

Keio University (Tokyo)



○ Characteristics of the Program

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. The Program offers a range of course levels and subjects, so it is easy for students to find a program that fits their needs.

◇ University's Overview

① History

Keio University is a private school founded in 1858 as *Keio Gijuku* by Yukichi Fukuzawa, a highly recognized intellectual leader in Japanese history. It is the oldest and one of the most renowned private institutions of higher education in Japan. The original and main body of the university was established in 1890, so was Keio elementary school in 1898. *Keio Gijuku* has been expanded since then as an integrated group of educational institutions including elementary, secondary schools and the university.

② Organization

Undergraduate Faculties – Letters, Economics, Law, Business & Commerce, Medicine, Science & Technology, Policy Management, Environmental Information, Nursing & Medical Care, Pharmacy (To be established in April 2008).

• Number of Students: 27,908 (as of May 1, 2007)
Graduate Schools – Letters, Economics, Law, Human Relations, Business & Commerce, Medicine, Science & Technology, Business Administration, Media and Governance, Law School, Health Management, Pharmaceutical Sciences (To be established in April 2008), Media Design (To be established in April 2008), System Design and Management (To be established in April 2008).

• Number of Students: 3,701 (as of May 1, 2007)

• International Exchange Number of International Students:
870 (as of May 1, 2007)

• Number of International Visiting Scholars:
202 (Fiscal Year 2006)

• Number of Monbukagakusho Japanese Language
Program Students: 18 (Fiscal Year 2006)

• Number of Keio Students Studying Abroad:
191 (Fiscal Year 2006)

• Number of Keio Faculty Studying Abroad (3 months or
longer): 111 (Fiscal Year 2006)

◇ Contents of the Program (Monbukagakusho students enroll in the same program as general students.)

(1) Characteristics:

The Program is composed of **Core Subjects** and **Subjects with Specific Focus**. The goal of these courses is to improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. In addition, **Japanese Studies on Society and Culture** is offered to deepen the knowledge necessary to understand Japanese society and culture. Together, the varied courses are designed to enable students to compose a course of study that suits their particular academic needs and interests.

At advanced levels (Level 8 and above), Japanese language classes enable development of the highly advanced reading and composition skills necessary for undergraduate and graduate programs. Students who are competent for advanced study levels may take a limited number of subjects for credit among those offered by Keio University (undergraduate or graduate), if they can meet the requirements for registration. In addition, Japanese/International Studies Courses, conducted in English, are available as **Optional Subjects** within the Japanese Language Program.

(2) Enrollment Quota: 180 (including some Monbukagakusho Students)

The average class size is 20 students, although this number varies from semester to semester.

(3) Duration of the Program

Fall Admission: From September 22, 2008 to July 21, 2009
(Classes will finish at the end of July.)

(4) Contents of the Course in Brief

1) Core Subjects: Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing, Kanji, and Grammar (sentence structure)

2) Subjects with Specific Focus: Grammar, Orthography, Composition, Aural Comprehension, Modern Text Reading, Newspaper Reading, Presentation, and Conversation

◇ Housing

Keio University has a small number of off-campus rooms for international students. The monthly rent is about 50,000–60,000 yen. These rooms are about an hour away from Mita campus. Detailed room information is provided to successful applicants, although applicants should be aware that we cannot accept all room applications as this is a competitive procedure.

◇ Contact

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◇ **Contents of the Program** (Continued)

3) Japanese Studies on Society and Culture: Japanese Social Studies (Linguistics, History, Economics, Law & Politics) and Japanese Cultural Studies

4) Optional Subjects: Japanese/International Studies Courses, conducted in English offered by the International Center, and subjects offered by the undergraduate/graduate programs, which are held in English

Subjects offered in Academic Year 2007 (extraction): Language beyond Grammar, Japanese Literature, Religions in Japan: In search of salvation, Intercultural Communication, Japanese Psychology in Contemporary Japan, Japanese Economy, Japanese Society and Business, Introduction to Japanese Law, World of Southeast Asia, Area Studies (The United States), Ukraine and Russia, International Relations, Innovation and Strategy in Global Business, Visions of the Past, etc.

5) Level Assessment and Assignment/ Course description:

All students are required to take a placement test conducted prior to the beginning of each semester. Students are then assigned to an appropriate level (Level 1– 12). Students study two different levels during the one-year period of the program. Course description:

Levels 1–3: Designed for either beginner students, those with limited knowledge, or those with 100 hours of Japanese study. Successful completion should enable facility in conversation necessary for everyday life and an ability to read and write simple sentences.

Levels 4–7: Designed for students who have mastered fundamental sentence structure, fundamental vocabulary, and fundamental kanji. Students who complete the course will be able to use and understand average Japanese both orally and in writing.

Levels 8–10: Designed for students who have sufficient knowledge of Japanese to express themselves and understand average daily Japanese. This level aims at a proficiency level sufficient to audit university lectures, read text/reference books, write papers and take examinations.

Levels 11 and 12: Designed for students who have attained a high level of Japanese proficiency. This level aims at the attainment of a high level of proficiency, when students can: (1) understand lectures in a specialized discipline, (2) participate in discussions and present seminar reports at seminars, (3) read specialized books with some speed, and (4) write a thesis.

6) Course Paths:

The Japanese Language Program is composed of two course paths:

1) The Comprehensive Course, and 2) The Alternative Course.

In the Comprehensive Course, students will comprehensively study the Core Subjects, and Subjects with Specific Focus and/or Japanese Studies on Society and Culture. The Alternative Course is open for students at levels 4 or above, who have permission to register for this Course from their academic advisors after taking a Placement Test and auditing appropriate subjects. Students will learn Subjects with Specific Focus, and/or Japanese Studies on Society and Culture in this course.

For the Comprehensive Course, the minimum subjects for registration per semester in each level are listed below. Note that the credits for graduate and undergraduate courses are different. Students must register for seven or more subjects (10 or more subjects for students in level 2) per week Monday through Saturday. For each subject, students meet for one class period of 90 minutes per week over 15 weeks to earn one credit. Courses in Japanese Studies on Society and Culture are for two credits per subject.

Levels	Core Subjects	Subjects with Specific Focus, and/or Japanese Studies on Society and Culture	Minimum Credits to be registered
1, and 3–12	6 (6 credits)	1 (1 or 2 credits)	7 (7 or 8 credits)
2	10 (10 credits)	None	10 (10 credits)

Students taking the Alternative Course must register for seven or more credits per week in Subjects with Specific Focus, Japanese Studies on Society and Culture, and/or subjects offered in undergraduate/graduate programs (which can be taken by students in level 8 or above).

(5) Faculty Members and Academic Guidance (as of October 1, 2007):

Director: Susumu TOMOOKA

Vice Director: Minori MURATA

Academic Advisor: Taeko TANAKA

Full-time Professors of the Center for Japanese Studies: 8

Full-time Professors of the undergraduate programs and Part-time Lecturers: 32

Chief Executive (Administrative Staff): Yoshiro KATO

Each student will be given advice through counseling in consideration of one's needs and language ability in assistance with class coordinators and two academic advisors.

Activities: Japanese cultural activities (Tea Ceremony etc.) and various activities offered by supporting organizations (Japanese Club, Cultural Exchange, Visitation, etc.)

(6) Completion of the Program and Certificate of Completion

Students in the Comprehensive Course who have studied and passed two different levels during the one-year period of the Program, and have earned 14 or more credits in Core Subjects, and Subjects with Specific Focus, and/or Japanese Studies on Society and Culture, will meet the requirements for Program completion. Students, who want to study Japanese intensively, should register for 10 or more credits per semester.

Students in the Alternative Course who have studied and passed two different levels during the one-year period of the program, and have earned 14 or more credits for Subjects with Specific Focus, and/or Japanese Studies on Society and Culture, will meet the requirements for Program completion.

Those who have completed the Program will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

(7) Qualifications and Conditions of Applicants

Senior high school graduates or those who are deemed equivalent.