The purpose of the course is to introduce you to the urban form and structure of Japanese cities and how they meet the needs of residents. The deeper reason is to introduce you to urban systems that are different from our own, despite serving the needs of a similarly modern industrialized society. Using the experience of Japanese cities, you will think in fresh ways about these urban functions and will consider alternative ways to meet them.

The course will be of greatest value to urban planning students, but would also be of interest to students from a broad range of other disciplines, such as geography, sociology, architecture, landscape architecture, international studies, and many more. You should have prior courses in urban form or urban systems (physical or social).

FACULTY LEADER BIO

Prof. Robert Olshansky teaches land use and environmental planning, with an emphasis on natural hazards. He has published extensively on post-disaster recovery planning, and has learned much from Japan’s experiences over the past two decades. He lived in Japan for two years, during which he walked countless kilometers of urban streets and travelled extensively throughout the country.

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