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Group Study Program Japan: Its Culture and Life
Academic Session: Spring 2024
Travel Dates: May 22 - June 6, 2024

Please note: Program Dates, Itinerary and Costs are subject to change

Itinerary

Pre departure activities All 5 classes: 10:00am-3:00pm (4.5h+30min. break)

Date	Activity	Comments
May 6	10am-3pm Lecture/Group work/Discussion (30 min break)	JPNS309.02: Edo-Meiji history, Course group project JPNS317.03: Lecture, Discussion on the films
May 8	10am-3pm Lecture/Group work/Discussion (30 min break)	JPNS309.02: Japan Culture Report, Course group project JPNS317.03: Lecture
May 10	10am-3pm Group work/Discussion	JPNS309.02: Course group project JPNS317.03: Discussion on "How did Japanese traditional cultures, values, and society influence its present day?"
May 13	10am-3pm Group work/Discussion/n-class Exam (30 min break)	JPNS309.02: In-class Exam (60 minutes/essay-style), Course group project JPNS317.03: (Final essay proposal submission)
May 15	10am-3pm Group work/Presentation/Consultation (30 min break)	JPNS309.02 : Course project #1 blog entry deadline & Group presentation JPNS317.03: Final essay proposal Consultation, (Annotated Bibliography submission)

In field activities (Instruction hours: 68.5 hours)

Day	Date	Location	Logistical comments and connection to academic content
0	May 22, Wed.	Calgary	Depart Calgary for Tokyo via Vancouver or non-stop
1	May 23, Thu.	Tokyo	Arrive in Tokyo in the evening
2	May 24, Fri.	Tokyo	Visit historic and modern sites in Tokyo
3	May 25, Sat.	Tokyo to Sapporo	Fly to Sapporo, Tour Odori Park
4	May 26, Sun.	Sapporo	Sapporo guided tour (Hokkaido shrine...etc.) and study time
5	May 27, Mon.	Sapporo	Morning: Work on group projects Afternoon: Group tour (self-led)
6	May 28, Tue.	Sapporo to Noboribetsu	Morning: Travel to Noboribetsu Afternoon: Volcanic landscape walking tour Evening: hot spring experience (*strongly recommended)
7	May 29, Wed.	Noboribetsu to Hakodate (Fururu)	Morning: Travel to Hakodate Afternoon: Fururu Youth Centre Orientation & Historical walking tour around Fururu

8	May 30, Thu.	Hakodate (Fururu)	Morning: Guided Historical visit to Hakodate Museum/Goryokaku Afternoon: Tea ceremony, Meeting with HUE students & Lecture Evening: Kimono Demo. (1h)
9	May 31, Fri.	Hakodate (Fururu)	Morning /Afternoon: Matsumae trip (guided tour) Evening: Class discussion on the cultural question (1h)
10	June 1, Sat.	Hakodate (Fururu)	Morning: study time or *Option: Mt. Hakodate Hiking Afternoon: Group Project-Historical visit with HUE students Evening: Recreation at Fururu gym (*optional)
11	June 2, Sun.	Hakodate (Fururu)	Morning: Progress Report Presentation of the Final paper Afternoon: Free (self-study) Evening: Group cooking (dinner)/ Class discussion on the cultural question (1.5h)
12	June 3, Mon.	Hakodate (HakoBA)	Morning: Kimono trial Afternoon: Zen Meditation, Historical visit to Motomachi Evening: Karaoke streetcar party with HUE students
13	June 4, Tue.	Hakodate (HakoBA)	Morning: School Visit Afternoon: Free (self-study) Evening: Night view from Mt.Hakodate *depends on weather
14	June 5, Wed.	Hakodate (HakoBA)	Morning: Free (self-study/Group presentation prep.) Afternoon: Group project Presentation/Farewell to HUE Evening: Closing group banquet
15	June 6, Thu.	Hakodate to Tokyo to Calgary	Fly back to Tokyo for return to Calgary or to independent travel

Post-Field

Final essay due.

Contact Information

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