The University of Michigan Law School offers a semester study abroad opportunity with Waseda Law School, Tokyo, Japan for one (and sometimes more than one) student per academic year for either the fall or winter term. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, 212 Hutchins Hall, 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 Law School is described on its web sites: http://www.waseda.jp/flaw/gwls/ (Japanese) and http://www.waseda.jp/flaw/gwls/en/ (English). The Fall 2016 (Waseda’s second semester) courses are soon to be attached.

The biographies of members of the faculty at Waseda Law School may be found at: http://researchers.waseda.jp/en/ - Under “Affiliation” click on “Faculty of Law”, then “Waseda Law School”.

A student’s course selection at Waseda 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 Theresa Kaiser-Jarvis (tkjlaw@umich.edu; TEL: 734-764-5269). The acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken at Waseda 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 212 Hutchins Hall or on the Law School web site at http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx.

Advice

Dean Mark West (markwest@umich.edu) is available to advise students interested in studying at Waseda Law School.
Language and Courses Offered in English

Waseda Law School will offer 14 courses in English for the Fall 2017 semester (Waseda’s second semester). Some of these courses are offered at Keio Law School (Keio University) and Sophia University Law School, which exchange students may take as well. The courses in English for the Fall 2016 semester were:

- Pacific Settlement of International Disputes
- Japanese Legal Culture
- M&A and Strategic Alliance [Keio University] – *3 students only
- Human Rights Law In Japan
- International Entertainment Law
- Government Relations and Law [Keio University] – *3 students only
- International Trade Law
- Civil Law in Japan
- Comparative Financial Law
- Law and Practice of International Business Transactions [Sophia University] – *3 students only (1 credit only)
- Japan-US Comparative Contract Law [Keio University] – *3 students only
- Criminal Justice in Japan
- Civil Dispute Resolution in Japan
- Introduction to Japanese Legal Research (Mandatory)

*To be announced for the Course List for Fall 2017

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.


Dates of Term

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.

Exchange students who will be enrolled only in the Fall semester can finish their study at Waseda Law School by the last class in December (December 22, 2017).

Fall 2017 Semester Tentative Schedule (Waseda’s second semester):

- End of August – beginning of September 2017 – Placement test of Japanese language course on web site only for registration of Japanese language course of Center for Japanese Language (CJL)
- Mid-September 2017 – Registration of Japanese language course of CJL
- September 21, 2017 – University Fall semester begins
- September 23, 2017 – National Holiday
- September 26-27, 2017 – Orientation Session – mandatory for all exchange students. It is advisable for students to arrive in Tokyo before the Orientation Session.
- September 28, 2017 – Waseda Law School classes begin (students can see the classes during first week)
- October 4, 2017 – Course registration of Waseda Law School deadline
- December 22, 2017 – Last day of classes for exchange students (Classes continue after the winter recess for students other than exchange students.)
The Spring 2018 semester (Waseda’s first semester) classes tentatively begin in early April, 2018. The dates of orientation are to be announced.

**Tuition**

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

**Application to Waseda 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 complete a Waseda application. The Center for International & Comparative Law will send the student’s Waseda application and supporting application materials to Waseda on the student’s behalf.

*Waseda reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

**Housing**

When Waseda grants acceptance to a student, the student is asked if he/she wishes to apply for university housing.

The Center for International Education (CIE) and Residence Life Center (RLC) of Waseda University manages several private dormitories for exchange students. Students will receive information about their housing arrangement from Waseda Law School or the CIE or the RLC office by the end of July.

*Please be advised that Waseda University including Waseda Law School faces the serious problem of lack of accommodation for exchange students. Therefore, there are many cases where exchange students must look for accommodation on their own.*

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For further information about Waseda

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports currently available in the Center for International & Comparative Law (Room 212 Hutchins Hall). 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.

Students may also review the attached “2017-18 Academic Year Waseda Law School Information for Exchange Students.”

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The information about the overseas program contained herein is provided by the host institution and is subject to change. Interested students should confirm all information with the host institution prior to departure to ensure that the opportunity meets their goals.
1. Course Selection
The courses offered by Waseda Law School (WLS) are attached list.

Almost all courses are semester-long two-credit courses that meet once a week for one semester, spending 90 minutes each time. Taking account of your academic interest, we will assign a professor for your academic adviser.

Most of courses of WLS are taught in Japanese. Given the fact that some exchange students want to take a few courses conducted in English, WLS will offer 14 courses of this kind in the fall semester 2017. In addition, exchange students can take a few courses offered also in English at Keio Law School, Keio University and Sophia University Law School. Just for your reference, these courses Fall 2016 are:

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*Timetable of WLS
1st :9:00-10:30, 2nd :10:40-12:10, 3rd :13:00-14:30, 4th :14:45-16:15, 5th :16:30-18:00
*To be announced for the Course List for Fall 2017

Additional 2 credits may be given for a substantial research paper written in conjunction with the courses you take.
Most of the courses offered at WLS are designed mainly for Japanese students who are interested in pursuing professional legal careers. Contents of such courses may often be too specialized for exchange students. In case the instructor of the given course deems it more appropriate, therefore, the exchange student may be advised to take a graduate law or undergraduate law course taught by the same instructor in lieu of/ addition to a WLS course.

2. Visa
Due to the regulations under the immigration law in Japan, a non-Japanese exchange student is required to enter Japan with a valid visa of “Student”. A "Certificate of Eligibility" will be forwarded to a student who must obtain a visa to attend WLS as soon as we receive it from the Tokyo Immigration Office around July. This certificate needs to be submitted with a valid passport to a local Japanese Consulate for issuance of a visa. “Visa stamp” will usually be obtained within a few days after application. Please be sure to secure a student visa before departure.

*We strongly recommend that you enter Japan with the proper status of residence because people who enter Japan with a visa waiver status or a different status of residence have to leave Japan once, and then enter again with a student visa. Especially there are cases that exchange students plan to attend an internship at a law firm in Japan and after that, attend our exchange program at WLS. WLS cannot make any special visa arrangements for those planning to come to Japan earlier.

3. Accommodations
The Center for International Education (CIE) and Residence Life Center (RLC) of Waseda University manages several private dormitories for exchange students. You will receive information about your housing arrangement from WLS or the CIE or the RLC office by the end of July.

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4. Entry and Departure Schedule
Fall term classes will start on September 28 (Thu) and the Orientation Session will be arranged possibly on around September 26 (Tue) - 27 (Wed). It is advisable for students to arrive in Tokyo before the Orientation Session which is mandatory for all of exchange students. Students who will be enrolled only in fall semester can finish their study at WSL by the last class in December, finally 22 (Fri).

Please inform your expected entry and departure dates as soon as it is decided.

< Fall Semester 2017 (Tentative Schedule) >

| The end of Aug.–the beginning of Sep. | Placement test of Japanese language course on web site only for Registration of Japanese language course of CJL |
| The middle of Sep. | Registration of Japanese language course of CJL |
| Sep. 21 (Thu) | University Fall semester begins |
| Sep. 23 (Sat) | National holiday |
| Sep. 28 (Thu) | WLS classes begin (you can see the classes first one week) |
| Oct. 4 (Wed) | Course Registration of WLS Deadline |
| Dec.22 (Fri) | Last classes for Exchange Students |
| Dec. 23 (Sat) - Jan. 5 (Fri), 2018 | Winter recess |
5. Japanese Language Course
The Center for Japanese Language of Waseda University (CJL) offers Japanese language courses from beginners to advanced learners. Exchange students do not need to pay for the Japanese language course fee. Please find the web site if you wish to learn Japanese language.

   Center for Japanese Language (CJL)

6. Health Insurance
“Student” visa holders are obliged to participate in the National Health Insurance Scheme (国民健康保険) of the Japanese Government. The insurance covers 70% of your medical charges. The monthly premium is about 700 yen for international students. For details, please find a PDF file of 「留学生ハンドブック (International Student Handbook)」 on the web site.

   ※ The English version is after the Japanese one in the above PDF.

7. Address Change
Please keep us advised of your current address. In case you change your address, please be sure to inform us of your new address well in advance, because we will send you “Certificate of Eligibility” (it is needed for VISA) around July.

8. Office of WLS
Classrooms and the office of WLS are located in Ono Azusa Hall (BuildingNo.27). The office is on the 1st floor, which opens 9:00am-5:00pm from Monday to Saturday. During summer vacation (from August 4 till September 27) the office hour is 9:00am -5:00pm on Monday to Friday. The university will be closed between 11 and 20 in August 2017.

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