
THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AND THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER



Japan: Past, Place, and People

This 20-hour course offers an introduction to Japan's history, geography, and cultural norms and beliefs to support elementary teachers who teach or would like to teach about Japan. Participants will consider cross-curricular ideas that integrate literacy and social studies strategies. The Program for Teaching East Asia offers this course for US elementary classroom teachers.

Course Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted through four asynchronous online modules, each consisting of video lectures by Japan specialists, pertinent readings, and a participant discussion forum on content and pedagogy. The course starts January 26, 2018, with online introductions. The first module will begin February 2, and the final module will conclude on April 12, 2018. A final paper and evaluation will be due April 17, 2018. The first two modules will be open for participant completion for two weeks; the final two modules will be open longer to accommodate spring breaks.

Eligibility and Application: Elementary classroom teachers nationwide are invited to apply. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to contract teachers whose required curriculum includes a Japan unit or development of a unit, as well as teachers who have not previously taken an online course with the University of Colorado's NCTA or TEA programs. Enrollment is limited to 20 teachers; applications will be accepted on a rolling admission basis. Application closes January 14, 2018, or when course is full.

Program Costs and Benefits: Participants receive:

- 20 contact hours of study, curriculum, and discussion with Japan studies specialists and fellow educators.
- Course materials.
- \$50 recognition award upon satisfactory completion of the course.
- Certificate of completion for 20 hours.

Apply online at www.colorado.edu/ptea/Japan-Course-App. For more information, contact course leader Catherine Ishida at Catherine.Ishida@colorado.edu or 303-735-5115.

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