



Comments from Past Year's Participants.

- ◆ It was an unforgettable experience in my life.
- ◆ It provided me the opportunity to make friends with many people from many countries.
- ◆ I learned more about ASEAN countries, and I feel closer to them.
- ◆ The classes were great and instructive. Study trips were well planned.
- ◆ Finally I found out what I want to do in the future.

AsTW

ASEAN IN TODAY'S WORLD 2016

**2-week ASEAN Studies Program
in Hanoi, Vietnam**
for university students from around the world
March 4, 2016 - March 18, 2016

Jointly offered by
Kyushu University and Vietnam National University, Hanoi

in cooperation with
Ateneo de Manila University, Mahidol University, and
Fukuoka Women's University.

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Eligibility for Admission

To be considered for admission to AsTW, applicants must be:

- currently enrolled in a degree program at an accredited university or college outside Japan;
- in good academic standing (with a grade point average of 3.0 out of 4.0 or higher);
- proficient in English for academic purposes (if a non-native speaker, able to demonstrate TOEFL-PBT 530 / TOEFL-iBT 68 / TOEFL-CBT 190 / IELTS-5.5 or the equivalent); and
- planning to continue university study following AsTW.

**We may consider applicants with TOEFL/IELTS scores below the reference scores in order to create more cultural diversity, but that applicant must provide extra proof of English competence.*

AsTW Academic Program

The AsTW curriculum consists of **ASEAN Studies Courses (ASC)** and **Asian Languages & Cultures (ALC)** courses, supplemented by co-curricular Study Trips, providing students with rich and unique learning opportunities.

The ASC component gives AsTW its distinction as a rigorous introduction to selected ASEAN issues that increasingly affect global and regional "ASEAN+3" relations. Students will broaden their knowledge and gain deeper understanding of ASEAN and "ASEAN+3" cooperation through their ASC courses. A valuable part of the program is the opportunity to approach ASEAN and East Asia topics from different perspectives.

The ALC component provides students with an intensive Asian language study experience designed to build proficiency in the language chosen and to help with acquisition of basic knowledge of the related culture in an integrated approach. Students will gain a general understanding of the culture and sociolinguistic context of each language. By the end of each course, students are expected to have developed some fundamental skills in listening and speaking as well as an understanding of daily conduct in the appropriate cultural setting.

The combination of ASC and ALC study will contribute to the students' synthetic understanding of the ASEAN and East Asia communities.

A series of cultural study trips is another attractive part of the program. Each excursion is intended to allow students the chance to increase their awareness and enhance their appreciation of the history, culture, and social life of the country where AsTW is held.

To complete the AsTW program, students must enroll in two courses (one each from the ALC and ASC offerings) for credit and participate in all official events. Students who meet all AsTW requirements will be awarded a certificate issued jointly by Kyushu University and a partner university.

ASC: ASEAN Studies Courses

- 2 credits (30 credit hrs) per course
- ◆ Current Affairs of ASEAN and East Asia
 - ◆ Food and Environmental Issues in Asia
 - ◆ Cross-cultural Communication in Asia



ALC: Asian Languages & Cultures

- 2 credits (30 credit hrs) per course
- ◆ Basic Japanese Language & Culture
 - ◆ Basic Vietnamese Language & Culture
 - ◆ English as a Communication Tool in the ASEAN Context

(All courses are subject to change.)



Study Trips

- ◆ One-day trip to Halong Bay - World Natural Heritage site
- ◆ An overnight cultural trip to villages of Thai ethnic minority group in the northwestern mountainous district of Mai Chau, Hoa Binh province
- ◆ Various scenic and cultural experiences in the capital city of Hanoi and the surrounding area

Daily Schedule

ALC (9:00-11:30)
Lunch Break (11:30-13:00)
ASC (13:00-15:30)

Credit Transfer

Kyushu University will award credit and grades. Official transcripts will be sent to the participants in May 2016. Participants should consult their home universities about transferring credit and grades in advance.

Fees

1,465 USD (These fees are subject to change.)

Fees include tuition, study trips, accommodation with breakfasts, some banquets and meals as indicated and group airport pick-up/drop-off; exclude the cost of international airfare to and from Hanoi, other meals not included in the program, local transportation, and personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, etc.).

*For reference, the average cost of a meal is 5 USD.

Scholarships

Kyushu University offers a limited number of scholarships to cover the AsTW fees to students who present a strong academic record. All applicants are considered; recipients are selected by Kyushu University.

Accommodation

All students will stay in VNU My Dinh dormitory (triple-share occupancy).

Application

Students must arrange for their AsTW application and supporting documents to be received by **October 31, 2015**. The materials to submit include:

- 1) A completed AsTW application form
- 2) An 800 word essay on "Why I want to join AsTW"
- 3) Official academic transcripts of all undergraduate study
- 4) A university or college diploma copy (graduates only)
- 5) One letter of recommendation (from a teacher other than a language instructor)
- 6) A copy of a recent official TOEFL, IELTS, or other English assessment report (non-native English speakers only)
- 7) Certificate of Health

* Application materials will be accepted by e-mail or regular mail.

For application instructions and forms, please visit:

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