



Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad at Waseda University Law School, Japan

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The University of Michigan Law School offers a semester study abroad opportunity with Waseda University Law School, Tokyo, Japan for one (and sometimes more than one) student per academic year. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, 300D Legal Research, or on the Law School web site at: <http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx>. Please consult the General Guidelines along with this document. They contain important information, including how to apply.

Curriculum

Waseda University Law School is described on its web sites: <http://www.waseda.jp/law-school/> (Japanese) and <http://www.waseda.jp/law-school/eng/situation.html> (English). A sample course list is available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, and a description of the exchange program may be found at: <http://www.waseda.jp/law-school/eng/exchange.html>

The biographies of members of the faculty at the Waseda University Law School may be seen at: <http://www.waseda.jp/law-school/jp/about/faculty/alphabet.html>.

A student's course selection at Waseda University Law School must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student's departure. Any subsequent requested changes must be approved in advance by Assistant Dean Virginia Gordan (vgordan@umich.edu; TEL: 734-764-5269). The acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken at Waseda University Law School is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

In addition to the course requirements at Waseda, students will be responsible for fulfilling all the requirements for the transfer of credit described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, Room 300D Legal Research.

Advice

Professor Mark West (markwest@umich.edu) is available to advise students interested in studying at Waseda University Law School. Prior to submitting a proposal to the Global Affairs Committee for semester study abroad at Waseda University Law School pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad, students are required to be interviewed by Professor West.

Language

There currently are a limited number of appropriate courses offered in English at Waseda University Law School. Therefore, fluency or substantial ability in Japanese may be necessary.

Calendar

The first semester at Waseda generally goes from early April through late July. The second semester at Waseda generally starts in late September with classes ending in January and finals in February. The fall 2008 semester (Waseda's second semester) classes begin September 26, 2008. Orientation week takes place between September 21 and September 25, 2008. The spring 2009 semester (Waseda's first semester) classes tentatively begin on April 6, 2009, with the orientation week beginning April 1, 2009. Waseda has indicated a willingness to be flexible about scheduling final exams; for instance, fall semester (Waseda's second semester) students will be allowed to finish their study at Waseda University Law School by the last class in December and earn full-semester credits for enrolled courses. Appropriate methods of evaluation will be arranged in order to compensate for the missed January classes in consultation with the exchange coordinator of the home institution. See <http://www.waseda.jp/law-school/eng/exchange.html> for further details.

Tuition

Students must pay full tuition and fees to the University of Michigan Law School as described in the General Guidelines. Students will not be charged tuition by Waseda University. Tuition structure and amount are subject to change.

Application to Waseda University Law School

Students who receive approval from the Law School's Global Affairs Committee to study abroad at Waseda pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad will then be required to promptly complete a Waseda application form. *Waseda reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

The Waseda University Law School application can be found at <http://www.waseda.jp/law-school/eng/exchange.html> - under Required Documents for Nomination.

The Center for International & Comparative Law will send the accepted student's Waseda application and supporting application items to Waseda.

Housing

When Waseda grants acceptance to a student, the student is asked if he/she wishes to apply for university housing. If Waseda's facilities for foreign students are full, every reasonable effort is made to assist incoming exchange students in finding suitable accommodation elsewhere.

Contacts

Professor Akio Shimizu of Waseda University Law School is the academic and overall coordinator for Michigan students at Waseda. His email is ashimizu@waseda.jp, and his telephone number is 81-3-5286-1214. Please contact Professor Shimizu with your questions.

Mr. Makato Inoue is the administrative contact at Waseda University. His contact information is: law-school@list.waseda.jp, TEL: 81-3-5286-1678; FAX: 81-3-5286-1720.

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For further information

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports available at <http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx>. The reports contain invaluable information about courses, professors, library, computers, housing and so on. They identify the pluses and minuses of the students' study abroad experiences and what aspects they enjoyed and what they found problematic while studying at Waseda.

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