

INTENSIVE COURSE IN JAPAN

Kyoto Seminar: Japanese Law in the Global Era LAWS8171
5 – 9 February 2007, Kyoto, Japan



This one-week intensive course taught in Kyoto introduces the fundamentals of Japanese law at the graduate level. The objective of the course is to give students sufficient knowledge and perspective to understand current developments in Japanese Law and society.

Topics will include:

- **Foundations of Japanese Law:** Japanese Legal History, Structure of the Japanese Legal System and Legal Education and Profession in Japan
- **Japanese Legal Society:** Civil Justice, Criminal Justice and Gender in Japanese Law
- **Selected Topics in Contemporary Japanese Law:** Business and Finance in Japanese Law and Constitutional Issues in Japanese Law

The course also includes field trips to the Kyoto District Court, the local bar association, and an outside legal institution (eg, 2005 excursion to Toyota's legal department).

The course will begin with a three hour orientation session in Canberra to introduce the basic legal environment in Japan, while seven three-hour lecture sessions in Kyoto will jointly be taught by Japanese legal experts and foreign comparative law experts.

Assessment will be based on student attendance and participation (10 %), a short-question examination covering material from the course (20 %), student participation on a WebCT discussion board (10 %) and a research paper (60 %). The research paper will be due four weeks from the final day of the Kyoto Seminar program.

The Kyoto Seminar project is run by Ritsumeikan University as part of a Japanese Ministry of Education special purpose grant for development of graduate programs in Japan - www.kyoto-seminar.jp

Course specialisation: Graduate Program - Government & Commercial Law

Units: 6

Hours: 26 (intensive delivery in Japan)

Prerequisite: LLB

Restrictions: Incompatible with any Introduction to Japanese Law course or previous law studies undertaken in Japan.

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