

# Interactive Sessions with Students of Princeton University in Summer 2025

## Application Guidelines

May 2025

### NOTES:

(1) Be sure to check the latest information on our website (shown below) as program details, FAQs, and information about application procedures may be updated without notice.

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/program-oncampus-princeton.html>

### 1. Program Overview

This is a series of social events for students of the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) and Princeton University. We invite you to attend various interactive sessions held on Hongo campus from early June to mid July, when Princeton students will be staying in Tokyo. All sessions are designed to enhance mutual understanding and friendship between UTokyo and Princeton students through the following activities:

- (1) Campus tour by UTokyo students
- (2) Welcome party
- (3) Interactive event between UTokyo and Princeton students
- (4) Koto concert (traditional Japanese musical instrument)
- (5) Farewell party

We encourage UTokyo students to enhance global competence, defined as “the ability to live and work together with diverse people around the world,” through interactions with Princeton students.

UTokyo participants can optionally audit the lectures offered by Princeton professors as part of their curriculum. The lectures are conducted in English.

※ All sessions will be held on Hongo campus.

### 2. Session Schedule

The sessions will take place on June 9, July 1, July 17. Please note that a date for the Koto concert has not been fixed yet although it will be held on any one of the dates shown below. **IMPORTANT:** Attendance is mandatory for all sessions.

- (1) Campus Tour: June 9th (Mon) 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- (2) Welcome Party: June 9th (Mon) 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- (3) Interactive Event: To be decided on any one of June 17 (Tue), 26 (Thu), or July 7 (Mon)
- (4) Koto concert: July 1 (Tue) 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
- (5) Farewell Party: July 17 (Thu) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

(Additional Information)

Princeton lectures will be held from June 6 (Mon) to July 16 (Wed). Attendance at the lectures is optional. For more details, please refer to the attached document 1.

### 3. Number of UTokyo Students Accepted

Approx. 12 undergraduate students\*

### 4. Program Fee

There is NO personal cost for participation in the sessions.

### 5. Academic Credit

No academic credit will be granted for completing the sessions, including lectures offered by Princeton University.

### 6. Timeline

5:00 pm, May 19 (Mon)	Deadline for application via Google Forms Deadline for completion of GGG On-demand Online Course
Late May	Announcement of selection results
June 9 (Mon) – July 17 (Thu)	Sessions
Late July	Deadline for a post-program questionnaire

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### 7. Program Eligibility and Requirements

**Applicants must meet all the following requirements:**

- (1) Applicants must complete the On-demand Online Course of [Go Global Gateway](#). The estimated time required for completion is approximately 100 minutes.
- (2) Undergraduate students with an intermediate level of English (equivalent to B1 - B2 on CEFR\*).  
\*Click the following links to learn about CEFR: [CEFR Global Scale](#) > [Official translations](#) > [English](#)
- (3) Students who are enrolled as full-time undergraduate students of the University at the time of application and during the period of the program. (Those who are on temporary leave from the university or will lose student status due to graduation during the time of the program are not eligible to apply.)
- (4) Before applying, applicants must make sure that the programs do not interfere with their semester courses by carefully checking examination dates and other important scheduled class events as well as their personal schedules. **Applicants may apply to the programs only after they have confirmed that it is possible for them to participate throughout the entire period of the period.** As the number of students that can participate in the program from the University of Tokyo is limited, cancelation after the selection means a loss of the chance for other students. **Make sure you do not need to cancel your application after submission.**
- (5) The handling of absences from the University's courses while participating in the program will be determined by a college or faculty with which applicants are affiliated. Their college or faculty may not necessarily give special consideration to students' participation in the program. Therefore, please consult with your college or faculty before applying for the program. **If there is a scheduling conflict between the Princeton University lectures and classes offered at our university, priority must be given to attending the classes at our university.**

- (6) Students who already have a supervisor or equivalent at the University must notify the supervisor of their application to the program in advance and receive an approval.
- (7) Undergraduate students who are interested in cultural experiences and exchanges, as well as attending courses at foreign universities and engaging in English learning.

## **8. Application**

Applications are to be submitted via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/HmbAGTtc1W7h1ogG8>

(You must log in to the ECCS cloud mail system.)

## **9. Application Deadline**

5:00 pm, May 19 (Mon), 2025

## **10. Selection Process**

- (1) If there are many applicants, we will conduct document screening.
- (2) The results of the selection process will be notified to the email address registered on the application form in late May.
- (3) The decision for acceptance/non-acceptance to the programs will be sent out by e-mail. Make sure to check e-mails sent to the e-mail address registered on the Google form Application System. It is possible that e-mails with important information may be classified as spam or junk by your e-mail program, therefore you must check your spam mail folder regularly.

## **11. Having Passed Selection Process ~ Requirements for Post-Selection until Program Acceptance**

- (1) Students who are selected as program participants must contact their academic supervisor(s) and other faculty members in advance of the program.
- (2) All participants must attend all required sessions.
- (3) If you withdraw your participation due to unavoidable circumstances, immediately contact the International Activities Support Team, International Education Promotion Group ([go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)) even before you receive the result of selection.
- (4) Students must accept that videos and photos taken in the program would be utilized as promotional materials of Center for Global Education(UTokyo GlobE) as well as educational materials of the University of Tokyo.

## **12. Post-program Reports**

- (1) Students must answer a post-program questionnaire by late July, 2025.
- (2) If there are any changes in personal information(addresses, phone numbers, email addresses) from the time of the application, contact the International Activities Support Team so that appropriate procedures can be undertaken. Such information will be necessary for communicating important information.
- (3) Upon completing the program, students may be asked to cooperate in the internationalization efforts of the University (advising students who wish to study abroad, promoting study abroad programs, and answering

questionnaire surveys, etc.). Students are expected to participate unless there are unavoidable circumstances.

### **13. Inquiry**

Note: When contacting via email, please make sure to state the subject, your name, affiliation, University year, and telephone number.

International Activities Support Team,  
International Education Promotion Group, UTokyo  
[go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

Details will be provided separately to those who participate in the sessions.

## Contemporary Japan

### Main Instructors:

Japan: James Raymo

### Seminar Description:

“An important step towards understanding any country is to spend time there.”

This seminar, taught at University of Tokyo offers an opportunity to understand contemporary Japanese society through lectures, readings, discussions, and field trips in both urban and rural Japan. In the six weeks, we will cover six important topics in six modules. For each module, we will have a combination of a lecture, a guest lecture, readings, student presentations, and class discussions.

An underlying philosophy for this seminar is that understanding contemporary Japanese society should require one to take into account historical, cultural, political and economic context. We expect all students to be open-minded and enjoy an intellectual, as well as a physical, investment in understanding contemporary Japan.

### Seminar Structure:

Classroom Seminar: lectures, guest lectures, student presentations, and in-class discussions.

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday (Tuesday-Thursday, Week 3)

### Week 1 (June 9 - June 15)

Overview of contemporary Japan: post-WWII history, pressing social and economic policy issues

**Guest Speaker:** Jeff Kingston, Temple University (June 11)

### Week 2 (June 16 - June 22)

Demography in Japan and East Asia: low fertility and aging, marriage and family, theoretical frameworks, geographic mobility/rural depopulation)

### Week 3 (June 23 - June 29)

Education and Employment: Japanese educational system, trends in higher education, inequality, school to work transition, Japanese employment system, non-standard employment

**Guest speaker:** Prof. Takashi Yamamoto (Takushoku University, Princeton alum), *The Japanese Economy* (June 25)

### Week 4 (June 30 - July 6)

Inequality: gender inequality, minorities in Japan, immigrants and assimilation

**Guest Speaker:** Kikuko Nagayoshi (University of Tokyo), *Immigrants and their integration in Japan* (July 1)

### Week 5 (July 7 - July 13)

Politics and international relations: Japan's political system, high-profile political issues, Japan-US alliance, Japan in East Asia

**Guest speaker:** Prof. Phillip Lipsky (University of Toronto), *Japanese Politics* (July 7 or 8 - TBD)

### Week 6 (July 14 - July 18)

Various topics and synthesis: Law, crime, media, pop culture, overview

**Guest speakers:** Prof. Takuma Kamada (Osaka University), *Organized Crime in Japan* (July 14)

Sarah Strugnell (Princeton University), Title TBD (July 15)