

Minnesota State University Moorhead

PHYS 385: Hiroshima Peace Studies Tour

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course is planned around a one week trip to Hiroshima, Japan. Topics will include: the science of radiation and nuclear weapons; the experiences of those who lived through the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; how these experiences are relevant to the rest of humanity; and Japanese history, language and culture. Students will pursue individual projects, and perform field work assignments in Hiroshima. MnTC Goal 8.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/25/2008 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. History of atomic bomb
2. Overview of nuclear weapons and their capabilities
3. Basics of the Japanese language
4. Japanese society and customs

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand the various effects of nuclear weapons.
2. Demonstrate the ability to reflect on the complex ethical, moral, and political issues encountered throughout the course by keeping a journal during the Hiroshima trip.
3. Demonstrate correct use of a few Japanese phrases and cultural norms when in Japan.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted