

AIS Kick-off Session

Fall 2026



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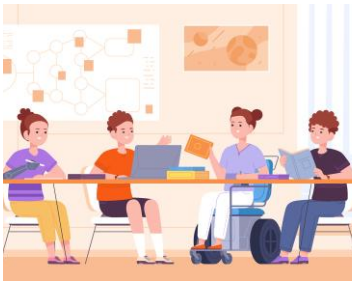
Association for International Students

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Our Goals

- Bridging the gap between GIGA & Non-GIGA Students

- More close interaction and cooperation with the international students by holding fun events.



About Clubs



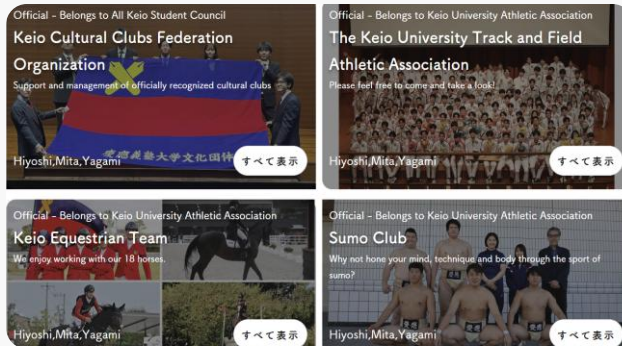
Clubs

Under student-run organization “Keio University Athletic Association”, member clubs, marked “Varsity” on the list, represent the university at competitive sporting events.

Aikido	American Football	Automotive	Aviation (glider)
Baseball	Basketball	Boxing	Equestrian
Fencing	Golf	Gymnastics	Handball
Hockey	Japanese Archery	Judo	Karate
Kendo	Lacrosse	Mountaineering	Nippon Kempo
Riflery	Rowing	Rugby	Sailing
Semi-hardball	Shorinji Kempo	Skating	Skiing
Soccer	Soft Tennis	Sumo	Swimming
Table Tennis	Tennis	Track	Volleyball
Weightlifting	Western Archery	Wrestling	

<https://www.uaa.keio.ac.jp/index.html>

About Circles



Circles

Students sharing the same interest organize themselves into groups called "circles". There are more than 100 official circles at Keio.

Circle activities are quite popular amongst Japanese university students.

<https://orientation.keio-zenkyo.net/circle2026> 

Apply for Student Commuter Pass

1. Apply for Certificate: K-Support → Apps → Certificate Issurance Service
2. Bring Student ID, Cash, and Certificate to commuter pass office.



First-time buyers, purchase at the commuter pass office



At some stations, after going to the office, the staff will guide you to continue your purchase at the ticket machine

Course Types

Fundamental Subjects

- Language Communication
- Data Science
- Fundamentals of Information Technology
- Wellness Subjects
- Interdisciplinary Subjects

Advanced Subjects

- Specialized Subjects
- Prepares students to conduct research in seminars and their graduation project.
- Divided between both faculties.

Research Seminars

- Seminar (Kenkyukai)
 - Students participate in real-world problems and gain a high level of expertise on a diversity of issues.
- Graduation Project
 - Consolidation of a student's research into a tangible form (thesis, work, etc.)

Mandatory Courses

- Register up to **20 credits per semester**
 - Only credits for PROPERLY REGISTERED COURSES are counted for ***advancement***
 - PE 1 and Physical and Mental Health will **not** count towards this credit limit
- If you want to take more than 20 credits, additional courses can be taken
 - These do not count towards your GPA or graduation credits
- Making a course a properly registered or additional course is your choice!
- Mandatory courses cannot be counted as “additional courses”

Course Registration

- Find the courses aligning with your interests and check for screening method

<https://gslbs.keio.jp/syllabus/search>

- Register for those in the given registration times (in K-LMS)

<https://lms.keio.jp/>

Course Registration

Syllabus: Check the UPDATED schedule and syllabus for the upcoming semester.

Entry for Student Screening:
Apply through **Syllabus**

First Course Registration:
Apply through K-Support > "Course Registration"

Result Announcement of Student Screening:
Check through K-Support > "Course Registration"

9/4 (Fri.) 16:00 ~

9/4 (Fri.) 16:00 - 9/25 (Fri.) 12:00

9/25 (Fri.) 12:30 - 9/28 (Mon.) 16:00

9/29 (Tue.) 16:00

Course Registration

Second Course Registration:

Apply through keio.jp course registration page

9/29 (Tue.) 16:00 - 10/08 (Thu.)

Course Registration Confirmation:

Confirm through keio.jp course registration page.

10/14 (Wed.) 16:00 ~

Course Registration Cancellation Period: First half:

Cancel through keio.jp course cancelation page.

10/22 (Tue.) 10.00 – 10/23 (Fri.) 16:00

Course Registration Cancellation Period: Second half:

Cancel through keio.jp course cancelation page.

12/14 (Mon.) 10:00 – 12/15 (Tue.) 16:00

Advancement

For Detailed Information, please refer to:

[The Keio University Student Website](#)

[The 2026 SFC Guide](#)

[AIS Hub](#)

Advancement to 2nd Year

Credit Requirements:

Subject	Credits Needed
Policy Management Studies or Environment and Information Studies (depending on your Faculty)	1 credit
Physical and Mental Health for Campus Life	1 credit
Physical Education 1	1 credit

General Requirements:

- Enrolled in **2 semesters**
 - (excluding any gap semesters)
- Minimum of **30 total credits**
 - (excluding optional subjects)

For more details: [Advancement](#)

Architectural Majoring

指定科目の分類	科目名	単位数	一級 建築士試験	二級・木造 建築士試験	備考
①建築設計製図	応用環境デザイン(建築とランドスケープのデザイン)	4	7単位以上	3単位以上	*
	応用環境デザイン(都市環境のデザイン)	4			*
	応用環境デザイン(グリーン・アーキテクチャ・デザイン)	4			*
	応用環境デザイン(総合)	4			*
	デザインスタジオ(住まいと環境)	4			
	デザインスタジオ(都市と建築)	4			
	デザインスタジオ(自然と建築)	4			
②建築計画	都市デザイン論	2	7単位以上	2単位以上	*
	環境の変遷	2			*
	都市と建築の歴史	2			
	建築設計と環境デザイン	2			
③建築環境工学	建築環境制御論	2	2単位以上	2単位以上	*
	建築熱・空気環境工学	2			理工学部開講科目
	音・光環境工学	2			理工学部開講科目
④建築設備	環境空間論	2	2単位以上	3単位以上	*
	居住設備デザイン工学	2			理工学部開講科目
⑤構造力学	環境の力学	2	4単位以上	3単位以上	*
	構造のデザイン	2			*
⑥建築一般構造	建築技術論	2	3単位以上	3単位以上	*
	建築構法論	2			
	建築構法	2			理工学部開講科目
	空間構造力学	2			理工学部開講科目
⑦建築材料	建築構成論	2	2単位以上		*
⑧建築生産	建設マネジメント論	2	2単位以上	1単位以上	*
⑨建築法規	都市空間の構成	2	1単位以上	1単位以上	*
⑩その他	ランドスケープデザイン	2	適宜	適宜	*
	建築生産とデザイン	2			
	都市と地域の未来	2			
	デザインと情報技術	2			
	都市と環境	2			
	アーバンルーラルデザイン	2			*
	デジタルデザイン基礎	4			
	都市計画とまちづくり	2			
	地域環境論	2			*
	都市政策	2			*
	ミュージアムデザイン基礎	2			
	都市システム論	2			
	デザインスタディーズ	2			
	デザインスタジオ基礎	4			
	フォレスト・サイエンス・アンド・エンジニアリング(上流)	2			
	フォレスト・サイエンス・アンド・エンジニアリング(下流)	2			
①～⑨計			30単位以上	10単位以上	
①～⑩計			60～	50～	40～
必要な実務経験年数			2年	3年	4年
				0年	1年
					2年

Required number of academic credits and years of practical experience

SFC Architecture Track — Exam Eligibility The credits and courses you need to complete at SFC before you can take the architect licensing exam.

Credits list

Credits Requirements

What are seminars?



Learn more at <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/sfc-pem/pmei/seminars/>

A research group that allows students to study their specific fields of interest more intensively. It is a prelude to the graduation project expected at the end of the year.

4 ways to get to know seminars: taking the classes of professors themselves, introduction from friends, looking at the syllabus, attending Kenkyukai orientations (hosted by SFCUnion)

Seminar Types



Seminar A

- 2 periods per week
- 4 credits



Seminar B

- 1 period per week
- 2 credits

You are only allowed to take **6 seminar credits** per semester starting from **2nd year**. You can also join a **1 Kenkyukai** per semester in your **first year**.

Seminar ≈ Kenkyukai

Seminar Experience – Saya

Corporate Finance & ESG

Seminar A | 1st Yr 2nd Sem – 2nd Yr 2nd Sem

- ESG principles & corporate valuation case studies
- Drugstore Project: Sustainability & community engagement proposal
- Persol Project: Growth strategy & financial analysis

International Economics

Seminar B | 3rd Yr 1st Sem – Present

- Global currency evolution (EUR & USD focus)
- Exchange rates, international finance & future monetary systems

Subculture Factory

Seminar B | 3rd Yr 1st Sem – Present

- Subcultures across music, film, art & creative movements
- Cultural practices in forming collective identities & social resistance

Seminar Experience – Chery

Koblab Architecture Kenkyukai

Seminar B | 2nd Yr 1st Sem

- Community-based architecture & local urban design studies
- Hands-on, self-build projects on real physical sites
- Direct collaboration with local communities from research to construction

Architecture and Urban Design

Seminar B | 4th Yr 1st Sem

- New forms of spatial expression through design & research
- Reintegrating living, working, and making into modern cities
- Group field studies & individual research paper presentations



Seminar Experience – Mana

Quantum Networks (AQUA) – Part of RG NORTH

Seminar B | 1st Yr 2nd Sem – Today

- Distributed quantum networks
- Switch architecture & encoding techniques
- Time-bin encoding for optical switches

About AQUA:

- AQUA Research Tracks: Hardware, Optical Switching Chips, System Implementations, Theory & Architecture, Applications



Part-Time Jobs

01 Student Assistant

- General Requirements
 - got A for that class at minimum
 - recommended by the professor
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02 Out of Campus

- General Requirements
 - work permit stamp on the back of your residence card (28h-40h)
- Example
 - English Teaching
 - Convenient store
 - English Senior buddy
 - Where to Look?
 - Japanese: MyNaviBaito, TownWork, Indeed
 - English: GaijinPot, Craigslist

Part-Time Experience – Saya

Off-campus

- Convenience store worker in Yokohama
- Daily tasks included using the register, stocking shelves, handling postal packages, and making cafe menu items (food & desserts)



TIPS

Tips for working

Working part-time is a great way to improve your Japanese skills! I was initially not confident in my speaking skills, but working in an environment that forced me to use them daily helped a lot. English skills are also seen as a big plus when you are looking for a job in areas like Yokohama or Tokyo.



Part-Time Experience – Gab

Off-campus

- English Teacher for 2 different companies around the Kanto Area
- Students are around 2-12 years old.
- International Environment and Culturally Diverse



TIPS

Tips for working

If you want to meet people from other universities or backgrounds, working in English Teaching is one of the best ways! A lot of my co-workers are from other universities' international programs and they're some of the most hardworking and passionate people I have ever met in Japan. It's easy to make new friends in that type of environment.



Internships

01 Networks (Seniors / Professors)

- Often, internships are done through referrals from seniors.
- Courses/ seminars:
 - Professors announce available internship positions.
 - E.g. AI-research company, sustainability organization...

02 LinkedIn / Indeed

- MANY internship positions are posted on these platforms.
 - Not all, but majority requires fluency in Japanese

03 External Organization Events (GaijinPot -educational consultant)

- GaijinPot Job Expo Events (Tokyo)
 - Usually held in winter
 - Could have possible internship positions

Internship Experience – Saya

July 2026 ~ Present

How did I get it?

- Job searching on Gaishishukatsu!
- Required N2 Japanese level and needed to go through an interview + submit an assignment to land the role

What was it about?

- AI-powered recruitment company based in Southeast Asia
- I had the opportunity to work on digital marketing, design, content creation, and much more!



TIPS

Tips for someone looking for something similar:

- **Revamp Your Resume:** Tailor your resume or CV to match the job description, focusing on the qualifications and traits that recruiters are seeking
- **Highlight Transferable Skills:** Any experience can be relevant! Identify your transferable skills and make them your key selling point



Internship Experience – Mana

Spring Break, 2026

How did I get it?

- Recommended through friend since the internship position was vacant. Fluent English was required, but training was given for all tasks.

What was it about?

- Supply chain management in Mitsubishi Fuso. Requires working with excel and sap database to track imported parts for truck production. Also, working with power platform to automate tasks.



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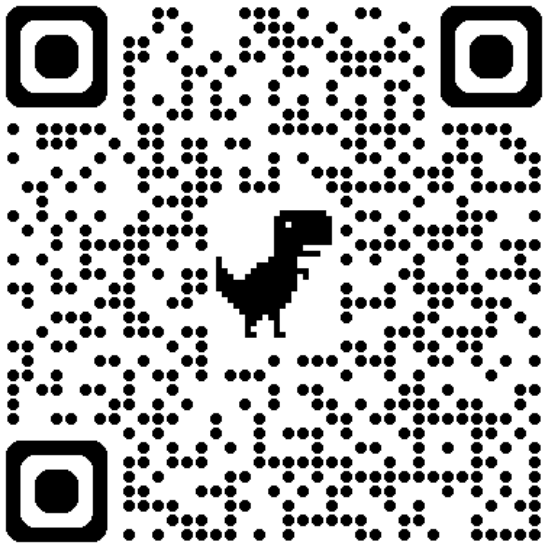
Tips for someone looking for something similar:

- Ask around! Ask anyone you know if the interned in a field you are interested in. maybe they can connect you to someone!



QNA / FAQs

OR ACCESS OUR CONTACTS AND MATERIALS HERE



AIS Hub (For New Students):

<https://ais-official.sfc.keio.ac.jp/hub/for-new-students/>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/aiskeiosfc/>

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