

Design the Future

PCP



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## Professional Career Programme [PCP]

Building an International Career  
through a Practical Economics Education in English



The Professional Career Programme (PCP) is one of the three pillars of education at the Mita campus of the Faculty of Economics at Keio University. Like the other two pillars; the 'Seminar' and 'Independent Study', class sizes in PCP are small. PCP offers an opportunity for students in the third and fourth year of university to receive a practical economics education in English. It caters to students who plan to build a career in an internationalised environment, such as graduate schools outside Japan and international organisations.

Students who earn credits for all the necessary classes receive a PCP Certificate upon graduation. The Certificate is signed by the President of Keio University, as well as the Dean of the Faculty of Economics. In their first year in the programme (third year at University), PCP students spend the Spring term taking courses in Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics. At the beginning of the Autumn term, they choose one of the five courses; Law and Economics, Finance, Public Policy, International Economics and Environmental Economics. In the remaining three terms in the Programme, students take classes within their chosen course, and write papers jointly and individually.

The programme was created with the goal to turn out competent, open-minded Japanese that can become global leaders that 'design the future'. We train students to make economic logic a part of their thought-cycle, and teach them the basics in their chosen field in economics. Students acquire quantitative methods in economics as well as research skills, and learn the framework of policy analysis. All lectures, examinations and communications with the PCP Co-ordinator are conducted in English, and exposure to a third language is strongly encouraged.

Now we are increasing our effort to welcome eligible students from around the world, to be educated alongside Japanese and other Keio students.

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Small Class Size

Practical  
Economics Education

In English

- Making economic logic a part of the thought cycle
- Learning the basics of the chosen fields in economics, understanding the analytical framework of policy discussions
- Acquiring quantitative analytical methods

- Building a solid foundation for research through writing and presenting papers
- Foreign language skills with focus on a professional career

Law and  
Economics

Finance

Public Policy

International  
Economics

Environmental  
Economics

The goals of PCP

From a student

PCP expands my horizon

Third year student, Faculty of economics, Keio University **Hiroyuki HOSHI**

I did not have a very good idea of what I wanted to do, when I entered university. This changed completely during my second year. I got in charge of planning and executing a symposium for students from around the world. There I met students who were 'enjoying economics 120%', and was inspired by them. I wanted to be like them, and that was why I chose to join PCP. In PCP classes, I can learn international economics with a flexible approach, alongside highly motivated classmates. I think my possibilities for the future expand, by learning in PCP.



▼ A Sample of the PCP Certificate



Ceremony to confer the PCP Certificate▲

Third and fourth year students who are admitted through an examination  
Ten to thirty students for each Course

The third and fourth years at University

The Students

Period

Syllabus

■ An Example of a PCP Course (The International Economics Course)

\* indicates classes that are optional

	3rd year (Spring)	3rd year (Autumn)	4th year (Spring)	4th year (Autumn)
Economic theory sequence	Microeconomics			
	Macroeconomics			
Major subject sequence		International Trade Development Economics	Open Economy Macroeconomics Open Economy Macroeconomics	
Methodology sequence	Applied Econometrics	Fieldwork		
	Presentation and Discussion Skills*	Reading and Composition*	Academic Writing	Independent Study

Plan for the  
Academic Year  
2007

- Lectures by researchers and policy authorities from Japan and abroad
- Enhancement of educational materials
- Laptop computers on loan to PCP students
- Summer Schools and Internships
- Association with the Graduate School of Economics at Keio University
- Association with Graduate Schools abroad

- Expanded Fieldwork and Independent Study classes
- Tutoring by graduate students as TAs
- Encouragement to learn a third language
- Studies abroad through the International Center
- Accepting exchange students through the International Center (approximately ten students in 2007)

Students that aspire and inspire

Professor of economics and PCP Co-ordinator, Keio University **Sahoko KAJI**

PCP students are students who aspire and inspire. All students in the programme are encouraged to have an open mind, open towards each other and towards the world. Every year, Keio students from other Asian countries also join the programme, and exchange students register for PCP classes. They all seem to enjoy each others' company. Studying economics in English is not easy, even to students who have spent their childhood in an English-speaking environment. As they strive to become an internationally active global citizen, it is a joy and privilege to be a witness and aid in this process.

■ The educational service offered before PCP

Lectures

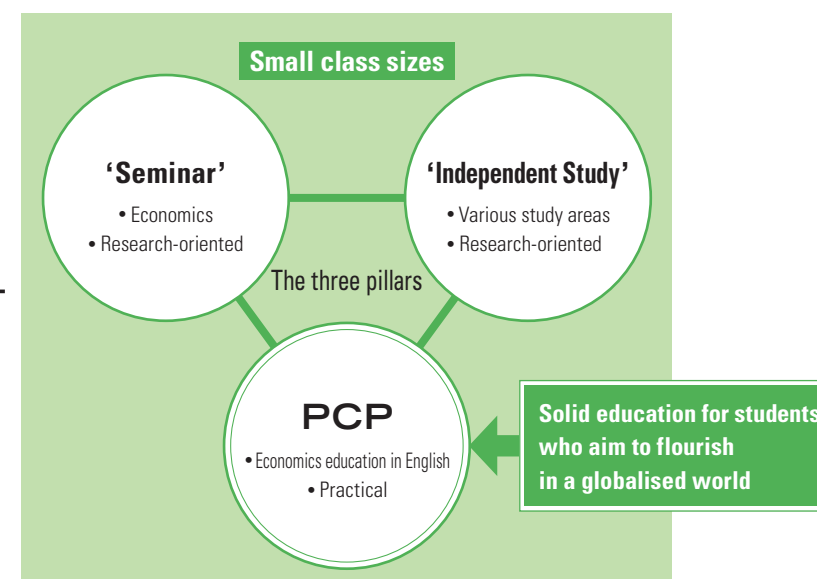
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‘Seminar’ with emphasis on research

■ The new educational service including PCP

Lectures

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Revitalising the entire student body

Turning out competent researchers

Turning out globally active graduates

# Keio University Faculty of Economics