

Geography 370

3 Credit Field Course in Geography - Japan (0,3,0 Winter),

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Brief Description of Course:

- Focus on human interaction with the natural environment
- Walking routes in Tokyo
- Structure of small and large cities
- Social planning problems, e.g., homelessness in Tokyo
- Different farming systems, e.g., rice, tea plantations, mandarin oranges
- Natural hazards – earthquakes
- Land-use planning challenges, e.g., sprawl on farmland, land reclamation in Tokyo Bay
- Prof. Cara Cadre (Lecturer in Japanese) from TRU Modern Languages will accompany the group

Where will we go?

- Tokyo and the Kanto Plain
- Tsukuba Science City
- Ushiku City - where farmland and city meet & the oldest winery in Japan
- Chichibu mountain area or Totoro forest in Sayama
- Tokaido megalopolis: Kyoto, Uji City (sister city of Kamloops), Kobe, & Osaka

Who can take this course?

- Student with 30 credits of academic courses
- Geography 119, 120 or 390-Japan is recommended
- Must fill out a course application form and meet with the instructor for an interview before being allowed to take the course

Schedule:

- Preliminary meetings in late April and early May
- Pre-departure quiz
- We will tentatively depart for the field course on May 10 from Vancouver

- 15 day itinerary in Japan.
- Field component starts and finishes in Japan

Evaluation:

- Quizzes
- Presentation on a place in Japan
- Field journal
- Research paper based on walking routes in Tokyo

Costs:

- Program fee: approximately \$1600
- Airfare: approximately \$1100 (Vancouver – Tokyo return)
- Tuition for a 3 credit course

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