



## Experience a World of Difference

The Scholar Ship is a semester-long academic program aboard a dedicated passenger ship that traverses the globe as an oceangoing campus. Students and staff from around the world come together to form a transnational learning community designed to develop their intercultural competence and leadership skills.

Featured  
Learning Circle

### What's New

- **[interculture](#) Online Community Launched This Week to Connect Students Around the World**

[interculture](#) represents yet another thread in the evolving world on which we have come to depend to communicate with each other. Using Google Earth's technology, students opt in to become "interculturalists"™ and are plotted according to the location they specify. They can locate other interculturalists from Bangkok to Rio and everywhere in between. They can browse profiles, search by location, interests and more. interculturalists can engage each other one-on-one via instant messenger, or organize group chats to discuss the hot topic of the day.

Check out a [video demo](#) to see for yourself how [interculture](#) works. >>

- **Dean at UC Berkeley to International Ed Colleagues: "The Scholar Ship...a laboratory for global democracy."**

"The Scholar Ship promises to be a microcosm of our global age: a laboratory for global democracy. In seeking to create a truly transnational learning community, with its stress on experiential learning, The Scholar Ship represents a bold experiment in international and global education. Let's explore this new form of learning and teaching," said John Lie, Dean of International and Area Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

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- **Application Deadline Rapidly Approaching**

More than 1,000 students have submitted their applications for admission to The Scholar Ship. Some 600 students worldwide will be accepted to the program, which launches its maiden voyage in September 2007. If you have not yet applied, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The application deadline for the September 2007 voyage is April 30th. While gaining admittance to our program is

### International Relations (Postgraduate)

In the International Relations Learning Circle, postgraduate students and academic teaching staff explore the theory and practice of international relations "the relations between nations" and the roles played by both state and non-state players in that process.

If you currently study or are interested in the following fields of study, the International Relations Learning Circle is one you should consider:

- Conflict Studies
- History
- Intercultural Studies
- International Law and Diplomacy
- International Studies  
Peace Studies

competitive, early applicants are given priority, assuming they meet our admission requirements.

[Learn how to apply >>](#)

Peace Studies

- Political Science
- War Studies

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## Port Spotlight: Okinawa, Japan



This month, Japan's famous cherry blossoms will begin blooming all over Naha City, Okinawa, the beautiful capital of the country's southernmost prefecture located halfway between mainland Japan and Taiwan. Part of the Ryukyu island chain and home to seven world heritage sites, Naha is the last and final port stop on the The Scholar Ship's September 2007 voyage; a perfect place for students to rest, relax, and reflect on their journey around the world.

Tourism is the region's largest industry; visitors from around the globe are drawn to Okinawa's majesty, mystique and rich history. Karate was created on the islands. Ancient castles dot the islands from their former history as the Ryukyuan Kingdom, a prosperous trading nation whose position in the East China Sea allowed easy routes from Japan to China and South East Asia. At Shuri Castle, students can wander around the former seat of power that reigned on the islands for 500 years.

On a visit to tiny Misakimura Village, students can marvel at this traditional town that has preserved the cultural traditions from ancient time. Here students can learn Bingata printing, glass carving, ceramic painting, and sugar making, as well as the traditional music and dance of Okinawa. Professional storytellers in the village share tales of the islands, battles and heroes, growth and development, and how things have changed over time.

Students may also choose to explore Okinawa's natural wonders. Some may wander through the island's magnificent expanse of beautiful lime caves. Students can learn about and witness the whale sharks, stingrays, and other diverse and unique species that populate Okinawa's waters at the world's second-largest aquarium. No visit is complete without enjoying Okinawa's breathtaking beaches, famous for their coral sand.

Genki desu ka? When the Japanese ask "How are you?", they are asking much more than how one is doing. The word "genki" means energized, happy, excited, and fresh. So the question is really asking, Are you full of energy? Are you full of life? Students are sure to experience this after a two-day break in Okinawa, the capstone of their semester traversing the globe with international classmates aboard The Scholar Ship. From there, students return onboard to enjoy their final days together as the first class to study aboard The Scholar Ship.

[Learn more about our Port Program >>](#)

## Webinars Coming Soon to Your Desktop!

Learn more about The Scholar Ship by interacting with our staff through our first-ever interactive online seminar series later this month. Listen to what

## TSS in the News

We continue to garner great media coverage throughout the world. The Scholar Ship program has now been featured in over 100 articles in media across the globe. Some of the media featuring The Scholar Ship are:

- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** (USA)
- **The Telegraph** (UK)
- **Okinawa Times** (Japan)

To read these and other select articles in full, visit [TSS in the News. >>](#)

€™s on the minds of other students, ask questions that have been on your own mind, or sit back to learn whatâ€™s new and exciting at The Scholar Ship from those behind the scenes. We will be publishing webinar dates soon, so make sure to reserve your space today!

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