



Cross Currents of American and Japanese Cultures

June 16 – June 22, 2014 in Chicago

June 23 – July 26, 2014 in Tokyo

University of Illinois at Chicago

Study Abroad Office and the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) offer this extraordinary opportunity

PROGRAM

This interdisciplinary comparative study abroad course explores the similarities, divergences, and cross-cultural circulation of each nation's cultural life from the mid-20th century post war period to the contemporary moment. This study abroad course is organized around two major interconnected themes that serve as touch points of our comparative study: history and cultural representations of WWII and its aftermaths and emerging expressions of gender and sexuality.

- Examine the intertwining flows of Asian American, American and Japanese cultures since World War II in order to foster a critical worldview
- Discover how place, people and history matter in the context of remembering the past, creating cultural representations and developing racial/ethnic, arts/cultural, and political communities
- Increase their awareness of cultural attitudes and enhance their comparative analytical and critical skills through real world experiences
- Experience community organizing, language, media and popular culture within different social contexts
- Prepare themselves for a life of engagement as effective global and local citizens

COURSE

Students will be enrolled in a 6 credit hour class taught by UIC Professors [Laura Fugikawa](#) and [Karen Su](#). Students receive credits for ASAM 290 and GWS 294 for 3 credit hours each or may request to receive 6 hrs in one of these rubrics.

CREDIT

6 semester hours of UIC credit

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Visit to the Ghibli Studio
- 5 day field trip to Hiroshima, Kyoto, Nikko
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
- Guest lectures on post-war gender and sexuality, anti-nuclear organizing and pop culture

HOUSING / MEALS

Students will be staying in double room hotel accommodations. In room internet access, and daily breakfast is included.

Application Deadline:
March 21, 2014

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be enrolled at UIC at time of application and completed 12 hours at UIC with a minimum GPA of 2.5 No specific major required, but an introductory class in GWS or ASAM is recommended

PROGRAM FEE

Program fee of \$4,700 will include the following:

- tuition (6 UIC credit hours)
- housing with breakfast in central Tokyo
- day trip to Yokohama
- visits to Ghibli Studio, Ichigaya Japanese Self Defense Army Base, Women's Active Museum on War and Peace, Yasukuni Shrine & Museum, Asakusa district tour, Imperial Palace tour and Ginza district and more
- 5 day trip to Hiroshima, Kyoto and Nikko
- guided tour of local area and welcome lunch
- transportation pass
- international health insurance

Other expenses may include: airfare to Tokyo, meals and personal expenses.

Additionally, all students are required to purchase a 6 day Japan Rail Pass.
(Approximately \$266)

FINANCIAL AID

Eligible students may apply for financial aid to help cover the cost of this program. Additionally, there are several [scholarships](#) available for UIC students studying abroad. AANAPISI Scholarship is available for eligible students.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Irina Krymova at the UIC Study Abroad Office at (312) 413-7662 or e-mail krymova@uic.edu

This program may be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met

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Cross Currents of American and Japanese Cultures 2014 Application Instruction Form

Students must attend a First-Step meeting before applying to any study abroad program. After attending the [First-Step meeting](#) and completing the application, please make an appointment with Irina Krymova for your advising meeting.

- ☐ Fill out general UIC Study Abroad Application
- ☐ Please note that you do NOT need to submit a general study abroad essay, instead please submit an essay of no more than 2 double-spaced pages which answers the following 4 questions:

- 1) What are your personal and/or academic interests in going to Japan?
- 2) What might you know or imagine are overlapping issues or concerns of WWII that involve Japan and the United States?
- 3) We will be looking at contemporary issues of gender and sexuality/sexual orientation in Japan and the United States. What do you think might be a benefit of a cross-cultural analysis, and what kinds of issues would you expect to learn more about?
- 4) Please highlight past course work (if any) that you have taken at UIC or elsewhere (relevant to Japan, Asian Studies (including Japanese language or Asian languages), Asian American Studies, Gender and Women's Studies (Gender and Sexuality) and/or independent readings or community work (if any) that you've engaged in relevant to Asian Americans, gender and sexuality, war and memory, or nation and migration.

- ☐ Submit a copy of your current UIC academic history with Fall 2013 grades.
- ☐ Program Deposit
Non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be submitted no later than March 21. Two additional deposits in the amount of \$250 each will be due on April 2 and April 18, 2014. These deposits will be deducted from the cost of the program. If the program is cancelled or if the applicant is not admitted, any paid fees will be refunded. Admitted students who withdraw after April 2nd will be subject to cancellation fees.

Make money orders payable to UIC Study Abroad Office. Only money orders are accepted.

Please note that you will be required to submit a Medical Form signed by your physician by April 15, 2014. Please schedule your appointment in advance.

RETURN TO:

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UIC Study Abroad Office (M/C 227)
502 University Hall
601 South Morgan Street

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**Payment and form timeline for the
Cross Currents of American and Japanese Cultures 2014 program**

March 21	Application and all necessary materials due to SAO First \$250 non-refundable program fee deposit (made payable to UIC Study Abroad)
April 2	Commitment to participate due Second \$250 non-refundable program fee deposit due (made payable to UIC Study Abroad)
April 15	All online forms due to IES Abroad, including IES Medical form (Make sure to schedule an appointment with your physician ahead of time) IES Waiver due to SAO. Initial every page of the Waiver.
April 16 or 19	Attend general SAO orientation, choose only one session April 16: 3:00 – 5:00 250 BSB April 19: 10:00 – 12:00 LCA1
April 18	Third \$250 non-refundable program fee deposit due (made payable to UIC Study Abroad)
May 30	Final program fee installment of \$3,950 due to IES
June 16 -20	Classes in Chicago
June 22	Leave for Tokyo

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