

# Global Learning for Employability and Advanced-study Program

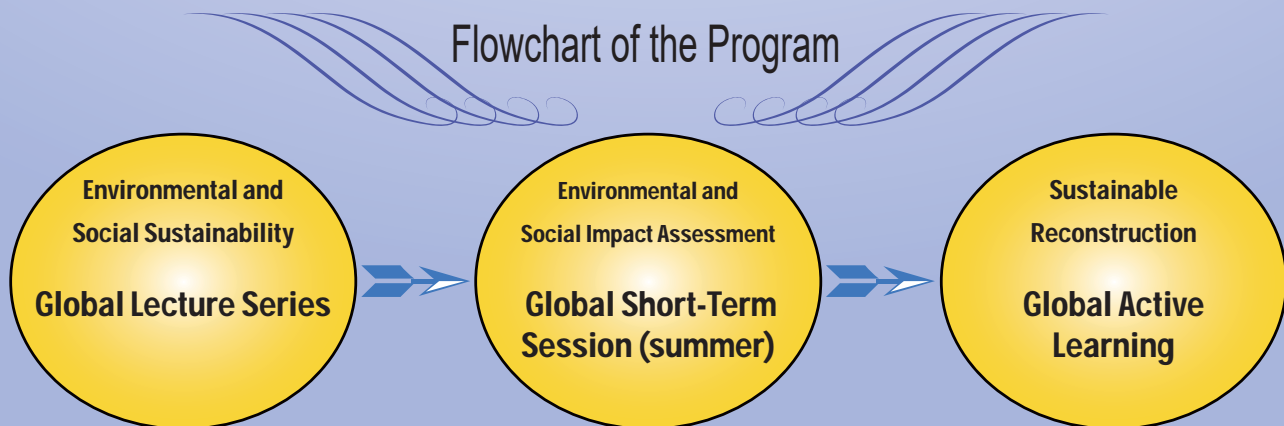
## Global LEAP

Spring Semester in Japan! Study Abroad at Chuo University, Tokyo



Global LEAP is an interdisciplinary educational program aiming at equipping Asian students with knowledge, skills and attitudes required for international collaborations. Global LEAP is a cooperative, active learning program through which students learn Asia's common challenges while on exchange for spring semester. This study abroad program offers you small-class courses in which exchange students and Chuo students can personally communicate with Japanese professors and experts in various fields. Global LEAP students are exchange students, and can take any courses available for exchange students at Chuo. Three courses are required for Global LEAP exchange students: *Global Lecture Series* which will address Asia's environmental and social sustainability issues comprehensively, *Global Short-Term Session* in which students will spend two days with the lecturer from European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to discuss impact assessment of development projects, and *Global Active Learning* in which exchange and Chuo students will spend four days together on a trip to Tohoku prefectures, Fukushima and Miyagi.

### Flowchart of the Program



# Courses in the Program

**Environmental and  
Social Sustainability**

**Global Lecture Series**

Credits: 2    English

This course is an interdisciplinary lecture series course programmed for students to learn various issues concerning environmental and social sustainability. A guest speaker from a specific sector is invited to give a lecture for each session. The topics range from environmental issues, such as contaminated land, water environment, air pollution, and biodiversity, to social issues, such as ethnic minorities.

## Let's learn about the environment



**NISHIKAWA, Kahoko (The Faculty of Commerce / Professor)**

Over the last two decades, several Asian countries have been achieving high economic growth, and this situation will continue in the near future. Unfortunately, however, economic development is accompanied by various environmental issues. To resolve the global-scale environmental issues, you should know the different background of each region. The instructors relate theory to practice effectively. By the end of this course, you will develop the competence in making a proposal for solving some local problems.



**Environmental and  
Social Impact Assessment**

**Global Short-Term  
Session (summer)**

Credit: 1    English

The purpose of the course is to understand how to evaluate environmental and social impact of developmental projects. Students will learn Environmental and Social Policies among international organizations and International Finance Corporation (IFC), and particularly of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The course will discuss such topics as the necessity of social due diligence, corporate risk management, and corporate responsibility.





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**Sustainable  
Reconstruction**

**Global Active  
Learning**

Credit: 1    English

Through visiting disaster areas and experiencing service learnings, this course allows students to think and learn how to take action towards local issues in environmentally and socially sustainable ways, using each student's own perspective acquired from the Global LEAP courses.

Students will visit disaster areas and experience the services and activities related to reconstruction support. They will also create a multi-lingual presentation for their fieldwork activity.

The photographs below were taken during the 2018 course trip, when Chuo University's Japanese students and exchange students visited the Tohoku area. Tohoku people and local governments have strived for sustainable reconstruction and are now shifting their focus to "aging society" issues. During the trip, students shared problems and issues with local people, and engaged in PBL (problem-based learning): how to make Tohoku more appealing. The students shared their original perspectives in the discussions with local people, which was carried out in the mixture of English and Japanese. Students' ideas on regional revitalization measures in Japan, the most advanced and challenged nation in the aging problem, were compiled into a presentation.





## Benefits of Global LEAP

TAKEISHI, Chikako (The Faculty of Commerce / Professor)

Global LEAP is a special opportunity for a semester study abroad in Japan. This program allows students to communicate in a small-class setting. It is designed to shift the style of leaning from **knowing**, to **reflecting**, and to **acting out**. The **knowing** part starts with *Global Lecture Series*. Then in *Global Short-Term Session*, in comparison with Europeans loosely united through common institutions, we will **reflect** on being Asians and being ourselves. Finally, in our

Tohoku trip in *Global Active Learning*, we visit cities and towns which are reemerging from the immense devastation caused by the 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster. You'll meet business leaders and civil servants who were the backbones of the reconstruction. **Act out** what you have learned in the program in proposing creative solutions to local problems. Translating knowledge into identity, attitude and action is important, and training in this skill will prepare you for meaningful work and advanced study.

## Contact

Please see the “Application Guideline” for the details of the program. You can find the Application Guideline at International Relations Office in your home University.

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