

**Fieldwork to learn about the history and current status of water conservation
around Lake Biwa
Application Guidelines (Additional Offering)**

Summary

Lake Biwa is known as the largest lake in Japan. Along with the progress of urbanization and industrialization and changes in the social structure, the relationship between people and Lake Biwa and the surrounding environment have changed. In this fieldwork, students learn about the relationship between regional development and water resources and environmental conservation by conducting field surveys in the area around Lake Biwa.

【Date】 Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - Friday, February 4

【Language】 As we expect foreign students to participate, we plan to use English as the main language.

【Number of participants】 20

*If there are many participants, there is a possibility that they will be selected based on the reason for applying and their English ability (referring to standard test scores such as TOEIC).

*We give priority to foreign students for additional applications.

【Application period】 ~~Until 16:00 on Monday, December 20, 2021~~

Until 9:00 on Tuesday, January 11, 2022

*Please note that applications may be closed before the due date if there are many applications.

【How to apply】 Please apply at the following URL.

<https://forms.gle/TPeG4PdEGNnLuqQZA>

*The selection results will be announced via email. When you receive the email, please make a reservation for transportation and hotel by yourself.

【Participation fee】 You have to pay the full cost by yourself.

Estimated out-of-pocket expenses: about 45,000 yen (When traveling by Shinkansen)

< Breakdown > Accommodation expenses, transportation expenses, food expenses, and other charges for the use of facilities such as museums

【Transportation】 Please arrange your own transportation for going and returning (during the training, everyone will travel by large bus).

*Please arrange Shinkansen or night bus by yourself.

*We will meet at JR Maibara Station in Shiga Prefecture at 13:00 on the first day.

【Hotel】 Please choose one of the following 3 hotels and make your own reservation.

* The price of each hotel varies depending on the reservation time and the reservation site.

*Considering the availability of the hotel, I recommend you to make a reservation early.

*As a preventive measure against COVID-19 infection, please reserve one room per person.

*Please make a hotel reservation by 9:00 AM on January 11, 2022, attach a screen shot of the reservation completion screen and report to the following email address.

International Affairs Office: ml-sgu-sympo@toyo.jp.

① **Hotel Bostonplaza Kusatsu**(ホテルボストンプラザ草津)

30 seconds' walk from Kusatsu Station

<https://www.hotel-bp.co.jp/>

*Morning meetings (Day 2 and Day 3) and evening breakups (Day 1 and Day 2) are in front of this hotel.

② **Urban Hotel Kusatsu** (アーバンホテル草津)

3 minutes walk from Kusatsu Station

<https://uh-urban.com/kusatsu/>

③ **Super Hotel Shiga Kusatsu Along National Highway 1**

(スーパーホテル滋賀・草津国道1号浴 天然温泉 あおばなの湯)

15 minutes walk or 5 minutes by bus from Kusatsu Station

https://www.superhotel.co.jp/s_hotels/kusatsu/

【Credit】

•Faculty of Global and Regional Studies students only: Two credits will be awarded for 「国際地域学研修」 (RDS) or 「Service Learning II」 (GINOS) by participating in both this fieldwork and the Toyo Model United Nations on March 19 and 20th (including pre-and post-training for Toyo Model United Nations).

All attendees of this fieldwork who may not earn any credit are also encouraged to participate in the Toyo Model United Nations.

"Toyo Model United Nations" ... is an activity in which students take on the role of ambassadors from different countries and discuss issues in a simulated meeting at the United Nations. Last year, 88 people from 19 educational institutions in 12 countries participated, of whom 66 people held thematic discussions as committee chairs and ambassadors (The

language used in the conference is English.).

Last year's Toyo Model United Nation: <https://www.toyo.ac.jp/news/international-exchange/munreport/>

【Advance training】 Pre-study will be held on Friday, January 14. Be sure to participate in the pre-study.

Date	Time	Schedule
2022/1/14 (Fri)	13 : 00~ 14 : 00	Orientation (60min)
	14 : 00~ 15 : 00	Pre-study 1 Online Session (60min) "Values of Lake Biwa"
		Break (10min)
	15 : 10~ 15 : 55	Pre-study2 Online Session (45min) "Water Conservation Measures of Lake Biwa"

【Content of study】

Historically, Lake Biwa has played an important role as a water reservoir for the Kyoto and Hanshin areas located in the lower reaches of the lake, and it has been greatly involved in the development of the surrounding area in terms of water resources, water use and flood control. On the other hand, since environmental pollution became a major problem in the 1960s, water quality conservation and environmental improvement in Lake Biwa have become urgent social issues. Through learning from a broad perspective about the social significance of water conservation and flood control in the vicinity of Lake Biwa, fieldwork participants will have an opportunity to deepen their understanding of environmental issues and consider how to conserve and effectively use water resources worldwide.

【Schedule】

Date	Time	Schedule
2022/2/2 (Wed) Day1	13:00	Meet at Maibara Station
		Orientation
		Hikonejo
	17:00	Arrive at Hotel in Kusatsu
	After dinner	Meeting/Study session (online)
2022/2/3 (Thr) Day2	9:00	Leave the hotel
	10:30-11:30	Hieizan(Konponchudo)
	12:00	Lunch
		Yanagigasakijosuijo
	13:00-14:30	Miidera, Sosui
	15:00-16:00	Aqua Biwa
	17:00	Arrive at Hotel in Kusatsu
	After dinner	Meeting/Study session (online)
2022/2/4 (Fri) Day3	9:30	Leave the hotel
	10:00-13:00	Lake Biwa Museum(Lunch)
	14:00-14:30	Lake Nishinoko
	15:00-16:00	Azuchi castle museum
	17:00	Dismissed at Kusatsu station