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The RSP accepts applications annually in September and October, and the course takes place from February through June. A PDF of the application can be downloaded at

www.reischauerscholars.org.

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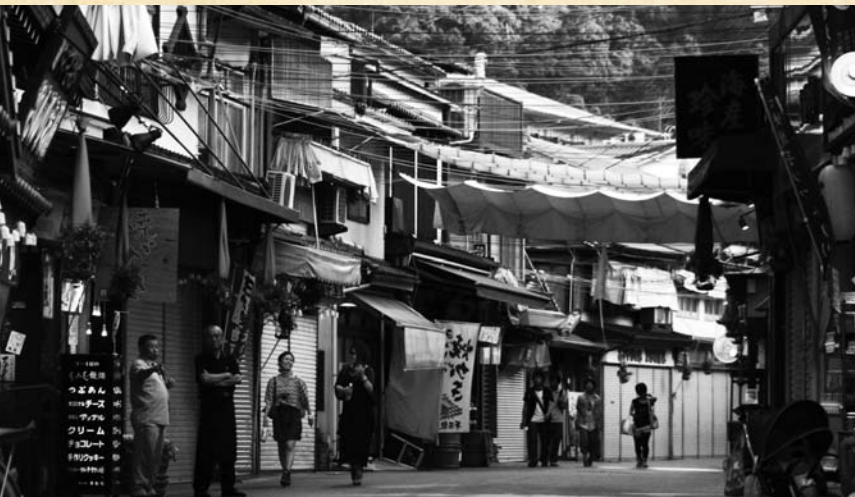
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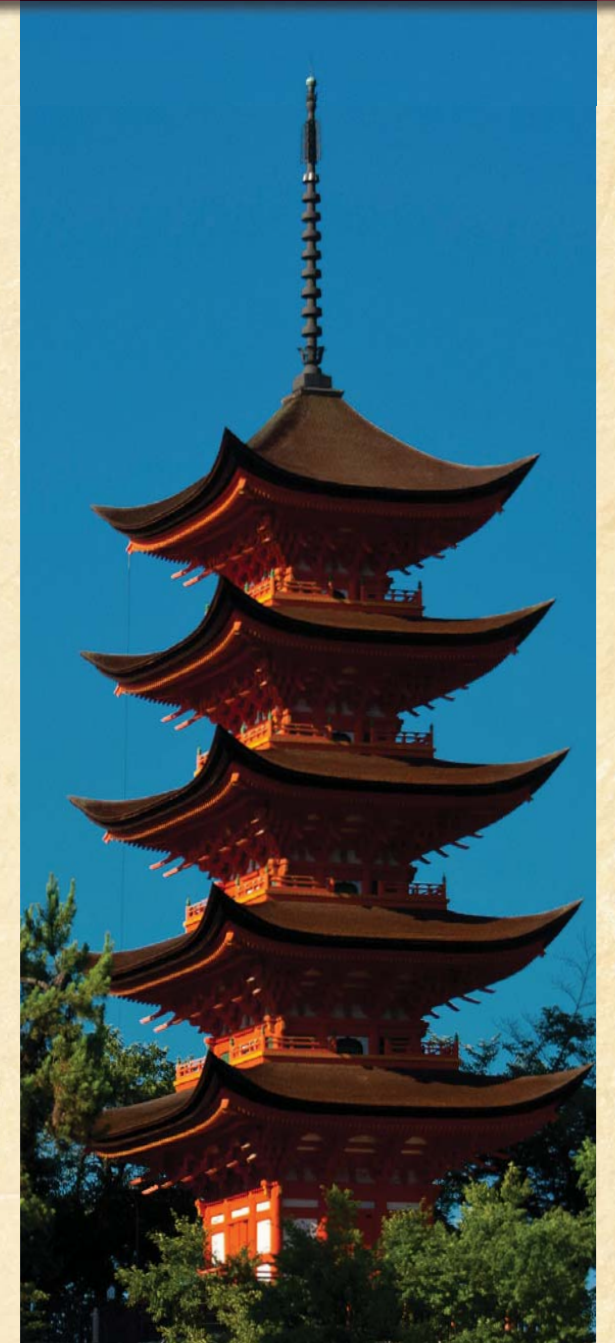
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“RSP is a must-do for anyone seriously interested in Japanese history and culture. With the lectures and discussions on topics ranging from religious history to the educational system to postwar economic recovery, I could not have asked for a broader or deeper understanding of Japan.”

Steven Pelcovits, 2008 RSP
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“The opportunities to dialogue with scholars, hear the Japanese perspective of many historical and current issues, communicate with students across the United States, and present this coursework to my community have been useful as well as rewarding. RSP succeeds as both a creative and innovative approach to teaching high school students about Japan.”

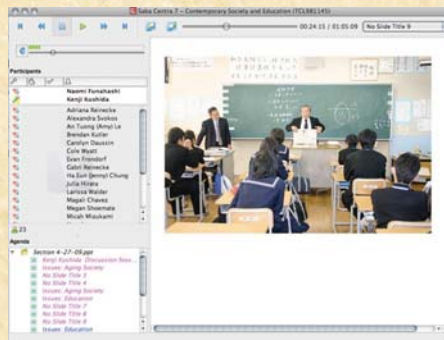
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About the RSP

The Reischauer Scholars Program (RSP) is an online course for high school students that is sponsored by the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) and the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) at Stanford University. Named after the former U.S. ambassador to Japan, Edwin Reischauer, the RSP annually selects 25–30 exceptional high school students from the United States to engage in an intensive study of Japan.

The RSP provides students with a broad overview of Japan with a special focus on the U.S.–Japan relationship. Ambassadors, top scholars, and experts from the United States and Japan provide online lectures and engage students in live online discussion sessions. Students also complete readings and weekly assignments, with the coursework culminating in an independent research project. This course is also ideal for students who seek opportunities to learn about the world from a different perspective, and who enjoy interacting with other likeminded students from across the United States. Students do not need to know the Japanese language to participate in this course, and there are no student fees.

Upon completion of the course, students earn Stanford Continuing Studies Program credits and a Certificate of Completion from SPICE and Stanford University. Ultimately, the RSP equips participants with a rare degree of expertise about Japan and U.S.–Japan relations that may have a significant impact on their choice of study and future careers.



Screenshot of RSP Virtual Classroom Session



Professor Emeritus Peter Duus, Department of History, Stanford University

“I credit the Reischauer Scholars Program with giving me invaluable confidence, experience, knowledge, and cultural understanding that I continue to use.”

Taylor Lescallete, 2007 RSP
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