

Mount Union College Catalogue Description:

CM 305 Communication Study Travel Seminar. *A faculty-led trip to various national or international locations for the purpose of studying a topic or event firsthand from a communication perspective. Students will be expected to attend orientation sessions, to complete required readings, and to develop a research proposal before the trip. During the trip, students will keep a journal and collect data for their research project which is to be completed upon return. Seminars may travel to locations such as the Tesuque Pueblo reservation in New Mexico or Hiroshima, Japan. Offered summer only. Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of instructor. 3 Sem. Hrs.*

COMMUNICATION 305: Communication Study Travel Seminar to Hiroshima, Japan

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This year's study travel seminar will travel to Hiroshima to study the history of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the issue of peace. Students will prepare for the seminar by reading the following:

John Hersey, Hiroshima (New York: Vintage Books, 1989).

Ronald Takaki, Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb (Back Bay Books, 1996)

Michael J. Hogan (ed). Hiroshima in History and Memory (Cambridge University Press, 1996)

Students will compose a 1,500 word critical book review for each of the above texts. From these readings, students will propose a research topic they wish to pursue while in Japan. A research proposal with a clearly worded research question, methodology, and preliminary bibliography are to be submitted before the trip. During the stay in Japan, students will collect data. A research paper of 3,000 words will be due within two weeks of returning to the U.S.

While in Hiroshima students will attend special seminars and lectures focusing on peace issues and the history of the bombing.

Journal

This seminar requires a journal. This journal must consist of daily entries you make in response to something you've experienced in Japan. A typical journal entry should begin with a thorough description of what you experienced followed by your reflections. Your reflections should include your emotional response to what you have observed and what you have learned about yourself, history and Japanese culture.

Begin each journal entry on a new page with the date. Entries should be at least two –three pages in length. Your journal is to be submitted to me at the end of our trip.

Reflection Essay

Upon returning home, you will reflect on your Hiroshima-Nagasaki experience by writing a 1,250 word essay that summarizes your trip and the experiences you have had.

Your grade for this travel seminar will be determined by: 3 critical book reviews (20%), journal (20%), research paper (40%), reflection essay(10%), seminar participation (10%).