


# Keio University

## Law School

Address: 2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8345 Japan

	Program Name
	LL.M. in Global Legal Practice
	Degrees
	(i) LL.M. degree
	Credits and years required to graduate
	30 or 36 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Not Required
	Acceptance Quota
	2 students per batch

### Web Links

- University:  
<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/>
- Graduate School:  
<https://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/>
- Course/Program:  
<https://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/llm/>
- Syllabus:  
[https://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/llm/course\\_list.html](https://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/llm/course_list.html)
- International Student Support:  
<https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/#students>

### Features of the University

Keio University is a private, comprehensive higher education institution located on six campuses spread across the Greater Tokyo area. It offers an environment of academic and research excellence in a wide range of fields, and includes a university hospital. Founded in 1858, it is Japan's first modern institution of higher learning, and over the last century and a half it has established itself as a leader in Japan through its continued commitment to education, research and medicine. Keio has 10 undergraduate faculties, 14 graduate schools, over 30 research centers, a university hospital, and a university library boasting one of Japan's largest collections of books.

In 2014, The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology initiated the 10-year "Top Global University Project." This project promotes the internationalization of higher education by supporting new initiatives, interactions, and partnerships among the world's top universities. Keio University was

selected as a Type A University, one of the top 13 universities that conduct world-leading education and research in Japan.

### Features of the Graduate School

Keio University Law School, established in 2004 with the founding principles of "internationalism, multidisciplinaryism and pioneerism", has come to occupy a position as one of Japan's top law schools and has established a strong track record of "internationalism", with many non-Japanese adjunct and full-time research faculty members, and a curriculum that includes a fair amount of courses conducted in English, generally with a focus on business law.

Rapid globalization has globalized legal disputes and crime, and internationalized the work of legal professionals. In today's society, not only lawyers practicing in international business law but legal experts of all kinds need to be international in outlook. Keio University Law School aims to meet this need by offering a rich range of optional courses teaching the basics of law in the United States, Europe and Asia, and American law in particular is taught primarily by full-time international instructors with legal and educational experience in Japan. Based on a hands-on study of international business law, students are trained in the ability to solve legal issues that span national borders from an international perspective.

With today's society changing at dizzying speed, new legal problems are arising all the time, and legal professionals must be able to keep pace with and deal with these problems as they arise.

They must therefore be armed with the critical legal thinking skills to produce innovative solutions untrammled by conventional wisdom, and this is where interdisciplinarity comes in. With its 10 undergraduate faculties and 14 graduate schools and about 160-year history as a leader in the field of liberal arts education in Japan, Keio University is just the place for students to develop a balanced historical sense in an environment that provides ample opportunity for the study of neighboring subjects and experience of international exchange.

### Features of the Program

Keio University Law School (KLS) has established a LL.M. (LL.M. in Global Legal Practice) program, which has allowed students to obtain a master's degree in English. The LL.M. course provides various law programs, which are specialized in: the business law; the international dispute resolution law; Japanese law; the Asian law, the law and development in Asia; the international law and the intellectual property law for students. These programs will contribute to the Nepali Government's legal policy which considers the efficient judicial process, establishment of efficient business law and the intellectual property law system, as urgent matter for the promotion of business investment in Nepal. KLS has actively been accepting international students who are international legal professionals or who hold J.D. This approach has had a synergistic effect in learning with Japanese legal professionals at our campus and has led to form a global network. Furthermore, double degree arrangements with partner universities around the globe has speed up the process.

### Curriculum

English is the exclusive language of instruction, and the program has allowed students to obtain an LL.M., in principle, within a single year of education. The LL.M. course aims to foster legal professions who can work in legal institutions as lawyers, the legal staff of companies, and international organizations on a global scale.

By obtaining specialized law certification, JDS fellows can contribute to the development of Nepal by using their specialized knowledge. Especially, the certificate in the field of business law, law and development in Asia and intellectual property law will contribute to fostering of legal professions who can work on development issues, which the Nepali legal system is facing now.

KLS LL.M. course has a faculty member who have long been involved in legal cooperation and judicial reform in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, East Timor, etc., and has accumulated basic research on the legal and judicial systems of these countries. The results of studies are published by the Japanese Ministry of Justice International Cooperation Department. JDS fellows can get advices in their research, such as legislation of specific laws, dissemination of a legal system, improvement of access to justice, promotion of the rule of law and comparative law studies.

### **List of Courses:**

[https://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/llm/course\\_list.html](https://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/llm/course_list.html)

### **List of Program members:**

<https://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/faculty.html>

### Student Support System

Keio provides the following support to international students:

- Support for course works and research
- A tutorial system for students. Tutors follow course works and give advices for a student research paper. Tutors cooperate students' supervisors and share students' study worries and researches.
- Keio University has a Japanese course. Students can take some Japanese classes if they want.
- Support for academic live
- Students can use a clinic (English medical service is available) at the campus.
- Keio University has a prayer's room for Muslim students. The student office introduces how to use the room for students.