Keio University, where **global leaders** are made

Keio University is the oldest private institution of higher learning in Japan, and has the strongest sense of school spirit among all Japanese universities.

- **Established in 1858**: Japan’s first modern institution of higher learning
- **340** International Partners
- **1,900+** International Students
- **82** Countries & Regions Represented in our student body
- **Tokyo**: Located in the heart of Tokyo
- **6** Campuses around greater Tokyo area

**KEIO AT A GLANCE**

- **31** Double Degree Programs
- **940+** classes given in English
- **5.25 Million** Book Volumes in Keio Libraries
- **140+** Olympians and Paralympians
- **2** Astronauts (Chiaki Mukai, Akihiko Hoshide)
- **70+** Overseas Alumni Organizations, 800+ Domestic Alumni Organizations
- **1st** in the Number of CEOs of Companies Listed with First Section of the Tokyo Stock

*2022 University Ranking (Asahi Shimbun Publications Inc.)*

"Keio by the Numbers" available at: [https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/about/by-the-numbers/](https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/about/by-the-numbers/)
Keio International Program

In this program, students can study about Japan and East/Southeast Asia in English and take Japanese language courses as well. As Keio regular students can also take the International Center courses, exchange students will have opportunities to study alongside Keio students.

Courses available for Exchange Students (A minimum of 7 courses per semester)

International Center Courses
- English-taught courses focusing on Japan and East/Southeast Asia
  - Language and Literature
  - Arts
  - Culture and Cross-Cultural Understanding
  - Science
  - Religion and Thought
  - History
  - Media and Communications
  - Social Issues
  - Politics
  - Diplomacy and International Exchange
  - Business and Economy
  - Law

Fields

Keio Japanese Courses
- Offered by the Center for Japanese Studies
- Ranging from elementary to advanced level
  - Grammar
  - Listening & Speaking
  - Reading & Writing
  - Essential Japanese
  - Spoken Communication
  - Written Communication
  - Integral Japanese
  - Communication: Listening & Speaking
  - Japanese Culture: Honofrics
  - Japanese for Communication: Daily Life
  - Japanese for Communication: Business
  - Japanese for Communication: Media
  - Japanese for Communication: Presentation & Discussion

*Contact Hour: 90 minutes session per week for the 15 weeks of a semester

Japanese Language Program

This program is offered by the Center for Japanese Studies for students who would like to focus on Japanese language learning. The curriculum is designed to assist students in attaining high levels of Japanese proficiency required for research and other academic activities in specialized disciplines.

JLP students may also take International Center Courses and other courses offered by Faculties / Graduate Schools (conducted in Japanese) as optional subjects.

* A minimum of 7 courses per semester

Study Levels

The Main Course is divided into 9 study levels. Prior to the start of each semester, all students are required to take a placement test on the basis of which they are assigned to an appropriate study level.

- Study Level 1 - 4 (Elementary)
- Study Level 5, 6 (Intermediate)
- Study Level 7, 8 (Advanced)
- Study Level 9 (Higher Advanced)

The Main Course comprises 3 types of subject groups, as described in the table below.

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<th>Subject Groups</th>
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| Comprehensive Subjects                      | 1      | Comprehensive Japanese
Acquiring the four skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking through comprehensive learning activities. |
| Subjects with a Specific Focus             | 1      | Grammar, Grammar (Clasics), Modern Text Reading, Newspaper Reading, Orthography, Composition, Aural Comprehension, Conversation, Presentation, Applied Composition, and Situational Conversation |

*Contact Hour: 90 minutes session per week for the 15 weeks of a semester
Courses offered by Faculties / Graduate Schools

- Mostly taught in Japanese
  *Advanced Japanese proficiency (JLPT N2 or above) required
- English-taught courses are also available
  *Limited number of courses are available for exchange students, and priority is given to regular students

FAQ

Q1 Do you have university dormitories?
We do have several off-campus housing that is subsidized by Keio. Exchange students will be given prior access to rooms in these housing arrangements during their study period.

Q2 Are there any scholarships available for exchange students?
Scholarships by JASSO (Japanese Student Services Organization) may be offered to incoming exchange students based on the revised criteria for the year.
Successful applicants will be provided with 80,000 JPY per month for up to a maximum of 11 months.
The number of scholarship recipients per year is subject to change.

Q3 What is the cost of living at Keio?
Approximately 130,000-170,000 JPY / month [meals, transportation, etc.]

Q4 Can I attend for only one semester?
Students may choose to attend one semester or two semesters [one academic year]. Extending your study period is not permitted in principle. Please plan and choose your study period very carefully when you apply.

Q5 How many courses can I take? And how many credits can I earn?
Most of the courses at Keio are worth 2 credits per semester, whereas the Japanese language courses are usually worth 1 credit per semester. There is no maximum credit limit.

Q6 Do you have any Japanese language requirements for the Japanese Language Program?
We accept and welcome complete beginners. However, we always recommend learning some basic Japanese before you come to Japan.

Q7 Can I take regular undergraduate courses at Keio University?
Most of the undergraduate faculty courses are conducted in Japanese. You can take those courses only if you meet the Japanese language proficiency requirements. Additional prerequisites may also apply to certain courses.

Q8 When will the course list be available?
Course lists for the new academic year, from April to March, usually become available in late March.

Q9 Do you have a buddy program?
Yes, we have a buddy program called the "Keio Tomodachi Program." Buddies are students at Keio University who volunteer to introduce you to life in Japan.

Q10 Is late arrival or early departure accepted?
No, we do not make any special arrangements for late arrival or early departure. Please plan and choose your study period very carefully when you apply.

Research Program

*Open only to graduate exchange students

This program is available for graduate students who wish to conduct research under the supervision of an academic advisor at Keio University. Students must be enrolled in a graduate school [or equivalent] at their home institution.

While focusing on their research, they may also take:

- Graduate-level courses open to exchange students
- Up to 4 Japanese language courses offered by the Center of Japanese Studies
Housing Information

Availability
Priority access to Keio housing (accommodations subsidized by Keio) is given to exchange students if they complete their housing application on time.

Location
Most Keio dormitories are located near Hiyoshi Campus. Since courses for exchange students are mostly held on Mita Campus, students will have to commute from Hiyoshi to Mita, which is approximately 40 minutes by train. "Commuting to school" is very common in Japan, and exchange students can experience a taste of Japanese culture by doing so.

Rent (subject to change)
The rent charged to students varies from 55,000 JPY to 78,400 JPY (approx. $600 to $800 USD) per month.

A day at Keio

OHAYÔ! (Good Morning!)
After taking a shower and a cup of coffee it’s time to go to the station. Depending on the day’s schedule, I choose between riding my bike or just go by walking in order to catch the train that goes to the Campus.

IN THE UNIVERSITY
Something great in the KIP is the chance to build your own schedule by choosing courses that you can relate to your home institution’s educational curriculum and own interest. There are also Japanese language courses offered in order to help the students to integrate in the country during the period of the exchange. In my case, in addition to what has been mentioned, I enrolled in the Independent Study course which allowed me to work in my own final degree project for my home institution; a documentary photobook.

ITADAKIMASU (Lunch Break)
Generally I eat in the university canteen. Additionally, every Wednesday a meeting is held among the Spanish speaking students and the Japanese students who want to learn the language. There are a lot of groups for different languages, which is a great opportunity to make friends from the country and be able to engage with the culture, especially while you are still learning the language.

Student Voice
The fact of embracing a new and very different culture not only challenges oneself in order to integrate in a new community and learn about its own ways of living, but also allows you to rethink your own cultural background. I’ve been asked around a thousand times about what is the thing I love the most of Japan. This question is especially difficult after almost a year, when a lot of experiences have been accumulated. However, if I would have to choose just one it would be its people. From my perspective, despite it’s true that generally it takes a while to gain a Japanese person’s trust (comparing to other countries), they are very pleasant and over time, just being respectful and interested in their culture should be enough to make really good friends. In any case, this is an amazing place to come,

Lazarro Gallardo, Jose Maria Exchange Student from Pompeu Fabra University

AFTER CLASSES
DINNER, GOING HOME AND OYASUMI (Good Night)
Especially when the day has been long and busy, I love to stop by at any little shop and ask for one of my favorite dishes in Japanese everyday’s cuisine: Katsu Curry. It’s the reward by the end of the day. After that, it’s time to go back home.

STUDY MEETING
When classes are over, I used to stay for a while on campus and meet some friends. Not only in the library but in some other buildings, there are spaces available for working in groups.

CLASSES
Most of the courses held in the KIP are closely connected with aspects of Japan and its culture. I took courses about Japanese cinema history, journalism, literature and even an arts workshop where I had the opportunity to understand aspects from the traditional kimono making. Actually I could even wear one for a while.
Access

- Approximately 40 minutes by train from Hiyoshi to Mita.

WEB SITE
F OR STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Information in this brochure is subject to change without notice. Please check the Student Exchange Program website for updated and detailed information.

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https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/study/exchange/

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Programs for Exchange Students

Keio University welcomes international exchange students from our partner universities. We offer three programs for undergraduate and graduate exchange students, who must be current undergraduate or graduate students of our partner university at the time of coming to Keio. These students may choose to attend one of the following programs for one semester or one year as exchange students at Keio University.

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR** *Subject to change

**Spring Semester**
- Mid-to-late March: Dormitory check-in
- Mid-to-late March: Orientation starts
- Early April: Classes start
- Late July – Mid September: Summer break

**Fall Semester**
- Mid-to-late September: Dormitory check-in
- Mid-to-late September: Orientation starts
- Early October: Classes start
- December 28 – January 5: Winter break
- January 6: All classes resume
- Early February – Late March: Spring break

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**


Deadline for Application
- **Spring Semester** ➔ Early October
- **Fall Semester** ➔ Late March