

PEARL Information Session (26th August, 2017)

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About Keio University

Keio University is a private, comprehensive higher educational institution located on six campuses spread across the Greater Tokyo area.

Founded in 1858 by Yukichi Fukuzawa, Keio was Japan's first private institutions of modern higher learning.

Keio is recognized both nationally and internationally for its quality as a university. In 2016, The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) placed Keio University 33rd in the world and 5th in Asia.

About Keio Economics

The Faculty of Economics at Keio is one of the leading economics departments in Japan.

The Faculty of Economics at Keio also boasts the largest number of professors and students of any economics faculty in Japan.

Keio economics alumni hold positions of leadership in politics, business, and academia.

Each year, about 350 of our graduates find employment in Fortune Global 500 companies.

PEARL is an acronym for Programme in Economics for Alliances, Research and Leadership

Alliances because we produce graduates who build economic alliances in Asia and beyond, and because we are an international hub of economics research and education.

Research because by following the Keio tradition of “han-gaku, han-kyo” (learning while teaching, teaching while learning), professors and students work together to produce globally recognised research and researchers.

Leadership because as intended by our founder, Yukichi Fukuzawa, our graduates are destined to become leaders who design the future.

Why PEARL?

PEARL is Keio at its most traditional, and at its most innovative. PEARL is designed to help minds grow in wisdom and knowledge like pearls grow in beauty and lustre.

- PEARL is All-English BA/MA Degree Programme, which offers a world-class education in liberal arts and advanced economics.
- Admission is limited to 100 students.
- The academic year begins in September.
- PEARL is designed to foster the global leaders of tomorrow.

PEARL Offers:

- The opportunity to earn a Bachelor's and a Master's degree within five years.
- Lectures by professors from partner universities abroad, and two-way distance learning using the internet and other resources.
- A chance to study abroad at one of our many partner universities.
- A chance to apply to our BA and/or MA Double Degree Programmes with the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Bocconi University in Milan, HEC Paris or CEMS
- Classes in economics and the modernisation of Japan, as well as business-related classes and internships.
- Intensive Japanese language courses for international students interested in working at Japanese companies or institutions.
- Membership in Mita-kai, a strong global network of Keio alumni who are active in the private and public sectors.
- An ideal location in one of the world's safest and most cosmopolitan cities.

Curriculum at the Hiyoshi Campus: the first and second years

Students in the first and second years are required to take courses in Liberal Arts (General Education), Foreign Languages and Introductory economics.

Liberal Arts: Natural Sciences/Mathematics, Humanities/Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary

Languages: English, German, French, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese (Non-native Japanese speakers only)

Economics and Related Classes, Mandatory Classes:

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Economic History
- Introduction to the Japanese Economy
- Historical Perspectives in Economic Analysis
- Statistics

Mandatory Elective or Elective Classes:

- Econometrics
- History of Economic Thought
- Economics and Environment
- Marxian Economics
- Mathematics (Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory)

Curriculum at the Mita Campus: the third and fourth years

Students in the third and fourth years are required to learn advanced level economics and be ready to write a graduation thesis or research paper.

Fields:

- Economic Theory
- Econometrics and Statistics
- History of Economic Thought
- Economic History
- Labor and Industrial Economics
- Economic Policy and Public Finance
- Modern Economic Systems
- International Economics
- Environmental and Urban Economics
- Economy and Society

Advanced courses:

- Research Seminar
- Professional Career Programme (PCP)
- Independent Research Project

BA/MA Five Year Programme with HEC:

- HEC (The “Etablissement d'Enseignement Supérieur Consulaire Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Paris”) is one of the most selective French grandes écoles created in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- Students enrolled in PEARL at Keio are eligible to apply to the BA/MA Five Year Programme with HEC.
- Keio PEARL students study for 3 years at Keio, then 2 years at HEC.
- If they meet the requirements, they will be awarded a BA in Economics from Keio after their 4th year and a Master in Management from HEC after their 5th year in the programme.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama>

Other Options for Studying Abroad:

- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Sciences Po
- Double Degree Programme with Sciences Po
- Double Degree Programme with Università Bocconi
- University-wide Exchange Programmes
- Faculty-wide Exchange Programmes
- Short-term Programmes

and more programmes are coming soon.

Application Schedule for 2018 Entry and Application Documents:

The information can be found on the following page:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

Admissions Statistics 2016-17:

	Number of Applicants			Number of Successful Applicants		
	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities
2016	307	137 : 170	175 : 132	143	50 : 93	85 : 58
2017	498	257 : 241	299 : 199	187	84 : 103	103 : 84

For more information, please read the Application Guidebook for September 2018 Entry available at <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

Tuition and Application Fee

Application Fee: Applicants are required to pay an application fee of JPY 35,000.

Tuition: FY2017	(JP Yen)
Admission Fee	200,000
Registration Fee	60,000
Tuition Fee	850,000
Facilities Fee	190,000
Other Fees	8,350
Total (1st year)	1,308,350
Total (2nd-4th year)	1,108,250

There is no additional fee for participating in and completing the PEARL programme.

Students' Housing Information:

Extremely limited availability, especially to September entrants.

These links provide some information:

- Housing for Japanese students:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/housing.html>

- Housing for international students (students who stay in Japan with a student visa):

http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/housing/ryu_boshu.html

Q & A about the PEARL programme

Q. Can PEARL students have a chance to study abroad?

A. All PEARL students can apply to exchange programmes with foreign universities.

PEARL students can apply to the exchange programmes which Keio University has with over one hundred top universities representing their countries in Asia, Oceania, North America, South America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Please see pages 15-16 in the following booklet:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/assets/download/about/learn-more/publications/index/keio-university-academics-en.pdf>

Furthermore, the faculty of economics has its own exchange programmes with the following universities:

- HEC Paris (Undergraduate students only) (France)
- Bochum University, Faculty of East Asian Studies (Graduate students only) (Germany)
- Goethe University Frankfurt, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (Germany)
- Leipzig University, Faculty of Economics and Management Science (Germany)
- University of Cologne (Germany)
- University of Mannheim, Department of Economics (Germany)
- Bocconi University (Italy)
- Yonsei University, College of Business and Economics (Korea)
- University of St. Gallen (Switzerland)
- National Taiwan University, College of Social Science (Taiwan)
- Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Economics (Thailand)
- University of California, Education Abroad Program (U.S.A)
- University of South Carolina-Darla Moore School of Business (Undergraduate students only) (U.S.A)

and more

Q. What is the goal of PEARL? What are strengths of PEARL?

A. PEARL aims to turn out graduates who can design the future, ready to tackle the challenging issues and thrive in the global arena. Unlike many other all-English programmes in Japan, we are a programme focused on economics, offering world-class education in liberal arts and advanced economics. Our strengths are the faculty members who are world-class researchers and educators at the same time, and the strong tradition of Keio as an incubator of economic and political leaders with a world-wide network.

Q. What is the intention behind creating the PEARL programme?

A. A key word is “diversity”. We welcome students with diverse backgrounds and aim at turning out graduates who understand cultural sensitivities, who can think outside the box and hit the ground running. This would be beneficial not just to Keio but also for the entire economy and society.

Q. Can PEARL compete globally with other programmes in English at other universities and around the world?

A. Teaching in Japanese means universities and faculties are protected by what some have called the “language barrier”. We chose to remove this barrier and to enter the global arena of competition, because we were ready for it.

Q. Who will be faculty members?

A. All of the Japanese professors have degrees from foreign universities and/or experiences of research abroad. Our faculty includes scholars from Germany, France, the UK, Korea, China, Australia, the USA. We will also invite professors from our partner universities from all over the world.

Q. PEARL students start in September, the other students start in April. Would this be a source of confusion and or concern?

A. We already have students who start at Keio in September. These are students in the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po, and other exchange programmes. If anything, such students have positive influences on the students already at Keio, expanding the latter's horizons and encouraging flexibility.

Q. What subjects can I study in the PEARL Programme?

A. The curriculum for PEARL is nearly identical to the regular BA programme offered in Japanese by the Faculty of Economics at Keio. As a reference, here is the page explaining our curriculum: <http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/curriculum>

Q. How big are the classes in the PEARL programme?

A. Classes vary in size. Major subject classes are mandatory, so all of the approximately 100 PEARL students will be taking them. Classes for which you have choices, such as language classes and seminar classes will be much smaller.

Q. Can I take both PCP and Research Seminar courses at the same time?

A. There are no rules against that. Students who choose to do so should understand that the workload will be that much heavier.

Q. How can I apply to the Double Degree Programme with Sciences Po or Bocconi, or the five year BA/MA Programme with HEC?

A. - For information about the Double BA Programme between Keio University and Sciences Po, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/sciences-po>

- For information about the Double BA Programme between Keio University and Università Bocconi, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/bocconi>

* It is highly likely that PEARL students will require more than four years to complete all the graduation requirements of the two degrees as many of the courses Bocconi requires you to take at Keio are offered only in Japanese, and their credits cannot be counted towards graduation from PEARL.

- For information about the BA/MA Five Year Programme between Keio University and HEC (a BA in economics from Keio and a Master in Management from HEC), please visit.

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama>

Q & A about the Admission Procedures

Q. Are there minimum required standardized test scores?

A. No, there are no “cut-off” scores.

Q. What factors are considered in the admissions process?

A. Admissions decisions are never based on a single factor. It is important to remember that we review the applications holistically.

Q. Do I need to sit an interview?

A. No. Interviews are not part of the PEARL programme admissions/selection process.

Q. How long should the letter of reference be?

A. There is no requirement regarding the length of the letter(s) of reference.

Q. Do I need to prepare new application documents, including the written statement of the applicant's academic goals, if I apply multiple times?

A. If you apply multiple times, you will be required to submit some of the application documents including the written statement of the applicant's academic goals each time you apply. For more detailed information on the application and application documents, please read the following application guidebook carefully:

https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/assets/download/admissions/undergraduate/application_guidebook.pdf

Q & A about after Graduation/Before Entry

Q. What are the possible careers for PEARL students after graduation?

A. Please visit <http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/carrier/career2015> for employment data.

Q. Can I take classes offered by the Faculty of Economics and use university facilities for a gap term?

A. We encourage PEARL students with gap terms to join the programme offered by SOAS (the School of Oriental and African Studies) at the University of London, if they can afford the additional cost. Details are available from the leaflet contained in today's handout. We may be able to offer additional choices in the coming months.

Q & A others

Q. What is the ratio of Japanese students to students of other nationalities in the PEARL programme?

A. For the screening for the September 2016 entry, the ratio was about 6:4, the ratio of the September 2017 entry is 5.5:4.5.

Q. Will I be able to join sporting activities and other "circles" at Keio?

A. Yes, but please consult the persons in charge regarding the fact that you are entering in September while most other students enter in April.

*Please note that you can find more Q&A here:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/faq.html>

Admissions Procedures for the PEARL Programme

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

Admissions Center

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Introduction of the PEARL Programme by first year students

Speech by Kokona Ota

Good morning. My name is Kokona Ota, and I am a PEARL student who just finished my first year. I am a Japanese, but I have had opportunities to live in a few countries. When I lived in India, during my high school years, I developed a dream to act as a bridge between Japan and other countries in the future. This was the main reason why I chose to be in the PEARL program, where I could be in a Japanese environment but still study in English, and study Economics – a subject which I was always interested in. Although I liked in English and it was my strength, I did not want to go on to studying English itself, but study another subject.

It has now been a full year since I entered into this program, and looking back at the start, I can say that this program has definitely changed me, in terms of my personality and the way I act and think.

First of all, to begin with, it made me realize how large the area of economics is. What I like about the PEARL classes is that it offers a wide variety of economics-related classes including the Japanese economy, which is grateful for me due to my dream of acting as a bridge. Because PEARL is a type B program, or in other words a history-based program, the mandatory classes do tend to consist more of economic-history and historical analysis programs. However, for students who are more mathematical-based mind, like me, the path still remains open, and PEARL offers mathematical classes and math-based economics classes so that students can move on to study those fields in the future.

Another thing which I like about the PEARL program is how small and concentrated the classes can be. The whole class is relatively small compared to other faculties to begin with, with only 100 people – which really allows us to get to know each other well. We bond well together, and hold many class events. I feel like we are like one big family – where we help, support each other, and go over each other's problems together one by one. But on top of this advantage, the classes can go even smaller, and there are some mandatory classes which are separated into 20 people each. This class size suits for discussions and presentations, which I personally feel is the area which I have grown the most since I entered into this program. Depending on the classes you choose, it can be even smaller, to as small as 8 based on my experience. When a class is that small, it is really helpful and instructive because the professors have more time to focus on each individual and know how he/she is doing in that class. Also, they can arrange the class so that it is fit for each and everyone's level.

However, most importantly, I feel the most significant reason why I have changed so much during this year is due to the environment which I am studying in. Most of the classmates in this program are from the similar backgrounds, making it easier to relate to each other – and in fact I feel this is why we get along with each other so well. As international students we have had many, rich experiences – so we have strong thoughts

and opinions about different issues, and we like to share them. Therefore, whenever my friends and I have a conversation, it is not unlikely to end up developing into an intense discussion of various issues. However, because of this, my view of the world and the issues has really opened up. And because we are all like this, where we are different in opinions but similar in backgrounds and future paths, I feel like we enhance ourselves in terms of our studies, future goals, and the ways in which we think in.

To end this, I can say that I am glad that I have entered into the PEARL program, and have enjoyed the first year. I am excited for the following three years, in terms of the program, how the students involved in the PEARL program, including the 2020 class and the classes in the future will make more memories together, and lastly, how I will be able to continue growing and changing. I hope that more people, including the people who came to the session today, will be able to experience and feel the same way like me in the future. And for this reason, we would more than welcome you to be a part of it as well. Thank you.

Speech by Sungeun (Rachel) Kim.

Hello my name is Rachel Kim and just like Kokona from this fall I'm 2nd year student in this pearl program. As an international student from South Korea, I'd like to briefly share my thoughts about the strength of this program.

When I was a senior student in international school back in Korea, I wanted to continue my study outside of my home country but not too far. So I did some research about the universities in Asian countries, and Keio university's Pearl program caught my attention. One of the biggest strengths about this program was studying Economics in English while also learning new language, Japanese in my case.

Throughout the first year, I got to take major economic courses with Japanese language courses. And to be honest, it was pretty challenging to learn new language while studying economics. From first semester, I started to learn the basic Japanese from memorizing hiragana and katakana. And Economic courses required lots of time and effort to thoroughly understand. In my case Statistics was especially challenging.

But isn't university is the place you challenge yourself to your limit and pursue your future? Many of you guys might face challenges in PEARL program. Whether that is academic or just school life in general. But I'm sure all of you will overcome and from this PEARL program, you will find clear direction to your valuable future.

Thank you.