

STUDY ABROAD IN JAPAN

The Global Lawyer

Spring Break - Study Abroad Program

The University of Akron Williams Honors College is distinguishing itself by offering a spring semester experience in Tokyo and at the prestigious Kanazawa University in Japan. This inspiring program involves an intensive course, in which you can experience Japan while learning about both the U.S. and Japanese systems of Tort Law. Tort Law is essentially how countries, companies and individuals deal with the perplexing legal ramifications of accidents, intentional wrongs, product liabilities, and so on. This program will not only provide you with an opportunity to learn about how these different legal systems function, but will also give you a view into the substantive doctrines of Tort Law. Additionally, it will offer an opportunity to take a comparative look at ways of lawyering in both societal contexts and across borders.

This course will run during Spring Break (March 23-30). It will give you the chance to engage in discussions with two professors of international tort law (Prof. Matt Wilson and Prof. Sarah Cravens). You can also hear guest lectures from professors of Japanese law, and visit legal institutions in Japan. Before embarking on this journey, there are assignments and readings provided to thoroughly prepare you for the trip. There will also be one pre-departure class session on a Friday in January to fit with everyone's schedule. Instead of a final exam, this course involves a final paper due several weeks after the conclusion of this unforgettable excursion.

Tuition and Fees:

The tuition for the courses offered in the University of Akron Williams Honors College "Global Lawyer" Travel Abroad program will be priced at the standard tuition of \$359.09/credit. (If you are taking a 12-18 credit course semester, there would be no additional charge of tuition.) In addition, there will be a program fee of \$500 to cover various extracurricular activities and other program-related costs. Scholarships for Honors students are available to assist with the costs of travel and housing.

For more information, attend our info session on Friday, October 26 at 11am in the Honors Common Room. We will post materials afterwards at <http://www.uakron.edu/honors/students/> (scroll down to find Study Abroad)

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*Take a second and
envision yourself...*



Spring Break 2019, walking through Tokyo -- a city of bright lights, exceptional food, masses of people, and a fascinating culture.

Next, you are in the ancient town of Kanazawa taking in a Japanese castle, beautiful Japanese gardens, and historical culture and arts.



You pause – is it possible that you can spend time experiencing the country known for its cutting-edge technology, temples, cherry blossoms, and fascinating culture (samurai, ninja, anime, manga, and even Hello Kitty) among other things?

It is incredible that you have the opportunity to navigate the world's largest city, dine at world-class restaurants, take a first-hand look at a foreign legal system, and spend time with legal experts.

“The Global Lawyer” – 2019 Honors Spring Break Study Abroad Course

Open to: Current Honors Students who are at least 18 years old

Course:

- “The Global Lawyer” - Co-taught by Professors Matthew Wilson and Sarah Cravens.
- *In this intensive course, students will learn about both the U.S. and Japan systems of Tort Law. This will not only provide an opportunity to learn about how these different legal systems work, and give a view into the substantive doctrines of Tort law and how these countries deal with legal ramifications of accidents, intentional wrongs, products liability, and so on. It will also provide an opportunity to take a comparative look at ways of lawyering in different contexts both in different societal contexts and also across borders. Students will have the opportunity to engage in discussion with two professors of international tort law, have guest lectures from professors of Japanese law, and visit legal institutions in Japan.*
- 2 credits – can be taken as either an Honors Colloquium (options: either Humanities or Social Science) or as an Independent Study in Political Science. Course content, assessments, etc. are the same for each.
- For freshmen entering in Fall 2018, the independent study option is required.
- Registration is controlled, so you must contact Debbie Gannon in the Honors Dean’s Office to enroll (dgannon@uakron.edu or 330-972-8434). Please wait until your designated time for priority registration to contact Debbie for enrollment in the course. Give her your name, ID #, and your registration option (Humanities / Social Science / Independent Study).

Format/Scheduling:

- All but one class session will be on Spring Break, in Japan. We will meet once before we go, for an intro class session and orientation to the trip. Attendance at ALL class sessions is REQUIRED to receive course credit.
- You will have two videos to watch before the trip as well, which you can do in your own time.
- Reading assignments for the class will all be available before the trip so that you can do all of the preparation ahead of time, and spend the majority of time outside of class in Japan exploring and enjoying the trip, rather than scrambling to do your homework.
- On the class days for the trip, we will spend roughly half of the day in class sessions or on field trips, and the rest of the day, you will be free.
- A final paper will be due several weeks after the trip.

Travel:

- Students may choose to travel independently or with faculty members. We will leave on Saturday 3/23 to arrive in Tokyo on Sunday 3/24. (If you wish to arrive earlier, you are welcome to do so on your own.)
- Class officially begins in Japan on Monday 3/25. Class officially ends in Japan on Friday 3/29.
- We will return to the U.S. on Saturday 3/30. If you wish to return later on your own, in order to have more time to explore Tokyo, you are very welcome to do so.
- Lodging: We will stay in hotels in Tokyo and Kanazawa. Single or double rooms may both be options, **subject to availability** and preferences of those who sign up for the course. More information on this will be forthcoming. See below for housing costs.
- Transportation between Tokyo and Kanazawa will be by train. (You will purchase a rail pass in advance).

Anticipated Costs:

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| • Tuition | (included in full-time enrollment – no additional cost) |
| • Program Fee | \$500 (incl. some group meals, entrance fees for field trip, insurance, etc.) |
| • Housing in Tokyo | \$150-200 (est.) (This would cover Sunday night and Friday night in Tokyo.) |
| • Housing in Kanazawa | \$350 (est.) (This would cover Monday through Thursday nights in Kanazawa.) |
| • Airfare | \$1100-\$1600 (est.) (Depending on airline, route, times, and dates.) |
| • Food/Other Expenses | \$300 (est.) (This will vary by person.) |
| • Local transportation | <u>\$350</u> (Rail pass, subway, etc.) |
| • Subtotal | \$2,750-\$3,300 |
| • <u>Scholarship</u> | \$750 |
| • TOTAL COST | \$2,000-\$2,550 |

Questions? Contact Prof. Cravens at cravens@uakron.edu or 330-972-2332.