Course Description:
The only nuclear weapons ever used in war were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. This interdisciplinary course is worth 3 credits (LASC 8, Global Perspectives). It is planned around a one week trip to Hiroshima, Japan. The goal of LASC 8 is:

To increase students' understanding of the growing interdependence of nations and peoples and develop their ability to apply a comparative perspective to cross-cultural social, economic and political experiences.

You must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA to apply for this course.

Students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences. No Japanese language training is required, but taking an introductory Japanese class is excellent preparation, and encouraged.

2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution. Students will write a paper on a suitable theme and submit at the end of the course.

3. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

Class: Hagen Hall, Room 325

Faculty: Professor Ananda Shastri teaches in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Overview:
After pre-trip preparatory meetings to lay scientific, historical, and cultural foundations, the class will travel to Hiroshima, Japan during Spring Break. The class will visit the Peace Park and Peace Museum. Talks by scholars from Hiroshima University on peace studies topics, and by hibakusha on their experiences of the atomic bomb will be presented. The rich culture of Japan will also be discussed through visits to historical and cultural sites, such as Hiroshima Castle, and the island of Miyajima. Participants will be required to make daily journal entries.

The final course presentation at the Student Academic Conference will give students the chance to discuss what they have learned with a broader student audience. A final paper will be due by study day.

Course Information

Required Readings:
- TBA: possibly War: the lethal custom, G. Dyer


Homework (60%): There will be weekly homework assignments before the trip to Hiroshima. In Hiroshima, there will be a few assignments at historical sites.

Paper (25%): Students will submit a paper by study day on a suitable topic.

Student Academic Conference presentation (15%): Students will be expected to give either an oral presentation or poster at the MSUM Student Academic Converence.

Grading:
Course grades will be assigned on an absolute scale shown below:

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60-70% Below 60%

Policies:
1. Pre- and post-trip meetings are mandatory. Missed meetings may result in a reduction of course grade.
2. Attendance at all scheduled events in Hiroshima is mandatory.
3. Academic honesty policy will be strictly followed, and may be viewed at http://www.mnstate.edu/sthandbook/PO
LICY/index.htm.
4. This trip may require strenuous walking and hiking. Participants must be able to negotiate a steep climb with or without accommodations. Students with disabilities who believe they may need an accommodation in this class are encouraged to contact Greg Toutges, Coordinator of Disability Services at 477-5859 (Voice) or 1-800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY), CMU 222 as soon as possible to ensure that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

Academic Program and Trip Itinerary
(Dates and events may shift somewhat)

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20, 7-9 p.m
Wednesday, January 27, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday February 3, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, February 10, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9, 7-9 p.m.

Students will depart for Japan, arriving Saturday evening in Hiroshima.

Saturday, March 12
Students will arrive Saturday evening in Hiroshima.

Sunday, March 13
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 14
- Visit Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation
- Visit Peace Museum and Peace Park

Tuesday, March 15
- Listen to speaker on peace studies issues

Wednesday, March 16
- Panel discussion with peace studies scholars
- Visit Hall of Remembrance

Thursday, March 17
- Visit Miyajima
- Visit Hiroshima Castle

Friday, March 18
- Free day

Saturday, March 19
- Return to Fargo

Wednesday, March 30, 7-9pm
- Discussion

Tuesday, April 12, SAC presentations