PAAS397(Tentative Outline)
Field School in Pacific and Asian Studies (2019 May)
Advanced Communication in Japanese (3 units)

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This course offers an intensive 4-week program (1 week at the University of Victoria, 2 nights in Kyoto, 10 nights in Kinosaki) of training in Japanese language and culture. The main objective is to advance sociolinguistic and communicative skills in Japanese, through authentic communicative activities with the local people in Kinosaki and Kyoto. The activities for the course may include: 1) pre-departure language and culture classes on campus; 2) pre-departure online course that provides a lot of information on travel planning, health & safety abroad, culture & customs, and emergency preparedness; 3) classes to enhance communicative skills in Kinosaki and Kyoto; 4) ample opportunities to use the Japanese language in cultural authentic settings such as homestay; and 5) collaborative activities with Japanese youth in Kyoto and Kinosaki.

[Field School Sites in Japan]
Kyoto
You will stay (2 nights) at a business hotel in Kyoto. You will be engaged in collaborative learning activities with Japanese university students in Kyoto.
Kinosaki is a famous spa town in Hyogo Prefecture. Kinosaki earned two stars in the 2012 Michelin Green Guide Japan. The town is renowned for its hot springs, beautiful scenery, as well as abundance of tasty and fresh food, such as Kobe beef and fresh seafood.

[Prerequisite]
Minimum grade of A- from PAAS 238 or B+ from PAAS 338

[Schedule]
UVic
May 6 (Mon.)-May 10(Fri.)
Daily classes at 9:30 to 13:30

Kyoto collaborative activities with Japanese university students
May18(Sat.) or 19 (Sun.)

Kinosaki
Arrival on May 20 (Mon.)-Departure on May 30 (Thurs.)
Daily classes normally starting from 9 am and ending in the evening. Daily schedule varies.

[Important Notes]
You are expected to behave respectfully and responsibly towards your classmates, local Japanese people, and the instructors during the entire course. You will not only take this course, but also represent UVic. In addition, there will be a lot of group activities including sharing the rooms. If your misconduct caused serious problems, you may receive a failing grade. Please note that 10% of the grade will be focused on the following aspects of your conduct: 1) punctuality; 2) effort; and 3) participation.

[How to apply]
Submit an application form, two letters of reference (academic reference focusing on the Japanese language proficiency and character reference focusing on the personal maturity), personal statement in English, personal statement in Japanese by February 15, 2019. Upon being selected, the department will send you an invitation to register for the course. A program fee of 450 CAD should be paid by March 5, 2019. The program fee will cover: accommodation in Kyoto and Kinosaki, homestay in Kinosaki, and one-way transportation by JR from Kyoto to Kinosaki. Meals and other expenses will not be covered. You need to show the proof of the travel insurance coverage by May 10, 2019. You need to show the proof of the travel insurance coverage by May 10, 2019.

Please contact H. Noro for more information and application form (hnoro@uvic.ca).