Graduate Certificate: American Legal Studies

BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW at Temple University Japan

About the Certificate

The American Legal Studies certificate is chiefly designed for three types of professionals:

• legal practitioners who want to study law in English but are unable to travel overseas for an extended period of time, as required by our LLM programs;
• qualified individuals who do not have a law degree but do hold a degree in finance or other related field; and
• persons who have legal-related professional experience, such as engineers working in intellectual property matters, who are not eligible to matriculate into an LLM program.

Credits earned in completing the certificate may be applied toward the LLM in American Law for those eligible to later pursue the degree.

Time Limit for Certificate Completion: 3 years

Campus Location: Temple University Japan

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The certificate program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

For applicants who do not need a student visa:

Fall: August 1
Spring: December 1
Summer: May 1

For applicants who need a student visa:

Fall: April 15
Spring: September 10
Summer: January 15

Student Visa Application Deadline:

Fall: May 15
Spring: October 10
Summer: February 15

The cost to apply is ¥12,200. An email with payment instructions is sent to applicants after submission of the online application form. Payment may be remitted by credit card online. Wire transfer is also available, but requires an additional ¥3,000 to cover Japanese bank fees.

APPLY ONLINE to this certificate program.

Coursework Required for Admission Consideration: Applicants who do not hold a law degree from a common-law country are required to attend an introductory seminar on Common Law Reasoning before taking courses at Temple University Japan (TUJ).

Degree Required for Admission Consideration: Official transcripts from all institutions attended must be submitted directly to TUJ. Transcripts must be sent either electronically through an academic credential evaluation service, such as World Evaluation Service (WES) or Law School Admission Council (LSAC), or as hard copy received in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution.

Statement of Goals: In 500 to 1,000 words, share your personal history, professional interests and abilities.

Standardized Test Scores:

All non-native speakers of English must submit an official TOEFL or IELTS score. Applicants who earned a university degree in an English-speaking country or from an institution in which English is the language of instruction may petition to have the language proficiency test requirement waived.

• TOEFL iBT: send officially to TUJ using TOEFL code 9698
• IELTS Academic: send officially directly to TUJ
**Resume:** Current resume or CV is required.

**Certificate Requirements**

*Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate:* 12

**Required Courses:**

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**Total Credit Hours:** 12

**GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate:** 2.0 minimum

**Contacts**

**Certificate Program Web Address:**

https://www.tuj.ac.jp/law/programs/certificate-audit

**Certificate Admissions Web Address:**

https://www.tuj.ac.jp/law/admissions/certificates

**Campus Information:**

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**Submission Address for Application:**

https://www.tuj.ac.jp/law/admissions/form-application

**Mailing Address for Application Materials:**

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Temple University Japan  
1-14-29 Taishido, Setagaya-ku  
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**Request Information on TUJ Programs:**

https://www.tuj.ac.jp/law/form-request-info

**Contact/Chat with Beasley School of Law TUJ:**

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