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# Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program

## Information for students

Kyoto Seminar: 8-12 February 2010

Tokyo Seminar: 15-18 February 2010



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The Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program offers a unique opportunity to study Japanese Law in a global and socio-economic context. The Program aims to develop the general skills of comparative lawyers, to effectively and critically assess contemporary developments in the legal system of the largest economy in our region. The Program is jointly organised by the Sydney Law School and the Ritsumeikan School of Law in Kyoto and classes are held Japan.

Classes are taught in English on an intensive basis by co-directors and members of the Australian Network for Japanese Law ([www.law.usyd.edu.au/anjel](http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/anjel)) and Japanese professors, mainly from Ritsumeikan University School of Law, with some guest lectures by Japanese and other practitioners. The Program also includes field trips to various legal institutions. About half the students generally come from Ritsumeikan or other Japanese Law Schools; the other half come from Australian universities or other institutions.

Postgraduate students can enrol in either the Kyoto or Tokyo seminars (LAWS6879 JAPANESE LAW and LAWS6901 JAPANESE LAW & THE ECONOMY respectively), or in both.

Undergraduate students must take both seminars and students will enrol in either LAWS3444 JAPANESE LAW (6 credit points) or LAWS3076 JAPANESE LAW (8 credit points), depending on their enrolment status.

The Kyoto seminar is held at Ritsumeikan University Law School in Kyoto and provides an introduction to how law operates in Japanese society. After an overview of comparative law techniques, Japanese legal history and its contemporary legal system, classes explore civil and criminal justice, consumer law, politics and constitutionalism, gender and law, and an introduction to business and law.

The Tokyo seminar is held at the Ritsumeikan University campus in Tokyo and examines business law topics in socio-economic context in more detail. After outlining developments in the Japanese economy, it focuses on corporate and securities law, investment and finance law, insolvency and labour law, ADR and lawyering.

### 1. ASSESSMENT

Assessment varies according to the course in which students are enrolled. The assessment details for each unit of study are as follows:

#### LAWS3444 Japanese Law

Undergraduate, 6 credit points

Assessment: 2 x 750wd reflective notes (10% each); 1 x 4,500wd research essay (80%)

#### LAWS3076 Japanese Law

Undergraduate, 8 credit points

Assessment: 2 x 1,000wd reflective notes (10% each); 1 x 6,000wd research essay (80%)

### LAWS6879 Japanese Law (Kyoto seminar)

Postgraduate, 6 credit points

Assessment: 2 x 1,000wd reflective notes (10% each); 1 x 7,000wd research essay (80%)

### LAWS6901 Japanese Law & the Economy (Tokyo seminar)

Postgraduate, 6 credit points

Assessment: 2 x 1,000wd reflective notes (10% each); 1 x 7,000wd research essay (80%)

Please note that assessment may be subject to change.

## 2. WHO SHOULD ENROL?

Enrolment in the Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program is available to:

- Current undergraduate and postgraduate law students at the University of Sydney;
- Undergraduate and postgraduate law students currently enrolled in an Australian or overseas university who are seeking to obtain credit for a tertiary award;
- Students with appropriate tertiary education qualifications who are seeking to enrol for non-degree purposes, or for credit towards a non-law tertiary award.

Please note that preference is given to University of Sydney law students and then to cross-institutional law students. Non-degree and non-law applications will be considered only if space permits.

### Undergraduate law students from the University of Sydney

The unit is offered as a 6 credit point elective in the Bachelor of Laws degree and is available to undergraduate law students who have completed at least 3rd year Combined Law, or 1st year Graduate Law. Combined Law students please note that you must have completed all the requirements of your 1st degree by the end of Semester 2, 2009, including all law units of study, in order to be eligible for the Program.

University of Sydney undergraduate law students should take note that this elective does not satisfy the Part 2 (Jurisprudence) requirement of the LLB degree.

Please note: Combined Law students who enrolled prior to 2006 and Graduate Law students who enrolled prior to 2008 and who are proceeding under the old LLB resolutions are normally required to enrol in the 8 credit point unit of study – LAWS3076 JAPANESE LAW, if this is their final unit of study. Students who are proceeding under the old resolutions and have further electives to complete in 2010 should seek advice from the Undergraduate Team.

### Undergraduate law students from Universities other than Sydney

The Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program is available to undergraduate and graduate cross-institutional law students who have completed at least the equivalent of 1 year of a Bachelor of Laws or JD program. Students have the option of either enrolling in an 8 credit point elective (one-sixth of an annual full time workload) or a 6 credit point elective (one-eighth of an annual full-time workload).

Cross-institutional applicants are advised to confirm with their home institution that the Program can be credited to their degree. Students are required to obtain written permission from their home institution before applying and paying the non-refundable deposit. The Unit of Study outline is available on request.

### Postgraduate students

The seminars can be credited towards the following University of Sydney postgraduate degrees and diplomas:

- Doctor of Juridical Studies (SJD)
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Global Law (MGlobL)
- Master of International Law (MIL)
- Master of Business Law (MBL)
- Master of International Business and Law (MIntBus&Law)
- Master of Jurisprudence (MJur)

- Graduate Diploma in Law (GradDipLaw)
- Graduate Diploma in International Law (GradDipIntLaw)
- Graduate Diploma in International Business Law (GradDipIntBusLaw)
- Graduate Diploma in Corporate, Securities and Finance Law (GradDipCorpLaw)
- Graduate Diploma in Jurisprudence (GradDipJur)
- Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law (GradDipCommLaw)

Those interested in seeking credit for other degrees or programs may also contact their Convenors and then the Academic Coordinator for these seminars, Associate Professor Luke Nottage.

Postgraduate students enrol in either the Kyoto or Tokyo seminars (LAWS6879 JAPANESE LAW and LAWS6901 JAPANESE LAW & THE ECONOMY respectively), or in both. Each unit of study is worth 6 credit points (one-eighth of an annual full-time workload).

Master of International Business and Law candidates who do not have law qualifications must complete LAWS6252 LEGAL REASONING AND THE COMMON LAW SYSTEM prior to enrolling in the Program.

Cross-institutional applicants are advised to confirm with their home institution that the Program can be credited to their degree. Students are required to obtain written permission from their home institution before applying and paying the non-refundable deposit. The Unit of Study outline is available on request.

### 3. TRAVEL AND OTHER LOGISTICS

#### TRAVEL

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to, from and within Japan. Students are strongly advised not to make travel bookings until notification of their acceptance into the program has been received from the Sydney Law School.

Australian citizens are advised to register their travel and contact details with the [Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) prior to leaving Australia.

Travel advice for Japan is available [here](#).

#### ACCOMMODATION

Students must organise their own accommodation. Suggested accommodation options are available on the Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program website at [www.kyoto-seminar.jp](http://www.kyoto-seminar.jp).

#### INSURANCE

Students are responsible for organising their own travel insurance.

Travel insurance is a compulsory requirement for all students. Students will not be permitted to participate in the Program if proof of valid travel insurance is not provided by the date of the introductory session to be held in Sydney.

Please note that your travel insurance policy must provide comprehensive coverage for medical expenses incurred overseas, including medical evacuation, and personal liability coverage. You should also ensure you are covered for cancellation costs in the event that the Program is cancelled. If you plan on taking a laptop, please ensure that you have arranged appropriate insurance.

#### VISAS

Most students will not require visas. However, students are responsible for obtaining visas from the Japanese Embassy or Consulate, if required, and the University of Sydney accepts no responsibility if a student is unable to obtain a Japanese visa.

#### VACCINATIONS

None are required to travel to Japan, but participants may wish to consult their doctors.

## 4. FEES AND REFUND POLICY

### FEES

The Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program is offered on a full-fee basis only. Commonwealth supported places (HECS-HELP) are not available.

Two fees are payable:

1. The University of Sydney tuition fee (which varies depending on your enrolment)
2. The Ritsumeikan service fee

The tuition fee covers tuition cost (including reading materials) in Japan and Sydney. This fee is set by the University of Sydney and is based on the standard full fee rate.

The Ritsumeikan service fee covers:

- Welcome and closing reception
- Field studies
- On-the-ground logistical support
- Printing costs
- General administration

Both fees are payable to the Sydney Law School.

### Commonwealth Assistance (FEE-HELP)

Eligible students may apply to defer their tuition fee payment through the Commonwealth Government's FEE-HELP scheme. FEE-HELP enables eligible undergraduate and postgraduate full-fee paying students to obtain a loan from the Government to cover the tuition fees incurred. Please refer to the current FEE-HELP information booklet (available from the information counter on Level 3 of the new Law School building) or visit [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) for further details on the scheme.

Please note that FEE-HELP cannot be used for payment of the Ritsumeikan service fee.

### Important note for undergraduate students:

A loan fee of 20% applies to FEE-HELP loans for undergraduate units of study. The loan fee is charged for the amount of FEE-HELP assistance that you receive for the unit. For example, if you take out a FEE-HELP loan of \$3,330, your loan fee will be \$666 and your FEE-HELP debt reported to the Tax Office will be \$3,996.

A loan fee does not apply to FEE-HELP loans for postgraduate units of study.

### 2010 Tuition fee schedule

Local students

Student type	Credit points	Tuition fee (A\$)
Undergraduate	6	\$3,330
	8	\$4,440
Postgraduate (per unit of study)	6	LLM, MGlobL, MIL, MBL, MJur, GradDipLaw, GradDipIntLaw, GradDipIntBusLaw, GradDipCorpLaw, GradDipJur, GradDipCommLaw, Non-degree, Cross-institutional: \$2,760
		MIIntBus&Law: \$2,730

International students

Student type	Credit points	Tuition fee (A\$)
Undergraduate	6	\$3,840
	8	\$5,120

Student type	Credit points	Tuition fee (A\$)
Postgraduate (per unit of study)	6	LLM, MGlobL, MIL, MBL, MJur, GradDipLaw, GradDipIntLaw, GradDipIntBusLaw, GradDipCorpLaw, GradDipJur, GradDipCommLaw, Non-degree, Cross-institutional: \$3,510
		MIIntBus&Law: \$3,630

### 2010 Ritsumeikan service fee

Number of seminars	Fee (JP¥)
1 seminar	¥48,000
2 seminars	¥73,000

Please note that the Australian dollar amount for the Ritsumeikan service fee will be determined in mid-October and will be based on the exchange rate at that time. Students will be advised of the Australian dollar amount by Monday 19 October 2009.

All fee payments (Ritsumeikan service fee and tuition fee) must be finalised by **Monday 2 November 2009**. Please note that the Ritsumeikan service fee is non-refundable except in the event that the Program is cancelled.

### REFUND POLICY

1. In the event that the program is cancelled, students will receive a 100% refund of tuition fees and the Ritsumeikan service fee.
2. Upon application, students pay a deposit of A\$500 which will only be refunded if your application is unsuccessful or in the event that the Program is cancelled.
3. The Ritsumeikan service fee is non-refundable except in the event that the Program is cancelled.
4. Students who withdraw from the Program prior to close of business on Monday 2 November 2009 will receive a full refund of any tuition fees paid, less the A\$500 deposit.
5. Students who withdraw from the Program after close of business on 2 November 2009 and before the census date will receive a full refund of tuition fees paid and no refund of the Ritsumeikan service fee.
6. 100% tuition fee liability or FEE-HELP debt will be incurred after the census date. No refund of tuition fees is payable for unit of study withdrawals received after this date.

The Faculty of Law requests that candidates intending to withdraw from the Program do so no later than **Friday 13 November 2009**.

Please note that applications to withdraw from the Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program must be received in writing and lodged with the information counter on Level 3 of the new Law School building by the relevant date.

## 5. HOW TO APPLY

### Application

A completed and signed application form accompanied by a A\$500 deposit and relevant evidentiary and permission documents must be received by the Sydney Law School by **Friday 9 October 2009**.

**Please note that, in general, a maximum of 25 students will be accepted into the Kyoto seminar. Applicants are strongly urged to submit applications without delay to avoid disappointment. Preference is given to University of Sydney law students and then to cross-institutional law students. Non-degree and non-law applications will be considered only if space permits.**

### Enrolment with the Sydney Law School

Undergraduate students will enrol in one of the following units of study:

- LAWS3444 JAPANESE LAW (6 credit points)

This unit is available to University of Sydney undergraduate students proceeding under the new resolutions (Combined Law students who first enrolled in 2006 and Graduate Law students who first enrolled in 2008 or later), and undergraduate cross-institutional students.

- LAWS3076 JAPANESE LAW (8 credit points)  
This unit is available to undergraduate students from the University of Sydney proceeding under the old resolutions and undergraduate cross-institutional students.

Postgraduate students can enrol in either of the following units of study, or in both:

- LAWS6879 JAPANESE LAW (6 credit points)  
This unit of study is for the Kyoto seminar and is available to postgraduate students only.
- LAWS6901 JAPANESE LAW & THE ECONOMY (6 credit points)  
This unit of study is for the Tokyo seminar and is available to postgraduate students only.

### Undergraduate students from the University of Sydney

Students undertaking Winter School will enrol in either LAWS3444 JAPANESE LAW or LAWS3076 JAPANESE LAW which are offered as a summer semester units for 2010. Students will be permitted to enrol in a standard load in Semester 1, 2010 in addition to LAWS3444 or LAWS3076.

Students will not be able to enrol online. Enrolments will be processed by undergraduate student administration once all fees (the Ritsumeikan service fee and tuition) have been paid to the Sydney Law School.

The full tuition fee (or completed Request for FEE-HELP Assistance form) and the balance of the Ritsumeikan service fee are due for payment on **Monday 2 November 2009**.

Payments can be made by credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or by cheque made payable to the University of Sydney.

### Undergraduate cross-institutional students

Undergraduate cross-institutional students will enrol in either LAWS3444 or LAWS3076.

Please note that cross-institutional students are required to obtain written permission from their home institution and must also provide a current academic transcript at the time of application. For further information regarding the supporting documentation required at the time of application, please refer to the application form.

Enrolments will be processed by undergraduate student administration once all fees (the Ritsumeikan service fee and tuition) have been paid to the Sydney Law School, and all supporting documentation has been submitted.

The full tuition fee (or completed Request for FEE-HELP Assistance form) and the balance of the Ritsumeikan service fee are due for payment on **Monday 2 November 2009**.

Payments can be made by credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or by cheque made payable to the University of Sydney.

### Postgraduate students

Postgraduate students can enrol in either LAWS6879 JAPANESE LAW or LAWS6901 JAPANESE LAW & THE ECONOMY, or in both. These units of study are offered as 2010 early intensive units.

Students will not be able to enrol online. Enrolments will be processed by postgraduate student administration once all fees (the Ritsumeikan service fee and tuition) have been paid to the Sydney Law School.

The full tuition fee (or completed Request for FEE-HELP Assistance form) and the balance of the Ritsumeikan service fee are due for payment on **Monday 2 November 2009**.

Payment can be made by credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or by cheque made payable to the University of Sydney.

Local postgraduate cross-institutional students are required to complete an Application for Admission form in addition to the Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program application form. Application for Admission forms can be obtained by emailing [law.winterschools@usyd.edu.au](mailto:law.winterschools@usyd.edu.au). For information regarding the supporting documentation required at the time of application, please refer to the Kyoto/Tokyo Seminar Program application form.

International postgraduate cross-institutional students are advised to contact the Sydney Law School's International Student Liaison Officer on +61 2 9351 0314 or at [christine.jones@usyd.edu.au](mailto:christine.jones@usyd.edu.au) for further information regarding admission to the Sydney Law School as an international cross-institutional student.

## CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Units of Study and arrangements for these, including staff allocated, as stated in any publication, announcement or advice of the University are an expression of intent only and are not to be taken as a firm offer or undertaking. The University reserves the right to discontinue or vary such units, arrangements or staff at any time without notice. The University reserves the right to cancel your enrolment in the following circumstances:

- Provision of false or misleading information;
- Failure to pay outstanding loans, fines and/or fees;
- Payment by a cheque which is dishonoured or by a credit card authorisation which your credit provider refuses to pay.

Students are advised not to make travel bookings until official notification of acceptance into the Winter School program by the Sydney Law School has been received. All students must obtain travel insurance to cover illness and cancellation of fares in the event that the course is cancelled. The University of Sydney will not pay any amounts in respect of travel or other costs incurred by a student in the event that the course is cancelled at any time or if the student is unable to obtain a Japanese visa (if required) or if for any reason a student is unable or decides not to participate in the course.

## 6. CONTACT US

### Academic Coordinator

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