

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses

1 WHAT ARE THE HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI PEACE STUDY COURSES?

73 years have passed since the atomic bombings. With the A-bomb survivors aging and peace consciousness fading among the young, communicating the A-bomb experience to future generations is an urgent task. To help accomplish this, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation are asking colleges and universities around the world to establish and promote Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses designed to analyze and disseminate lessons from the A-bomb as common assets for humankind.

By approaching the bombings through the humanities, social and physical sciences, and the full spectrum of academic disciplines, students receive factual information about the A-bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and primary accounts of the misery of war, inhumane nature of nuclear weapons and preciousness of peace.

Currently, the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses have been established at 74 universities (50 in Japan, 24 overseas).



2 COURSE CRITERIA OF A HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI PEACE STUDY COURSE

(1) Course Classification

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses can be **core courses** regularly offered on campus or composed solely of **fieldwork** in Hiroshima and/or Nagasaki. A recognized course can also be an integrated class consisting of a single 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) Course Criteria

The Course should fulfill all the conditions described below:

<Core Course>

- Deals with the basic facts of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and helps student understand the fundamental message of the A-bomb survivors: "No one else should suffer the way we did." Considers ways of achieving the total elimination of nuclear weapons and lasting world peace.
- Logically analyzes and organizes the A-bomb experience in the context of an academic discipline, from the arts and humanities to social and natural sciences. (e.g. political science or architectonics).
- The course should be offered for at least one academic term each year.

<Fieldwork>

- Participants visit Hiroshima and/or Nagasaki, listen to A-bomb survivor testimony, attend lectures by experts, and tour war and peace related facilities to learn about the content described in (a) and (b) of the <Core Course> section above.

Example fieldwork activities:

- Attending and listening to A-bomb survivor testimonials
- A tour of peace memorial facilities, such as the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
- Visiting various institutes such as the Radiation Effects Research Foundation
- Study the societal effects of the atomic bombing
- Study the medical effects of the atomic bombing
- Discussion on peace related issues

- Fieldwork should be part of an official university course that is offered regularly.

3 ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITIES ESTABLISHING HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI PEACE STUDY COURSES

To help establish 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. The cost of this support will be covered for the first year following the course's recognition as a Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course.

(1) Provision of study materials

Provision of study materials such as books and DVDs designed to enhance understanding of the issues related to the A-bombings.

(2) Introduction of instructors, atomic bomb survivors and researchers

Introduction of an A-bomb survivor to offer testimony and researchers on the related field as a lecturer for the recognized course.

(3) A-bomb survivor's testimony via Skype

Arrangement of an A-bomb survivor who can offer their testimony to students via Skype as a part of the course curriculum.

(4) Assistance with fieldwork

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

- An A-bomb survivor's testimony (English testimony is available in Hiroshima; Nagasaki requires the hiring of a private interpreter)
- Introduction to guest lecturers such as researchers or professors
- Arrangement of a visit to such A-bomb related facilities as Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Nagasaki A-bomb Museum, National Peace Memorial Hall for the A-bomb Victims, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Nagasaki Peace Park, A-bomb hypocenters and others (museum admission fee exemptions and English guided tours of the parks by volunteers are available)
- Opportunities to discuss peace-related issues with researchers and local youth
- Provision of lecture venues (limited to Hiroshima)
- Other forms of support upon request



4 HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI PEACE STUDY COURSE ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

- (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 application. When 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, the forms of support stated above in "3 ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITIES ESTABLISHING HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI PEACE STUDY COURSES," will be arranged.

For more details, please visit the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course website at:

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

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