

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/index-e.html> (English). The fall 2009 semester (Waseda's second semester) courses are attached, 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 Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations 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 eight courses offered in English in the fall 2009 semester at Waseda University Law School, and Waseda has indicated that they likely will be continued. The current English-language courses offered are Japanese Legal Culture, Civil Law in Japan, Comparative Finance Law, Criminal Justice in Japan, Human Rights Law in Japan, International Trade Law, Business Law in Japan, and Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. All other courses are in Japanese, and with the exception of first-year non-electives, are open to foreign exchange students with sufficient language ability.

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 2009 semester (Waseda's second semester) classes begin September 21, 2009. Orientation takes place between September 24 and 25, 2009. The spring 2010 semester (Waseda's first semester) classes tentatively begin on April 1, 2010. The dates of orientation are to be announced. 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 Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations 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 (#2) Required Documents for Nomination – click on “Exchange Program Application Application for Admission”.

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 currently available in the Center for International & Comparative Law (Room 300D Legal Research). 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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Waseda University Law School
2009 Second (Fall) Semester Courses

漢字科目名	英字科目名
国家と法	Constitutional Law: Law and Nation
民法III	Civil Law III
民法IV	Civil Law IV
民事訴訟法	Civil Procedure
会社法I	Corporate Law I
刑事訴訟法	Criminal Procedure
民事法総合II	Advanced Civil Law II
商法総合	Advanced Commercial Law
民事法総合IV	Advanced Civil Law IV
行政法総合	Advanced Administrative Law
民事訴訟実務の基礎	Civil Law Litigation
刑事訴訟実務の基礎	Criminal Law Litigation
企業統治と企業金融	Corporate Governance & Finance
リーガル・カウンセリング アンド ネゴシエーション	Legal Counseling and Negotiation
民事弁護実務	Civil Law Advocacy
家事弁護実務	Family Law Advocacy
刑事弁護実務	Criminal Law Advocacy
労働訴訟実務の基礎	Labor Law Litigation
民法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Civil Law
商法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Commercial Law
刑法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Criminal Law
刑事手続法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Criminal Procedure
憲法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Constitutional Law
行政法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Administrative Law
英文法文書作成	Legal Drafting in English
企業法務の実務基礎	Introduction to Corporate Legal Practices
不動産法特殊講義	Real Estate Law-Advanced
消費者法	Consumer Law
倒産法演習	Seminar: Bankruptcy Law
労働法II	Labor Law II
労働法演習	Seminar: Labor Law
医事法I	Law and Medicin I
労使紛争と法II	Law and Labor Disputes II
捜査法	Law of Criminal Investigation
刑事証拠法	Criminal Evidence Law
比較刑事手続	Comparative Criminal Procedure
犯罪学	Criminology
少年法	Juvenile Delinquency Law
修復的司法	Restorative Justice
法医学	Forensic Medicine
雇用差別と法	Law and Employment Discrimination
社会保障法演習	Seminar: Social Security Law
高齢者と法	Law and the Elderly
ジェンダーと法	Law and Gender
都市と法	Law and Urban Planning
情報の公開	Information Disclosure
国際関係公法基礎	Introduction to International Law
独占禁止法基礎	Introduction to Antimonopoly Law
非公開企業法	Law of Closed Corporations
保険争訟論	Insurance Dispute
商事決済法	Law of Settlement in Business Accounts
国際取引法	International Business Transactions
国際関係私法基礎	Introduction to International Private Law

国際通商法	International Trade Law
経済法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Economic Law
経済法実務演習	Seminar: Economic Law Practice
国際私法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: International Private Law
国際法応用演習II	Advanced Seminar: International Law II
アメリカ通商法	U.S. Trade Law
国際私法I	International Private Law I
知的財産権法概説	Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
競争法	Competition Law
租税法基礎	Basics of Taxation
租税政策	Taxation Policy
知的財産権法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Intellectual Property Law
国際租税法	International Taxation Law
環境法I	Environmental Law I
国際環境法	International Environmental Law
租税法応用演習	Advanced Seminar: Taxation Law
スポーツ法	Sports Law
マスメディアと法	Law and Mass Media
裁判官の任務と責任	Role and Responsibility of Judges
法整備支援活動	Technical Assistance in the Legal Field
法史学I (日本)	Legal History I: Japan
法史学II (ヨーロッパ)	Legal History II: Europe
法社会学I	Law and Society I
外国法基礎 (英米法)	Introduction to Anglo-American Law
外国法基礎 (中国法)	Introduction to Chinese Law
外国法演習 (英米法)	Seminar: Anglo-American Law
法哲学	Legal Philosophy
法思想史	History of Legal Thoughts
法と経済学	Law and Economics
法律家のための会計学	Accounting for Lawyers
Japanese Legal Culture	Japanese Legal Culture
Civil Law in Japan	Civil Law in Japan
Comparative Financial Law	Comparative Financial Law
Criminal Justice in Japan	Criminal Justice in Japan
Human Rights Law in Japan	Human Rights Law in Japan
Pacific Settlement of International Disputes	Pacific Settlement of International Disputes
Business Law in Japan	Business Law in Japan
ペーパー・オプション	Optional Research Paper
研究論文指導II	Research Paper II