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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 will have a graduation certificate for undergraduate studies by the end of September.
- Those who have obtained a TOEFL iBT[®] score of 79 or above, or IELTS (academic) 6.5 or above by the time of application. This requirement is waived for graduates of universities in countries where English is the official language (e.g., the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, etc.).
- Those who have a GRE[®] or GMAT[®] score.

Doctoral Program

- Those who have completed a master's 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. This requirement is waived for graduates of universities in countries where English is the official language (e.g., the United Kingdom, the 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.

Notification of acceptance

Official notification of admission/rejection

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

Pre-application Dec. – Mar.

Submit application**

Mar.

Notification of acceptance

Official notification of admission/rejection

End of May

Preparation for studying in Japan

June – Sept.
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Oct.

* 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 day 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 2027.04

Application Fee	¥30,000
Admission Fee	¥282,000
Tuition Fee	
Japanese Students: ¥267,900 for 1st Term (¥535,800 per year) (Estimated)	
International Students*: ¥450,000 for 1st Term (¥900,000 per year) (Estimated)	

*Refers to individuals residing in Japan under the "Student" residence status as per Appended Table I of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.

Note: The above amounts are estimates. If fee amounts are revised, the new amounts will become effective from the time of the revision.

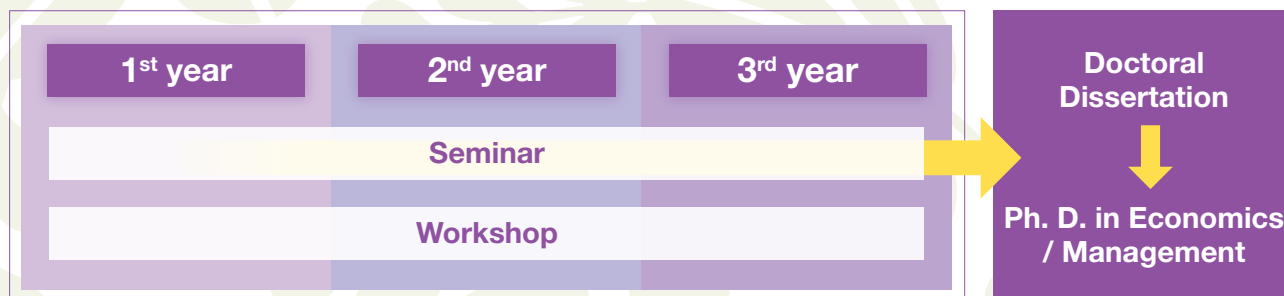
Curriculum

Master's Program



- The GPEM also offers a double-degree program (2-year master's program) with the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, Paderborn University, Germany.

Doctoral Program



Research Fields in Economics and Management

- The name of the faculty members and their email addresses are listed on the website at: <https://www.econ.tohoku.ac.jp/en/teacher>
- The Graduate School of Economics and Management participates in the Graduate Program in Data Science (<https://gp-ds.tohoku.ac.jp/en/index.html>) and the International Program in Japanese Studies (<https://gpjs.tohoku.ac.jp/en/>), part of the Tohoku University Advanced Graduate School (<https://pgd.tohoku.ac.jp/english/ijg/>).

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 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 Labor Economics / Behavioral Economics
III. Subjects in Economics and Management in Japanese	More than 20 classes are taught in Japanese
IV. Subjects in Global Studies	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.

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 89 countries and regions (as of September 1, 2023).



Life in Sendai

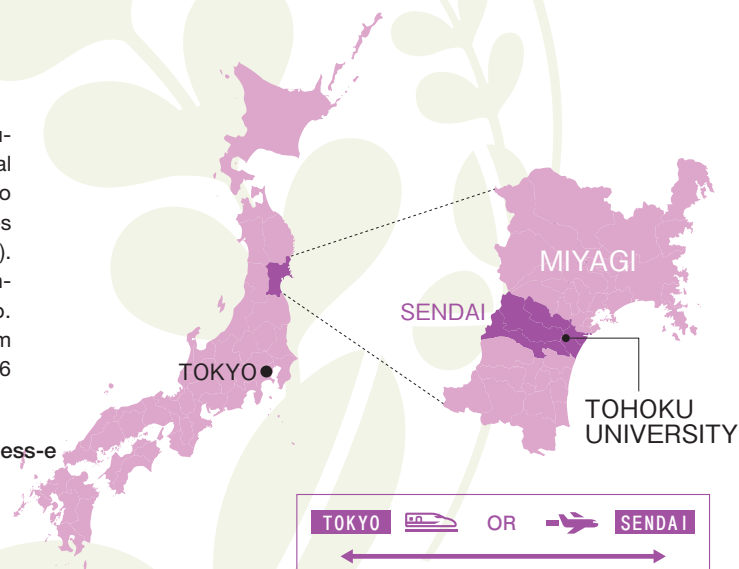
Sendai, an urban and modern 'City of Trees'

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.

Graduate School Scholarship (from FY2027)

Scholarships equivalent to either the full amount of tuition or one-half of the tuition shall be awarded to approximately the top one-third of students selected based on entrance examination results. Please refer to the GPEM website for updated information.

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

Once selected to the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; MEXT) Scholarship, 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/planning/scholarship/types/>



Alumni Voice

Yikai Zhao Specially Appointed Assistant Professor, Tohoku University, Japan

From Learning to Independent Research

My journey in the GPEM program spanned both my Master's and PhD studies, providing a transition from foundational learning to independent research. The integration of data science courses was particularly valuable, providing analytical tools to approach economic problems through a sharper and more modern lens. Another aspect I appreciated was the highly accessible support system. For students who may hesitate to ask questions in person, the responsiveness of faculty and staff is a great comfort. My emails were always answered promptly with clear explanations and practical advice, making research and administrative procedures much less daunting.

Outside the classroom, life in Sendai was shaped by many small but meaningful connections. I still remember my Japanese tutor helping me with paperwork at the ward office and showing me quiet corners of the city. I also enjoyed the dormitory system where Japanese and international students live together, making it easy to form friendships from around the world. Looking back, these everyday moments made GPEM feel like home and remain among my most treasured memories.



Luhur Febriansyah Human Resource Development Analyst, Jakarta, Indonesia

My Transformative Experiences in GPEM

The two years I spent in the GPEM master's program changed the way I see the world. I used to think economics was solely driven by the government, but now I see it differently. The program exposed me to diverse topics in economics and management, which is unique—from historical and comparative economics to family business and nonprofit studies. At the same time, the curriculum gave me plenty of time to pursue my research interests.

My international student life also went beyond classes, as Tohoku University and its faculties actively encouraged students to engage with local communities. These experiences reshaped my worldview. They were made possible by the extensive support provided by the school, even before my first day—from administrative procedures and dormitories to Japanese language classes and halal food. These supports helped me settle into life in Sendai smoothly. Sadly, assistance in forgetting my fond memories of studying and living in Sendai was not included, so I still find it difficult to move on from one of the most beautiful chapters of my life.



Inquiry

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