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**Department of Applied Biological Chemistry/ Biotechnology
Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences
The University of Tokyo
Admissions Guide - Master's Course
(General Admissions / Special Admissions for Working Adults)
Academic Year 2025**

The following is a supplement to the Application Guideline for the 2025 for the Master's Course, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo.

<Schedule A>

1. Application Period

From Wednesday, June 19, 2024 (10:00 a.m.) to Tuesday, June 25, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)
Please read the Application Guideline carefully before applying.

2. Written Examinations

(1) Foreign Language (English)

Applicants must take the TOEFL-ITP (LEVEL 1) administered by the Graduate School.

For details, please refer to "7. Written Examination (Foreign Languages)" in the Application Guideline.

(2) Specialized Subjects

Basic Chemistry is required, and in addition to this, three subjects must be selected at the time of examination from the following seven elective subjects: 1) Analytical Chemistry, 2) Biological Chemistry, 3) Organic Chemistry · Natural Products Chemistry, 4) Microbiology, 5) Molecular Biology, 6) Plant Physiology · Plant Nutrition · Soil Science, 7) Food Science.

However, those applying only for Bioinformatics and Bioinformatics Analysis in the Department of Biotechnology have, at the time of examination, the option to select 1 subject from the above 7 subjects and take 8) Bioinformatics and Computational Biophysics as a second elective subject.

In addition, "Basic Chemistry" will give questions about basic content from "Chemistry" of previous General Subjects.

The examination will be conducted in a face-to-face written format (questions will be given in Japanese and to be answered in Japanese or English).

3. Oral Examination

This department does not conduct oral examinations.

4. Examination Dates

Examination Subjects		Date and Time	Examination Venue
Written Examination	Foreign Language (TOEFL-ITP)	Thursday, August 8, 2024 9:15~11:45	Notification will be made in the "Guidelines for Examinees".
	Specialized Subjects	Thursday, August 8, 2024 Selected subject 13:00~15:45 Basic Chemistry 16:00~17:00	

(Note) Examination times are subject to change.

5. Documents to be submitted

Documents to be submitted should be (a) through (h), (j) and (k) in accordance with "10. Application Documents" in the Application Guideline.

The documents "(k) Documents required to be submitted by the department " should be submitted as shown in the table below.

Confirmation (Two letters)	Complete the prescribed form downloaded from the Graduate School's website (https://www.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/pstudents_e/g_courses.html) and upload the PDF file to the Web Entry System.
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6. October Admission

Those who meet the application qualifications specified in the Application Guideline are allowed to apply for admission in October 2024. Applicants must upload the form "(j) Application for admission in October" from "10. Application Documents" in the Application Guideline to the Web Entry System during the application period.

7. Other matters

(1) Notes on inputting information into the Web application system

- a. If an applicant's first choice for a department is different from his/her second choice of department (for example, if an applicant to the Department of Applied Biological Chemistry has the Department of Biotechnology as a second choice of specialization or an applicant to the Department of Biotechnology selects the Department of Applied Biological Chemistry as a second choice for specialization), they should apply to the department of their first choice.
- b. All designated fields must be filled in. If any fields are not filled in, the application will be treated as incomplete.
- c. Enter both the field of specialization and the name of your first two choice of faculty advisors, referring to the "List of faculty members and their fields of specialization" in the Application Guideline. Enter faculty members with different areas of expertise in the first and second choice columns. You are not required to enter a name in the second choice column if you do not have a second choice.

Also, if there are any changes in the faculty members, etc., "List of faculty members and their fields of specialization " will be updated. Please check the latest version of the "List of faculty members and their fields of specialization" in the Application Guideline before applying.

- d. You do not have to enter the "Specialized Subject" column in the "Examination Subject" column. *Selection is to be made at the time of examination.
 - e. Please enter your history up to the date of (expected) graduation from a university. Applicants for the Special Admissions for Working Adults must also enter their employment history.
 - f. If you have jumped years or have been educated outside Japan, please contact the Graduate Student Section, Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (see "14. Inquiries and Contacts" in the Application Guideline) for information on how to enter your educational background.
- (2) Since two letters of confirmation signed by both your first and second choice academic advisors are required as part of the application documents, please contact your two choices for academic advisors well in advance of the application.
 - (3) Refer to the Graduate School's website or the information in the Application Guideline for where to obtain previous years' questions.
 - (4) If you have any questions about the entrance examination for this department, please contact the Department of Applied Biological Chemistry/ Biotechnology (see "Contact Information for Each Department" in the Application Guideline).
 - (4) Please read carefully the Application Guideline and this Admission Guide for the Graduate School Admission Examination. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Graduate Student Section, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (see "14. Inquiries and Contacts" in the Application Guideline) well in advance.

<Schedule B>

1. Application Period

From Thursday, November 21, 2024 (10:00 a.m.) to Wednesday, November 27, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)

Please read the Application Guideline carefully before applying.

2. Written Examinations

(1) Foreign Language (English)

Submit official TOEFL-iBT or TOEFL-iBT Home Edition scores.

For details, please refer to "7. Written Examination (Foreign Languages)" in the Application Guideline.

Please note that these departments require applicants to have already obtained a score at the time of application.

In other words, be sure to check "(1) I have a specific score to submit (score already obtained)" in the Web Entry System at the time of application and perform the following (a) and (b) on the Web Entry System during the application period.

(a) Register (enter) the Appointment Number and test date of the score to be submitted.

(b) Upload the scanned data (PDF) of the Test Taker Score Report in (a) above.

(2) Special Subjects

Basic Chemistry is required. In addition to this, three subjects must be selected at the time of application from the following seven elective subjects: 1) Analytical Chemistry, 2) Biological Chemistry, 3) Organic Chemistry · Natural Products Chemistry, 4) Microbiology, 5) Molecular Biology, 6) Plant Physiology · Plant Nutrition · Soil Science, 7) Food Science.

However, those applying only for Bioinformatics and Bioinformatics Analysis in the Department of Biotechnology have the option to select 1 subject from the above 7 elective subjects at the time of application and take 8) Bioinformatics and Computational Biophysics as a second elective subject.

In addition, "Basic Chemistry" will give questions about basic content from "Chemistry" of previous General Subjects.

The examination will be conducted in a face-to-face written format (questions will be given in English and to be answered in English or Japanese).

3. Oral Examination

This department does not conduct oral examinations.

4. Selection by Admissions Office (AO) method

Applicants who wish to apply may be selected by the AO method. For details, please refer to the "Supplementary Information on Selection by AO Method for the Master's Program in Applied Biochemistry and Applied Biotechnology (Schedule B)".

Applicants who pass the screening through the AO method are exempted from the written examination.

Furthermore, even if you are not selected by the AO method (given a “No” result), you may still take the General Admissions or the Special Admissions for Working Adults.

5. Examination Dates

The examination will be held from Thursday, January 30 to Friday, February 7, 2025.

The date, time, and other details of the examination will be notified in the "Guidelines for Examinees" to be sent to examinees by e-mail in early January 2025.

6. Documents to be submitted

Documents to be submitted should be (a) through (k) in accordance with "10. Application Documents" in the Application Guideline.

The documents "(k) Documents required to be submitted by the department " should be submitted as shown in the table below.

Confirmation (One letter)	Complete the prescribed form downloaded from the Graduate School's website (https://www.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/pstudents_e/g_rcourses.html) and upload the PDF file to the Web Entry System.
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7. October Admission

Those who meet the application qualifications specified in the Application Guideline may apply for admission in October 2025. Applicants must upload the "(j) Application for admission in October" from "10. Documents to be Submitted" in the Application Guideline to the Web Entry System during the application period.

8. Other matters

(1) Applicants for Schedule B of this major must meet (2) and (3) of "1. Eligibility Requirements" in the Application Guideline. However, if those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a Japanese university, have at any stage graduated (or are expected to graduate) from a program of education, including primary and secondary education, in a language other than Japanese will be screened for application eligibility, so please contact the Graduate Student Section, Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (see "14. Inquiries and Contacts" in the Application Guideline) by Wednesday, October 9, 2024, and follow the instructions given by the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences. After evaluation, applications will be accepted from those who have been approved, and they will be permitted to take the examination.

(2) Notes on inputting information into the Web Entry System

- a. All the designated fields must be filled in. If any field is not filled in, the applicant will be treated as incomplete.
- b. When entering the field of specialization and the name of the academic advisor for you first choice, refer to the "List of faculty members and their fields of specialization" in the Application Guideline. You are not required to enter a name in the second choice field. You do not need to enter your second choice.

Also, if there are any changes in the faculty members, etc., "List of faculty members and their fields of specialization " will be updated. Please check the latest version

of the "List of faculty members and their specialties" in the Application Guidebook before applying.

- c. Be sure to enter the name of the subject you will take in the "Specialized Subject" column. *Selection to be made at the time of application.
 - d. Please enter your history up to the date of (expected) graduation from a university. Applicants for the Special Admissions for Working Adults must also enter their employment history.
 - e. If you have jumped years or have been educated outside Japan, please contact the Graduate Student Section, Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (see "14. Inquiries and Contacts" in the Application Guideline) for information on how to enter your educational background.
- (3) Since a letter of confirmation signed by your selected academic advisor is required as part of the application documents, please contact the academic advisor well in advance of the application.
 - (4) Refer to the Graduate School's website or the information in the Application Guideline for where to obtain previous years' questions.
 - (5) If you have any questions about the entrance examination for this department, please contact the Department of Applied Biological Chemistry/ Biotechnology (see "Contact Information for Each Department" in the Application Guideline).
 - (6) Please read carefully the application guidelines and this Admission Guide for the Graduate School Admission Examination. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Graduate Student Section, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (see "14. Inquiries and Contacts" in the Application Guideline) well in advance.