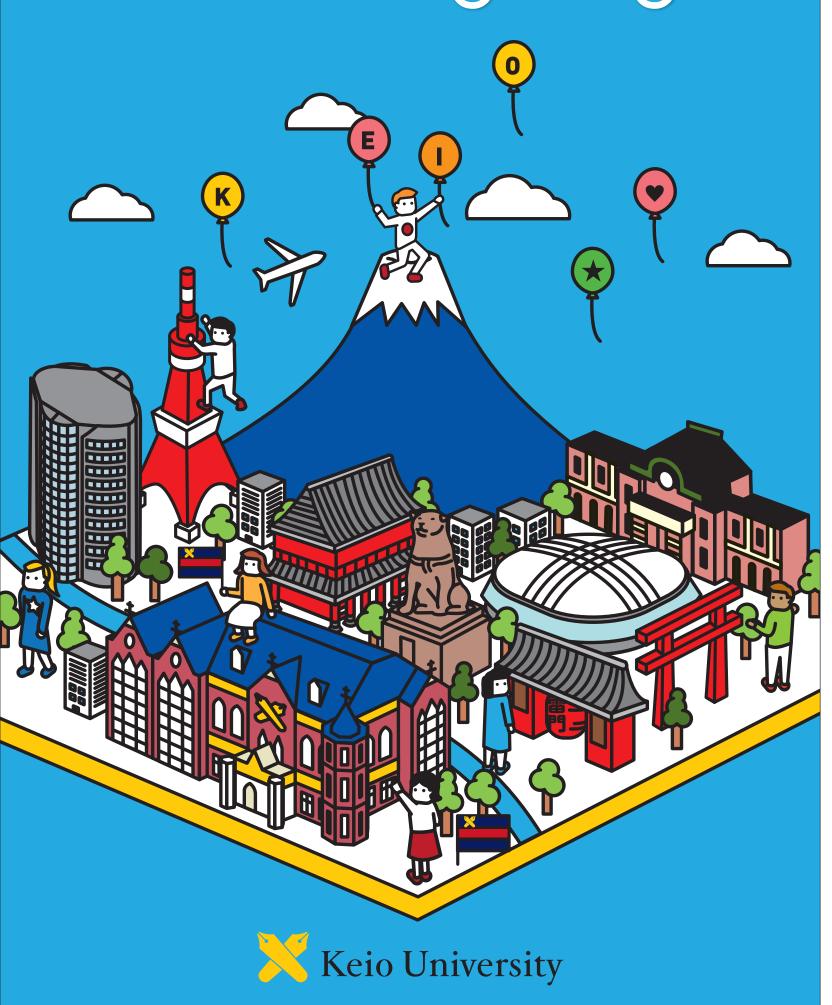
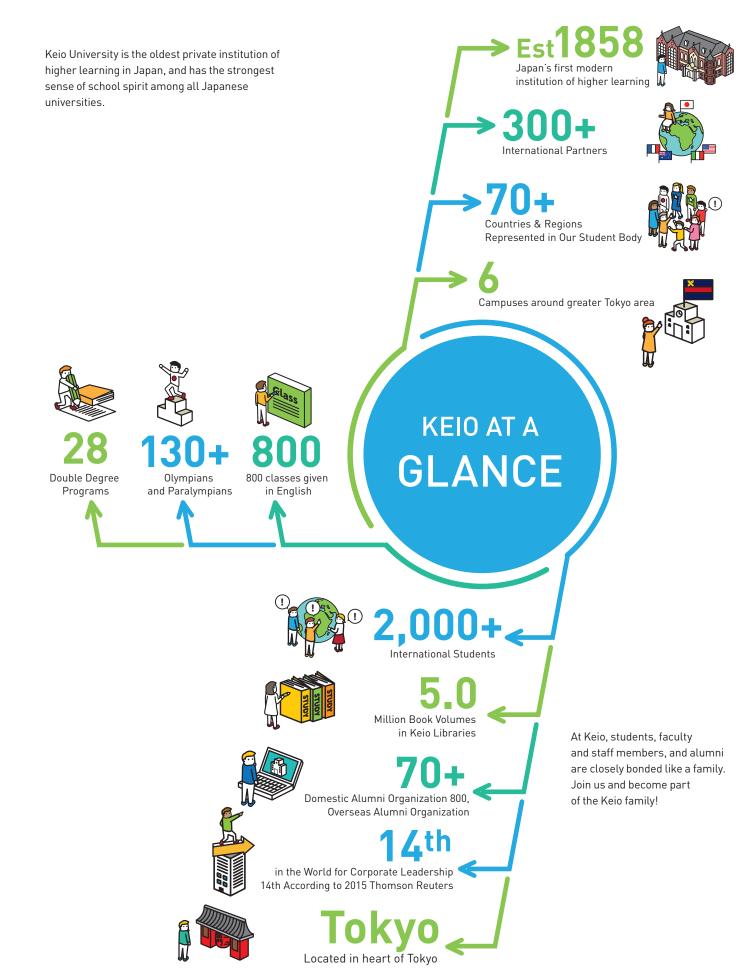
# Student Exchange Program

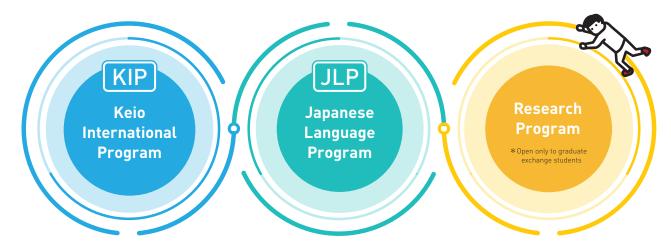


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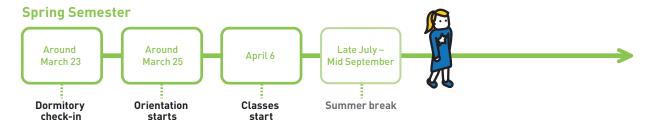


### **Programs** for Exchange Students

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 a 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







### Fall Semester



### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Online application available:

## http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/study/exchange/apply.html

Deadline for Application

Spring Semester > Early October







### Keio welcomes international students from diverse backgrounds, expanding its world-wide network

Keio University's Partner Institutions (As of March 2018)





### 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 local students can also take the International Center courses, exchange students will have opportunities to study alongside Keio students.

### Any combination of these courses (A minimum of 7 courses per semester)

#### **International Center Courses**

-English-taught courses focusing on Japan and East/Southeast Asia



- Language and Literature
- Culture and Cross-Cultural Understanding
- Science
- Religion and Thought
- History
  - Media and Communications
  - Social Issues

  - Politics
  - Diplomacy and International Exchange
  - Business and Economy

### Japanese Language Courses \*Up to 4 courses

- -Offered by the Center for Japanese Studies
- -Ranging from elementary to advanced level

Sample

- Grammar
- Listening & Speaking
- Reading & Writing
- Essential Japanese Spoken Communication
- Written Communication
- Integral Japanese
- Communication Listening & Speaking
- Japanese Culture: Honorifics
- 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

## **Graduate Schools** -Mostly taught in Japanese ncv (JLPT N2 or above) required -English-taught courses also available

Courses offered by Faculties /



### 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 the high level 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.

Comprehensive Subjects	1 credit	Comprehensive Japanese  Acquiring the four skills of reading of reading, writing, listening, and speaking through comprehensive learning activities.
Subjects with a Specific Focus	1 credit	Grammar, Grammar (Classics), Modern Text Reading, Newspaper Reading, Orthography, Composition, Aural Comprehension, Conversation, Presentation, Applied Composition, and Situational Conversation
Japanese Studies on Society and Culture	2 credit	Japanese Social Studies (History of Japanese Literature, Noh Play) Japanese Cultural Studies (Traditional culture, Japanese painting, Japanese animation and TV game) Deepening knowledge of Japanese society and culture.

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### Research Program

\*Open only to graduate exchange students

This program is for graduate students who wish to conduct research under the supervision of an academic advisor at Keio. 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



### FAQ

#### Q1 Do you have university dormitories?

We do have some off-campus housing that is subsidized by Keio. Exchange students have priority access to a room in these housing arrangements during their study period.

Are there any scholarships available for exchange students?

> The scholarship offered by JASSO (Japanese Student Services Organization) is available for those who have outstanding academic records. Successful applicants will be provided 80,000 JPY per month for up to 11 months. The number of grantees is subject to change.

What is the cost of living at Keio?

Approximately 130,000-170,000 JPY / month (meals,

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.

How many courses can I take? **Q5** 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

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.

Can I take regular undergraduate courses **Q7** at Keio University?

> Almost all 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.

When will the course list be available?

Course lists for the new academic year, from April to March, usually become available in late March

Do you have a buddy program? Q9

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

Is late arrival or early departure Q10 accepted?

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

### Housing Information



#### **Availability**

Keio housing (accommodations subsidized by Keio) is GURANTEED for exchange students if they complete housing application on



#### 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 area to Mita Campus, approximately 40 minutes by train to attend classes. "Commuting to school" is quite common in Japan, and exchange students can experience a taste of Japanese culture

#### Rent (subject to change)

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



### A day at Keio

#### OHAYŌ! (Good Morning!)

After having a shower and a 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

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### ITADAKIMASU (Lunch Break)

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Lazaro Gallardo, Jose Maria Exchange Student from Pompeu Fabra University







### AFTER CLASSES DINNER, GOING HOME AND OYASUMI (Good Night)

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