

JAPAN: TRADITION AND MODERNITY

Spring Break Study Abroad Program: March 12 - 20, 2016

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3 SEMESTER HOURS

THE PROGRAM

Perhaps more than any other nation on earth, Japan's growth and transformations from 1800 through the present have captured the tension between tradition and modernity. From its rapid industrialization and militarization in the 19th and 20th centuries and its technological innovation, Japan seems strikingly modern. At the same time, cultural elements such as the enduring myth of a sacred Imperial family and the supposedly timeless traditions of the samurai class continue to populate the imaginations of Japanese and foreigners alike. This short, intensive class – conducted over the course of ten days, and centering around one week in the ancient Japanese capital of Kyoto – uses intensive experiential learning in order to introduce students to the historical issues of tradition and modernity. Through readings, lectures, site visits and critical writing assignments, students will experience and analyze various ways in which Japanese and foreigners alike are constructing, challenging, and consuming ideas of tradition and modernity in Japan today.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants and program director will stay in comfortable, clean hostels in Kyoto during the program. Depending on schedule, one night in Hiroshima would include similar accommodation. Private rooms are generally not available.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

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 all undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of Georgia State University, with first preference given to history and Asian Studies majors. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

Tentative Itinerary

March 11: Fly to Japan (Kansai International Airport, 2 hour train from Kyoto)

March 12: Arrive Kyoto, settle into hostel.

March 13: Walking tour of Kyoto
Lecture: Tradition and Modernity, East and West

March 14: Lecture, Imperial history
Kyoto History Center

Day excursion to Nara: Japan's Ancient Capital(s)

Evening: Shunie Fire Ceremony, Nigatsudo Temple, Nara

March 15: Day excursion to Koya-san
Lecture, Religious History and Buddhism in Kyoto

March 16: Kyoto Religion, Old and New: A Modern Buddhist Temple Complex

March 17: Kyoto Traditional Culture and its Transformations:

Yosakoi modern Japanese dance troupe
Kyūdō and other martial arts

March 18: Day excursion to Hiroshima:
Rebuilding Tradition

March 19: Embracing the Modern: Kyoto and Japan Today

Architecture, Space, and Mura-okoshi

March 20: Depart Japan, fly to Atlanta



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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. Undergraduate students should register for HIST 4975 and graduate students should register for HIST 8999. 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 must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss 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 \$3070. Thanks to a generous scholarship program offered by the Office of International Education and the College of Arts and Sciences, students will receive a \$1500 grant towards this cost, bringing the total to \$1570. Students must apply for the IEF scholarship from the Office of International Education. If students are enrolled for 15 credit hours in Spring 2016, regular Georgia State University tuition and fees are waived for this course. Tuition is paid for HOPE scholarship recipients. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay 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.

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
- In-country rail travel
- Excursions and entrance fees
- Hotels
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include

- Georgia State tuition and fees (WAIVED FOR STUDENTS TAKING OVER 15 CREDITS)
- Municipal transportation within Kyoto and Hiroshima
- Meals
- Passport
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment may be made by cashiers check, credit or debit card to Georgia State University. Please note that credit or debit card payments may incur a small additional fee.

October 15: \$500 deposit

November 15: \$ FULL AMOUNT DUE

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

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.

