

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
Global Program
in Economics and Management

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Graduate School of Economics and Management**

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Tohoku University, Japan**



Since 2014 the Graduate School of Economics and Management of Tohoku University has been offering an international program called Global Program in Economics and Management (GPEM), specifically targeting students who aspire to become global professionals. The goal of GPEM is to offer graduate level education in economics and management and to equip the students with the following skills; 1) an ability to address the problem and to elaborate the solution, 2) an ability to understand the problem in a global context, and 3) an ability to collaborate with people with different language, culture, and values. GPEM is designed for both international and Japanese students. GPEM will be mainly taught in English, and it is possible to obtain a master's degree by taking the courses taught in English only. At the same time, for those who wish to continue research beyond master's level, an opportunity is available to enter the GPEM doctoral program after finishing GPEM master's program.

Who can apply?

Master's Course

- Those who have completed or will complete undergraduate education in any major or field by September 30.
- Those who have obtained a TOEFL score of 79 (iBT) and above, or IELTS (academic) 6.0 and above by the time of application, or have graduated from universities in countries where the official language is English (Example: United Kingdom, United States, Australia, etc.).
- Those who have a GRE or GMAT score.

Doctoral Course

- Those who have completed a postgraduate degree.
- Those who have obtained a TOEFL score of 79 (iBT) and above, or IELTS (academic) 6.0 and above by the time of application, or have graduated from universities in countries where the official language is English (Example: United Kingdom, United States, Australia, etc.).

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For more information, please visit the following website :

<https://www.econ.tohoku.ac.jp/english/page-gpem.html>



Application Process

Master's program

Submit application*

First Application Period: End of Jan. – Early Feb.
Second Application Period: End of Feb. – Early Mar.
Third Application Period: End of Mar. – Early Apr.

Acceptance announcement

Official notification of admission/rejection will be sent by email by

First Period: Mid – Mar.
Second Period: Mid – Apr.
Third Period: Mid – May

Preparation for studying in Japan

June – Sept.
Applying for Student Visa
Applying for dormitory

Arrival in Japan / Orientation

Oct.

Doctoral program

Submit application**

Mar.

Notification of acceptance

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End of May

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* Master's program applicant does not need to obtain consent of an academic advisor before entering the graduate school.

** Doctoral program applicant should obtain consent of an academic advisor prior to application.

Refer to the faculty section of our website at:

<https://www.econ.tohoku.ac.jp/english/page-teacher.html>

Inquiries about the e-mail address of your expected advisor can be made below.

Contact e-mail: gpem@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester (Oct. – Mar.)

Orientation	Beginning of Oct.
Class begins	Beginning of Oct.
Winter Vacation	End of Dec. – Beginning of Jan.
Class ends	End of Jan.
Self-Education Period	Beginning of Feb. – Mar.

* Final examinations are usually held on the last days of each course.

* Dates are subject to change. The dates above are for your reference only.

Spring Semester (Apr. – Sept.)

Class begins	Beginning of Apr.
Class ends	End of July
Self-Education Period	Beginning of Aug. – End of Sept.

Fees

As of 2019.4

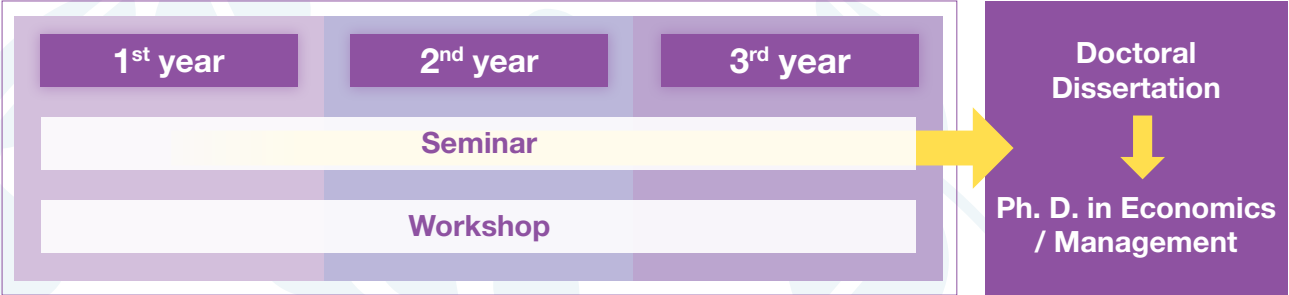
Application Fee	¥30,000
Admission Fee	¥282,000
Tuition Fee. 1 yr	¥535,800

Curriculum

Master's Program



Doctoral Program



Research Fields in Economics and Management

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Data Science Program (DSP) II

The Data Sciences Program (DSP) II started in October 2018 as one of the 'International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP) – Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students', supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology (MEXT). The main purpose of this program is to develop highly-specialized global human resource in the field of data science, contributing to the construction of foundations in society, life and the environment. Students of the GPEM program are able to attend classes in the DSPII course and receive certification.

Please see here for more information:

http://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/_eng/dsp2/



Requirement

Master Course

Category	Courses
I. Analytical Methods	Microeconomics I / Microeconomics II Macroeconomics I / Macroeconomics II Econometrics I / Econometrics II Business Management I
II. Subjects in Economics and Management in English	Political Economy / International Finance Comparative Economic History / Japanese Economic History History of Economic Thought / Public Finance Social Policy / International Economics Environmental Economics / Welfare Economy Health Economics / Applied Macroeconomics Data Science in Economics Innovation Management / Nonprofit Organization Business History / Operations Research International Business / Regional Enterprises
III. Subjects in Economics and Management in Japanese	More than 30 classes are taught in Japanese
IV. Subjects in Global Studies	Global Company Research / Cross-cultural Leadership / Topic Discussion Japanese Communication I / Japanese Communication II Business Communication I / Business Communication II / Career Development
V. Special Courses	Special Lecture
VI. Seminar and Guidance	Seminar in Economics a / Seminar in Economics b Seminar in Management a / Seminar in Management b Project Guidance in Economics a / Project Guidance in Economics b Project Guidance in Management a / Project Guidance in Management b
VII. Workshop	Workshop

- Students in their second year must take Project Guidance. Under the supervision of an instructor, students will engage in their proposed projects and must complete their project report in English.
- Students who completed the GPEM Master's Program and wish to pursue a doctoral degree at Tohoku University must re-apply for admission to the Doctoral Program.
- GPEM and the University of Paderborn(Germany) are offering a double master program.

Doctoral Course

- Students must take Seminar IIIa and IIIb offered by their supervisors.
- Students must submit Doctoral Dissertation and pass the defense in English.



Campus Life

Profile of Tohoku University

Tohoku University was founded in 1907 as the third Imperial University, following the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University. Located in Sendai, we are also the first Imperial University to accept female and international students and continue to be a progressive university committed to the principles of "Research First" and "Open Doors." There are approximately 18,000 students enrolled at Tohoku University including 2,000-plus international students from 97 countries and regions (as of May 1, 2018).



Life in Sendai

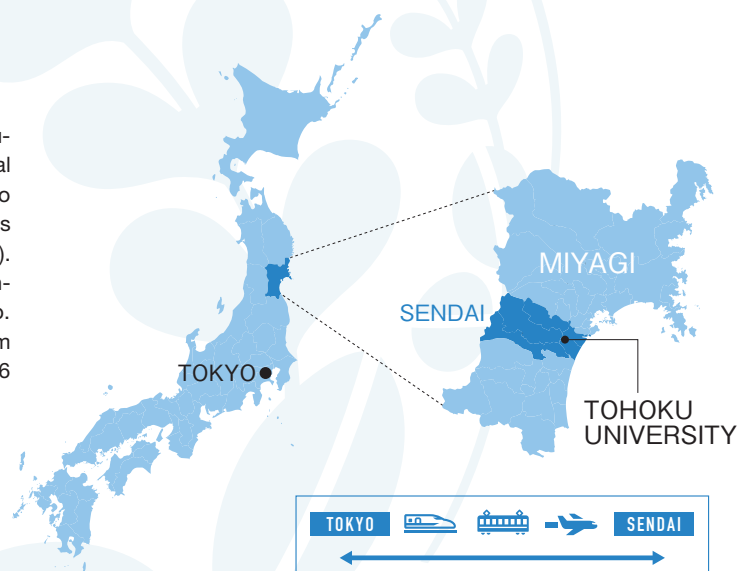
Sendai, an urban and modern 'City of Trees'

Sendai is well known as the 'Mori no Miyako' (city of trees), as most of the major streets and avenues in the city are lined with zelkova trees. The city's various industrial and residential areas are located in its outskirts, and it is surrounded by mountains, rolling fields and the ocean. Sendai, with its estimated population of 1 million, is a city in which industry and culture live side by side.

Access

Sendai Airport (SDJ) is an international airport with regular flights to other large cities in Japan and international flights to neighbouring countries. The airport is linked to the city by Sendai Airport Access Line (17-25 minutes from Sendai Airport to Japan Railway(JR) Sendai Station). JR Sendai Station is a major station on the Tohoku Shinkansen (bullet train) line, 1 hour 40 minutes from Tokyo. Tohoku University, Kawauchi Campus, is located 3 km from JR Sendai Station. From the JR station, it takes 6 minutes by subway Tozai Line to Kawauchi station.

http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/access/index_en.html



Student Support

DIEE

"Division of International Education and Exchange" (DIEE) provides support for international students as well as students who are planning to study abroad. Our support includes academic guidance focused on language instruction, assistance with students' adjustment to campus life, and coordination of various intercultural exchange.

<http://www.econ.tohoku.ac.jp/~KKS/index.html>



Tutor System

Newly enrolled international students are provided tutors, recruited from the Tohoku University student body, to advise them on their studies and daily lives, and help them adjust to their new environment as quickly as possible.

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

There are three ways to apply for the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; MEXT) Scholarship. Once selected, awardees benefit from fee waivers and a monthly stipend until the stipulated period*. For more detail, please refer to the website at

<https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0302e.html>

* Years usually required to complete the program (e.g. 2 years for master course)



Alumni Voice

Pham Thi Thanh Tu Credit Saison Co., Ltd., Overseas Business Division

My priceless memories with GPEM

I am Tu from Hanoi, a student of the GPEM 2014. I first came to Sendai in 2011 as an exchange student at Tohoku University. In 2014, I got a scholarship and became a master's student through GPEM. This gave me another wonderful time in Sendai, and I even considered it my second hometown. The GPEM is a great program that I always recommend to my friends and family. Throughout the 2 years, I had a lot of support from my professors who gave me useful advice for my research, job hunting and life in general. In most lectures, we did group work, presentations, and had free talk with our professors. This helped me to have a very good rapport with my classmates. After graduation, I started working for a finance company in Tokyo. I spent my 1st year in Department of Service and Product Development where I took charge of corporate clients. Now I am working in the Overseas Business Division which gives me the opportunity to learn more about overseas financial markets. Having been in Japan for 5 years, I can say studying in the GPEM was one of the best decisions of my life.



Liao Junhao Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Hainan Branch, Asset-Liability Management Department

My unforgettable life in Sendai

I am so proud that I used to be a member of the GPEM program. It gave me a chance to receive a good quality education and Japanese culture. I still remember that day when I arrived in Sendai. Don't be afraid of meeting any language problems when you go through the formalities because the GPEM program provides tutor service to guide foreign students to solve all your problems. At the same time it also gives foreign students a chance to make friends with the Japanese students. The GPEM program also provides various kinds of economics and management courses and seminars, and you can choose courses freely according to your interest. Tohoku University provides Japanese language course as well which are very helpful for your daily life in Sendai. After one year of studying, you can choose a direction of research based on your interest and academic background. One excellent professor will be appointed as your supervisor. Your supervisor will guide you to complete your final report prudentially. You can report your findings and problems to your supervisor regularly and all your questions will be answered. After your final graduation report defense you have an opportunity to enter the GPEM program as a doctor student continuing your research at Tohoku University or hunting for a job in Japan or your home country. Your studying experience of the GPEM program will be very helpful for your career for the rest of your life.

