and materials of advanced functionality; developing biomaterials including biotic function applied technology and bioreactors; enhancing chemical engineering, manufacturing technology, and separation/purification technologies; and basic and application of the collective process system analyses. To this end, the Department of Chemical Science and Engineering consists of the following divisions:

## Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

### Applied Chemistry

The Division of Material Science provides education and research on mechanism clarification of functional development and new substances creation technology based thereon, from the engineering perspective, by providing precise, advanced functionality to chemical substances and materials, and creation of functionality, designed for a wide range of groups including from atomic, molecular level substances to nano-, mezzo-, and macro-substances, with an aim to combining the world of atoms and molecules made thereof and various functions created by the convergence of molecules.

### Chemical Engineering

The Division of Chemical Engineering provides education and research on useful substances, high efficiency of energy, and development of low environmental load manufacturing process by developing new materials and reactive, catalytic substances, establishing the control method of reactive, transfer phenomena, and creating new manufacturing process, based on the finding of intermolecular interaction, biological molecular functions/substances and energy transfer phenomena during the substance and energy conversion process based on the chemical and biological reaction.