

International Field Experience Spring 2017 *“Learn from Japan’s Earthquake and Tsunami Crisis”*

Course Information
(Revised: 2/23/17)

Background:

- ICDR – Initiatives for Community and Disaster Resilience - is designed to approach natural disaster related issues from “soft” social science and policy perspectives.
- March 2011, magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami occurred in the *Tohoku* (Northeast) region of Japan.
- Need for a focus on emergency/disaster management, disaster preparedness, and community redevelopment and resilience and challenges that come with this.
- Focus on most damaged rural cities: Rikuzentakata & Ishinomaki: Challenges with ageing population and lack of vital industries on reconstruction of buildings, downtown areas and revitalizing the community.

Objectives:

- Gain in-depth knowledge from academic professionals at Tohoku University in a 2½ day workshop;
- Interact with public officials, nonprofits, and community organizations of Rikuzentakata and Ishinomaki cities, and;
- Engage in dialogue with locals to capture the forgotten stories of struggle and hope in the aftermath of the crisis.

Course Credits

- PA 410 – 4 credits
- PA 510 – 3 credits
- ECON 410 – 4 credits
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Course Fees:

- Approximately \$5,200 per participant with airfare;
- Fees include tuition, program fees, and personal expenses.

Assignments:

- Term paper
- Reading Assignments TBD

Key Dates:

Event	Date	Time
Pre-Trip Session #1	Saturday, April 29	9:00-4:30
Pre-Trip Session #2	Saturday, May 27	9:00-12:30
Trip to Japan	- Depart PDX: Sat, June 17 - Arrive in Sendai: Sun, June 18 - Return to PDX: Sun, June 25	

Trip Schedule:

Date	6/18 Sun	6/19 - 6/21 Mon - Wed	6/22 - 6/23 Thu - Fri	6/24 Sat	6/25 Sun
Event	Arrival	Tohoku Program	Rikuzentakata Program	Ishinomaki Program	Departure
Location	Sendai	Day 1 & 2: Sendai Day 3: Sendai → RT**	Day 1: RT Day 2: RT → Ishinomaki	Ishinomaki → Sendai	JPN → PDX
Travel	*	Bus Provided	Bus Provided	Bus Provided	*

*Each participant is responsible for arranging flights

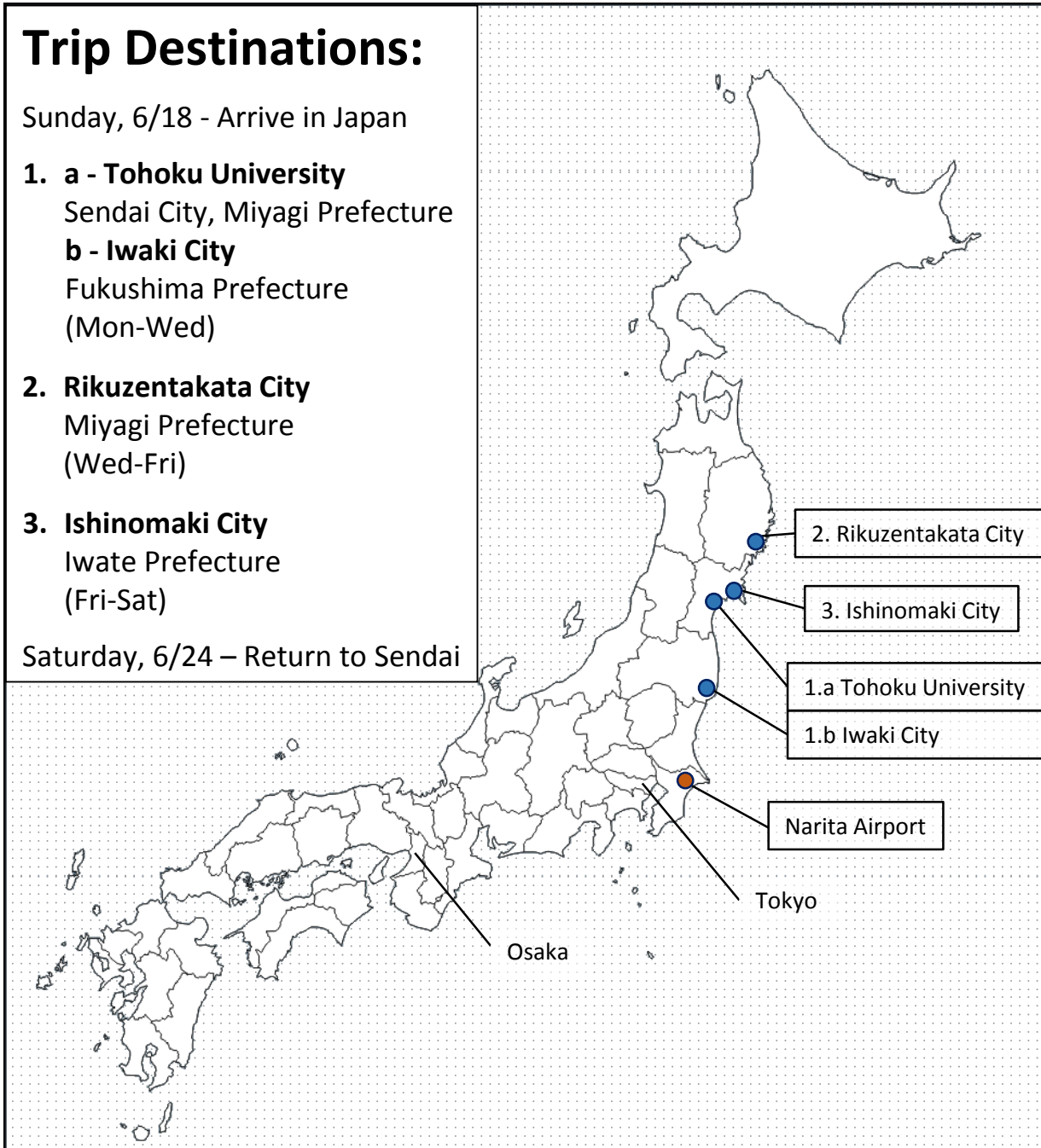
** RT: Rikuzentakata City

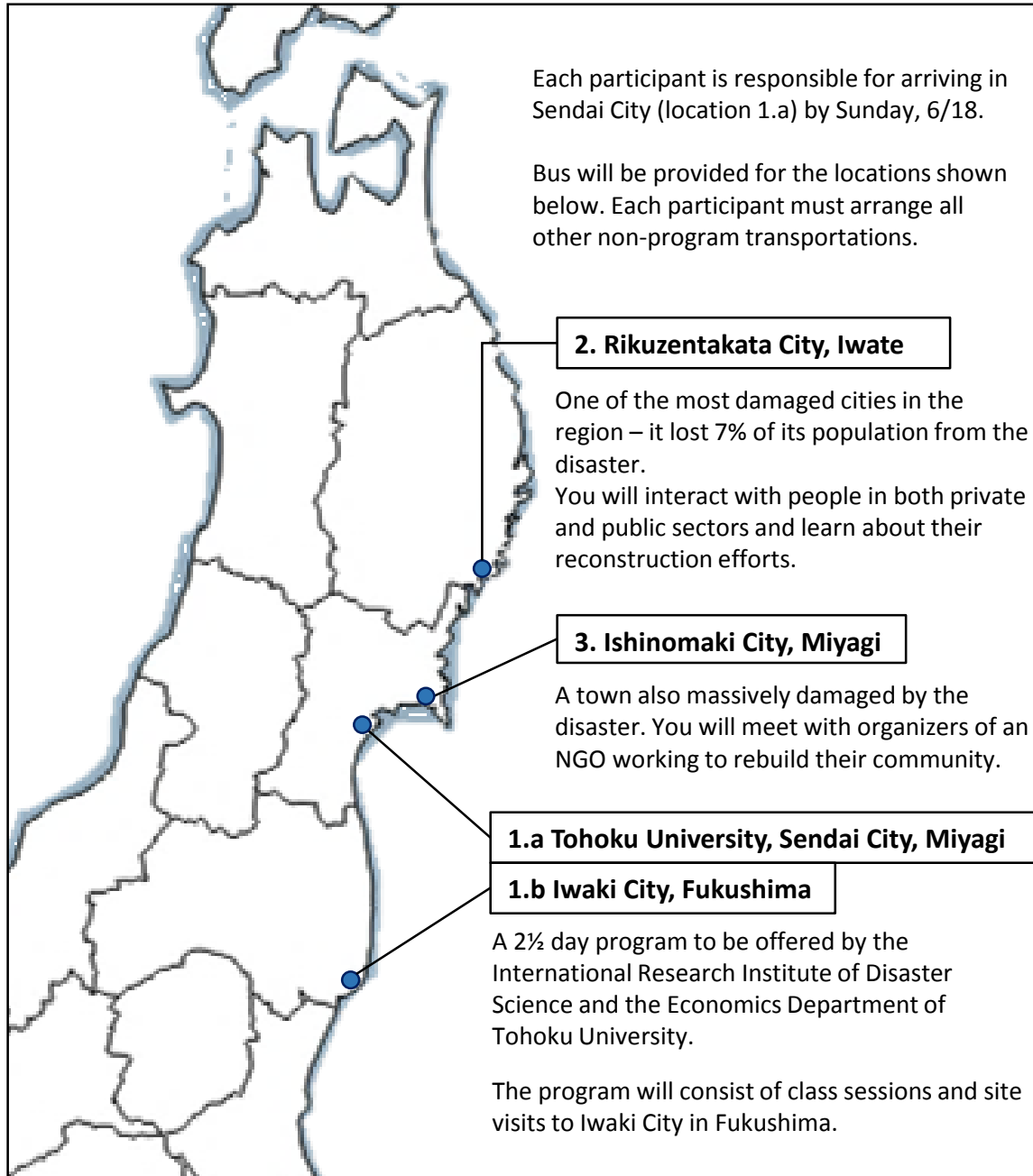
Trip Destinations:

Sunday, 6/18 - Arrive in Japan

- 1. a - Tohoku University**
Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture
b - Iwaki City
Fukushima Prefecture
(Mon-Wed)
- 2. Rikuzentakata City**
Miyagi Prefecture
(Wed-Fri)
- 3. Ishinomaki City**
Iwate Prefecture
(Fri-Sat)

Saturday, 6/24 – Return to Sendai





Each participant is responsible for arriving in Sendai City (location 1.a) by Sunday, 6/18.

Bus will be provided for the locations shown below. Each participant must arrange all other non-program transportations.

2. Rikuzentakata City, Iwate

One of the most damaged cities in the region – it lost 7% of its population from the disaster.

You will interact with people in both private and public sectors and learn about their reconstruction efforts.

3. Ishinomaki City, Miyagi

A town also massively damaged by the disaster. You will meet with organizers of an NGO working to rebuild their community.

1.a Tohoku University, Sendai City, Miyagi

1.b Iwaki City, Fukushima

A 2½ day program to be offered by the International Research Institute of Disaster Science and the Economics Department of Tohoku University.

The program will consist of class sessions and site visits to Iwaki City in Fukushima.

Airfare Options (As of Jan):

Option 1: Portland – Sendai (\$1,457.19)*

Departure (+1)	June 17th - June 18th	PDX – Vancouver (Canada) - Osaka KIX** - Osaka ITM** - Sendai
Return	June 25th	Sendai – Nagoya - Vancouver (Canada) – PDX

Option 2: Portland – Sendai (\$1,781.97)*

Departure (+1)	June 17th - June 18th	PDX – Honolulu – Hokkaido - Sendai
Return	June 25th	Sendai – Hokkaido – Honolulu - PDX

Option 3: Portland-Tokyo (\$1,705.56)*

Departure (+1)	June 17th - June 18th	PDX - Tokyo (Non-Stop)
Return	June 25th	Tokyo - PDX (Non-Stop)

Option 4: Portland-Tokyo (\$1,391.16)*

Departure (+1)	June 17th - June 18th	PDX – Honolulu - Tokyo
Return	June 25th	Tokyo – Honolulu - PDX

Option 5: Portland-Tokyo (\$1,406.56)*

Departure (+1)	June 17th - June 18th	PDX - Vancouver(Canada) - Tokyo
Return	June 25th	Tokyo - Vancouver(Canada) - PDX

*Airfare may vary

**KIX: Kansai International Airport / ITM: Kansai International Airport

Please arrange your own flights. There are many other options!!

Lodging:

Date	Location	Room Type	Note
6/18/17	Sendai	Single	Arrive on the 18 th , program starts on the 19 th .
6/19/17		Single	
6/20/17		Single	
6/21/17	Rikuzentakata	Twin room	Twin room option only. Single use of twin rooms available with additional charge.
6/22/17		Twin room	
6/23/17	Ishinomaki	Single	The class may stay in a traditional Japanese house.
6/24/17	Sendai	Single	Program ends on the 24 th . Lodging for this night is not covered by program fees and will need to be arranged by each participant.

* Price for group of 20, Non-smoking, breakfast included

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Online Resources:

- Course Website www.pdx.edu/cps/icdr-field-experience (Application link open!)
- Office of International Affairs (OIA), Education Abroad www.pdx.edu/ed-abroad/