



TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
Global Program
in Economics and Management

GPEM

Graduate School of Economics and Management
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? (as non-Japanese students for October entrance)

Master's Program

- Those who have completed or will complete undergraduate education in any major or field by September 30.
- Those who have obtained a TOEFL iBT[®] score of 79 or above, or IELTS (academic) 6.5 or 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 Program

- Those who have completed a postgraduate degree.
- Those who have obtained a TOEFL iBT[®] score of 79 or above, or IELTS (academic) 6.5 or 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/en/gpem>





Application Process (for October Entrance)

Master's program

Pre-application Dec. – Mar.

Submit application*

First Application Period: Jan.
Second Application Period: Feb.
Third Application Period: Mar.

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

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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/en/teacher>

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	Beginning of Aug.
Self-Education Period	Aug. – End of Sept.

Fees

As of 2022.10

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, Science 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 GPDM 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's Program

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 Advanced Econometrics I / Advanced Econometrics II Monetary Economics / Aging Economy / Development Economics Economic statistics / Applied Data Science Innovation Management / Nonprofit Organization Business History / Operations Research International Business / Regional Enterprises
III. Subjects in Economics and Management in Japanese	More than 20 classes are taught in Japanese
IV. Subjects in Global Studies	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 Program

- 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 86 countries and regions (as of May 1, 2022).



Life in Sendai

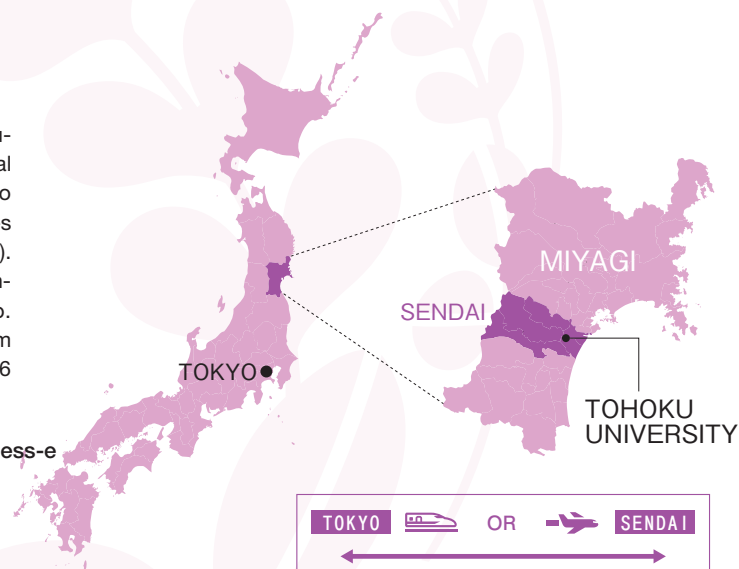
Sendai, an urban and modern 'City of Trees'

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, vast farmland and the ocean. Sendai, with its estimated population of 1 million, is a city in which nature, 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, 1hour 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/en/arrival-e/pre-e/access-e>



Student Support

Instruction Section

Instruction Section 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.

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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.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/policy/index.html>

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



Alumni Voice

Wang Kangni Finance & Controlling of Greater China

My priceless memories with GPEM

Before I came to Sendai, my impression of it only stayed in Mr. Lu Xun's description in textbooks. Now, after two years' study and life, Sendai has become my second hometown in Japan.

Before coming, I had many worries, such as poor Japanese, rent and accommodation, research direction and tutor selection and so on. Once coming, I found all my worries are superfluous. First of all, Tohoku university offers different levels of Japanese courses for international students, and you will find the one that suits you. Besides, beautiful yet affordable dormitories are available for international students, in which you can meet international students from different countries, and they will become your good friends. To make things better, there is a special section in Graduate School of Economics and Management, which provides support for international students in language instruction and assistance with students' adjustment to campus life. Last but not the least, in the first year of GPEM, the school will assign a tutor who can provide you with all-around help, not only guidance on choosing future research directions, but also any difficulties you encountered in life. In the second year, after determining the research direction according to your personal interests, you can choose your tutor freely.

It has been three years since I left Sendai, but I will never forget my two years of study there and sincerely hope to come back again soon.



Jeremy September Lecturer at the University of Hyogo

My Life Changing Experience in Sendai

Firstly, joining the GPEM program was simply a life changing moment for me. Getting into the graduate program was exciting but honestly the level of professionalism and kindness I received from the faculty and staff during my 5 years on the GPEM program will always be my fondest memory. Another highlight were the classes and seminars I attended. As students we were truly given free rein to explore our ideas and encouraged in every way possible. After graduation I had the honor

of working in the department as an assistant professor and thus was given the best possible start to my career as an academic. Sendai City itself is also a hidden gem of a city. When I originally moved to Sendai as an English teacher, my work supervisor at the time told me that Sendai City was nice to visit but amazing to live in. He was right. There is just something about the city that encourages an easy relaxed lifestyle. Whether it's the beautiful lane of Zelkova trees in Jozenji Dori or the fact that almost everything is accessible by bicycle. I've since moved to Kobe to take up a teaching post at the University of Hyogo and despite all of Kobe's attractions, my heart still belongs to Sendai.





Inquiry

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