

Comparative East Asian Studies—WWS Program

STUDY ABROAD

Overview

Woodrow Wilson School juniors are eligible to apply to an exciting three country program that culminates in a summer internship in Hong Kong. This spring and summer program in Comparative East Asian Studies will take you to China, Japan, and Korea and will place you in an Honors program with a cohort of students from Keio University, Yonsei University, and the University of Hong Kong. The required seminars will not only give you a context to understand contemporary East Asia but will also allow you to discuss topics with students from the region.

Academic Program

Keio University: The two week orientation and introduction course is based at Keio University and is focused on contemporary Japanese topics. Keio has a proud history as Japan's first private institution of higher learning, dating back to the formation of a school for Dutch studies in 1858 in Edo (now Tokyo) by founder Yukichi Fukuzawa. Fukuzawa believed that Japan's only choice for catching up with Western technology and social organization was to "always strive for progress and enlightenment and provide the academic and moral education needed to create a generation of wise and capable leaders." To this end, Keio University has continued to provide intellectual leadership that addresses the issues facing Japanese society in its quest for development, transformation, and modernization.

Yonsei University: Students take the required core course at Yonsei, the task force seminar, and up to five additional courses from the curriculum of Underwood International College. The required seminar is Social Change in Modern Korea.

Underwood International College (UIC) is a highly selective four-year liberal arts college, serving as an intimate, elite setting within the larger institution of Yonsei University, Korea's premier research-oriented private university. All instruction is conducted in English to facilitate multicultural and multinational perspectives on campus. The college is open to students of all nationalities and is devoted to educating future global leaders and democratic citizens. UIC seeks to balance a rigorous liberal arts foundation with diverse, often interdisciplinary, majors. UIC also aims to

generate a vibrant, truly multinational, yet uniquely East Asian community for its students. While maintaining its broadly based liberal arts education, UIC draws upon the rich and distinguished tradition of Korean studies at Yonsei. The curriculum capitalizes on its distinctive location as a crossroads of East Asia, bringing together students and faculty interested in East Asian studies and offering a Korean Studies minor.

University of Hong Kong: Students take a two-week introductory course entitled The Political Economy of Global Asia, followed by a four-week summer internship. The University of Hong Kong, as a leading international institution of higher

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WEBSITE: <http://www.keio.ac.jp>,
<http://www.yonsei.ac.kr/eng>,
<http://www.hku.hk/about/vision.html>

SEMESTER AVAILABLE: Spring semester

PROGRAM DATES: February to August

ELIGIBILITY: Woodrow Wilson School juniors. B average (3.0) in the fall and spring preceding the semester abroad.

COURSES: introductory short courses on contemporary Japanese topics and political economy of Global Asia, core course on Social Change in Modern Korea, range of courses in International Studies, East Asian Studies, and other fields

HOUSING: Host universities will provide accommodations.

FINANCIAL AID: Students who attend the Comparative East Asian Studies Program for Princeton credit may use University financial aid to meet expenses.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 13



learning in Asia, strives to attract and nurture outstanding scholars from around the world through excellence and innovation in teaching and learning, research and knowledge exchange, contributing to the advancement of society and the development of leaders through a global presence, regional significance and engagement with the rest of China.

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Application Process

Applications must be submitted by **October 13** to the Office of International Programs, 36 University Place, Suite 350. Complete applications consist of the following:

Common Application Documents for the 3 Campus Program:

- Application form with one official ID photo attached (4cm x 3cm, no color copy).
- One letter of recommendation from a Princeton professor
- Official transcript
- One copy of passport
- Letter of nomination from Princeton (this will be completed by the OIP after you submit your application)

For Keio University:

- Online application form
- Statement of purpose (less than 250 words, typed or written clearly)
- Copy of Transcript (does not need to be official transcript; a copy is fine)

For Yonsei University:

- Online Application form
- Study Plan (Statement of Purpose, A4 letter size, minimum 250 words)
- Proof of Medical Insurance that covers the time of stay in Korea
- Visa Documents
 - Certificate of Account Balance of Sponsor or Applicant or Scholarship Certificate of the Applicant. Financial aid can provide you with this if you receive funds from Princeton. Otherwise, please have the person responsible for your financial support provide documentation.
 - Minimum Account Balance for 1 semester: USD \$5,00 (Chinese national students must have USD \$10,000)
 - Photocopy of Household Register of all family members (Chinese nationals only)
 - Photocopy of high school diploma (Chinese nationals only)

For Hong Kong:

- Application (.pdf) (Note: use this application even though it says for HKU students only; ignore the January deadline and submit to the OIP)
- Copy of resume
- Visa Documents
 - Training Visa Application Form ID992A (with recent photo)
 - Certificate of Financial Support
 - Letter of Consent in paying the HK\$160 fee for the training visa application upon arrival.

The Princeton Study Abroad Approval Form (available on the Office of International Programs website at <http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/process/academicyear/forms/approval>, is due by **November 1** for students applying to be abroad in the spring. The Princeton approval form is reviewed by the Committee on Examination and Standing, which grants final approval to participate in the program. Students who have secured the approval of the Office of International Programs and their department are normally approved by the Committee



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