

**FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, KEIO UNIVERSITY** 

# **Overview of the PEARL Programme**

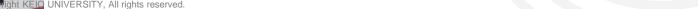


# **About Keio University**

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 recognised both nationally and internationally for its quality as a university. In 2021, The QS World University Rankings 2022 placed Keio University 197th in the world and 46th 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.

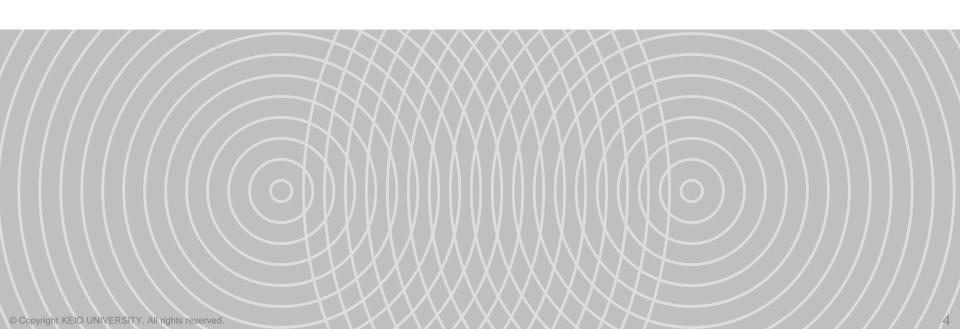
Keio economics alumni hold positions of leadership in politics, business, and academia.

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

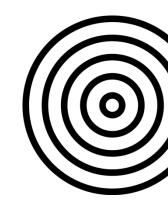
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# **PEARL** is an acronym for

Programme in Economics for Alliances, Research and Leadership



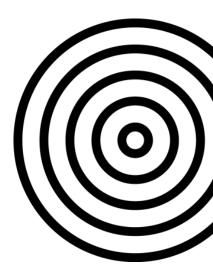
**Alliances** because we produce graduates who build economic alliances in Asia and beyond, and because we are an international hub of economics research and education.



**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.

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



## Why PEARL?

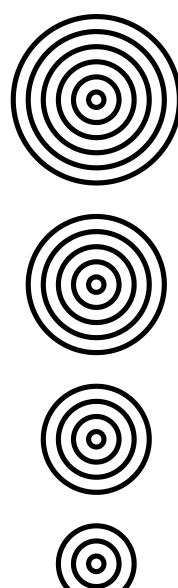
PEARL is Keio at its most traditional, and at its most innovative. PEARL is designed to help minds grow in wisdom and knowledge like pearls grow in beauty and lustre.

PEARL is an 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.

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, University of Cologne, Brandeis University, Stevens Institute of Technology, HEC Paris or CEMS.

Classes in economics and the modernisation of Japan, as well as business-related classes and internships.

Intensive Japanese language courses.

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 their 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.



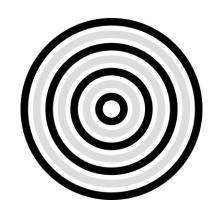


### Fields:

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

For the information on faculties, please visit <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/about/faculty-list">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/about/faculty-list</a>

For more information on curriculum, please visit <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/curriculum">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/curriculum</a>





### **Advanced Courses:**

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

#### Note:

PEARL Students can take classes taught in Japanese, but the credits do not count towards graduation EXCEPT for Research Seminars and Independent Research Projects taught in Japanese.



### **Two New Programmes:**

- DEEP (Data-driven Economics and Econometrics Programme)
- FACTS(Fieldwork for Active Comprehension of Targeted Subjects)

### These new programmes

respond to the demands of society.

DEEP: a data science education programme

FACTS: a fieldwork-based programme that develops skills in context-sensitive hypothesis building

- encourage students to take courses systematically over four years.
- award certificates of completion for the programmes to those who have earned the required number of credits and submitted the deliverables.

### [NOTE]

\* For more information, please visit

DEEP: <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/deep">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/deep</a> FACTS: <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/facts">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/facts</a>



### 3.5 Early Graduation System

■ This system allows students to graduate after 3.5 years (7 semesters) of enrollment if they have fulfilled graduation requirements and have achieved excellent academic results. Newly enrolled students in the 2023 academic year onward may apply.

### **Objectives**

To encourage April enrollees (Type AB students) to pursue their graduate studies abroad

To encourage September enrollees (PEARL students) to find employment in Japan

To implement an internal 5-year BA/MA programme of 3.5 years + 1.5 years in collaboration with the Graduate School of Economics

For details, please see the link below:

https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/mt/econ/procedure/early-grad/



## Taking Masters Courses as a 4th Year Student

■ Students enrolled in their fourth year in the Faculty of Economics may take master's courses offered by the Graduate School of Economics prior to entering the master's programme. These courses will not count towards your undergraduate degree, but after joining the Graduate School of Economics, you can apply for credit for the master's courses you passed in the fourth year of your undergraduate programme to be included as "courses taken prior to joining the graduate school".

If you are interested in taking advantage of this system, please visit the Faculty of Economics Section in the Office of Student Services after your enrolment in the PEARL programme.

### **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. It was 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 (2 students/year).
- 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 <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama</a>

### Other Options for Studying Abroad:

Details are available here: <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad</a>

- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Sciences Po (Paris, France): 5 students/year
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Bocconi U. (Milan, Italy): 5 students/year
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Brandeis U. (Boston, USA): 6 students/year
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with U. of Cologne: (Cologne, Germany): 5 students/year
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with the Stevens Institute of Technology: (New York metropolitan area, USA) 5 students/year
- Double BA Programme with Sciences Po (Le Havre, France): 10 students/year
- Double BA Programme with Università Bocconi (Milan, Italy): 4 students/year
- University-wide Exchange Programmes Please see the link below.

https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/keio\_student/exchange/en.html

Short-term Programmes



### Other Options for Studying Abroad:

Faculty-wide Exchange Programmes

\* It is possible to graduate in four years even if you study abroad for one year provided certain conditions are met. For more information please visit

https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/exchange-outbound

#### EUROPE (欧州)

Vienna University of Economics and **Business** 

ウィーン経済・経営大学

**BELGIUM** 

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

ルーヴェン・カトリック大学

Université cathologue de Louvain

ルーヴァン・カソリック大学

**DENMARK** 

**Copenhagen Business School** 

コペンハーゲン・ビジネス・スクール

**FINLAND** 

**Aalto University** 

アールト大学

**FRANCE** 

**HEC Paris** HEC経営大学院

École Polytechnique

エコール・ポリテクニーク

**GERMANY** 

**University of Cologne** 

ケルン大学

**Leipzig University** ライプツィヒ大学

**Goethe University Frankfurt** フランクフルト大学

**University of Mannheim** 

マンハイム大学 ITALY

**Bocconi University** ボッコーニ大学

**NETHERLANDS** 

**Erasmus University Rotterdam** 

エラスムス大学ロッテルダム

**NORWAY** 

NHH Norwegian School of

**Economics** 

ノルウェー経済大学

**SPAIN** 

**ESADE Law School** 

ESADEロースクール

**SWITZERLAND** 

University of St. Gallen

ザンクトガレン大学

**SWEDEN** 

Stockholm School of Economics

ストックホルム・スクール・オブ・エコノミクス

University of Glasgow

グラスゴー大学

**University of Warwick** 

ウォーリック大学

### NORTH AMERICA (北米)



**USA** 

**Brandeis University** 

ブランダイス大学

**University of California** 

カリフォルニア大学

**University of South Carolina** 

サウスカロライナ大学

ASIA (アジア)

**KOREA** 

Yonsei University

延世大学

P. R. CHINA

**Fudan University** 

復旦大学

**Peking University** 

北京大学

**Nankai University** 

南開大学

The Hong Kong University of

Science and Technology 香港科技大学

**TAIWAN** 

**National Taiwan University** 

国立台湾大学

**National ChengChi University** 

国立政治大学

**THAILAND** 

**Chulalongkorn University** 

チュラロンコン大学

**Chiang Mai University** 

チェンマイ大学

### Where did our first PEARL graduates go in 2020? - Firms

(Based on surveys of students and their professors conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

Japanese Firms employing PEARL2020 students include the following:

CyberAgent, Inc. Daikin Industries, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. Indeed Japan

Kao Corporation Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

Nippon Express Co., Ltd. Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.

Oriental Land Co., Ltd. Rakuten, Inc.

RGF Professional Recruitment Japan SoftBank Corp.

Sumitomo Corporation Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Tokyo Broadcasting System Television, Inc.

TV Asahi Corporation ZUU Co., Ltd.

### International Firms employing PEARL2020 students include the following:

Amazon Japan Co., Ltd.

Bloomberg Boston Consulting Group

Colliers International Japan Credit Suisse

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu EY Strategy and Consulting Co., Ltd.

Goldman Sachs IBM Japan

Loewe Morgan Stanley

# Where did our first PEARL graduates go in 2020? – Graduate Schools

(Based on surveys of students and their professors conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

Compared to Type A/B, a larger proportion of PEARL students go on to graduate school.

PEARL 2020 students either joined one of our 5 year BA/MA programmes, or gone on to schools that include the following:

Columbia Business School (NY, US)
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po, Paris, France)
Institute Francais de la Mode (Paris, France)
Keio University (Japan) (Graduate School of Economics)
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (London, UK)
Parsons School of Design (NY, US)

### Where did our PEARL graduates go in 2021? - Firms

(Based on surveys of students conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

# **Japanese Firms** employing or that will be employing PEARL2021 students include the following:

ASICS Corporation CyberAgent, Inc.

DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD. Incubate Fund KK

Institution for a Global Society Corporation

KDDI CORPORATION Konami Digital Entertainment Co., Ltd.

Marubeni Corporation Mitsubishi Corporation

Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd.

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.

Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd. Shiseido Company, Limited

SmartNews, Inc. SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.

WILL GROUP, INC.



### Where did our PEARL graduates go in 2021? - Firms

(Based on surveys of students conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

# **International Firms** employing or that will be employing PEARL2021 students include the following:

Accenture

Citibank, N.A., Tokyo Branch

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLP

Ernst & Young Tax Co.

Hays Specialist Recruitment Japan KK

**HRnetOne** 

Kyndryl Japan Technology Service

PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata LLC

PwC Tax Japan

Standard Chartered Bank

Amazon Japan

Deloitte Tohmatsu Tax Co.

EY Strategy and Consulting Co., Ltd.

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Hilton Worldwide

IBM Japan, Ltd.

Mckinsey & Company

PwC Consulting LLC

Robert Walters Japan K.K.



# Where did our PEARL graduates go in 2021? – Graduate Schools

(Based on surveys of students conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

PEARL 2021 students either joined one of our 5 year BA/MA programmes, or have gone or will go on to schools that include the following:

Bocconi University (Milan, Italy)

Boston University (Boston, US)

Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburg, US)

Etablissement d'Enseignement Supérieur Consulaire Hautes Etudes

Commerciales de Paris (HEC Paris) (Paris, France)

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris) (Paris, France)

Keio University (Graduate School of Economics) (Japan)

Keio University (Graduate School of Media Design) (Japan)

University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada)

University of London (London, UK)

University of Oxford (Oxford, U.K.)

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (Taipei, Taiwan)

Seoul National University (Seoul, South Korea)

Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)

The University of Tokyo (Japan)

Waseda University (Japan)



### Where did our PEARL graduates go in 2022? - Firms

(Based on surveys of students conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

**Japanese Firms** employing or that will be employing PEARL2022 students include the following:

NEC TBS Holdings TV Asahi







### Where did our PEARL graduates go in 2022? - Firms

(Based on surveys of students conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

# **International Firms** employing or that will be employing PEARL2022 students include the following:

Accenture

Alton Aviation Consultancy

Blackrock Japan

Bloomberg

Brembo

Citigroup Japan

Dassault Systemes

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** 

LLP

Goldman Sachs

**KPMG** Japan

**KPMG Tax Corporation** 

L'Oréal

McKinsey & Company

Morgan Stanley





# Where did our PEARL graduates go in 2022? – Graduate Schools

(Based on surveys of students conducted by the Faculty of Economics)

PEARL 2022 students either joined one of our 5 year BA/MA programmes, or have gone or will go on to schools that include the following:

Boston University (Boston, US)

Brandeis University (Boston, US)

Keio University (Graduate School of Economics) (Japan)

New York University (New York, US)

Sciences Po (Paris, France)

UCLA (Los Angeles, US)

University of Tokyo (Japan)







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## **Overview of the Application Procedure**

# Application Details for 2024 Entry is available at <a href="https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/">https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/</a>

## **Application Schedule for September 2024 Entry:**

### 1. First application period

Application period:

Friday, 20 October, 2023 through Friday, 1 December 2023 (JST)

Announcement of Results:

Friday, 26 January 2024 (JST)

### 2. Second application period

Application period:

Wednesday, 6 December 2023 through Monday, 29 January 2024 (JST)

Announcement of Results:

Wednesday, 28 February 2024 (JST)

### 3. Third application period

Application period:

Thursday, 22 February 2024 through Thursday, 4 April 2024 (JST)

Announcement of Results:

Monday, 27 May 2024 (JST)

Applicants who are not successful can re-apply during the subsequent application periods.



# **Application Documents:**









### All applicants will be required to submit the following documents:

- Academic Background and Brief Self Introduction
- Standardised Test Scores: One (or more) of the following:
  - a. International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma (or predicted grades)
  - b. SAT Scores
  - c. ACT Scores (the optional writing component of the ACT test is NOT required)
- TOEFL iBT and/or IELTS Academic Module Scores 3.
- Written Statement of Applicant's Academic and Future Goals (in English)
- 5. Letter(s) of Reference (in English or Japanese)
- High School Graduation Certificate (or a document certifying expected graduation, in English or Japanese)
- High School Academic Transcripts (in English or Japanese)
- **Document Confirming Applicant's Identity** 8.
- Applicant's Photo 9.
- 10. Other optional materials including standardised national examination scores

### **Admissions Statistics 2022-23:**



	Number of Applicants			Number of Successful Applicants		
	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities
2022	507	265 : 242	239 : 268	200	109 : 91	91 : 109
2023	539	287 : 252	293 : 246	191	99 : 92	95 : 96

For more information, please read the Application Guidebook for September 2024 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: FY2023	(JP Yen)
Admission Fee	200,000
Registration Fee	60,000
Tuition Fee	900,000
Facilities Fee	210,000
Other Fees	8,350
Total (1st year)	1,358,350
Total (2nd-4th year)	1,178,250

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

### **Students' Housing Information:**



Limited availability, especially to September entrants.

These links provide some information:

- Housing for Japanese students: <a href="https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/housing.html">https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/housing.html</a>
- 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

## **Scholarship Information:**



### For the Scholarship Information please visit

- \* Some of the linked pages from the webpages below are available for enrolled students only.
- \* If you find questions on the scholarships after your enrolment, please ask the scholarship section at the Office of Student Services.
- Scholarship webpages (in English)
   (Keio University website)
   <a href="https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/student-life/scholarships.html">https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/student-life/scholarships.html</a>
- Scholarship webpages (in Japanese)
   (Keio University website)
   <a href="https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/scholarships.html">https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/scholarships.html</a>
- Scholarship Information for the students seeking admission to Keio Univ. (Keio University International Center website) <a href="https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/intl\_student.html">https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/intl\_student.html</a>

### **Q&A** about the PEARL programme



- Q. Can PEARL students study abroad?
- A. All PEARL students can apply for exchange programmes that Keio has with foreign universities. Keio has University to University exchange programmes operated by Keio's International Center, and Faculty to Faculty exchange agreements operated by the Faculty of Economics.

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

For the information on the University to University exchange programmes, please see the link below:

https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/keio\_student/exchange/en.html

## **Q&A** about the PEARL programme

- Q. Can PEARL students study abroad?
- A. Furthermore, the Faculty of Economics has its own exchange programmes with the following universities:
- Fudan University, School of Economics (China)
- **HEC Paris (Undergraduate students only) (France)**
- Goethe University Frankfurt, Faculty of Economics and Business **Administration (Germany)**
- Bocconi University (Italy)
- Yonsei University, College of Business and Economics (Korea)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus School of Economics (Netherlands)
- Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) (Norway)
- University of St. Gallen (Switzerland)
- National Taiwan University, College of Social Science (Taiwan)
- **Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Economics (Thailand)**
- University of Glasgow (U.K.)
- University of California, Education Abroad Program (U.S.A.)

and more. In general, the Faculty to Faculty exchange programmes provide more flexibility regarding the period of study abroad (one semester or one year) and the timing of the start of the study abroad (spring and fall semesters) provided the partner university agrees.

For more information please visit

https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/exchange-outbound





- Q. What is the goal of PEARL? What are the 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, that offers education both in liberal arts, introductory economics 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 for Keio but also for the entire economy and society. We are not just looking for gender balance and a balance between Japanese and foreign nationalities, but for a mixture of individuals with greatly varying experiences.
- 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. Many of the professors have degrees from foreign universities and/or research/teaching experiences 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 to take courses in our Faculty.
- Q. PEARL students start their academic year in September, while 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 in content 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: https://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. For elective classes such as language classes and seminar classes, class size are 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 BA 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 <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/sciences-po">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/sciences-po</a>
  - \* Please note that the screening of the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po is usually held in March, immediately after results of the Application Period II are announced. Therefore students who would like to apply to PEARL and join the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po need to apply to PEARL by the Application Period II.
  - For information about the Double BA Programme between Keio University and Università Bocconi, please visit https://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 these 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 <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama</a>

### **Q&A** about the Admission Procedures



- Q. Are there minimum required standardised test scores?
- A. No, there are no "cut-off" scores.
- Q. Please tell us the average score of each standardised test obtained by successful applicants.
- A. We do not disclose average scores for the standardised tests because ours is a holistic selection process so that any particular score level does not guarantee admission.
- 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. We look for good points and bad points in every application by reviewing everything an applicant submits.
- Q. Do I need to sit an interview?
- A. No. Interviews are not part of the PEARL programme admissions/selection process.

# **Q&A** about the Admission Procedures



- 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 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/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/application\_guidebook.pdf

- Q. Can students apply to other universities at the same time as applying to PEARL?
- A. Yes.

# **Q&A** about after Graduation/Before Entry

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- Q. What are the possible careers for PEARL students after graduation?
- A. Please see "After the graduation" on the page 11 in the PEARL brochure below:

https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2024\_econ\_en.pdf

#### **Q&A** others



- Q. What is the ratio of Japanese students to students of other nationalities in the PEARL programme?
- A. As for the successful applicants for the September 2022 entry, the ratio was about 4.5:5.5, the ratio of the September 2023 entry was about 5:5.
- Q. Will I be able to join sporting activities and other "circles" at Keio?
- A. Yes, but please consult the persons in charge of these activities 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 including "Application Guidebook":

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

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### Information on The Faculty of Economics and PEARL

- Faculty of Economics website: <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/</a>
- PEARL web pages: <a href="https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl">https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl</a>
- Web page where you can download brochures:

https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/about/brochures

Available brochures: The Faculty of Economics,

and The Graduate School of Economics

#### Information on Keio University

- Keio University website: <a href="https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/">https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/</a>
- Keio University booklet:

https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/assets/download/about/learnmore/publications/index/keio-university-academics-en.pdf

