

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses

1 What are Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses?

80 years since the atomic bombings, the atomic bomb survivors are aging and peace consciousness is fading among the young. To help combat this, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation are asking colleges and universities around the world to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses.

These are courses that, by approaching the bombings through the full spectrum of academic disciplines from the humanities to the social and natural sciences, teach the realities of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the misery of war, the inhumane nature of nuclear weapons, the preciousness of peace, etc.

Currently, Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses have been established at 79 universities (54 in Japan, 25 overseas).



2 Course criteria

(1) Course types

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses can be either **Core Courses** that last throughout an academic term or **Fieldwork** in Hiroshima and/or Nagasaki. They can also be **integrated classes** consisting of a Core Course and Fieldwork. Whether newly established or previously existing, courses that fulfill the necessary criteria can be recognized as Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses.

(2) Criteria for recognition

Courses of either type must fulfill all the conditions described under the relevant heading.

Core Courses

- Deals with the realities of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and helps student understand the fundamental message of the atomic bomb survivors: "No one else should suffer as we have." Considers ways of achieving the elimination of nuclear weapons and lasting world peace.
- Academically analyzes experiences of the atomic bomb in the context of the humanities, social and natural sciences, etc.
- Should be offered for at least one full academic term each year.

Fieldwork

- Participants visit Hiroshima and/or Nagasaki to listen to atomic bomb survivor testimonies, or tour peace-related facilities or research facilities to learn about the content described in (a) and (b) of the Core Course section above.

Examples of fieldwork activities:

- Attending and listening to atomic bomb survivor testimonies
- Visiting peace-related facilities, such as the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
- Visiting various research facilities such as the Radiation Effects Research Foundation
- Studying the societal effects of the atomic bombing
- Studying the medical effects of the atomic bombing
- Discussing peace-related issues

- Should be offered regularly.

3 Assistance provided

To help run Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses at universities around the world, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation offer the following forms of support.

(1) Provision of study materials

Provision at the time of course recognition of study materials such as books and DVDs designed to enhance understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings.

(2) Introduction/dispatch of atomic bomb survivors and academics

Introduction to atomic bomb survivors with the purpose of offering testimonies and academics on the related field as a lecturer for the recognized course. The Secretariat will provide monetary support for travel expenses for lecturers (which are offered in Japan) and remuneration for courses within the limits of the secretariat budget.

(3) Online atomic bomb survivor testimonies and A-Bomb Legacy Successor talks

Universities in Japan

Arrangement of online talks by A-Bomb Legacy Successors.

Universities overseas

Arrangement of online testimony by atomic bomb survivors.

(4) Assistance with fieldwork

The following forms of support are offered for fieldwork in Hiroshima and Nagasaki upon request.

Hiroshima

- Testimony by an atomic bomb survivor (Available in English)
- Guest lectures by academics
- Visits to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims, and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (Tours of the park by volunteers available in English)
- Free admission to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
- Opportunities to discuss peace-related issues with academics and local youth
- Visit to peace-related facilities in Hiroshima City



Nagasaki

- Testimony by an atomic bomb survivor (Japanese only)
- Visits to Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims, Peace Park, atomic bomb hypocenter and other related sites (Tour guide by volunteers available in English)
- Free admission to Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum
- Opportunities to discuss peace-related issues with academics and local youth

(Please understand that arrangements for (2) to (4) may not be possible exactly as requested due to factors such as lecturers' schedules.)

4 Recognition process

- (1) Please submit the course syllabus with a completed application form to the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation.
- (2) The Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation will examine the syllabus and your application. Once the Foundation determines that the course meets the criteria of a Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course, the course will be recognized as such and a notification of recognition will be sent to the parent institution.
- (3) After recognition, we will arrange the support detailed above under **3 Assistance Provided**.

For more details, please visit the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course page of our website:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/hnpc/hnpc_top.htm

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