

PEARL information session (22nd August, 2015)

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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 institution of modern higher learning.

Keio is recognized both nationally and internationally for its quality as a university. In 2014, The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) placed Keio University 34th in the world and 5th in Asia/Pacific.

In 2013, Keio was ranked 9th in the world by the Times Higher Education Alma Mater Index which ranks the number of graduates who are CEOs of Fortune Global 500 companies.

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.

Why PEARL?

PEARL is an acronym of 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.

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 and earn a double degree from Keio and the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Bocconi University in Milan, or one of several other CEMS institutions.
- 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

Economics and Related Classes, 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

Application Schedule for 2016 Entry and Application Documents:

All necessary information can be found on the following page:

<http://www.global.keio.ac.jp/en/education/admissions/undergrad/pearl/>

Tuition and Application Fee

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

Tuition: FY2015

(JP Yen)

Admission Fee	200,000
Registration Fee	60,000
Tuition Fee	830,000
Facilities Fee	190,000
Other Fees	8,350
Total (1st year)	1,288,350
Total (2nd-4th year)	1,088,250

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

Students' Housing Information:

Extremely limited availability, especially to September entrants.

This link provides some information:

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:

http://www.ogi.keio.ac.jp/internationalization/Encouragement_of_Learning.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)
- 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)

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. 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. What are the differences between the Faculty of Economics in general and PEARL?

A. The academic year for PEARL starts in September. As for the curriculum, as shown on <http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/curriculum/curriculum>, PEARL's curriculum is an all-English version of the "Type B" curriculum in the faculty of economics (taught mainly in Japanese).

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 prepare new application documents, including the written statement of applicant’s academic goals, if I apply multiple times?

A. This depends on whether you think doing so would improve your chances of being admitted.

Q. What about the application by students of the different Keio high schools?

A. This will be by recommendation from each high school. Please confirm with the person(s) in charge at your high school.

Q & A about after Graduation/Before Entry

Q. What possible courses for PEARL students to take after graduation?

A. Please visit <http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/carrier/work/career2014> 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.

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

http://www.global.keio.ac.jp/en/education/admissions/undergrad/pearl/pearl_frequently_asked_questions.pdf