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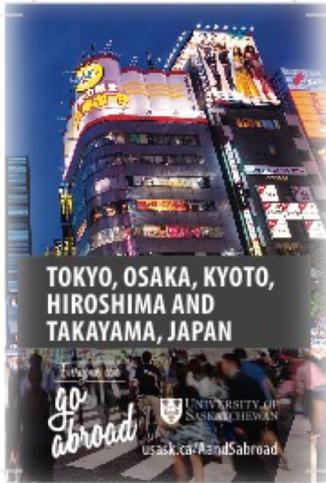
POLS 398.3

Travel Study Japan:

Society, Business and Politics

Tokyo, Osaka, Hiroshima, Takayama, JAPAN

June 8-23, 2019



Overview

Japan is one of the world's most influential and significant countries. It has the third largest economy, a technologically innovative business environment, a growing presence in the developing world, and one of the most stable middle classes of any nation. Japan has a complicated presence in Asia, traceable to a period of Japanese military expansion before and during World War II. This study abroad course, in conjunction with its prerequisite, will examine the social and cultural roots of contemporary Japan, connecting the country's rich and diverse history with the technological, economic, political and social developments of today.

Program Highlights

Tokyo

- Exploring the different and exciting districts of the city including Harajuku, Akihabara (Electric Town), Shinjuku, Shibuya and Odaiba
- Japanese Diet (Parliament)
- Tokyo Animation Centre
- Ninja Restaurant
- Edo-Tokyo Museum

Takayama

- Introduction to rural Japan
- Festival Floats Museum
- Hida Folk Village

Kyoto

- Kiyomizu Temple
- Kinkakuji (Golden) Temple
- Fushimi Inari Shrine
- Pontocho (Geisha area)
- Introduction to Japanese traditional arts

Hiroshima

- Peace Museum
- Atomic Bomb dome

Osaka

- Osaka Castle
- Japanese baseball game

Course Description

This group study abroad trip to Japan is an experiential learning course that aims to teach students about both modern and traditional Japan. Travel Study Japan will introduce students to the history, culture, politics and economics of Japan. This will also involve learning about the Japanese travel, media, retail, tourism, transportation, and hospitality industries in a first-person manner. The course is a two-week guided tour of Japan, visiting key cities, cultural areas, commercial districts and historic sites, while encouraging students to sample and appreciate the diversity and richness of contemporary Japan.

Prerequisites:

POLS 298: Introduction to Japanese history, economy and politics. POLS 298.3 will be offered in Saskatoon immediately prior to the Japan trip. Permission of the instructor is also required.

Please note:

This course is a physically demanding class and students must be able to walk long distances over long periods of time. If you have a disability, please contact AES as early as possible to discuss your accommodation needs while abroad. In addition, contact the Program Coordinator to look into the possibility that accommodations can be provided at the location.

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Cost to Student:

The College of Arts and Science has generously provided \$200 per student taking the course for credit and \$100 for those auditing (if applicable) to help reduce the program fee for each student. The program fee below reflects the reduced amount.

- a) **UofS tuition:** approx. \$615 (individual registration and payment)
- b) **Program fee:** approx. \$1,875 - \$200 from A&S = **\$1,675**, which includes:
 - a. shared accommodation,
 - b. some group meals,
 - c. entrance fees to sites,
 - d. on-site transportation
- c) **Airfare:** approx. \$1,500
- d) **Other costs:** individual meals, personal expenses (gifts, souvenirs), textbooks or other course materials, personal on-site transportation, possible medical insurance; etc.

Payment Schedule:

A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due upon acceptance into the program likely within a week after the deadline but no later than January 31st.

The remainder of the program fee is due at the end of **February 2019** (details will be specified in the acceptance letter). Program fee payments may be made by money order or cheque only, payable to the University of Saskatchewan.

Financial Assistance:

All students accepted to participate in the program will receive the [\\$1000 Global Engagement Scholarship](#) to help offset costs related to studying abroad. The study abroad coordinator submit the group application. Students do not need to apply themselves. NOTE: Students must be taking the course for credit towards a degree to be eligible.

Eligible UofS students may apply for additional funding. For further information please visit:

<http://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/scholarships.php>

<https://students.usask.ca/academics/goabroad/awards.php>

Applications:

Application forms are available online from the Study Abroad Website:

<http://students.usask.ca/academics/goabroad/taught-abroad-programs.php>

For more information and to submit applications, contact:

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