“The Global Lawyer” – 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 President Matthew Wilson and Professor 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.
• Registration is controlled, so you must contact Debbie Gannon in the Honors Dean’s Office to enroll (dgannon@uakron.edu or 330-972-8434). Give her your name, ID #, and which way you want to register.

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.
• 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 homework / preparation ahead of time, and spend the 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 3/24 to arrive in Tokyo on Sunday 3/25.
• Class officially begins in Japan on Monday 3/26.
• Class officially ends in Japan on Friday 3/30.
• We will return on Sunday 4/1. Please note that this is the Easter holiday. If you wish to return earlier on your own on Saturday to be home for the holiday, 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 who signs 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:
• 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.)
• Housing in Kanazawa $350 (est.)
• Airfare $1100-$1500 (est.)
• Food/Other Expenses $300
• Local transportation $350
Subtotal $2,750-$3,200
• Scholarship $750
• TOTAL COST $2,000-$2,450

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