JAPAN
MODERN JAPANESE HISTORY AND CULTURE

Maymester Study Abroad Program
May 7–30, 2016

THE PROGRAM
Modern Japanese history and culture, taught in the ancient Japanese capital of Kyoto. Based at Ryukoku University, this program combines classroom instruction with daily explorations of the city of Kyoto and weekend excursions to both traditional and modern sites, including the Buddhist mountain temple complex Koya-san and the cities of Hiroshima and Tokyo. Students have daily opportunities for cultural exchange with Japanese university students and faculty, including independent study projects. Graduate and undergraduate level credit is available.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Participants will stay in comfortable, secure dormitory facilities owned and operated by Ryukoku University in central Kyoto. On weekend excursions, students and faculty will stay at traditional Japanese guest houses.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences. Previous study of Japanese language is helpful but not required. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

Tentative Itinerary

May 7, 2016: Depart Atlanta for Kansai/Osaka
May 8: Arrive Kansai/Osaka, train to Kyoto
May 9: M-Th classes begin at Ryukoku University
May 13-15: Weekend excursion to Koya-san mountain temple complex
May 16: M-Th classes
May 20-22: Weekend excursion to Hiroshima
May 23: M-Th classes
May 27-29: Weekend excursion to Tokyo
May 30: Depart Tokyo for Atlanta

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2016

CONTACT INFORMATION
Program Director:
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CREDITS AND COURSES
Participants who successfully complete the program’s course will receive 3 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. The credit will be for HIST 4975 (undergraduate) or HIST 8890 (graduate). Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application.

Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International Students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas: please contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss the possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $3,800, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Students should also be prepared to pay any associated cost with the application for a new passport or renewal of a passport if applicable. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2016

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.

Program Cost Includes
• Round-trip airfare
• Japan Rail (JR) Pass, excursions and entrance fees
• Accommodations
• Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include
• Public transportation outside Japan Rail lines
• Meals
• Passport
• Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
February 15: $250 Deposit with application
March 1: $750 First Payment
March 30: $2800 Remaining balance
All payments are non-refundable upon receipt