



Waseda Thematic Studies Abroad at

Lewis & Clark College

Location: *Portland, Oregon, USA*

Title: Building a Global Community

Language Requirements:

Min. TOEFL (iBT) requirement at the time of Waseda selection in Oct. 2008: 57

Recommended Max. TOEFL (iBT) score (if any) at the time of Waseda selection in Oct. 2008: 90+

Dates: August 24, 2009 – May 7, 2010. Fall and spring break vacations will be included in the schedule. A month-long winter vacation is also part of the academic calendar.

-The date of course registration starts (for the first term): June 25, 2009.

-The date of accommodation registration (for the first term): June 25, 2009.

-The arrival day to your institution: August 24, 2009.

-If you have summer courses in advance of the program or not: Summer session begins before Waseda students are on vacation, thus no summer session courses are available.

KEYWORDS (*minimum one to maximum four words or catch-words*):

Interdisciplinary, global community, international studies, public service, diplomacy

Summary:

"Building a Global Community" involves not only formal diplomacy but also various forms of cooperation and exchange generated by non-governmental organizations, businesses, and private individuals. The classes in our program reflect this diversity by introducing students to a wide range of topics and modes of analysis – both in the humanities and the social sciences – that will help students navigate an increasingly interconnected world.

Our theme draws upon and brings together Lewis & Clark's celebrated strengths in international studies and public service. The College curriculum encourages students not only to learn about the world but also to make it a better place, and students respond by enrolling in study abroad and community service programs in very high numbers. Indeed, Lewis & Clark takes special pride in its reputation as a "college of conscience" with an international reach. "Building a Global Community" exposes Waseda students to the College's goal of training global citizens dedicated to the common good.

This program should appeal to students interested in careers in international business, the diplomatic service, international civil service, cross-cultural education, and NGOs (non-governmental organizations).

Academic Study

Specific courses are now under discussion by the faculty. They will be similar to the courses listed below.

Note: (WO) = Waseda students only, (IS) = International students may also enroll, (OE) = Open enrollment, for all students

Fall Semester: (cr = credits)

(1) AES 260 Modes of Inquiry (4 cr) (OE)

Note: Students enrolled in AES 260 Modes of Inquiry can choose to audit an undergraduate class in such departments as International Affairs, Communications, Sociology/Anthropology; History, Economics, Religious Studies, and Psychology.

(2) AES* course (4 cr) (IS)

(3) AES* course (4 cr) (IS)

(4) AES* course (4 cr) (IS) OR undergraduate course (OE), depending on English proficiency

(5) (Optional) Physical education (1 cr) (OE)

Spring Semester:

(1) An undergraduate “Bridge Course” (OE) taught by a Lewis & Clark professor. (Usually there are two or three courses from which to choose in the departments listed above).

(2) AES course (4 cr)(IS) OR undergraduate course (4 cr) (OE), depending on English proficiency.

(3) AES course (4 cr)(IS) OR undergraduate course (4 cr) (OE), depending on English proficiency.

(4) AES course (4 cr) (IS) OR undergraduate course (4 cr) (OE), depending on English proficiency.

(5) (Optional) Physical education course (OE)

*AES = Academic English Studies (ESL course). *The number of required ESL courses is dependent upon the student's TOEFL scores and fluency. Students with scores above 233 (CBT) may be enrolled in regular undergraduate classes instead of ESL classes.*

Housing and Meal Plan

Waseda students will be housed in on-campus residence halls with US roommates or occasionally with a carefully selected, non-Japanese international student. Meals are served in a common, on-campus dining room and students may choose between a variety of meal plans (19 meal, 14 flex, etc.).

Opportunities for Learning Through Experience

Waseda students are matched with US roommates to help ensure an easy introduction to campus life. A conversation partner program, pairing Waseda students with US and international students for weekly informal conversations, is available in the fall semester. College Outdoors trips offer Waseda students (as individuals or in small groups) the chance to interact with Lewis & Clark students on wilderness trips for hiking, camping, kayaking, snow camping, cross-country skiing, etc. L&C volunteer programs provide Waseda students a chance to “give back” to the community through such programs as Blood Drive, Operation Nightwatch, Potluck in the Park, and START (Start Making a Reader Today). L&C’s Friendship Family Program pairs each Waseda student with a US family to help the student become more familiar with American family life, customs, holidays, etc. Like all undergraduate students at the College, Waseda students may join clubs, teams, plays, and groups. Free shuttle service to downtown makes Portland readily accessible. For Waseda students interested in employment and the experience it brings, a few on-campus jobs are available. And, on a case-by-case basis, Lewis & Clark can help Waseda students with internship opportunities during the academic year or extended into the summer.

Facilitation Plan

Lewis & Clark wants all Waseda students to be seen as special individuals, not just part of a Waseda group. For this reason, Lewis & Clark holds no “Waseda only” activities. Instead we attempt to integrate the Waseda students with other students—US or international—as much as possible. Like all other students, Waseda students will have an academic advisor who will help them select appropriate classes. The staff of International Students and Scholars is available to help the Waseda students in any way possible.

Credits

Waseda will issue final credits for study done abroad. At Lewis & Clark, Waseda students will earn between 24-32 semester credit hours for the academic year. Waseda students must enroll for a minimum of 12 semester credits each term to meet immigration requirements.

Web Page

Waseda Program website: www.lclark.edu/dept/iso/waseda.html

Lewis & Clark College website: www.lclark.edu/