

**Kagoshima University**

**Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Studies**

**2007 Second Semester**

**2 credits**

**Grade: Paper (45%), Exams (50%), reaction papers etc (5%)**

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### **Course Objectives**

1. To enhance the students' consciousness about the current social situation related to the nuclear weapons.
2. To learn the issues about nuclear weapon and its destruction. In addition, the students will be familiar with the historical facts and dates about the dropping of the nuclear weapons. By covering these historical backgrounds, the students will understand the purpose of peace studies.
3. To observe the dropping the atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki from both U.S. and Japanese perspectives. The class also will discuss about Hibakusha's life after the atomic bombings.

### **Course Descriptions**

1. Introduction of Peace Studies
2. World War II and the Pacific War
3. The Manhattan Project and the beginning of Cold War
4. The Yalta Conference and plans for Cold War
5. Potsdam Declaration
6. The dropping of atomic bombs
7. The Soviet Union enters the war
8. The surrender of Japan
9. The "Myth" of atomic bombings
10. The U.S. Censorship for atomic bomb related coverage
11. Atomic bomb destructions and the aftermath problems for Hibakusha
12. International control of atomic power
13. The beginning of nuclear testing and the Bikini Atoll testing
14. Does the Nonproliferation policy work?
15. New Nuclear Strategies and the future tasks for nuclear abolition movements

The class will also show several videos. In every class the students will be responsible to write a reaction paper, and at the next class some of them will be introduced to the class.