

TOKYO

Classes:

June 10 – June 29 (4 units, core class)

July 2 – July 20 (1 unit, optional class in patent and copyright law)

Internships: July 2 – July 27 (3-4 units)



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About the Program

The Tokyo program was founded in 1978. The core, three-week, four-unit class introduces students to the Japanese legal system and explores current issues in international trade and intellectual property law. Students may also take an elective 1-unit class in Japanese patent and copyright law. Students who complete the core course are eligible to undertake a four-week, 3-unit internship in Tokyo.

Most classes are taught in classrooms at the Asia Center of Japan. Instructors are distinguished Japanese professors and practitioners. Student housing is reserved at the Asia Center.

It goes without saying that Tokyo is one of the world's most fascinating cities and one of the world's economic and financial centers. Consequently, studying Japanese law in Tokyo with Japanese professors, followed by practical experience in a Japanese corporate law office or law firm provides law students who have an interest in Japan with an invaluable educational experience.

Our summer program in Tokyo presents an opportunity to study law in a fascinating city that remains one of the world's economic and financial centers. The core class introduces students to the Japanese legal system and explores current issues in international trade and intellectual property law. Students may elect to take a 1-unit class in Japanese patent and copyright law, which is taught at a convenient time during the internship period.





Academic Component

Core Course: June 10- June 29 (4 units)

1. Japanese Legal System

Professor Taniguchi, Yasuhei, Seikei University

The program begins with approximately two weeks of introduction to the Japanese legal system, court structures, and basic principles of the civil law system as adopted in Japan.

2. International Trade

Professor Mitsuo Matsushita, Professor Emeritus Seikei University.

After the student is familiar with the Japanese legal system, the course introduces basic international trade regulation with particular emphasis on trade law as applied to doing business with and in Japan.

3. International Protection of Intellectual Property

Professor Teruo Doi, Professor Emeritus Waseda University

The final segment of the core course explores international protection of intellectual property rights generally, with emphasis on Japanese-American relationships in dealing with intellectual property.

The se three components constitute a single course, evaluated by examinations administered by each professor.

Optional Class

Japanese Patent and Copyright Law: July 2- July 20 (1 unit)

Yoshiyuki Inaba, Senior Partner, TMI Associates, Tokyo

This optional course is for students who want to explore more deeply Japanese intellectual property law system, comparing Japanese and U.S. systems, primarily patent and copyright law. This course is typically held at the office of the instructor. The precise timing of the class varies although it will likely overlap the internship period; it is typically scheduled in the evening to accommodate internship schedules and have no impact on the internships. This optional class will commence around July 4th and will be completed no later than July 30th.

Library

Students have access to the Foreign Law Library at Tokyo University and

also are free to utilize the United Nations University, which has its headquarters in Tokyo.

Institutional Visits and Briefings

Participants visit and are briefed at the National Diet and Supreme Court of Japan. They also have the opportunity to meet with teachers and students of the Legal Training and Research Institute, which provides practical training and instruction for the legal profession (judges, prosecutors and practicing attorneys).

Class Meetings

Classes typically are held in the mornings 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and on some afternoons 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Classes are held at the Asia Center. The optional patent

law class is typically taught one day a week, for three weeks in the evening. All classes and briefings are in English.

Internship Component

During the month of July, internship placements will be arranged in Tokyo law firms, which have international law practices. Additionally, a limited number of internships may be arranged in corporate law departments at well-known Japanese corporations. Students also have the option of serving internships at major law firms in Seoul, South Korea. Up to three units can be earned in an internship. Placements do not require knowledge of the Japanese language. However, bilingual students are in demand and may find a wider range of placement opportunities. All internships include a special orientation and required internship integration classes.



About Tokyo

Travel within Japan is convenient and efficient. The famous "bullet trains" make all of Japan accessible. Cost of transportation is reasonable when Japan Rail passes are purchased in the United States prior to departure. Tokyo presents an almost limitless panorama. This city of shrines is home not only to the Imperial Palace surrounded by the splendor of its gardens, but is also recognized for its Ginza district and skyscrapers. In addition, students may take the opportunity to explore China, Korea, and Southeast Asia before or after the scheduled program. Whether your interests lean toward sightseeing in cities like Kyoto, Nikko, Osaka, or Hiroshima, or you seek the adventure of climbing Mt. Fuji, the opportunities to enrich your experience are boundless in the Tokyo Study Abroad Program.

Important links to visit before going to Tokyo:

[Consular Information Sheet - Japan](#)

[Tips for Traveling Abroad](#)

[Travel Safety Information](#)

[Fodor's Mini-guides: Tokyo](#)

[The Universal Currency Converter™](#)

[US Dept of State: Passport Services](#)

[US Embassies/Consulates](#)

[History and Geography](#)

[U.S. Embassy in Japan](#)

[The Japan Times Online](#)

[Travel Information](#)

[Disability Info for Tokyo](#)

[Additional Disability Info](#)

[General Disability Info](#)



Student Budget

Tokyo Classes & Internships	Option 1 Core Class Only [3 weeks]	Option 2 Core Class + Patent Law Class [6 weeks]	Option 3 Core Class + Internship [Up to 7 weeks]	Option 4 Core Class + Patent Law Class + Internship [Up to 7 weeks]	Price Breakdown
Tuition Core Class - 4 units	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$900 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
Tuition Patent Law Class - 1 unit	\$0	\$900	\$0	\$900	\$900 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
Tuition Internship - 3 to 4 units	\$0	\$0	\$3,960	\$3,960	\$990 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
TOTALS	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$7,560	\$8,460	

Other Program Expenses	Option 1 (Estimate)	Option 2 (Estimate)	Option 3 (Estimate)	Option 4 (Estimate)	
Estimated Air Fare	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	
Lodging	\$1,400	\$2,730	\$3,220	\$3,220	\$70 per night, per person, single room*
Food	\$1,200	\$2,340	\$2,760	\$2,760	\$60 per day, per person*
Books & Supplies	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	
Estimated Local Transportation	\$150	\$300	\$350	\$350	\$50/week*
Miscellaneous**	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$200/week *
TOTALS	\$5,300	\$8,520	\$9,680	\$9,680	

* Subject to currency stability

**Personal travel and entertainment



Helpful Links

[Application Deadlines](#)

[Financial Aid](#)

[Online Application](#)

The summer is a separate borrowing period from the spring and the fall. You may be eligible for **financial aid** to cover all or part of your summer expenses. Consult with your home law school's financial aid office to see if you are eligible.

Housing



Students typically stay at the Asia Center of Japan, where classes are held. Each year, the Center blocks some rooms for students of the program; however, students are responsible for making and paying for their individual reservations. Room rates are approximately JPY 6,825 for a single to JPY 5,775 for a double (approximately \$65 U.S.) per person per day. Rates may fluctuate depending on current exchange rates. This includes a free breakfast coupon.

The cafeteria at the Asia Center serves good, inexpensive food. Prior participants have enjoyed dining at this cafeteria as well as many other restaurants, since there are a wide variety of restaurants in Tokyo. No institutional board arrangements will be made. Restaurants of all types and price ranges are nearby.

Have questions? Contact us!

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