

Keio University Law School Specialization Program in International Dispute Resolution

1. Overview

In order to contribute to globalization of the Japanese legal profession and specifically, the development of human resources in the area of international dispute resolution such as international arbitration, on February 25, 2019, Keio University Law School (“KLS”) was qualified as a **Recognized Course Provider** (“RCP”) for the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators** (“CIArb”), one of the world’s leading professional bodies for training of international dispute resolution professionals.

Accordingly, from April 2019, students in both the KLS J.D. and LL.M. programs who complete the KLS course **International Commercial Arbitration I** can apply to become a CIArb Member.

Further, legal professionals who wish to be active in the field of international dispute resolution and to acquire related knowledge and skills may register at KLS as non-degree “subject” students to take international dispute resolution-related courses, centered on the above-referenced two subjects, as part of KLS’ “International Dispute Resolution Specialization Program” which is being established concurrently as one of KLS’ continuing legal education (CLE) programs. This CLE program is designed for working professionals, and so many of the courses offered in the program are held evenings or weekends to be compatible with work obligations.

2. Program Contents and Requirements for Completion

The “International Dispute Resolution Specialization Program” is comprised of a number of courses related to international dispute resolution, centered on international arbitration. Elective compulsory subjects I (basic subjects), elective compulsory subjects II (practical training subjects) and elective subjects (specialized / special ADR subjects) are required for completion. At least 6 credits are required, including compulsory subjects (2 or more credits) and elective compulsory subjects (1 or more credits).

(1) Elective Compulsory Subjects I (basic subjects) (2 or more credits)

- International Commercial Arbitration I (Spring term, 2 credits)
Instructor: Douglas K. Freeman, Ayako Tsuru
- International Commercial Arbitration II (Fall term, 2 credits)
Instructors: Yoshimi Ohara, Tony Andriotis, Joaquin P. Terceño
- International Arbitration Practice in North East Asia (Spring term, 1 credits)
Instructors: Masako Miyatake, Harald Sippel

(2) Elective Compulsory Subjects I (practical training subjects) (2 or more credits)

- International Commercial Dispute Resolution - An Introduction to Professional Practice
(Fall term, 2 credits)
Instructors: Huw R. Watkins, Kanaga Dharmananda SC, Leon Firios
- Negotiation (Fall term, 2 credits)
Instructors: Masako Miyatake, James Nepaulsingh
- Mediation (Spring term, 2 credits) Instructor: Masako Miyatake, Tomohiko Kamiya
- Arbitration (Fall term, 2 credits)
Instructors: Masako Miyatake, Harald Sippel, Douglas K. Freeman, Tomohiko Kamiya
- Legal Debate and Negotiation (Fall term, 2 credits)
Instructors: SaiGanesh Vaheisvaran, Park Taejun
- Moot Court (Spring term/Fall term 3 credits)
Instructor: Setsuko Aoki, Tao Yangzi

(3) Elective Subjects (no requirements, but when combined with credits in the above categories (1) and (2), must total at least 6 credits)

- Case Study in International Dispute Resolution and Regulatory Law (Spring term, 1 credit)
Instructors: Nitta Yuko, Tony Andriotis
- Intellectual Property Case Law and Enforcement (Spring term, 2 credits)
Instructor: Toshiko Takenaka
- Seminar (Case Study in International Competition Law) (Spring term, 1 credit)
Instructor: Hiromitsu Miyakawa
- Sports Law and Dispute Resolution (Fall term, 1 credit)
Instructors: Masahiro Takamatsu, Shoichi Sugiyama, Kengo Iida

3. Fees

Legal practitioners who take courses at KLS in this CLE program are classified as non-degree “subject” students (科目等履修生.)

The following fees are required to take courses at KLS as “subject” students:

Examination fee (for one year) 18,000 yen /

Registration fee (1 semester) 40,000 yen /

Tuition fee (per 1 credit) 38,000 yen

The total of tuition and other fees required to receive the KLS completion certificate is 326,000 yen for 6 credits taken over one academic year (2 semesters). If you were instead to take the required 6 credits for completion in one semester, the cost is 286,000 yen.

Note: Additional fees are charged directly by CIArb for Associate and Member qualification and continuing membership.

4. Application Procedures

Any lawyer or other legal practitioner or corporate legal staff member can, in principle, participate in the specialization program. However, please keep in mind that all classes and final exams are conducted in English, and participation in class discussion and training exercises is taken into account in the evaluation of grades so a fairly high level of comprehensive English proficiency is required. For details on the application procedure, please check:

<http://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/cle/index.html>

Also, non-Japanese citizen must hold an adequate VISA in order to enroll in courses offered by Keio (Short-term VISA is not an adequate VISA).

The application guidelines, subject list, timetable, syllabus, class schedule, etc. for 2024 also are available on Keio University Law School website.