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Keio University Faculty of Economics

FACTS Enrollment Requirements

1. FACTS Overview

FACTS (Fieldwork for Active Comprehension of Targeted Subjects) is a program which aims to instill a logical understanding of the economy through direct exposure to the actualities of industry, private corporations, regional communities, and society, through interviews, and field and on-site observation surveys. The term “fieldwork” as it is used in FACTS broadly encompasses interview surveys and the collation of primary sources (historical records) and field observation, alongside other active engagements involving direct contact with or visits to the research subjects (directly or remotely.) While drawing on the existing general theories of economics and management in real-world business settings is necessary, these are not of themselves necessarily the sole means to address challenges. Problem-solving methodologies will vary from era to era and locality to locality, and solutions must be derived based on logical foundations constructed from finite information, and specific and discrete facts. Globalization does not imply that all localities are moving in a single direction, and there is a limit to the number of domains to which generalized theories can be applied. As such, there is a need to construct specific theories that take into account regional and historical characteristics. FACTS will provide students with the capacity to fulfill these needs by directly interacting with their research subjects and grasping actual circumstances to subsequently achieve theoretical insights based in the unique characteristics of their subjects.

2. Curriculum and Program Completion Requirements

The FACTS curriculum consists of the following three types of courses.

1. Courses offered at Hiyoshi

i. Core Courses (1) (10 credits or more)

Introduction to the Japanese Economy、Historical Perspectives in Economic Analysis、Elementary Economic HistoryⅠ/2、経済史入門Ⅰ/2、フィールドワーク論、Contemporary Social IssuesⅠ、Economics and Environment

ii. Core Courses (2) (4 credits or more)

日吉学 (offered by the Keio Research Center for Liberal Arts)、Area Studies、地域文化論 (各地域)、Area Studies on Culture I・II・III・IV (各地域)、比較文化論 I・II、Geography I/2、文化人類学 I・II、Cultural Anthropology、Psychology I/2/3/4、Gender Studies I/2、Topics in Contemporary Business I/2、Sociology I/2

2. Courses offered at Mita (12 additional credits or more other than research seminar thesis for students submitting a research seminar thesis; 14 additional credits or more other than independent research project thesis for students submitting an independent research project thesis)

- i. Core Courses (基本科目：4 or more credits)

D: Economic History

Economic History of Japan a,b、欧米経済史 a,b、Economic History of Asia a,b

E: Industry and Labor

工業経済論 a,b、Labor Economics a,b、農業経済論 a,b、社会政策論 a,b、産業組織論 a,b

F: Institution and Policy

Economic Policy a,b、日本経済システム論 a,b、財政論 a,b、Money, Banking, and Finance a,b、Economics of Regulatory Reform

G: Modern Economy

Contemporary Japanese Economy a,b、経済体制論 a,b、日本資本主義発達史 a,b、現代資本主義論 a,b

H: International Economy

International Trade a,b 、 International Finance a,b 、 Economic Development a,b

I: Environment

経済地理 a,b、Environmental Economics a,b、都市経済論 a,b、Economy and Environmental Law

J: Social Issues

人口論 a,b、産業社会学 a,b、Social History a,b

- ii. Advanced/Related Courses

近代日本と東アジア a,b、東欧経済史 a,b、現代日本経済史 a、Economic History、Topics in Economic History of Japan、Topics in Economic History of Asia、

東南アジア経済史、日本史史料講読 a,b、戦争と社会、日本社会史 a,b、社会福祉論、Development Economics a,b、格差と援助の経済学 a,b、世界経済論 a,b、Global Human Resource Management、The Japanese Economy from an International Perspective

3. Research Seminar Thesis (4 credits) or Independent Research Project C (2 credits)

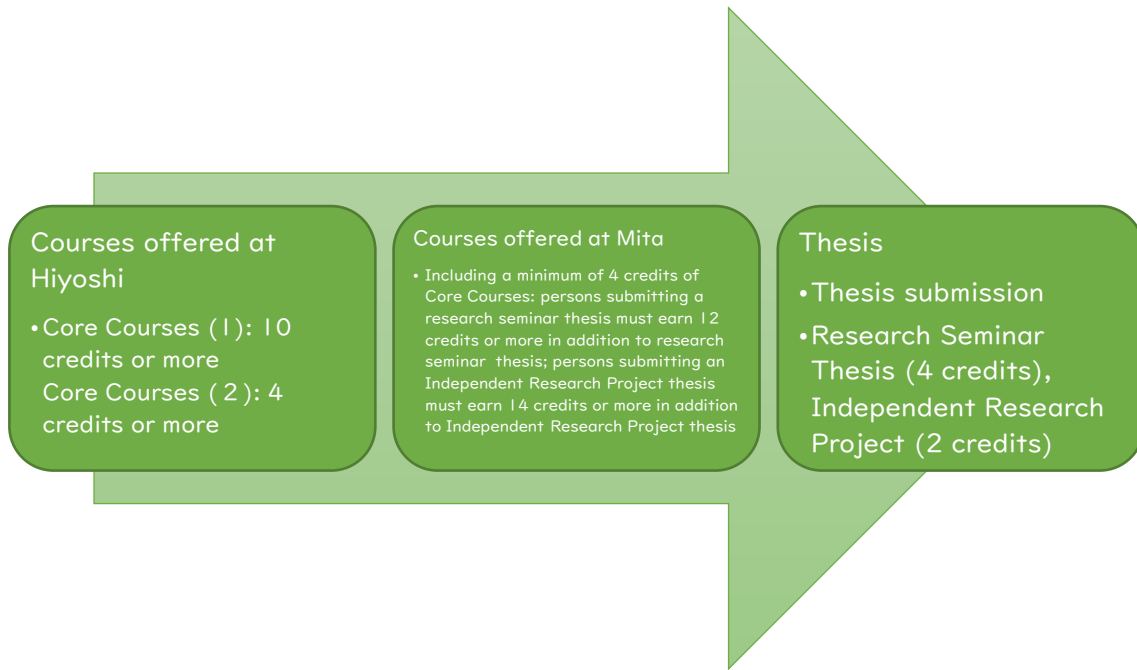
After earning the required credits in 1.2., students are awarded a certificate of completion upon submission of 3. Research Seminar thesis or Independent Research Project C thesis. The content of the thesis must satisfy the following guidelines. Therefore, an email indicating that the thesis has been approved by the academic advisor as eligible for FACTS must be submitted at the time of application. Please send an e-mail to the advisor in advance requesting accreditation and obtain a reply e-mail. For details, please contact the FACTS coordinator.

Thesis Guidelines:

The following guidelines must be satisfied for the research seminar thesis or independent research project thesis to be accredited by FACTS.

1. Empirical analysis based on an interest in individual and specific events in industry, business, regions, society, etc.
2. The researcher must have emphasized and actually engaged in “fieldwork” research as an analytical method, including interview surveys, collation of primary sources (historical records), field observation, etc. or direct engagement with the subject or visits thereto (in-person or remote.)

Flowchart for FACTS



3. Eligible Students

Both Type AB students and PEARL students may apply. (primarily aimed at Type B students due to the nature of the program; however, Type A students are also welcome to enroll)

* In principle, PEARL is categorized as the English version of Type B.

4. Application Guidelines

- Application period: In principle, an application should be submitted as soon as a student satisfies the FACTS completion requirements once final grades have been announced. However, if a student does not submit an application after completing all relevant coursework in their 3rd year, they may apply at the end of their 4th year. Likewise, we accept applications from students at the end of their 4th year even if they are not yet graduating from Keio provided that they satisfy FACTS program completion requirements.
- Application method: via designated form on K-Support (details to be posted when Grade Reports are published)

- Documents to be submitted (provisional): Academic transcript, deliverables, and a reply-email from your academic advisor indicating that your thesis has been approved
- Note: Please check K-Support news carefully as the application period will be very limited.

5. Inquiries

FACTS coordinator: facts-econ-group (at) keio.jp

For questions related to curriculum, program requirements, etc.

* Avoiding junk emails, please replace @ with (at) when sending the email.