

Digital Filmmaking in Japan

Learn fundamentals of Smartphone filmmaking with the picturesque backdrop of Japan.

This program will provide students a digital filmmaking opportunity in a cross-cultural where students from WKU and Japan will share technical and aesthetic perspectives.

COURSES

Art 490
Art 490 (Honors)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Tokyo
Hotel or Hostel

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Students in this unique program will be immersed in the rapidly changing world of digital technology as an art-making tool.
- They will especially take advantage of the opportunity to explore the Smartphone filmmaking fast becoming an option for video/filmmakers.
- Students will learn the entire process from onsite camera operation to editing and output as they shoot their short films in this medium.
- Active hands-on-learning experiences, intense engagement with the instructor and peers, and development of critical thinking skills directed toward the future of digital art will prepare the students for thriving multifaceted careers within the dynamic global society.
- Students work in three to four person crews to complete each film. When their colleagues direct, students rotate among the key crew positions.

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: Tokyo, Japan

ACADEMIC TERM: Summer 2014: May 21 – June 2

ITINERARY (subject to change)

May 21 – Depart for Japan	May 27 - Harajuku, Anime Museum
May 22 – Arrive in Tokyo	May 28 - Shooting
May 23 - Shinjuku, Shibuya, Akihabara, Roppongi,	May 29 - Editing
Tokyo Tower, Zojoji Temple	May 30 - Editing
May 24 - Giza, Imperial Palace, Asakusa, Tokyo	May 31 – Finish Project
National Museum, Yoyogi Park	June 1 – Release time
May 25 - Ikebukuro, Ueno, Edo Tokyo Museum, Sumo	June 2 - Return to Nashville
Wrestling Museum	
May 26 - NHK Broadcasting, Sony Building in Ginza	

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

ELIGIBILITY

- Graduate student in good standing (Graduate Catalog p.30).
- Undergraduate students with 3.2 cumulative GPA or good standing in the Honors College.
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

BASE PACKAGE

Cost: \$3999-\$4299

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,090 value)
- Twelve-night of accommodations in Japan
- Airport transfer in Tokyo to and from Narita Airport
- Course-related ground transportation
- Round-trip flight between Nashville and Tokyo
- International medical insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Items not explicated list in package.
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included on-board or during course-related field programs.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight changes.
- Visa/immigration fees.
- Airport taxes (payable only in cash locally).
- Meals & Services and beverages not mentioned in the program
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes

Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.

Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</p> <p>February 1, 2014 - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit*</p> <p>February 1, 2014 – Program Fee will be charged to student’s TopNet account. Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</p> <p>After February 1: 25% of program cost After March 1: 50% of program cost After April 1: 75% of program cost After May 1: 100% of program cost (No refund).</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU’s Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the voyage. The expiration must be beyond July 20, 2014.

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