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LAW IN JAPAN
A TWO-WEEK SUMMER JAPANESE LAW PROGRAM
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This intensive two-week program is designed for foreign nationals who would like to study Japanese law in its social and cultural context. The program consists of lectures and field trips. Each lecture will present a number of contemporary issues to understand Japanese law and society. Participants will also learn how Japanese law and legal system actually work in society through the field trips.

Date
JUN 29 - JUL 10, 2020
(MON - FRI, 10 DAYS)

Eligibility
Overseas university students or degree holders from an accredited overseas university
- Must be 18 years old or over as of June 29, 2020
- No previous knowledge of Japanese law is required. (We welcome participants from both law and non-law backgrounds.)
- No Japanese language skill is required.

Number of Participants 25
Language used English

Program Fee
104,000 yen (Undergraduate / Graduate Students: 89,000 yen)
- Tuition fee, travel expenses for field trips, educational materials, welcome & farewell parties, course completion certificate and the registration fee are included.
- Travel expenses, accommodation and other expenses while in Japan are not included.

Site
Meiji University Surugadai Campus (Tokyo)

Application Period
JAN 8 (WED) - FEB 20 (THU), 2020 (Japan Standard Time)

Application Process
- Online Registration
  www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/programs/law/
- Screening
- Notification of Acceptance
- Payment of Program Fee

Course Descriptions

Business Law
A private enterprise is the main vehicle of business and also the driving force of Japan’s economy. This class will show an outline of the organization of a private company in Japan and also analyze the function of law and lawyers in businesses.

Civil Justice
This class will provide an overview of Japanese civil dispute resolution mechanisms including court proceedings and dispute resolution in the courts. Participants will learn legal, social, and cultural aspects of Japanese civil dispute resolution.

Competition Law
The Japanese Anti-Monopoly Act 1947 regulates the business activities of corporations by prohibiting certain kinds of trade. This class will show an outline of the law and its characteristics and analyze the recent changes brought about after the 1990s.

Constitutional Law
The purpose of this class is to offer a new perspective on seeing Japanese society by learning the history and characteristics of the Japanese constitutional law. This class will focus on the institutions of government, human rights and equality.

Criminal Law
Japanese criminal law defines “crime” in a highly controversial way; the Penal Code is comprised of a list of basic elements of crimes with severe exceptions based on principles of necessity and proportionality. Criminal legal theory will be examined by reference to actual cases and examples.

Family Law
This class will seek to provide an outline of Japanese family law by discussing the unique features of the laws concerning family matters including historical background of the traditional family law, the structure of current law, and the family court system.

Intellectual Property Law
What is Japan best known for? Mango! Apple? Technology! This lecture is designed to give participants an overview of Japanese intellectual property law by focusing on the current copyright law and patent law. The relationship between culture and intellectual property law will form an integral part of this lecture.

International Law
This class will examine how international rules are implemented through domestic law and institutions in Japan. The lecture begins on topics such as territorial and marine disputes, free trade agreements and terrorism.

Judicial System
This class will be an introduction to the Japanese legal system. In a mock trial classroom, the features of Japanese law and its judicial system will be discussed from historical and social perspectives.

Labor Law
Japanese employer-employee relations are no longer characterized by the three well-known principles of lifetime employment, seniority and enterprise unionization. This class will show labor and employment law in Japan and discuss the contemporary features of employment in Japan.

Law and Information Technologies
Information technology has a great impact on our society and law. Many legal problems like SNS and ID theft arise from information technologies. This class provides an overview of the many laws designed to address these issues in Japan.

Legal Profession in Japan
The Japanese legal profession has developed as a regulated profession: besides judges, public prosecutors and attorneys-at-law, there are also several other lawyers, patent attorneys, tax accountants, etc., playing important roles. This class will give an overview of the history and contemporary practice of the Japanese legal profession.

Prison System in Japan
This class intends to outline the main features of the prison system in Japan by examining the current state of the system together with its underlying principles. Recent developments, such as the use of private companies to manage prisons, are also discussed.

Tax Law
This class will provide an overview of Japanese tax law including the basic principles of personal / corporate income taxation and VAT. Participants will study how non-residents are subject to tax in Japan if they live and work in this country.

*Course descriptions may be changed.
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Approximately 28 hours in total

**Lectures (20 hrs)**

**Field Trips (8 hrs) ** 4-5 visits
a Company Legal Division; Intellectual Property High Court, a Law Firm, the Legislative Bureau of the House of Representatives & the National Diet, a Prison, Tokyo District Court and Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

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* Due to natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons, the program may be changed or cancelled.

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**Housing Arrangement**

Meiji University Law in Japan Program 2020 will make arrangements for the housing to all participants this year. In summer 2020, the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be held in Tokyo. Therefore, it can be difficult for visitors to find affordable accommodation in the metropolitan area where our campus is located.

We will arrange the housing based on the availability of the rooms and information provided from the applicant. For more detail, we will inform it to ONLY successful applicants.

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**Our Location**

Meiji University
Surugadai Campus is located on the heart of Tokyo with quick access to Japan’s political, economic and cultural core.
(One train ride to Akihabara, 10-minute subway ride to government offices)

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