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## Hitotsubashi Business Law Student Exchange Program

Hitotsubashi University's Graduate School of Law, Business Law Department ("HBL") has offered a Business Law Student Exchange Program as part of its Global Business Law Program since 2014. This student exchange program provides a limited number of students from law schools outside Japan that have entered into exchange program agreements with HBL and a few independent students with an opportunity to study business law for one semester at HBL in Tokyo, Japan.

**Hitotsubashi University.** The university began as a private business institute in 1875. Today Hitotsubashi is a well-known and top-ranked national university in Japan (see Appendix #1--Facts about Hitotsubashi and HBL). Throughout the history of modern Japan, Hitotsubashi has provided individuals who are well-prepared to lead Japan's economic development, in contrast to other prominent national universities (the former imperial universities) whose primary purpose was to develop administrative structures of the State. Unique among universities in Japan, Hitotsubashi has retained its concentrated focus on four schools: Commerce and Management, Law, Economics, and Social Sciences. For this reason, it is sometimes compared to the London School of Economics and Political Science. The university's traditional motto is "Captains of Industry."

**HBL.** Although each of Hitotsubashi's four schools has a graduate school that awards advanced degrees, HBL is a special graduate business law department within the Graduate School of Law created to prepare working adults with capabilities to better address the new challenges of a global age. Its goal is to develop legal professionals capable of initiating, managing, and implementing legal innovation on a global scale.

### Key Features of the Business Law Student Exchange Program

- ❖ **Overview.** A one-semester program (September-December) focusing on Japanese, Asian, and international business law taught in English by regular HBL faculty and select adjunct faculty at our convenient, downtown Tokyo campus. No Japanese language is required, although both Japanese language courses and business law courses taught in Japanese are available for interested students.
- ❖ **Curriculum: Focus on Business Law; Interdisciplinary Approach.** A rich offering of classes on Japanese, Asian, and international business law are taught entirely in English by our distinguished faculty to provide students a thorough grounding in global business law. In addition to the business law subjects in the program, students also have a variety of non-credit interdisciplinary alternatives: subjects in the International Business Strategy and Financial Strategy departments, subjects in the Asian Public Policy Program,<sup>1</sup> and Japanese language courses. (See Appendix #2 for a list of our

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<sup>1</sup> The Asian Public Policy Program (APPP) is an MA program that focuses on training professionals in economic policy formulation and implementation throughout Asia. It is located on the same floor of the Chiyoda campus building as the Business Law Department.

business law courses that are generally offered and interdisciplinary alternatives; see Appendix #3 for the tentative class schedule to be offered in fall 2018).

- ❖ **Diverse and Small Classes.** Each year’s student body is kept intentionally small, and is generally limited to 10-15 students from the outstanding law schools that are our exchange program partners in several countries. Exchange students are in class together with master’s degree students who are living and working in Japan. The student/faculty ratio is about 10:1. The small student body and small class sizes enables intensive in-class interaction and close relationships between students and faculty.
- ❖ **Pan-Asian Environment.** The exchange program reflects the increasingly close economic, educational, and cultural linkages between Japan and other Asian countries. In addition to everyday interaction with diverse group of students from across Asia, interested students can participate in occasional special programs in Asian business law and even pursue independent study under the supervision of Professor Chihiro Nunoi, a leading expert on Asian business law.
- ❖ **Combining Practice and Theory; Outstanding Faculty.** HBL is a professional graduate school and our focus is on combining practice with theory. A significant number of our faculty have substantial full-time work experience in the government or private sector. Our regular faculty and select adjunct faculty teach the course offerings in the Business Law Student Exchange Program (see Appendix #5--Faculty). A class on Legal Practice in Japan gives students an opportunity to learn about legal practice at leading law firms and corporate legal departments in Japan.
- ❖ **Internships.** A part-time unpaid internship at a leading law firm or corporation in Tokyo will be arranged for each student to enhance the practical aspects of the exchange program experience. It is nearly always the case that each exchange student obtains an internship in his or her top choice of category: Japanese law firm, foreign law firm, or corporate legal department (see Appendix #6 for a list of past internship sponsors). Many of our students have opined that their internship experience is extremely valuable and a critical component of the “hands-on” approach of our program.
- ❖ **Field Trips.** Group visits are arranged to places of interest related to law and business. For example:
  - National Diet of Japan
  - Supreme Court
  - Tokyo Stock Exchange
  - Japan Patent Office
  - Japan Federation of Bar Associations
  - Financial Services Agency – Securities Exchange Surveillance Commission
  - Fuchu Prison

**Exchange Agreements and Admission of Students.** In principle, law schools that enter into exchange agreements with HBL can send two students to participate in the Business Law Student Exchange Program each September-December semester. Each law school pre-selects and nominates up to two students for admission to HBL, and those nominations will ordinarily be honored so long as the necessary documentation is received by March 31. HBL also sends students to its partner law schools in accordance with the terms of the particular exchange agreement. HBL also accepts a limited number of highly qualified independent students into its Business Law Student Exchange Program on a space available basis.

**Academic Calendar and Course Credit.** Students are expected to arrive in Tokyo at the beginning of September. Following orientation, classes begin in early September and conclude in mid-December (see Appendix #3 for the tentative schedule for Fall 2018). Classroom hours and instruction will normally be sufficient for exchange students to obtain credit toward graduation from their home institutions in accordance with the policies and procedures of each institution.

**Full Year of Study.** In addition to our regular one-semester study abroad program, HBL also offers a full load of Masters subjects in English during the spring semester. This creates the possibility of a full year of study at HBL to earn a double degree if allowed under the terms of an exchange agreement or otherwise approved. Please note that the one-semester study abroad program is only offered during the September-December semester; we are unable to accept students for a single semester of study during the April-July semester (see Appendix #4 for a list of English subjects offered for Spring 2018).

**Housing Assistance.** Finding short-term housing in Tokyo can be challenging and expensive. In the past, however, international students have been able to find suitable accommodations either on their own or with the support of HBL. A limited number of dormitory rooms at Hitotsubashi's Kunitachi campus may be available.

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## REACTIONS OF PAST STUDENTS

The Hitotsubashi exchange gave me a unique chance to understand so much more than the black letter framework of Japan's legal system. I was immersed in the socio-cultural context of the law and had the opportunity to compare Japanese law and business practices to other countries. I also really enjoyed the opportunity to undertake an internship with a law firm in Tokyo, which provided an amazing window into the working life of Japanese and foreign lawyers.

If you are keen on a Japanese legal career, or if you would like to bring legal insights back to your home country, the Hitotsubashi exchange is the perfect way to experience life and the law in Japan.

**Alice Kennedy**  
**Melbourne Law School**

Far from a semester confined to the books, the curriculum at Hitotsubashi was most enlightening in exposing students to Japanese legal practice and culture as a whole. Coupled with field trips to places of legal significance, link-ups with firms for internships and the international nature of the courses, the exchange programme was, to me, unforgettable.

**Chun Wai Poon**  
**Singapore Management University**

Hitotsubashi's exchange program was a great break from the usual studying and examination style back in Singapore.

Instead of written exams, we had to write papers and give presentations on topics of our choice. As someone who learns better and more intuitively when learning about topics I'm personally interested in, this allowed me to gain a greater understanding of the subjects covered in class but on my own terms. It might seem daunting to have to write so many papers but be rest assured that you'll be able to handle it - we all did, and still had a great time.

The field trips were well-thought out and provided a greater understanding of different aspects of Japan's corporate/ legal systems. These were places we probably wouldn't have gone to (or had the chance to go to) if the school didn't plan for them.



**Emelia Kwa**  
**Singapore Management University**

The program was outstandingly well organized and gives the participants a great opportunity to learn more about Japanese law, also in comparison with other jurisdictions, from a theoretical as well as a practical point of view. In particular, the internship gave me the unique opportunity to observe the work of Japanese attorneys in my field of interest. I strongly recommend this program to anyone who is interested in Japanese law and the Japanese culture. It was an unforgettable experience for me!

**Svenja Schenck**  
**Goethe University Frankfurt**

## APPENDIX 1 FACTS ABOUT HITOTSUBASHI

### Hitotsubashi University

*“Hitotsubashi already has a long history of turning out future captains of industry.”*  
(Business Week, July 2, 2001)

Hitotsubashi University is relatively small among nationally prominent universities in Japan, with about 670 faculty, 4,400 undergraduate students, and 2,000 graduate students. It is unique not only because it is the only Japanese university to specialize in social sciences, but also due to its teaching system. It was the first Japanese university to introduce a seminar system, rather than emphasize mass education, and to require participation in a small-group seminar. This system aids in cultivating individual abilities and in fostering close interaction between faculty and students. Hitotsubashi has continued its emphasis on combining practice with theory, but can also claim one of the top social science libraries in the world. The University is heavily involved in international academic exchange and cooperation, and has bilateral exchange agreements with 87 leading university and research institutions.

The University’s law school is generally ranked among the top law schools in Japan. Hitotsubashi law school has consistently had the highest bar passage rate of any law school in Japan since the current bar examination system began in 2006.

### Hitotsubashi HBL

The mission of HBL is to develop innovative, global legal professionals through an emphasis on combining practice with theory to provide valuable graduate-level education to working professionals. HBL employs an interdisciplinary approach and utilizes small-group classes and seminars.

With the introduction of the Global Business Law Program and the Business Law Student Exchange Program, HBL is extending its successful, innovative approach to address both the growing need in Japan for the development of internationally-minded business law professionals who can work effectively in English and the corresponding need to make Japanese and Asian business law and practice accessible to non-Japanese legal professionals.

To date, HBL has entered into student exchange programs with the Columbia University School of Law, University of California-Hastings College of Law, University of Frankfurt (Goethe University), Melbourne Law School, and Singapore Management University.

**APPENDIX 2 CURRICULUM FALL 2018**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>FACULTY</b>
<b>Law Department Subjects</b>	
Introduction to Japanese Business Law	Professor Beyer
Japanese Securities Law	Assoc. Prof. Ogawa/Adjunct Prof. U. Martin
Comparative Corporate Governance	Professor Beyer
International Dispute Resolution	Adjunct Prof. P Davis/Adjunct Prof. T. Nonaka
International Entertainment Law	Adjunct Prof. D Rosen
Legal Practice in Japan (required for internships)	Professor Beyer
Special Topics - Japanese Civil Law from a Comparative Perspective	Adjunct Prof. C. Sato
Directed Research	HBL Faculty
<b>Other Subjects (Non-Credit)</b>	
Law Department courses taught in Japanese Internships	HBL Faculty Professor Beyer (coordinator)
International Business Strategy (MBA) courses	Business Faculty
Financial Strategy (MBA) courses	Business Faculty
Asian Public Policy Program courses	APPP Faculty
Japanese language courses	Hitotsubashi Kunitachi Campus

Each for-credit subject is two credits and a typical class load is six subjects, providing students with 12 transferable credits. The transfer of credits to home institutions depends on compliance with the policies and procedures of each institution. Although it is at the discretion of individual instructors, classwork evaluation typically focuses on class participation, a research paper and class presentation, rather than on a final exam.

**APPENDIX 3 CLASS SCHEDULE - FALL 2018**

**Tentative Academic Calendar**

Dates	Details
Before September 04 (Tue)	Arrival in Japan
September 05 (Wed)	Orientation
September 10 (Mon)	First Day of Class
September 16-17 (Sun/Mon)	Negotiation Seminar (participation mandatory)
September 17 (Mon)	National Holiday (no regular classes)
September 24 (Mon)	National Holiday (no regular classes)
October 08 (Mon)	National Holiday (no regular classes)
November 23 (Fri)	National Holiday (no regular classes)
December 11-12 (Tue/Wed)	Make up classes
December 12 (Wed)	Last Day of Classes
December 19 (Wed)	Term Papers Due

**Program Schedule (tentative)**  
**Fall: 9/10 – 12/12/2018**

TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
16:00   17:45		Legal Practice in Japan (Credit: 2)  (Beyer)			
18:20   20:05	Comparative Corporate Governance (Credit: 2)  (Beyer)	Int'l Dispute Resolution (Credit:2)  (Davis/Nonaka)	Introduction to Japanese Business Law (Credit: 2)  (Beyer)	Japanese Securities Law (Credit: 2)  (Ogawa/Martin)	
20:15   22:00	Japanese Civil Law from a Comparative Perspective (Credit: 2)  (Sato)	International Entertainment Law (Credit:2)  (Rosen)			

**APPENDIX 4 SPRING COURSES - 2018**

**SUBJECT**

**FACULTY**

**Law Department Subjects**

Introduction to American Business Law  
International Contract Drafting  
Comparative Competition Law

Professor Beyer/Adj Prof D Rosen  
Adj Prof. J Shimamoto/Adj Prof P Kilner  
Professor Yabuki  
Professor M Matsushita (Prof. Emeritus, Univ. of Tokyo)  
Adj Prof. A Smith (RGA Reinsurance Company)

Corporate Law: Mergers and Acquisitions

Professor Nunoi  
Adj Prof. S. Yukevich (Morrison & Foerster, Tokyo)  
Adj Prof. D. Wilson (Shartsis Feiese LLP)

Comparative Labor and Employment Law  
Legal Aspects of IP Strategy

Professor Beyer/Professor Nakakubo  
Adj Prof Y Sagara (Nakamura & Partners)  
Adj Prof J Inge (Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP)

Directed Research

HBL Faculty

As noted above, at present spring subjects are only available to exchange students enrolling for a full year of study at HBL under the terms of an exchange agreement or upon special approval. Spring semester study is not available for exchange students intending to spend only one semester at HBL.



## APPENDIX 5 FACULTY

For full profiles of HBL faculty please refer to the business law department on the HBL website at <http://www.ics.hit-u.ac.jp/jp/bl/english/index.html>.

### Professors

#### **Vicki L. Beyer**

Director of the Business Law Student Exchange Program  
Associate Director of the Global Business Law Program  
Comparative employment law/Corporate governance  
University of Nebraska at Omaha (BA, 1980); University of Washington (MA, 1987); University of Washington School of Law (JD, 1990); Bond University (LLM, 1994)  
Asst. Professor of Law at Bond University (1990-1994); Program Director and Assoc. Professor of Law at Temple University Law School Program in Japan (1994-2000); In-house lawyer (2000-2017).

#### **Yuriko Inoue**

Intellectual property law  
University of Tokyo (BA, 1986), University of Tokyo (LLB, 1990)  
Visiting Professor at the Institute of Information, Amsterdam University (2006, 2007-2008).

#### **Masakazu Iwakura**

Mergers & Acquisitions  
University of Tokyo (LLB, 1985); Harvard Law School (LLM, 1993)  
Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School (2007, 2013)  
Professor from Practice—senior partner of Nishimura & Asahi

#### **Hideyuki Kobayashi**

Business Dispute Resolution  
University of Tokyo (LLB, 1974)  
Visiting Scholar at Yale Law School (1982-1983) and Michigan Law School (1983).

#### **Hiroya Nakakubo**

Labor and employment law  
University of Tokyo (LLB, 1980); Harvard Law School (LLM, 1990)  
Visiting Scholar at University of Pennsylvania Law School (1989-1990), University of Washington Law School (1997), Cornell Law School (2010), and University of Glasgow (2013), and Visiting Professor at Goethe University Frankfurt (1999).

#### **Chihiro Nunoi**

Director of the Global Business Law Program  
Comparative corporate law  
Hitotsubashi University (LLB, 1979); Hitotsubashi University (MA, 1981)  
Visiting Scholar at Bonn University (1986-1987) and Munich University (1993-1994) in Germany.

#### **Hiroyuki Ogawa**

Associate Director of the Global Business Law Program  
Comparative financial regulation  
University of Tokyo (LLB, 1997), Hitotsubashi University (PhD, 2003); Washington University (LLM 2004)

**Zenichi Shishido**

Comparative corporate governance

University of Tokyo (LLB, 1980); University of Tokyo (PhD, 2007)

Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School (1998-1999), Harvard Law School (2005). Visiting Professor at UC Berkeley (Boalt Hall) on an ongoing basis.

**Kimitoshi Yabuki**

Antitrust law

University of Tokyo (LLB, 1982); Columbia Law School (LLM, 1991)

Professor from Practice—managing partner of Yabuki Law Office

**Masao Yoshimura**

Tax law

University of Tokyo (LLB, 1999)

Formerly taught at Yokohama National University (2002-2012)

**Associate Professor**

**Junsuke Senbon**

Patent law and policy

University of Tokyo (BS, 2002); University of Tokyo (MA, 2004)

Toin University of Yokohama Law School (JD, 2009)

**Part-time Lecturers and Guest Speakers**

- Masako Banno (Okuno & Partners) – Japanese Securities Law
- Paul Davis (Baker McKenzie) – Dispute Resolution
- Pieter de Gannon (Morrison & Foerster) - Legal Aspects of Intellectual Property Strategy
- Ike Farida (Farida Law Office, Indonesia) – Asian Business Law
- Carrie Bee C. Hao (Romulo Law Office, Philippines) – Asian Business Law
- John Inge (Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe) – Legal Aspects of Intellectual Property Strategy
- Mitsuo Matsushita (Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu) – Comparative Competition Law
- Anh Tuan Nguyen (LNT & Partners, Vietnam) – Asian Business Law
- John Roebuck (Jones Day) – International Contract Drafting
- Dan Rosen (Chuo University) – International Entertainment Law
- Chiaki Sato (Aoyama Gakuin University) – Civil Law from a Comparative Perspective
- Allan Smith (RGA Reinsurance Co.) – Comparative Competition Law
- Derek Wilson (Shartsis Friese LLP) – Mergers and Acquisitions
- Akiko Yamakawa (Vanguard Lawyers) – Comparative Labor and Employment Law
- Kazuhiko Yoshida (Nakamura & Partners) - Legal Aspects of Intellectual Property Strategy
- Stan Yukevich (Morrison & Foerster) - Mergers and Acquisitions

**APPENDIX 6 LIST OF PAST INTERNSHIP SPONSORS**

NAME OF INTERNSHIP SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION
Nakamura & Partners	Japanese law and patent firm
Baker & McKenzie	Tokyo office of U.S. law firm
Clifford Chance	Tokyo office of U.K. law firm
White & Case LLP	Tokyo office of U.S. law firm
Sojitz	Japanese trading company
GE Global Growth	U.S. Corporation
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	Japanese law firm
Orrick	Tokyo office of U.S. law firm
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Tokyo office of U.S. law firm
Jones Day	Tokyo office of U.S. law firm
Squire Patton Boggs, LLP	Tokyo office of U.S. law firm
Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners	Japanese law firm
Yabuki Law Offices	Japanese law firm