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Keio University

Keio University Law School LL.M. in Global Legal Practice Receives Official Approval

Keio University Law School (KLS) submitted an application to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to launch a new Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in Global Legal Practice beginning April 2017. The application was approved on August 31. The new program will permit a select number of students to obtain an LL.M degree in one year, with instruction entirely in English, and is the first of its kind offered at a law school in Japan. KLS also has an existing Juris Doctor (J.D.) program.

The LL.M. program welcomes lawyers who aspire to work globally and legal staff of global corporations and international institutions. It also welcomes Japanese lawyers and law school graduates who wish to improve their practical skills using English, international students who are interested in Japan and Asia, and university graduates who wish to work in an international institution in the future. KLS plans to enter into double degree programs with partner institutions in other countries, including the United States, which will allow participating students to earn an LL.M. from the partner institution in addition to their degree from KLS as part of a single, integrated course of study.

1. Program Overview

- (1) Name: Keio University Law School LL.M. in Global Legal Practice
<http://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/llm/>
- (2) Launch date: April 2017
- (3) Annual matriculation dates: Start of Spring Semester (April) or start of Fall Semester (September) (semester system)
- (4) Anticipated initial number of students: 30
- (5) Language of instruction: English
- (6) Period of study
 - ① 1-year full time
Knowledge of legal practice (graduation from a law school or equivalent) will be evaluated
 - ② 1.5- or 2-year part time
For professionals (e.g., lawyers) or graduates of Japanese law faculties who would like to take a reduced course load over a longer period (program can also be completed in one year)
- (7) Target students:
The LL.M. program will train students who hope to be globally active lawyers or legal staff of global companies and international institutions. The following types of candidates are encouraged to apply:
 - ① Lawyers, and graduates of law schools, who wish to improve their ability to conduct international legal work in English
 - ② Legal staff of corporations with international operations
 - ③ International students who wish to study Japanese and Asian law and legal practice (and who hold a J.D., LL.B., or other law degree)
 - ④ Graduates of Japanese law faculties who wish to obtain a master's degree and aim to work at international institutions
- (8) Degree: LL.M.in Global Legal Practice (a professional school master's degree)
***The LL.M. in Global Legal Practice does not qualify a student to sit for the bar exam in Japan or other countries.**

- (9) Credits required to graduate: At least 30 course credits
- (10) Study abroad possible at one of Keio's partner universities for half a year (a maximum of 15 credits may be transferred)

For our J.D. program, KLS has existing exchange arrangements with, among other universities: Cornell University, Georgetown University, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), University of Washington, Sciences Po, Yonsei University, Tsinghua University, Singapore Management University

We expect to have exchange arrangements available with a number of these as well for the LL.M. program.

- (11) Double degree program:
University of Washington School of Law (Seattle)

2. Application Qualifications and Admissions Policy

- (1) Eligible applicants: University graduates (including those who anticipate graduation prior to entry into the LL.M. program)
- (2) Selection criteria:
 - ① Test-optional admissions policy
*Basic knowledge of jurisprudence (equivalent to graduation from an undergraduate program in law)
 - ② English language ability (TOEFL iBT score of 92 or more; 100 is preferred)

3. Curriculum (approximately 50 courses)

9 Subcategories of the Global Legal Practice Program	
Core Program	Elective Program
Japanese Law and Asian Law in Global Practical Perspective	Innovations and Intellectual Property Law
Global Business and Law	Area Studies of Law
Global Security and Law	Comparative Law
Practical Training (Negotiation, Arbitration, Drafting, Moot Court, Internship)	Current Legal Issues
	Legal Research and Writing

4. Yearly Registration and Tuition Fees

	Registration Fee	Tuition Fee	Total
1st Year	¥ 60,000	¥ 1,560,000	¥ 1,620,000
2nd Year	¥ 60,000	¥ 935,000	¥ 995,000

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