Transportation
The trip fee covers the cost of all transportation associated with the course. Students will travel by plane, taxi, street car, bus, train, and ferry. Depending on the mode of transportation, students may be issued money for the purchase of tickets. Use of the Japanese language will be encouraged, and instructions in the use of public transportation will be given during orientation.

Language
Lectures and talks will be in English or translated by a simultaneous interpreter. The use of the Japanese language to communicate basic needs will be encouraged. In the pre-trip meetings, students will be introduced to basic Japanese.

Credits
Students will earn 3 credits in global studies (F credits) for completion of this course.

Insurance
The cost of an International Student ID card is included in the trip cost. Students should visit the International Studies Program office and have their card issued before the trip. The card covers evacuation and repatriation of remains. (Students are encouraged to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance, which is not included in the overall fee.)

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CLASS:
Pre-trip meeting dates:
January 23, 6-9 p.m.
February 6, 7-8 p.m.
February 13, 7-8 p.m.
February 20, 7-8 p.m.
February 27, 7-8 p.m.
March 6, 7-8 p.m.

Travel to Hiroshima:
Friday, March 10 - Saturday, March 18, 2006 (Spring Break)

FACULTY
Professor Takanori Mita is chair of the Department of Languages and Cultures. He’s originally from Tokyo and teaches courses in Japanese language and culture. Professor Ananda Shastri teaches physics courses at all levels in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. He has taught a course called “Issues of the Nuclear Age” for the Honors Program.

COURSE GOALS
The goals of the course include understanding the physical, social, and psychological effects of nuclear weapons through fieldwork performed in Hiroshima, Japan.
Monday, February 27, 7-8 p.m.
Japanese culture exploration. This session covers behavioral and non-behavioral aspects of Japanese society, some different viewpoints of wartime Japan, and its quick post-war recovery.

Monday, March 6, 7-8 p.m.
Final trip preparations.

Friday, March 10-Saturday, March 11
Participants will depart from Fargo, fly to Osaka, Japan, take a bullet train to Hiroshima, arrive in the early evening, and check in to the Aster Plaza Hotel.

Sunday, March 12
Participants will undergo orientation to the area, including how to use public transportation, the location of restaurants, and other survival skills necessary for the tour.

Monday, March 13
• Visit Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation
• Listen to speaker on peace studies issues
• Visit Peace Museum and Peace Park
• Visit Hall of Remembrance
• Perform fieldwork assignments

Tuesday, March 14
• Tour Radiation Effects Research Foundation
• Talk by scientist
• Perform fieldwork assignments

Wednesday, March 15
• Hear talk by a bomb survivor
• Hear talks by peace studies scholars
• Perform fieldwork assignments

Thursday, March 16
• Visit Miyajima
• Visit Hiroshima Castle
• Perform fieldwork assignments

Friday, March 17
• Free day to complete fieldwork and explore the city.

Saturday, March 18
• Return to Fargo

Study tour participants will stay in the Aster Plaza Hotel, which is conveniently located a 10-minute walk away from the Peace Park and Peace Museum, and lies in the heart of downtown Hiroshima. The hotel is close to a 7-11 convenience store, is across the street from a bank and post office, and is near coffee shops. Students may choose between a Japanese-style room for three, or a Western-style room for one person. Space is limited for the Japanese-style rooms.

Meals
Cost of meals is included in the trip fee. Each morning the students will be issued a meal allowance. Usually, students will be free to find dining options that suit their tastes. Within a 15-minutes walk of the hotel are noodle shops, sushi bars, Western-style family restaurants, and ethnic restaurants. Students taking the course for credit may apply for financial aid after September 15. Students not requesting financial aid will be billed by the Business Office.

Cancellation and refunds
Please make all cancellations in writing. The $100 deposit is non-refundable. Airline tickets will be ordered from the travel agency November 18. After the ticket is issued, it becomes the responsibility of the participant to pursue refunds with the airline.

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Cost
Air fare $1,197
Accommodations $241
Meals $229
Ground transportation $265
Other program related costs $331
ID card $22

Total (not including tuition) $2,285
Tuition $597