



### Life in Hikone

Hikone City resides on the eastern shore of the largest body of fresh water in Japan, Lake Biwa, in the central region known as Kansai. Built over a long history, and sustained by centuries of tradition, the Kansai is where Japan's political, economic, and cultural identity originated. Today this region supports one of the most sophisticated societies in the modern world.

Students have an unparalleled opportunity to photograph unique specimens of architecture, welcoming and colorful villages, and of course the people that weave the character of central Japan.

The location of Hikone—a sister city of Ann Arbor—provides easy access to the ancient capital cities of Kyoto and Nara, and several other small towns that are situated amongst an extensive agrarian landscape interrupted by forested hills and mountain ranges.

Each student is provided with a bicycle, which enables navigation of safe and easy-riding bike paths for local travel. In addition, accommodations are in close proximity to affordable bus and taxi services. Large cities such as Osaka, Tokyo, or Hiroshima are viable destinations by means of high-speed bullet trains. The May climate promises abundant sunshine, low humidity, and comfortable temperatures.

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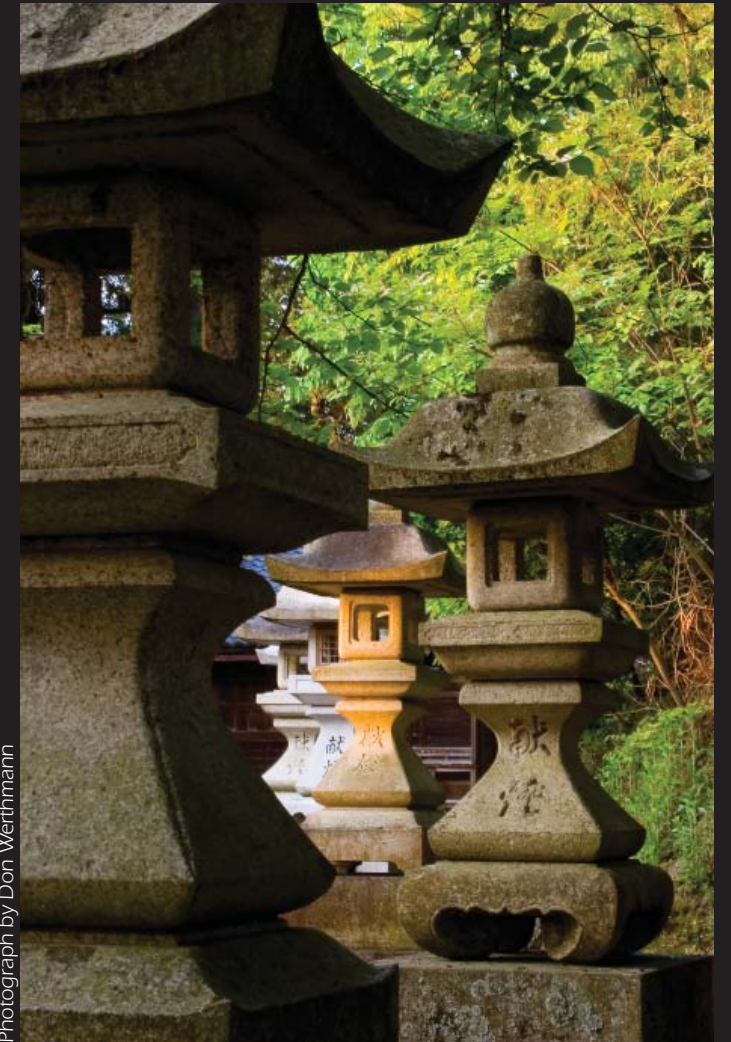
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Digital Photography in Japan  
 May 10 – 24, 2010

**SPACE IS LIMITED – REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 26th!**

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE 日本  
 study digital photography in  
**JAPAN**



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## STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY ABROAD IN JAPAN

### \$1,770 Program Price Includes...

- Two-week Japan Rail Pass (includes all JR buses and ferries)
- Dual-occupancy apartment with kitchen & bath at JCMU
- Wireless Internet access everywhere on the JCMU campus
- Two-week JCMU facility privileges to instructional spaces, coin-op laundry and food vending, exercise room, bicycle and helmet.
- Transportation, supplies and fees for most cultural activities and visits to historic sites in Hikone, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka, and Hiroshima
- Tuition for Japanese Language and Culture—JPN4000 (non-credit)

*JPN 4000: Japanese Language and Culture.....Non-Credit*

**April 10 – May 1, 2010**

Instructor: TBA

**Saturdays, 10:00am – 12noon**

This non-credit course meets on the four Saturdays prior to departure to Japan and provides participants with very basic vocabulary, useful phrases, and practice of important cultural etiquette to be encountered while traveling. Participants have the opportunity to practice conversing in situations such as greeting, visiting, shopping, and photographing. We also discuss Japan's culture including its people, history, food, and current events. Critical logistical preparation for the trip is also discussed and demonstrated, which addresses issues such as money and packing practices for equipment and personal belongings.

*PHO 105: Digital Photography in Japan.....3 credits*

**May 10 – 24, 2010**

Instructor : Don Werthmann

Digital Photography Abroad embraces current trends in photography and offers students an opportunity to explore digital capture in the historically significant Kansai region of central Japan including the cities of Hikone, Kyoto, Nara, and Osaka. Through a series of field sessions, lectures, critiques, and digital imaging demonstrations, students will create online portfolios and handmade books (seen below) of photographs revealing their impressions of this amazing region. Basic camera, computer, and digital imaging software skills are required. A digital SLR camera and a laptop computer are required—both are available for WCC students to borrow from the WCC Photography Lab.



### Program Price Does NOT Include...

- Roundtrip Non-stop Airfare from Detroit to Nagoya, Japan
- WCC Tuition and fees for PHO 105, Photography Abroad – Japan  
Tuition cost is based on residency status
- Valid Passport Required (acquire one as soon as possible)
- Travel & health insurance is required by WCC prior to departure
- Meals, entertainment, or telephone expenses
- Independent sight-seeing or other lodging expenses
- Other independent travel costs such as bus, taxi, or subway
- Public bicycle parking fees, coin-op laundry or food vending
- Other supplies such as guide books, storage media, maps, etc.
- For many more details go to <http://courses.wccnet.edu/~donw>

### Accommodations at JCMU

Lodging at the Japan Center for Michigan Universities apartments (lower-right photo) is included in the program fee, which provides a private bedroom, study, shared bathroom, and kitchenette with utensils. Single rooms can be requested, but are provided only if they become available, so cannot be guaranteed. A bus stop and convenience store is adjacent to the JCMU campus, as is a diner-style restaurant. JCMU is located within a 15-minute bike or bus ride to Hikone's JR train station, grocery shopping, ATM bank teller, and post-office.

## Study Photography in Japan...



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### Payment Schedule & Dates

**\$885 Registration Deposit Due ..... February 1, 2010**  
**\$885 Registration Balance Due ..... February 26, 2010**  
**Declare Cancellation for Full Refund..... by 4:00pm, February 26th**

**Japanese Language and Culture..... April 10 – May 1, 2010**  
**Digital Photography Abroad - Japan..... May 10 – 24, 2010**

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### Application & Enrollment

Students must acquire a Registration Consent Form from the instructor and enroll in person during the designated registration period. New students to WCC must first apply to the college — visit [wccnet.edu](http://wccnet.edu) for details. Priority registration is reserved for current, qualified students, and graduates of the WCC Photography Program.

### Cancellation / Full Refund Policy

Students must declare cancellation by 4:00pm, February 26, 2010 to receive a full refund of program money deposited. If cancellation is declared after this time & date, then all program fees are non-refundable. Protect your investment by purchasing travel & health insurance. It is a requirement by the college to purchase insurance coverages of your expenses and health in case of an emergency, or extenuating circumstances that prevent you from completing the trip.

### Instructor Bio

Don Werthmann is a teacher and digital photographic artist. He has taught studio and location lighting, color theory, digital printmaking, and portfolio development at WCC for ten years. He holds M.A. and B.F.A. degrees in digital and traditional photographic imaging from Wayne State University in Detroit. This is to be Don's third tour as a Visiting Scholar at JCMU, and his fifth visit to the country itself. In addition, his several years of experience conducting photography workshops will make this trip a dynamic and memorable two weeks living abroad.



JCMU campus & apartments