



Japan 2025
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The Doomsday Clock is a symbol that represents the likelihood of a human-made global catastrophe in the opinion of the members of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist. Today, the time is 90 seconds to midnight.

2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki and the 70th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Saint Paul and Nagasaki. The January 2025 term course, open to students and alumni, will examine what the bombing of Nagasaki has meant there and in Saint Paul. We will also explore how the lessons learned from this experience contribute to the current debate on nuclear weapons. The course will also explore the history, culture, and politics of Japan.

The first week would be spent on Hamline’s campus, followed by eight days in Nagasaki. The final week will involve reflecting and preparing a presentation for the Saint Paul Sister City Committee and to the Hamline community. Alumni may participate in the on-campus sessions.

A highlight of the course will be a two-day working session with Nagasaki students and residents that will address two questions: what should people know about nuclear arms, and what are we able to do to address the use of nuclear arms?

In Nagasaki, participants will visit the Nagasaki Memorial Hall, the Peace Park, the history museum, the art museum, and the Atomic Bomb Museum. The delegation will cook a Japanese meal, and meet local artists. The mayor and sister city committee will host a reception for the participants.

Objectives:

- To gain an understanding of the power of nuclear weapons
- To experience the cultural, political, and artistic environment of Nagasaki
- To further strengthen the sister city relationship between Nagasaki and Saint Paul.

This course satisfies the following Hamline Plan requirements: G, other HP letters TBD

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The estimated cost of the J-term study abroad program: To be determined \$5000-\$6000

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Estimated Personal Expense:
\$300-400

Apply by going to this web address:
<https://www.hamline.edu/academics/study-away/apply>

Application Fee: \$500
Early Application Deadline: May 10, 2024
Final Application Deadline: October 15, 2024

OR scanning this QR code:

Important Program Details:

- There will be pre-and post-trip meetings which will be scheduled after applications have been reviewed (early May).
- The cost will be based on min 10 students enrollment
- Terms and Conditions apply - see application for more details
- Students interested in financial aid for J-term should inquire at finaid@hamline.edu
- Program available for all current Hamline students - those graduating in December are not eligible
- Program costs are billed before the term starts, all personal costs are responsibility of the student

