

Keio University Law School – University of Washington School of Law LL.M. double degree program

The double degree program allows a student to obtain an LL.M. in Global Legal Practice from Keio University Law School in Tokyo, and one of seven potential LL.M. degree¹s from the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle, during less time than it would take to do so if each degree were pursued separately.

Information about the Keio LL.M. program is at: <http://www.ls.keio.ac.jp/en/llm/>

Information about the UW LL.M. programs is at: <https://www.law.uw.edu/academics/llm/>

Keio-Originating and UW-Originating Students. The program is designed for

- Keio-originating students to enter Keio in Spring term (from April), then take Autumn and Winter quarters at UW.
- UW-originating students to enter UW for Autumn and Winter quarters, then study the following Spring term at Keio.

Note that each application process has its own requirements, especially for TOEFL/IELTS exam, obtaining recommendation letters and preparation of essays. In principle, admission to each program is required for double degree participation.

Time Schedule. A representative time schedule for a Keio-originating student is follows:

1. January 2018 -- Apply to Keio LL.M. program for admission from Spring term 2018, and apply to UW LL.M. program of your choice for admission from Autumn quarter 2018. See admissions information on the Keio and UW websites.
2. April – July 2018. Complete Spring term in Tokyo at the Keio LL.M. program and obtain at least 15 semester credits. (Some internships and concentrated courses may be available in August after end of the main Spring term classes.)
3. September 2018-March 2019. Complete Autumn and Winter quarters at UW Seattle and obtain at least 25 quarter credits.
4. The UW LL.M. degree could be awarded at the completion of Winter quarter (March 2019). Because of the timing for completion of the Winter quarter at UW, the Keio degree would be awarded later together with Spring term 2019 Keio degrees. Assuming you did not remain enrolled at UW for Spring term, you need would remain enrolled at Keio for Spring term, pay tuition, and would be eligible to take additional courses at Keio in Tokyo if needed or desired.

¹UW offers LL.M. degrees in Asian and Comparative Law, Global Business, Health Law, Intellectual Property, Sustainable International Development Law, Tax, and General Law.

A representative time schedule for a UW-originating student is follows:

1. January 2018 -- Apply to Keio LL.M. program for admission from Fall term 2018, and apply to UW LL.M. program of your choice for admission from Autumn quarter 2018. See admissions information on the Keio and UW websites.
 2. September 2018-March 2019. Complete Autumn and Winter quarters at UW Seattle and obtain at least 25 quarter credits.
 3. April – July 2019. Complete Spring term in Tokyo at the Keio LL.M. program and obtain at least 15 semester credits. (Some internships and concentrated courses may be available in August after end of the main Spring term classes.)
 4. The Keio LL.M. degree could be awarded at the completion of Spring term (September 2019). UW LL.M. degree also could be awarded in 2019.
- Some care is required in planning specific courses at both Keio and UW to make sure that a student completes the relevant degree requirements, including any mandatory courses. The universities have cooperated so that specified UW courses can be applied to meet specific Keio LL.M. requirements, and specified Keio courses can be applied to meet specific UW LL.M. requirements, to facilitate this.

Bar Admission. The Keio LL.M. is not linked to potential bar admission in Japan or elsewhere. The UW LL.M. can, in some cases, offer a student an opportunity to meet educational prerequisites to sit for a state bar exam in the United States. Information is available here:

<https://www.law.uw.edu/academics/llm/bar-prep/>

In many cases, however, where a student intends the UW LL.M. to meet the educational requirements to sit for a state bar exam, some additional study at UW would be required beyond the Autumn and Winter quarters, requiring part- or full-time Spring quarter enrollment at UW.

Tuition and Fees. For a Keio-originating student, based upon fees for AY 2018, a student would pay

1. 2018 Spring term tuition and fees at Keio. Registration fee JPY30,000, Spring term tuition JPY780,000, Other fees JPY10,990, Total **JPY820,990** (approximately US\$7,397²). Please refer to the following PDF file regarding the Academic Fees and Expenses for AY2018.
<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/fees/professional-fees.html>
2. Autumn and Winter quarter tuition and fees at UW. (These fees vary slightly by LLM program and, for some programs, based upon the number of credits). For many of the LL.M. programs at UW, total full-time, non-resident tuition and fees for Autumn and Winter quarters would be **US\$13,084 each, or US\$26,168 in total**. Please see:
<https://www.law.uw.edu/admissions/financing/tuition/>
*Note: Keio Student Health Care Mutual Aid Association Annual Fee will be charged separately. It will be JPY1,250.

² Currency conversions are at JPY111 = US\$1. Actual rates may vary.

3. 2019 Spring term tuition and fees at Keio.
※ The following fees is shown based upon fees for AY 2018 because AY 2019 tuition and fees at Keio have not fixed yet.
Registration fee JPY30,000, Second-year Spring term tuition JPY467,500, Other fees JPY6,990, Total **JPY504,490** (approximately US\$4,545).
4. Under these assumptions, Keio total tuition and fees would total **JPY1,325,480 (approximately US\$11,942)** and UW tuition and fees would total **US\$26,168 (approximately JPY2,904,648)**, so the total for both LL.M. degrees would be approximately **US\$38,110 or JPY4,230,128**.
5. Tuition and fees are revised each academic year. You also must budget appropriately for living expenses, transportation (including transportation between US and Japan), books and supplies, medical insurance, visa and application fees and similar expenses.